

Civil Functions Measure Passes By Vote Of House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed Tuesday and sent to the Senate a \$430,883,700 Army Civil Functions bill to provide money for work on flood control, navigation and hydroelectric projects in the year starting July 1.

The bill was passed by a voice vote.

The House made no changes in the bill as it was presented last Thursday by its Appropriations Committee. In fact, only two amendments were offered and both were rejected on voice votes.

The bill contains \$34,176,300, or 7 1/2 per cent, less than budget recommendations of President Eisenhower.

The bulk of the money in the bill, some \$410,335,000, is for flood control, navigation and hydroelectric projects. For these the President had recommended \$444,322,000. Thus the House bill represents a cut of \$33,987,000 under the budget. It also is \$12,851,000 under last year's appropriations.

The bill also carries \$15,203,000 for the Panama Canal and \$5,445,700 for cemetery expenses.

Of the funds for the water resources projects \$276,577,000 is for construction, \$72,860,000 for maintenance and operation, \$2,410,000 for investigations and surveys, and \$2,200,000 for planning.

The House bill slashed \$5,100,000 from recommended appropriations for the Dalmatian Dam on the Columbia River, but the committee handling the bill explained the cut was based in part on the expectation six million dollars would be available from previous appropriations.

Funds for Pacific Northwest projects in the House bill, with budget recommendations in parentheses, include:

Idaho — Lucky Peak Reservoir \$1,750,000 (same); albeni Falls Reservoir \$4,000,000 (\$4,360,000).

Oregon — Willamette River bank protection \$300,000 (same); McNary Lock and Dam \$24,000,000 (same); Lookout Point Reservoir \$3,000,000 (\$4,000,000); The Dalles \$29,000,000 (\$34,100,000).

Washington — Chief Joseph Dam \$27,000,000 (same); Lower Columbia River fish sanctuary program \$1,000,000 (\$1,360,000).

107 Ships Being Moved From Cathlamet Bay

ASTORIA (AP) — One hundred seven ships, mostly World War II freighters, are being moved from Cathlamet Bay to a temporary moorage nearby in Prairie channel to make way for dredging operations that will deepen the moorage for grain-laden vessels.

Nearly 100 ships had been moved by late Tuesday, Capt. E. E. Thorne, superintendent of the Maritime Administration fleet reserve here, reported.

Only 87 ships will be loaded with grain, but it was necessary to move 20 extra ships in order to get out Liberty-type ships tagged for grain loading, Thorne said.

Girl Drowns When Car Skids Off Into Slough

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A 9-year-old girl drowned after the automobile in which she was riding with her mother skidded from an icy highway into a slough north of here Wednesday.

She was Jill Cummings, daughter of Mrs. Charles Cummings, of Klamath Falls. The car hit an icy stretch near Algoma, 10 miles north of Klamath Falls, the mother leaped from the car before it hit the water. State police pulled Jill out and worked over her for 45 minutes with a respirator.

Mrs. Cummings was taken to Klamath Valley hospital in serious condition with shock and hysteria. She was not hurt physically.

British, Egypt Trade Complaints Over Shootings

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Britain and Egypt traded complaints Wednesday over fresh outbreaks of violence in the disputed Suez Canal Zone. The exchange came shortly after the British embassy said three British soldiers were wounded in a clash with Egyptians.

An official source said Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi handed a stiff protest note to British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson over what a Citeiroo-gy Stevenson over what the Cairo government called a "reign of terror" in the canal zone.

Stevenson countered with a "grave complaint about recent disorders in the canal zone which have necessitated actions taken by our troops," a British spokesman said.

The clash Tuesday night was the second outbreak of violence in the zone within 24 hours. Two British soldiers were slain Monday night and two are missing. Quiet had prevailed since January in the disputed territory from which Egypt has demanded the evacuation of the 80,000-man British garrison.

The Egyptian government charged that British troops surrounded and searched Egyptian villages following the slayings Monday. Maj. Salah Salem, national guidance minister, told newsmen: "The government will no longer tolerate such aggression against civilians living in the canal zone."

The British embassy spokesman, however, described as "exaggerated" Egyptian newspaper reports that villages in the zone had been searched and civilians arrested.

Dog Listed As Daughter In Income Tax Returns

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Norman G. Makin was on a legal leash Wednesday because he listed his Spitz dog as a dependent for income tax purposes.

The 36-year-old Phoenix truck driver was charged in U.S. District Court with submitting fraudulent withholding forms in 1953 and 1954 identifying the dog, Daisy May, as a daughter.

The charges were filed by intelligence unit agents of the Treasury Department.

President Defends Stand On Administration Tax Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday that congressional Democrats are in error in contending that the administration's new tax bill does not give a fair share of relief to those in the lower income brackets.

He commented at a news conference as the House headed into a battle over a Democratic drive for new income tax cuts for everybody.

Noting that some Democrats have attacked the administration's bill as aimed primarily at helping big business, Eisenhower said he wanted to cite U. S. Steel as an example of big business.

He said U. S. Steel employs about 300,000 men and has a net 300,000 stockholders.

