

Joint Resolution Permits Use of Troops in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress yesterday officially proclaimed U.S. determination to use troops if necessary to halt the spread of communism from Cuba to other areas of the Western Hemisphere.

By a sweeping vote of 384 to 7, the House approved and sent to President Kennedy for signing a joint resolution endorsing whatever means are needed to prevent Castro's doctrine from being exported to other Latin nations.

THE RESOLUTION, approved 86 to 1 by the Senate last week, reaffirms the Monroe Doctrine, voices determination to prevent the Communist buildup in Cuba from developing the capability of endangering the United States, and pledges help for anti-Communist Cubans in achieving self-determination for their nation.

All seven who opposed it were Republicans. But 144 Republicans joined 240 Democrats on the affirmative side.

HOUSE APPROVAL came after four hours of debate, involving some sharp criticism of Kennedy's Cuban policies, and a 251-140 vote defeating a motion to send the resolution back to committee.

The recommittal move was sponsored by members wanting to write in tougher language, including some who wanted to slap a blockade on Cuba or take other direct action.

In the heated debate Democrats blamed former Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower for allowing communism to develop in Cuba. Republicans said President Kennedy was responsible.

The House action capped a day marked by a U.S. pledge to watch

closely the new Soviet shipping base to be built in Cuba and by other expressions of concern over its potential threat to the nation and hemisphere.

The State Department voiced apprehension, some Congress members attacked American and European handling of the Cuban issue, and defense sources cautioned that the Soviet facility could threaten the Panama Canal.

Castro disclosed Tuesday that the Soviet Union would finance and use a port to be built in Cuba for fishing fleets of both nations.

The docks and facilities for 115 and 130 medium trawlers will be in Havana Bay, where Soviet crews would instruct Cubans in using vessels equipped with modern electronic gear, good for both fishing and military uses.

Spanish Floods Kill 333, Hundreds More Missing

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Flash floods from drought-breaking rainstorms ripped through industrial centers of the Barcelona area early yesterday, killing hundreds of people and destroying many factories, homes and bridges.

By nightfall, more than 333 bodies had been reported recovered. Officials said hundreds of persons were missing.

The injured totaled at least 1,000. Damage estimates ranged over \$14 million.

IT WAS THE worst natural disaster in the modern history of Spain, eclipsing the 1959 tragedy that killed 300 in the villages of Rivadelago in central Spain in waters from a collapsing dam.

The destruction centered in a heavily populated industrial complex of roughly 150 square miles fanning north and west of Barcelona, a Mediterranean port of two

million that is Spain's chief industrial and commercial city.

Fed by a nine-hour rainfall, flood waters pushed along by hurricane-force winds crumpled industrial plants and cottages in their path. Many persons died in their sleep as their homes fell under the combined forces of wind and water. Others died at work, trapped in collapsed buildings.

The racing waters swept more than two dozen bodies out to sea.

Hardest hit was Tarrasa, an industrial city of 120,000 in a hilly region about 10 miles northwest of Barcelona. In the evening rescue workers said Tarrasa had accounted for 150 of the bodies recovered and predicted the town's total dead would pass 200.

Book Dealer Asks Court to Halt Colleges' Text Tax Exemptions

HARRISBURG (AP) — A commercial book dealer told Commonwealth Court yesterday that a State Revenue Department regulation exempting college book stores from the sales tax is causing him irreparable financial harm.

The claim was made by counsel for Richard W. Foster of Philadelphia. The book dealer is challenging the regulation announced earlier this year which exempts college book stores from paying the 4 per cent sales tax.

"We are losing a great deal of money by this regulation," Atty. Thomas S. Weary of Philadelphia said in presenting Foster's petition.

"THE INJURY is going on now and here today," he continued. Weary asked the court to issue a summary judgment as soon as possible in order to "stop the irreparable harm to the plaintiff."

The summary judgment would have the effect of an injunction against the exemption if granted by the six-member court, five of whom were present for the oral arguments yesterday.

There was no immediate indication when the court would rule on the request for a summary judgment.

Foster's petition was opposed by the Commonwealth, which was represented by Deputy Atty. Gen. Edward T. Baker.

Baker argued that the Revenue Department was acting in accordance with its assigned duties under the act, which he said authorizes it to promulgate regulations as required by law.

Weary contended the regulation is "flatly and completely in conflict with the statute and is completely illegal."

He said the sales tax act does not allow an exemption for the sale of books by a university to its students.

Aerojet Considers Quehanna Center

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Lawrence said yesterday the nation's largest manufacturer of rockets and missile engines is considering establishment of a production center at the idle Curtiss-Wright facility at Quehanna, Clearfield County.

"Aerojet officials have entered into discussions with Curtiss-Wright and the state, with the aim of developing suitable terms for the acquisition of at least part holdings," Lawrence declared in a statement.

STATE DEPARTMENT press officer Lincoln White told his news conference the only information available so far was contained in Castro's announcement, but added: "Any activity of the Soviet Union in Cuba is a matter of concern to the United States."

"This latest Soviet attempt to increase its involvement in Cuba will be watched closely by the U.S. government to determine whether and to what extent it may affect our national security."

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