

House Adopts 'Referee' Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House adopted the administration's voting referee section of the civil rights bill yesterday and moved toward early passage of the whole measure.

The vote, 199-104, could mark the beginning of the end of the long congressional battle over civil rights which began in earnest more than a month ago.

However, the House adjourned at 4:31 p.m. without getting to a final vote on the bill. It may come today.

The voting section is the key one in the bill, most members agree.

It would provide for federal agents, called referees, to be appointed by federal judges to oversee registration, voting and vote counting in areas where systematic discrimination against Negroes is found. It would apply to state and local elections as well as federal.

The administration asked for the referee plan, and its backers contended it was necessary to permit all qualified citizens to vote. They said it had been established that in some Southern areas Negroes had been clearly prevented from voting.

Opponents, most of them Southerners, argued that the proposal would mean unconstitutional federal interference with local affairs. They charged it was pushed primarily to attract political support from Negroes.

Similar legislation is pending in the Senate, which has appeared to be awaiting House action before pressing for final passage. The Senate might adopt the House bill so as to bypass its Judiciary Committee which has not cleared civil rights legislation in this Congress.

Russia Will Accept—

(Continued from page one) speech by French Delegate Jules Moch.

Moch said France believes that something more comprehensive than a suspension of atomic and hydrogen weapon tests is needed to open the road to nuclear disarmament.

Air Force Fires Titan Successfully

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Air Force successfully fired its Titan intercontinental-range missile yesterday over a 5000-mile course for the second time.

An announcement shortly after its launching reported that all test objectives were met and that the nose cone landed in the intended impact area in the South Atlantic.

The Titan covered the 5000-mile distance for the first time on Feb. 24. The only Titan launched since then fizzled in flight when the second stage failed to ignite. The success probably will relieve some of the pressure exerted on the program by a rash of troubles that have plagued the Titan in the last 10 months.

Propelled by the 300,000 pounds of thrust generated by its first-stage engine, the 9-foot rocket rose smoothly from its pad and streaked across the sky. Two minutes later, the missile's huge 41-foot second stage ignited with a puff of fire visible to ground observers.

The Titan has a potential range of 9000 miles, but yesterday's missile was not fully fueled and was programmed for the shorter range.

The Air Force plans to test Titans at an accelerated rate in order to make up for time lost because of setbacks. The United States hopes to have the missile ready to join its defense arsenal next year. Planning calls for 27 ICBM bases—14 Titan and 13 Atlas—by 1965. Each will have 10 missiles.

State to Start Study On Hospital Insurance

HARRISBURG (AP) — Insurance Commissioner Francis R. Smith reported yesterday the state will soon embark on the nation's most intensive study of hospitalization insurance.

Smith said the proposed survey is "ready to roll." Its principle aim is to determine cost of maintenance and operation of hospitals.

K Arrives in Paris For 12-Day Visit

PARIS (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev flies into Paris today for a presummit visit. His every movement throughout France for 12 days will be protected by police and soldiers.

President Charles de Gaulle will personally greet Khrushchev, the first government chief of Russia to visit France since Czar Nicholas II called here with Czarina Alexandra Oct. 6, 1896.

Until Khrushchev's return to Moscow, April 3, they will have a dozen hours of conference on such delicate subjects as disarmament, nuclear standstill, Berlin and German reunification.

About 200,000 of France's five million who vote Communist expect to help welcome Khrushchev at his last important meeting before the East-West summit conference opens here May 16.

During his 12-day stay, he will make a quick tour of 17 French cities and towns. Despite its political importance, many Frenchmen treated the visit almost as a part of the spring's entertainment.

"I am going to show you something you never expected to see," said a taxi driver, and he swung his cab over by De Gaulle's Elysee Palace. "Voila, the hammer and sickle flying over the Elysee Palace."

President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan already have had official meetings with Khrushchev. De Gaulle forced postponement of a summit conference last fall so he would not have to go into the conference in a position less elect than theirs.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said France will keep its allies informed through diplomatic channels of the subject discussed.

U.S. Hits Jailing Of Catholic Bishop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States yesterday strongly protested the imprisonment of Catholic Bishop James Edward Walsh by Communist China as "systematic persecution of religion."

The protest was delivered in Warsaw by U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam at a meeting with Chinese Communist Ambassador Wang Ping-nan.

State Department press officer Lincoln White said the accusation that Bishop Walsh was a spy for the U.S. government is totally false.

