

House Passes Bill To Aid Unemployed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House yesterday passed President Kennedy's emergency bill to put almost \$1 billion into the hands of unemployed Americans who have exhausted their benefits.

It was the first of Kennedy's major antirecession bills to pass either branch of Congress. Kennedy gave the bill top priority recently when he sent Congress a list of 18 legislative proposals.

The bill now goes to the Senate, which plans committee hearings next week. Administration leaders want the Senate to pass the bill by mid-March so the benefits can start flowing April 1.

On a roll call, the House approved the bill by a 392-30 vote. Two Democrats joined 28 Republicans in voting against it. The bill had the support of 248 Democrats and 144 Republicans.

The overwhelming margin was no sign that Kennedy's other major bills would breeze through the House. The unemployment bill had stirred little opposition. Even before the vote, it had more bipartisan support than any other major Kennedy bill.

The bill covers a two-year period beginning last June 30. The administration estimates that as many as three million unemployed may benefit from the program.

The federal government would advance funds to the states so they can continue paying benefits after an unemployed person has received them for the full period of time usually allowed.

These durations vary from state to state, running 26 weeks in many states. The bill would authorize each state to extend the duration by 50 per cent. If a state now pays benefits for 20 weeks, the bill would allow it to pay for 10 more. In no case, however, can this additional period extend beyond 13 weeks.

The administration estimates this would cost \$990 million.

Ileo Heralds Anti-Communist Congo Alliance

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Premier Joseph Ileo heralded the Congo's new anti-Communist pact as proof Congolese politicians can tackle their own problems without foreign help.

"The Congolese people are 200 per cent against communism," Ileo told a news conference yesterday.

Ileo firmly denied that the military pact he signed at Elisabethville with Katanga President Moise Tshombe and President Albert Kalonji of southern Kasai implied any recognition of their claims to independence. Nor does the fact weaken President Joseph Kasavubu's claim to be the head of all the Congo, he added.

The wiry little premier said he hopes the leftist rebel leaders of Stanleyville will attend the conference called for Sunday in Tanagerive, Malagasy Republic, even though these are the Communist influences he is opposing.

JFK Asks Congress To Create Peace Corps

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy yesterday ordered creation of a Peace Corps on a temporary basis and asked Congress to make it permanent.

The volunteer Peace Corps, Kennedy said, will provide a pool of Americans—mostly young men and women—to go overseas and "help foreign countries meet their urgent need for skilled manpower." Members of the corps, he said, "will go only to those countries where their services and skills are genuinely needed and desired."

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Castro Arms Resort
HAVANA (AP) — Prime Minister Fidel Castro has moved at least 20 of his heavy Soviet-made tanks to the Isles of Pines.

Committee Gets \$331,000
WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved \$331,000 yesterday for the Committee on un-American Activities.



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