

Congress Passes Minimum Wage Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The administration won a thumping victory in the House yesterday when its minimum wage bill was approved by a surprising 230-196 margin.

Passage by the House completed congressional action on the controversial measure, to which President Kennedy had given top priority among his legislative proposals. The Senate approved it earlier 64-28.

AF Announces Successful Firing Of Titan Missile

VANDERBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A huge Titan missile thundered out of its underground lair yesterday in a successful first test of a "hardened" ICBM launch system.

It was intentionally destroyed about 40 miles down the Pacific missile range after surviving two periods of severe stress. Its range is 5,000 miles and more.

The test pioneered an armored underground launch system designed to enable the United States to strike back after atomic attack.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —A forecast of squalls in the Atlantic east doubt yesterday on whether astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. will be able to make his pioneer flight into space this week.

The prime goal was to learn if the two-stage Titan, this country's largest and most powerful rocket, could survive the flame and sound-wave punishment of leaving its hole.

It did, and later came through another all-out buffeting 20 miles up.

The Air Force, fearing either assault might be enough to destroy the missile, said it was delighted.

The firing took place despite a 40-knot wind that kicked up visibility-obscuring dust.

Prosecution Links Eichmann To Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

JERUSALEM (AP) — The prosecution yesterday introduced evidence in the trial of Adolf Eichmann directly linking him to the tragic chain of events that led to the doomed Warsaw ghetto uprising against the Nazis in 1943.

Prosecutor Gideon Hausner held back his evidence until the end of a day of testimony from witnesses who took part in the Jewish rebellion against numerically superior and better-armed German troops in the conquered Polish capital.

Hausner introduced a copy of the minutes of a meeting Eichmann attended with Nazi Foreign Ministry officials in April 1942.

The minutes showed that Eichmann asked Foreign Ministry representatives to consent "or to say there is no objection to extending all security police measures which may be necessary in the interest of preserving public order in the Warsaw ghetto to all inmates."

Agreement of the ministry was required, Hausner said, because Jews of foreign nationality had been trapped in the ghetto after the 1939 invasion of Poland.

The bill boosts the existing \$1-an-hour minimum wage to \$1.25 over a 28-month period and brings 3.62 million retail and service industry employes under the act's coverage for the first time. Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg applauded the action as a great advance in social legislation. He said the bill will afford "long overdue protection to a large group of underprivileged Americans."

"This is the first and biggest step toward providing minimum wage protection to all Americans whom the federal law can appropriately cover," he said. Twice before in the House similar bills had gone down to defeat before a conservative coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats. Up until yesterday's vote each side was talking of victory by two or three votes.

Ironically, it was a combination of Southern Democrats and big city Republicans that helped the administration win. Thirty-three Republicans, most of them from areas hard hit by unemployment, bolted the conservative coalition as did nearly half the Southern Democrats.

The key to winning Southern support was a series of exemptions for specific groups written into the bill during a House-Senate conference.

These removed certain cotton gin employes, tobacco processors, livestock auctioneers and others from coverage.

G-E Head Questions Price Fixing

WASHINGTON (AP) — How could sales people have fixed prices behind Robert Paxton's back while he was president of General Electric? "I must be pretty damn dumb," he replied yesterday.

Paxton, who officially retires at the end of the month, told the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee he had given subordinates explicit instructions "to have no truck" with deals to fix prices.

But, the G-E president continued, his sales people evidently "went underground" and disobeyed his orders.

Paxton testified he found out about price-fixing 25 years ago and decided then "I'd have nothing to do with such monkey business." And, he added, he kept his pledge.

"It became rather generally known that I wasn't receptive to that kind of conduct," said Paxton, who took a leave of absence from General Electric in January, because of ill health.

The white-haired Paxton, who has earned as much as \$300,000 a year as G-E president, agreed with Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich., that it would have been wiser to grill employes about their activities rather than simply instruct them against meeting with competitors to fix prices.

He said, however, he had felt it was "sort of a womanish characteristic" to question people about an activity after they had been forbidden to take part in it.

Food Stamp Plan To Begin June 1

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Lawrence yesterday set June 1 for President Kennedy's food stamp plan to go into effect in Fayette County.

The program will provide food purchase subsidies for some 7,000 households immediately and pump between \$55,000 and \$70,000 a week into the economy of the depressed region, Lawrence told his weekly news conference.

Fayette County is one of the eight regions in the U.S. selected for pilot programs under the stamp plan.

The southwestern county is one of the nation's hardest-hit areas of chronic unemployment. Presently it has an unemployment rate of 29.7 per cent of its work force.

The plan will provide stamps free to destitute persons with no income.

Diplomat Sentenced As Communist Spy

LONDON (AP) — A British diplomat who was subjected to Communist brainwashing attempts as a captive in Korea was sentenced yesterday to 42 years in prison for spying for the Soviet Union.

George Blake, 38, the father of three children, was handed the stiffest prison sentence in modern British history after pleading guilty to espionage charges, which were not published in detail.

Informants said the heavy sentence was meant to serve as a warning and deterrent to others. Blake is believed to have given the names of eight British agents to the Soviet counterespionage apparatus during a period of almost a decade.

Even with time off for good behavior Blake, formerly British vice consul in Seoul, Korea, cannot expect to gain his freedom until he is 66.

For reasons of national security, Atty. Gen. Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller declined to reveal the precise nature of the information communicated to Moscow.

However, he quoted Blake as saying in a statement: "I must freely admit that there was not an official document of any importance to which I had access which was not passed to my Soviet contact."

The attorney general explained that Blake saw many impor-

tant secret papers but fortunately did not get his hands on documents relating to nuclear weapons.

Sentence was passed after the court under Lord Parker, the chief justice, had been in secret session only 54 minutes.

During World War II, Blake served as a translator in the navy. With the coming of peace he joined the Foreign Office where he learned Russian. At that period he always seemed to those who met him as a firm anti-Communist.



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