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Voter plan to limit fraud

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Attorney General Griffin Bell said yesterday vote fraud will be minimal under President Carter's plan for instant voter registration, but a congressman said it makes it relatively easy to steal a presidential election.

Bell and Rep. Charles Wiggins, R-Calif., clashed on the issue at the opening of congressional hearings on the Carter plan which allows an unregistered voter to go to the polls election day, show his drivers license or some other identification and cast his ballot.

"Fraudulent operation under this bill will be minimal," Bell said. He said the bill's 10 year jail term and $10,000 fine for vote fraud would be all the deterrent needed.

But Wiggins and other Republican congressmen noted that similar penalities are now on the books for federal vote fraud and seldom imposed.

Bell said that if extensive fraud were found, the results of the election could be overturned.

"If you have to undo the election of a president, that's a terrible thing," Wiggins said.

Ouster of teamster head sought

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Teamster dissidents yesterday demanded the ouster of President Frank Fitzsimmons, but the determined labor leader told a meeting of 2,000 local union supporters he would not be forced out by charges of corruption.

Union leaders indicated they would dismiss an internal complaint filed against Fitzsimmons by three dissident members, who demanded his ouster on grounds of nepotism, squandering funds and dealing with organized crime figures.

During a three-hour meeting designed to convince local leaders that these allegations of corruption are untrue, Fitzsimmons declared his intention to finish out his five-year term and run for another in 1981.

With husky guards posted at every door to keep reporters and dissidents out, the local officials were reported to have applauded Fitzsimmons more than 30 times and offered him a unanimous vote of confidence. Dissidents picketed outside the hotel where the meeting was held.

The vote of confidence was proposed by William Joyce of Chicago Local 710, who was carged by dissidents with receiving multiple union salaries in six figures.

Fitzsimmons portrayed allegations against the Teamsters as the start of a widespread attack on the entire labor movement by government, radical outsiders, lawyers and the news media.

Both he and the union have been under severe pressure recently by dissidents and federal investigators in connection with the 1975 disappearance of former union boss Jimmy Hoffa and alleged mismanagement of pension funds.

As Fitzsimmons spoke, a federal grand jury in Detroit indicted a Teamsters business agent, reputed Mafia leader Vincent A. Meli, and three other men on extortion charges for allegedly forcing truck drivers to pay employer contributions to various union pension funds.

Earlier, Fitzsimmons issued a statement saying reports he may resign are "absolutely false" and "I believe maliciously circulated."

The three dissident members, affiliated with a group called PROD Inc., said the Teamsters had been "riddled by corruption" since Fitzsimmons took over from Hoffa in the late 1960s.

Filing the complaint were John Catlett of Washington, D.C., Peter Vitrano of Jersey City, N.J., and William Berryhill of Hagerstown, Md. PROD officials said they risked their safety by doing so.

The complaint demanded expulsion of Fitzsimmons after a disciplinary hearing by the union's general board on a long list of charges. It said an interim president should be appointed pending a special convention.

Labor attacks Carter policies

WASHINGTON (UPI) — AFL-CIO President George Meany and 14 other union leaders met yesterday with President Carter and let it be known there were still "a lot of problems" in their relations with the administration.

The labor leaders looked solemn as they departed from the White House after a lengthy meeting.

"We've got a lot of problems," said I.W. Abel, president of the steelworkers. Meany and Lane Kirkland, the secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, both responded with "no comment" as they left the meeting. Kirkland issued a stinging attack against Carter policies in a speech Tuesday.

Abel indicated he had echoed Kirkland's remarks at the luncheon meeting with Carter.

Carter later met with a delegation of Japanese businessmen who were accompanied by Georgia Gov. George Busbee. Foreign imports are one of the subjects that has raised the ire of U.S. union leaders.

In his speech Tuesday, Kirkland cited as triumphs for business Carter's Cabinet choices, economic package, minimum wage proposal and shoe imports decision.

Amendment of Civil Rights Act urged

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The administration, women's rights groups and labor unions urged Congress yesterday to void a major Supreme Court decision by amending the 1964 Civil Rights Act to ban job discrimination based on pregnancy.

Only the Chamber of Commerce offered opposition as a House Labor subcommittee began hearings on a bill designed to guarantee women "affected by pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions shall be treated the same for all employment-related purposes."

Although the 1964 law barred discrimination based on sex, the Supreme Court in December ruled that did not require an employer to provide disability payments for pregnant women under benefit plans that provide coverage for virtually all other temporary physical problems.

Subcommittee Chairman Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., one of the sponsors, called the bill "a most important civil rights issue."

Supporting the measure were the Justice and Labor Departments, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the AFL-CIO, and a coalition of women's rights groups, labor unions and civil rights organizations called the "Campaign to End Discrimination Against Pregnant Workers."

Unless Congress acts, the 1964 law "is dead for women workers — whatever their race or national origin," said attorney Susan Ross, a leader of the coalition.

Assistant Attorney General Drew Days, head of the Justice Department's civil rights division, said Congress intended the 1964 law to prohibit sex discrimination and the administration favored the proposed amendment as "a simple,

Days said "disability insurance plans and sick leave plans are designed to cushion the economic consequences of temporary disabilities. It is unfair to exclude a major disability suffered only by one sex when other disabilities are covered."

Jobs bill remains deadlocked

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House-Senate negotiators tried but failed yesterday to break a deadlock delaying the $4 billion public works jobs bill, a key part of President Carter's economic recovery program

They tentatively planned to try again this morning.

