

# Federal Pay Raise OK'd With Postal Rate Hike U.N. Pressure Asked for Halt Of Red Tension on Berlin Wall

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate rejected charges of pre-election vote-buying yesterday and voted 72-3 to give 1.6 million government workers an immediate pay raise.

The same bill, which goes back to the House, carries a \$603 million-a-year increase in postal rates starting Jan. 7. If accepted by the House, the new rates would raise letter mail from 4 cents to 5 cents, air mail from 7 cents to 8 cents, and increase other postal rates.

The House had previously passed a similar postal rate bill which did not deal with federal pay.

**THE PAY RAISE**, totaling \$1,049,000,000 a year, would go in two steps to one million classified Civil Service employees and 590,000 postal workers. The first installment would start when the bill is signed.

The bill fulfills most of President Kennedy's requests for postal rate increases and contains substantially what he sought in pay raises. Sen. Olin D. Johnston, D-S.C., who steered the measure through the Senate, said he had White House assurance it will receive Kennedy's approval if it clears the House.

Johnston and his supporters beat back several attacks on both flanks of the combined postal rate-pay increase bill.

Sen. Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, made a couple of unsuccessful assaults on the pay raise side, denouncing it as a measure to buy votes in an election year.

**SEN. JOSEPH S. CLARK**, D-Pa., challenged Lausche's descrip-

tion of the bill saying the idea of the pay boost was to attract more and better talent to government payrolls. He said "I don't think it well-behoves the senator from Ohio" to make such a charge. Lausche replied that if the government raises its pay rates, private industry will do the same, and the government will be where it started.

**THE FEDERAL** employees covered would get the first installment of their pay increase next month, in the first pay period after the bill is signed. The second would be in January 1964.

The Civil Service employees would receive an average raise of 5.5 per cent in the first step, 4.1 per cent in the second. The postal workers, often treated more generously by Congress, would get 8.6 per cent in the first step, 2.6 per cent in the second.

These percentage figures are averages. The raises vary considerably between grades of workers.

**UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—**British Foreign Secretary Lord Home urged the U.N. General Assembly yesterday to pressure the Soviet Union into halting tensions on the Berlin wall.

Terming the wall "an almost intolerable provocation to civilized people," he expressed hope the assembly would make clear to the Soviet Union that it must stop artificially creating crises in the divided city. He asked for a Soviet settlement with the West "which pays due regard to the rights and interests of all parties."

Lord Home made the statements in a major policy speech to the 108-nation assembly. Adlai E. Stevenson, chief U.S. delegate, commented outside the assembly hall

that the speech expressed a viewpoint with which the United States is in complete accord.

Lord Home declared that the only permanent solution for Berlin lies "in the context of self-determination for Germany. If this assembly is true to itself, it will insist that this principle is accepted for East Germany as well as the West."

**BUT HE ADDED** that because as of now "Russia preaches self-determination for everyone else but will not allow it in East Germany, the only thing we can do is to seek a modus vivendi."

Lord Home stressed that the Western Allies could not accept a settlement "which would merely

provide a cloak for a Communist takeover of 2 1/2 million free people. That, as I have said, is not negotiable."

The assembly also heard a declaration from Cambodian Foreign Minister Huot Sambath that his country would turn to the Soviet Union and Communist China for help if necessary against any attack by pro-Western Thailand and South Viet Nam.

He criticized the United States for sending military aid to Cambodia's two neighbors. He declared the choice is clear—to remain neutral or, if survival is at stake, to become a satellite of the Eastern bloc. He cited Cuba as an example of such a nation.



Lord Home

## Army Faction in Yemen Seizes Neighboring Aden

**ADEN (AP)—**An army faction in neighboring Yemen announced yesterday it has seized power and proclaimed the kingdom a republic.

This Red Sea country's left-leaning ruler, on the throne only a week, was variously reported assassinated or deposed.

**THE COUP** apparently was engineered by friends of President Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic. Shortly after its announcement, the U.A.R. minister of state, Abdel Kader Hatem, declared the U.A.R. opposes any foreign intervention in Yemen affairs.

The radio at Sapa, Yemen's capital, repeatedly broadcast a statement by the "liberal revolutionary army" that it had taken control.

It said "those who subjected you to torture in the past have been shot and killed," but mentioned no names.

An informal source in Aden said the 35-year-old king, Imam Moammad al Badr, was slain Wednesday night. The Cairo radio, which also announced the

coup, said Badr was deposed, not killed.

**WHATEVER HIS FATE**, the rebels apparently were intent on keeping any of the royal family from making an escape. One broadcast called on the people to seize any officials of the old regime who tried to leave the country.

Badr ascended the throne Sept. 19 after his father, Imam Ahmed, often a target of assassins, died of natural causes. The father, known as "Big Turban," governed with an iron fist for 14 years.

## 600 Dead Expected From Barcelona Floods

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—**Capt. Gen. Agustin Munoz-Grandes, vice president in the Franco government, told newsmen yesterday after a tour of the triangular flood area north of Barcelona he expects the final death toll to reach 600.

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