

Ike Asks Action On Old Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower challenged Congress yesterday to act on a lengthy legislative program. He was promptly accused by Democrats of trying to steal their party platform's political thunder.

Taking a leaf from Harry S. Truman's election year book, Eisenhower, in a special message, tossed back at the lawmakers 21 proposals he recommended last May but which were not acted on in the session recessed for the two national conventions.

He told the members of Congress to "stay on the job until it is done."

"Certainly we cannot adorn the public interest," he added. Included were proposals ranging from an increase in foreign aid funds, civil rights, a farm bill and medical help for the aged. To them Eisenhower added requests for:

1. An increase of 100 million dollars in special funds "to keep

America posted for sudden developments such as those in the Congo."

2. An authorization for a 600-million-dollar Latin American aid program.

3. Approval of a food-for-peace program to be laid before the United Nations in September.

Eisenhower accompanied these with an outline of actions he has taken and proposes to take to strengthen the nation's military power, which he said is "second to none and will be kept that way."

This obviously fell short of the demand of Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the Democratic presidential nominee, for a three-billion-dollar increase in the level of defense spending.

Whether it satisfied Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential nominee, was not immediately clear.

Never before had the Senate proceeded to its business with two presidential nominees, one vice presidential nominee and two national party chairmen officially participating.

Nixon presided at the open-

ing. The vice presidential contender was the Democrats' Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. The national chairmen on hand yesterday were Republican Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky and Democrat Henry M. Jackson of Washington.

Kennedy, in a two paragraph statement, commented:

"The President has outlined once again some of the general areas in which executive and legislative action has been badly needed. If he can now assure us that a responsible program to meet those needs will start receiving the support of at least one-half the Republican members of Congress, Sen. Johnson and I can assure him that those needs will be met in every possible way that time permits."

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Republicans To Force Rights Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans disclosed yesterday they hope to force a quick test vote in the Senate on the politically explosive civil rights issue — and thereby embarrass the Democrats.

The planned first step is the early introduction of a bill to carry out civil rights recommendations President Eisenhower made yesterday in his message to Congress.

Then the Republicans would seek to place the bill on the Senate calendar without referral to committee.

Such a motion would be debatable, opening the way for a filibuster against it by Southern foes of civil rights legislation. But it is anticipated that a motion will be made to table and thus kill the motion to bypass committee consideration.

A tabling motion is not debatable and thus a test vote could be forced that Republicans feel would dramatize the split between Northern and Southern Democrats over civil rights legislation.

Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois told a reporter he expects to offer the bill today.

He said also he plans to offer the motions designed to keep the bill out of the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. James O. Eastland (D.-Miss.). This committee long has been a graveyard for civil rights measures.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D.-Ga.), chief strategist of the Southern forces, left no doubt he will use every available resource to block action.

Soviets Ask--

(continued from page two) nationals there would have protection and safety.

Hammarskjold sounded a warning in the council against any unilateral action that would bar the UN from its goal of establishing order in the newborn African republic. He said such action would extend the East-West conflict to the African continent.

He ticked off his defiance to threats of independent action against Katanga that have come from the Soviet Union, Ghana and Guinea among others.

Without naming any country, he told the council, "It does not help the UN effort if it has to live under a threat of any one—or more—contributing government taking matters in its—or their—own hands, breaking away from the UN force and pursuing a unilateral policy."

OAS Cools Toward Cuba, Approves 4-point Agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Organization of American States, apparently stiffening its attitude toward Cuba, voted 20-1 yesterday to have its foreign ministers review subversive activities within the hemisphere.

The action came as the United States denounced as a "calculated plan" Cuba's seizures of remnants of what once amounted to nearly a billion dollars in U.S. investments in Cuba.

Only Cuba raised substantial objections as the 21-nation OAS Council approved a four-point agenda for the ministerial conference opening Aug. 16 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Similarly, the council rejected by the 20-1 margin an alternative agenda proposed by Cuba. Cuba asked the ministers to plan a joint defense against alleged U.S. military and economic aggression.

The agenda the council adopted asks the foreign ministers to con-

sider "threats of extra-continental intervention," "existing international tensions in the Caribbean," and measures to promote higher living standards.

A fourth point—in a provisional agenda sent to member governments in late July—called for a joint defense of democratic institutions against "activities of any system incompatible with such institutions."

But the OAS Council, acting on a committee recommendation, toughened this up and asked the ministers to review inter-American cooperation "for the defense of the democratic American institutions against the subversive activities of any organization, government or their agents."

Nowhere in the agenda, however, is there any direct reference to U.S.-Cuban differences, or to the Russian aid offers.

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Ike Hands Congress Legislative Chores

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower handed a long list of legislative chores to Congress yesterday and the Democratic presidential nominee said many of them can be carried out if the Republicans cooperate.

Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who heads the Democratic ticket, and his running mate, Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, joined in imputing a politically inspired turnabout to some of the Republican President's recommendations.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican presidential nominee, withheld immediate comment.

The Republicans' Senate leader, Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, described the message as a challenge to the Democrats to show whether they intend to carry out their party platform.

"The President has spoken like a true craftsman in calling for action on his program and telling Congress to stay on the job until it is approved," Dirksen said. Kennedy released a two-paragraph statement.

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Johnson said Eisenhower now appears to be trying "to embrace vast portions of the Democratic platform." The Texas senator was sharply critical of the President's requests for domestic legislation which he already has "vetoed or threatened to veto." He cited especially area redevelopment and agriculture bills.

While indicating willingness to go along with Eisenhower's recommendations in some fields, Johnson quickly ticked off some as having no chance. One was the renewal appeal to raise the interest ceiling on U.S. bonds. This isn't needed and hasn't been for some time, the Texan said.

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