Of the shareholders he said 56 per cent have annual incomes of less than \$5,000 a year. He added that 46 per cent of the stockholders make less than the average steel worker's wage of \$4,500 a year.

There are more stockholders in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 annual income class than in any other category, he said.

The administration bill would exempt the first \$50 yearly in dividend income from stocks in the next year and increase that exemption to \$100 subsequently. It also would allow the first 5 per cent of dividend income to be subtracted from any citizen's tax bill the first year and 10 per cent thereafter.

The President said that to say that the administration bill is designed to help the rich people is error. He paused dramatically—after, he said, the reporters laughed at his obvious sudden restraint.

Eisenhower was asked if he would veto the tax bill if Democrats succeeded in writing into it a provision raising the personal exemption from the present level of \$600 to \$700.

The President said he could not say in advance what bills he would veto. He noted that he has no authority to strike out individual items in a bill.

But he said that if any bill presents an impossible situation to the country then he has got to sit down and decide what to do.

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5,000 School Teachers Due For Convention

PORTLAND (AP) — More than 5,000 Oregon school teachers are due here Thursday and a large percentage of them were here Wednesday to prepare for the opening of their annual convention.

After opening sessions, the teachers will go into sectional meetings to discuss problems in which they are most strongly interested.

The banquet speaker Thursday will be Dr. Richard Kennan, executive secretary of the National Education Association commission for the defense of democracy through education. At the banquet selection the Year will be named.

BUYS BUSINESS SITE

EUGENE (AP) — A Portland investment group represented by Melvin Mark Jr., Portland, has bought a quarter block adjoining the site on which a store now is being built for Bon Marche of Seattle.

The price was not disclosed. Seller was E. E. Wyatt who will move his tire business to another location.

Mark said the site would be used by a "national retail sales outlet."

INSTALL RADAR

THE DALLES (AP) — Police here will check motorists' speeds with radar starting about July 1. The city council approved purchase of the device unanimously.

At present Salem is the only Oregon city with a radar-equipped police car.

Americans Offer Medical Aid To Stricken Japs

TOKYO (AP) — The United States today offered top-flight American medical aid to 23 Japanese fishermen burned and blistered by ashes from a supersecret U. S. test blast in the Pacific.

U. S. Ambassador John Allison also proposed a joint Japanese-American investigation of the March 1 incident in the Bikini-Eniwetok test region.

Only one of the 23 crewmen was considered in dangerous condition when their boat arrived Sunday but all had entered a hospital today. Three were added to the serious list but doctors said they expect all 23 will live.

The intensity of their burns—skin blackening and hair falling out—and their story of the blast stirred speculation that the March 1 test may have been a thermonuclear (probably hydrogen) explosion. The crewmen's reports indicated they were about 80 miles from the blast center.

The U. S. Embassy said a team of three American and three Japanese doctors associated with the atomic bomb casualty commission in the atom-bombed city of Hiroshima will treat the victims.

Allison's offer was the first official comment from the United States on the incident.

Kyodo news agency said the Japanese Foreign Office intends to take up the matter with the United States officially.

Japanese officials say they will ask compensation for the victims.

Missing Plane Found; Pilot, Passenger Safe

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — A small plane, missing since last Friday, was found Wednesday on Princess Royal Island, 400 miles north of here.

The two occupants, pilot Alton J. R. Laurie, 26, and passenger, Charles Kendall, 50, of Los Angeles, were reported safe.

Just Plain 'Miss Hutton' Returns

NEW YORK (AP) — Dime store heiress Barbara Hutton—as plain "Miss Hutton"—returned husbandless Wednesday to the Hotel Pierre suite where she wed her fifth male only 2 1/2 months ago.

Left behind in a honeymoon villa at Palm Beach, Fla., was the Woolworth heiress' fifth husband, Porfirio Rubirosa, a playboy-diplomat from the Dominican Republic.

The couple split up six days ago, later issuing a statement saying only that they "mutually decided it was wisest for us to separate."

Miss Hutton boarded a train for home Tuesday admonishing newsmen not to call her Mrs. Rubirosa. However, she did not say what she did wish to be called.

Wednesday, though, upon reaching New York she told reporters: "Call me Miss Hutton. I have always been called Miss Hutton in my country."

She did not amplify the statement and declined to discuss anything relating to her marriage with Rubirosa.

Defense Report Identifies 18 Guided Missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — An official Defense Department catalogue of weapons shows the United States has at least 18 types of guided missiles in use, in production or under test.

This fact cropped up, probably unintentionally, when a department production report was included among a file of routine daily orders and communications given to newsmen. The report bore no secret label.

The report also identified several new types of jet planes, about which department public relations officers had been allowed to say little or nothing.

Among the guided missiles mentioned were these:

Anti-aircraft: the Nike (Army); the Terrier and Talos, two models (Navy).

Bombardment (surface-to-surface): Corporal (Army); Matador and Shark (Air Force); Regulus (Navy).

Plane-to-ground attack: the Dove, Petrel, Gorgon V (Navy); the Rascal B63 (Air Force).

Plane-against plane: Falcon F96 (Air Force); three models of the Sparrow, the Oriole, the Sidewinder (Navy).

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