Walsh, of Cumberland, Md., was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment on March 18 for allegedly plotting espionage and counter revolutionary activities against the Chinese Communist regime.

Sukarno Plans to Start 2-Month Tour, April 1

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — President Sukarno plans to leave on his two-month tour of the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and Africa April 1 or 2, informants said yesterday. He also is expected to make unofficial trips to San Francisco and Cuba.

Herter Views Summit Talks As 'A Gamble'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter conceded yesterday the summit meeting is a gamble and said he is not optimistic it will yield much progress toward settling East-West disputes.

But in this era of pushbutton weapons "there are too many chances for miscalculation, of misunderstanding to risk taking the position that we will not sit down and talk with anybody," Herter told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Discussion of the coming summit meeting overshadowed Herter's main reason for appearing — to urge approval of President Eisenhower's \$4.175 billion foreign aid program.

Under sharp questioning by Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), Herter said Eisenhower is going without a formal agenda to the May 16 meeting in Paris with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and British and French leaders.

But Eisenhower is ready to discuss the Berlin stalemate, German disarmament or other issues, Herter said.

The most that could come out of the talks would be some high-level instructions to foreign ministers which might later produce a limited agreement, he said.

South Africans Continue Rioting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Negro rioting against South Africa's white supremacy laws erupted again yesterday. Negroes burned buildings near Cape Town, then stoned firemen who fought the blazes. Police fired on the mobs for the second day in a row.

New casualty figures were coming in, but there was no firm estimate of how far they would rise above Monday's toll of at least 66 dead. This is a police figure admittedly incomplete.

There were also several hundred injured. None of the reports mentioned any whites killed in the outbreaks that erupted during what had been planned as a nonviolent protest against the passes Negroes must carry day and night.

Thousands of police enforced an uneasy truce on the Negro quarter of Sharpeville in the coal mining district south of Johannesburg. Sharpeville was the scene of Monday's major riot where at least 50 Negroes died.

The new outbreaks centered around the black settlement of Langa, outside of Cape Town, where at least six Negroes were killed Monday.

Resentful Africans hid in the bush around their villages. One police patrol near Langa was ambushed by a number of Negroes. A police sergeant opened fire and wounded one of the attackers.

The situation also set off a political uproar. Opposition parties demanded a searching investigation of the violence. The Johannesburg Star said South Africa's world standing is being undermined and demanded "an end to this drift to disaster."

The police violence also brought extraordinary denunciation from Washington. The State Department said the United States "cannot help but regret the tragic loss of life resulting from the measures taken against the demonstrators in South Africa."

During the night, Negroes in Langa set fire to at least eight buildings including churches, the library, a recreation hall, a reception center, an office building and Negro settlement workshops. Street lights were smashed.

The battle between the police and the mobs was waged by the light of the fires and the piercing beams of searchlights.

The rioters first stoned the firemen, who retreated and returned later under police escort to continue fighting the blazes.

Reports of rioting also came from Nyanga West, another Negro settlement near Cape Town. Police fired on Africans who tried to set fire to an electrical department building, the reports said.

Pa. Democrats Have Big Block For Convention

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. David Lawrence said yesterday Pennsylvania's delegation to the Democratic convention could be a potent factor in picking the party's presidential nominee if the bulk of the delegation sticks together.

"It would be potent if we have a big block of votes going for one fellow," Lawrence told his weekly news conference.

However, he again refused to predict what the 81-vote delegation might do.

"No doubt, there are people on there that might vote for any one of the candidates," the governor said.

Lawrence played down his own influence on the delegation and on the convention. It is greatly exaggerated, he said, in referring to a statement made by Sen. John F. Kennedy in Pittsburgh last weekend.

Kennedy was quoted as saying Lawrence's decision would be of extreme importance to the senator's chances to win the Democratic nomination.

The governor also said he had nothing to do with bringing Sen. W. Stuart Symington to nearby Mechanicsburg for an April 4 speech. In fact, Lawrence said, he has not yet been invited to attend the meeting with the unannounced presidential hopeful.

New Research Program On Graphite to Begin

A grant from the Charles Petteno Graphite Corporation will be used by the Department of Mineral Economics to conduct natural graphite market research.

The research program, for which background study is now being done, will begin in early summer under the direction of Dr. J. J. Schanz, Jr., associate professor of mineral economics.

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