The talks broke down after 90 minutes largely because Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, a key participant, declined to attend.

Even if agreement can be reached today, it would be too late to meet the original goal of congressional leaders to get the measure to Carter for his signature by Easter. The House was beginning its Easter recess last night, the Senate late today.

But proponents hoped today's unusual meeting — while the House is out of session could pave the way for quick passage when Congress returns April 18, and could avoid a much longer delay involving a major change in economic plans.

The public works bill — which sponsors claim would create 600,000 direct and indirect jobs through local public works projects across the country - was passed in differing versions by large majorities in the House Feb. 24 and the Senate March 10.

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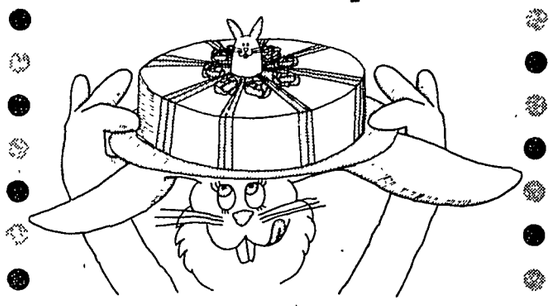

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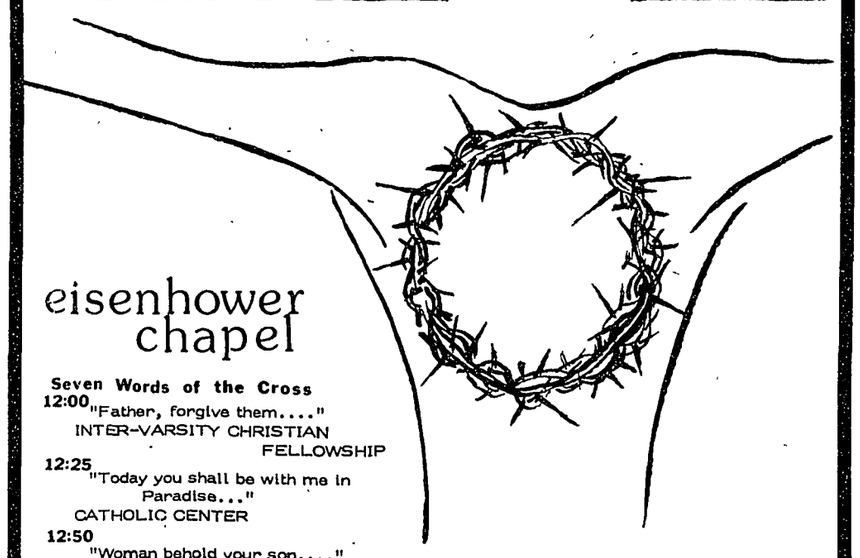

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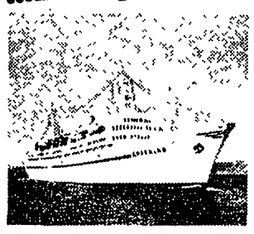

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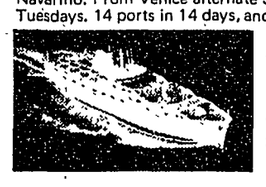

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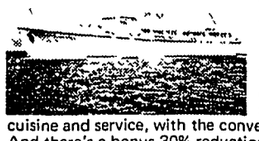

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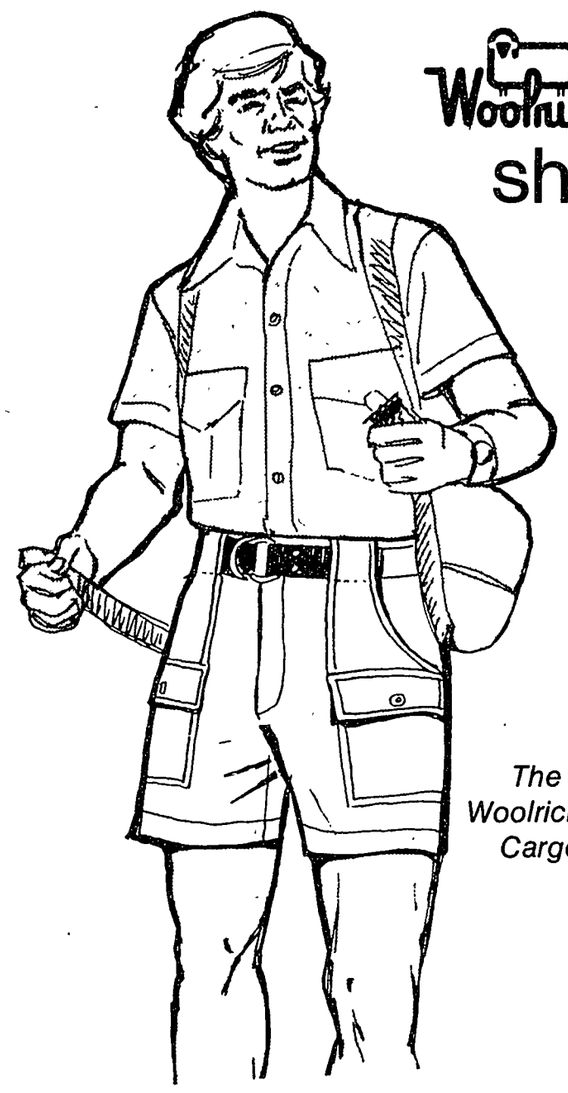

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