

Ike's Civil Rights Bill Ripped Apart by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate blasted a whole section out of the Eisenhower administration's civil rights program yesterday after Southern members helped set it up for the kill.

By a 49-35 vote the Senate stripped the 7-point administration bill of its first section, an outgrowth of the Little Rock, Ark., disorders of 1957. It then recessed until Monday, when the battle will be resumed.

Ryukyu Strafing Investigated By Air Force

NAHA, Okinawa (AP) — An international uproar began building up yesterday in the case of two Ryukyu islanders wounded while gathering scrap on a U.S. Air Force gunnery range. Okinawa newspapers said they were strafed by an American jet plane.

Binishi Oshiro, 17, and Take-mori Shimabukuro, 21, were in a hospital in the port of Nago, 25 miles north of here. Newspapers said one was shot in the leg and the other lost an arm. Hospital officials merely said they are in good condition.

The Air Force began an investigation to determine whether firing practice was under way at the time and special warning signals were posted.

The incident took place Thursday on Ie Shima, where correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed in World War II. The island is administered by the United States along with the rest of the Ryukyus and Japan wants them all back. The dispute is a long-standing political issue in Japan.

Newspapers said the two islanders were on the range gathering scrap metal in defiance of off-limits signs when they were machine-gunned by an American fighter plane.

The story was published in mass-circulation Japanese newspapers and picked up by the Soviet news agency Tass.

Morocco Threatened By Locusts

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — For Morocco, this has been a winter of disaster reaching almost Biblical proportions. The Agadir earthquake was the worst of the nation's tragedies. Now the Moroccans are afflicted by a plague of locusts.

Huge black clouds of the crop-destroying pests have crossed from the Sahara over the Atlas Mountains into the Sous valley behind Agadir and the lush plains around Marrakech.

Officials describe the threat to early fruit and vegetable crops as very serious. These crops, sold in the markets of Western Europe, are important factors in Morocco's shaky economy. The country has been struggling toward solvency ever since gaining political independence from the French in 1956.

Antilocus operations are hampered by lack of personnel. All available disaster squads have been sent to Agadir, still threatened by pestilence after the earthquakes, fire, and flood that killed an estimated total of 12,000 people last week.

Last October thousands were paralyzed after eating cooking oil adulterated with oil for aircraft engines. For some the paralysis will be lifelong.

In January more than 10,000 persons lost their homes and at least 30 drowned in floods rushing down the Sebou Valley area north of here.

Two more survivors were pulled from the wreckage of Agadir yesterday, bringing to 15 the number found alive since Tuesday.

Higher Postal Rates Requested by Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — An urgent request for higher postal rates went from President Eisenhower to an unimpressed Congress yesterday.

The administration wants first-class letter rates boosted from four to five cents an ounce and an extra penny added to the present seven-cent air mail rate.

Post-card rates also would go up, from three to four cents, under proposed new scales to be submitted soon by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Congress turned down a postal rate increase request last year and is not expected to vote one this year with an election coming up in November.

Eisenhower counted on the increase for 550 million dollars extra when he figured his budget for the new fiscal year that starts July 1.

If Congress does not approve the higher rates, the President's estimated budget surplus of \$4,200,000,000 will be reduced by that amount.

In his special message to Congress, Eisenhower said: "Because of the existing inadequate postal rates, the Post Office Department is losing two million dollars every working day. Responsibility in the handling of our public affairs demands prompt action in this session."

The department's deficits have increased astronomically since World War II, the President said, because the cost of everything it uses or buys has gone up while Congress has failed to keep pace with higher postal rates.

Cobalt Wafers To Be Used As Cancer Defense

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Fifteen little pills as big around as aspirin tablets and much thinner—but man, are they hot!

They are cobalt wafers, 308 times as radioactive as the same amount of radium.

Stacked one on top of the other to form a rod the size of a pencil stub, they will be the world's strongest known source of cancer-fighting gamma radiation.

The 15 wafers were on a train yesterday bound for Chicago, where the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital will use them in cancer control research. Shielded in a 2-ton lead container, they are the hottest 117 grams known to medicine.

Phillips Petroleum Co. has been "baking" the wafers for nearly four years, bombarding them with neutrons inside a reactor at the Atomic Energy Commission's national reactor testing station in eastern Idaho.

The strong, tiny source of radiation will allow scientists to focus the rays much as they would a thin point of light to kill cancerous tissue with minimum damage to healthy tissue around it.

The strength of the cobalt will allow shorter exposures.

The cobalt has reached a specific activity of 308 curies per gram. One curie is the measure of the radioactivity of one gram of radium.

3 U.S.-Owned Sugar Mills Seized By Cuba's Revolutionary Government

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's revolutionary government yesterday seized three U.S.-owned sugar mills worth an estimated \$10 million.

In reporting the takeover, the newspaper Revolution said workers at the three mills "have always been victims of exploitation of Yankee functionaries who always maintained close relations with ex-dictator Fulgencio Batista's officials."

The mills, located in eastern Cuba, are the Isabel, Los Canos and Soledad. They are owned by the Guantanamo Sugar Co. of New York City.

The takeover was a joint action by the Institute of Agrarian Recovery of Stolen Property. The agrarian institution now controls and operates 32 of Cuba's 161 sugar mills.

Negro Students Convicted

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Courts in several Southern cities yesterday convicted a number of Negroes for taking part in demonstrations as the wave of discontent over segregated lunch counters appeared to be declining. Negro students at Columbia, S.C., canceled plans for a march to the South Carolina State House today. But a spokesman said "we will be back."

At New Orleans, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the Dallas, Tex., school board to submit a plan to desegregate its public schools within 51 days.

City Court of Montgomery, Ala., convicted 32 Negro college students, a former classmate and a woman faculty member of charges growing out of an anti-segregation demonstration Tuesday.

The students were convicted of disorderly conduct and refusal to obey an officer.

Those convicted could receive six months in jail and a \$100 fine on each of the two counts. The faculty member was convicted of disorderly conduct and her husband of disobeying an officer at the jail when he tried to see his wife after her arrest.

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