

### Morse Blocks Measure On Anti-Picketing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) Tuesday blocked a bill to forbid picketing in the streets surrounding the White House.

"I don't propose to be a party to police state methods in the United States," Morse said.

He cast his own vote and the proxy vote of the absent Sen. Neely (D-W. Va.) at a public hearing to provide the 2-1 margin by which a Senate District of Columbia subcommittee shelved the measure.

The out-voted chairman, Sen. Reynolds (R-Neb.), announced he would file a minority report on the action with the full district committee, which could revive the legislation.

Rep. Gentry (D-Texas), author of the House-passed bill, testified it had its beginning in what he termed "the disgusting and revolting spectacle" of a picket line that ringed the White House grounds last year in futile appeals for the condemned atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The two spies finally were electrocuted.

### Four-Power Pact Provides German Independence

LONDON (AP) — American and British diplomats have worked out a short, four-power treaty that would give West Germany near-independence this year, official sources said Monday.

The pact has been drafted as a way of giving the Federal Republic powers to control most of its own affairs in case France fails to ratify the project for the European Defense Community. Under present treaties the United States, Britain and France would end their occupation of West Germany only when EDC comes into force.

The latest British-American plan reportedly would grant sovereignty to West Germany in all but military matters in a treaty signed by the United States, Britain, France and the Federal Republic.

Informants stressed the plan in no way provides for German rearmament outside EDC, although London and Washington reportedly have one or two favored alternatives up their sleeves in case EDC as it stands now is rejected.

American and British officials drew up the plan in the course of a week of discussions at the Foreign Office that ended Sunday. They had been ordered to do so by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill after their Washington conference.

## Congress Treatment Of His Program Pleasing To Ike; Some Bills Await Decision

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower says he feels pretty good about the way Congress, almost evenly divided among Democrats and Republicans, has treated his program. The full treatment won't be known until Congress winds up its work, perhaps at the end of this month.

Eisenhower wants the voters in

the November congressional elections to judge his Republican administration by the kind of program Congress enacts.

Here is the record to date: Passed by both House and Senate and now law: American participation in the St. Lawrence seaway; extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act for one year; a defense pact with South Korea; creation of an Air Force academy; extension of major excise tax rates and cutting of others; providing two billion dollars for highway construction; and increasing the borrowing power of the Commodity Credit Corp.

**Compromises Awaited**

Passed by both houses but with differences which require compromise before final passage which seems assured in some form:

A general overhaul of the tax laws and a housing act.

The Senate gave Eisenhower most of what he wanted on housing: authority to issue interest-free units a year for four years; continuing government-insured loans on homes; and use of one billion dollars for slum clearance.

The House, which has acted ahead of the Senate, wanted no part of the 35,000 public housing units. Whether the House will yield now and go along with the Senate is not known.

Passed by one house and therefore not law unless the other also approves:

The 3½-billion-dollar foreign aid bill; the farm bill; the wire-tapping bill; and the social security bill.

The house has passed the foreign aid bill. The Senate hasn't voted yet. But it seems pretty sure Eisenhower will get a sizable chunk of the 3½ billion dollars he asked.

**Farm Bill Uncertain**

Eisenhower won victory, but yet complete when the House approved the farm bill with recognition of the principle that there

should be a sliding scale — 82½ to 90 per cent of parity — on farm price supports for basic products. Supports have been at 90 per cent for years. It's uncertain whether the Senate, when it votes, will go along.

**Statehood Bill Messed Up**

What Eisenhower asked for and didn't get so far: Reinsurance on private health insurance; statehood for Hawaii; revision of the Taft-Hartley Act; constitutional amendment per-

mitting 18-year-olds to vote; and revision of the Atomic Energy Act to permit this government to give allies more atomic information.

The Democrats, by teaming up, mended up Eisenhower on Hawaii and Taft-Hartley. In the Senate they worked in statehood for Alaska as well as Hawaii. The House wanted statehood for Hawaii only. Probable result: statehood for neither.

The Democrats didn't like the administration's proposed changes in Taft-Hartley and managed to get them sent to the cooler for this year.

Eisenhower won a big victory, by a narrow squeak and vigorous effort, in getting the Senate to block the Bricker amendment. Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) and others wanted a constitutional amendment limiting the scope of treaties with other countries.

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### U. S. And Russian Troops Working Against Flood

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — American and Russian troops worked within a few hundred yards of each other outside Vienna Tuesday in an effort to save a U.S. airfield and two Austrian villages from floods.

The waters of the swollen Danube River — raging downstream after leaving 70,000 homeless in Germany and Western Austria — threatened the U.S. Air Force base at Tulln, isolated in the Russian occupation zone of Austria, it is 22 miles northwest of Vienna's American sector.

German officials said the airfield was "pretty much out of danger" unless the waters took a big rise.

Floods from the Danube approached within 200 yards of the field, inundating the communities of Tulln and Langenlebern and flooding a road connecting them with the airfield.

The Russians sent troops and trucks to one stretch of the road. While the Americans sent trucks and scores of airmen to another stretch.

The police said there was no actual cooperation between the Cold War opponents.

"They pass by each other on the highway, but they ignore each other," one official said.

The flood, the worst in centuries in central Europe, took another victim Monday night. A 3-year-old child fell into the swirling Danube near Vienna, bringing the total dead reported in Austria and East and West Germany to 28.

Conservative estimates placed property damage at hundreds of millions of dollars.

### Chinese May Attempt To Intercept Red Ship

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Chinese Nationalist warships may attempt to intercept the 15,000-ton Soviet tanker Leningrad, which has cleared Singapore for Shanghai in Red China, a high Nationalist official indicated today.

There was no comment concerning three other Soviet ships reported heading northward — two toward the Siberian port of Vladivostok, and one for Red China.

But there was widespread speculation here that the Soviet merchant ships might rendezvous with a submarine escort for the dangerous voyage through waters patrolled by Nationalist naval vessels.

### Two Billion Cut For Air Bases Budget Proposal

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force says now it needs \$7,600,000,000 to build a global system of air bases for its strategic bombers, a cut of nearly two billion dollars from earlier estimates.

James H. Douglas, under secretary of the Air Force, said in testimony made public today that minimum operational requirements for the 137-wing Air Force should be completed by the end of 1957. A wing ranges from 30 to 75 planes.

He told a House Appropriations subcommittee that "closer figuring" had cut nearly two billions off the 9½-billion-dollar estimate given Congress a little over two years ago.

Maj. Gen. L. D. Washburne, assistant Air Force chief of staff, testified that the 137-wing Air Force now projected and former President Truman's onetime goal of 143 wings have approximately the same "over-all combat potential."

### Woman Greyhound Lines Driver Sets Record

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pacific Greyhound lines said it has the only woman driver with a recognized 10-year safety record of heavy-duty driving.

She is suburban-haired Helene G. Dearman of San Francisco, 5 foot 4 and 125 pounds, who pilots a 12-ton bus through heavy commuter traffic.

Miss Dearman, now 39, gave up candy making in World War II to become a bus driver. She credits her perfect record to courtesy and "a good guardian angel."

### Fisherman, Lost 9 Days, Found In Mountains

NORTH BEND, Wash. (AP) — A Seattle fisherman, lost for nine days in the primitive Cascade Mountains 13 miles southeast of here, was found alive yesterday, weary and hungry but otherwise unharmed.

Bearded James Stolberg, 31, a Navy veteran, has a 70 per cent disability rating because of arthritis, said he wandered some 30 miles over brush-covered mountains with nothing but berries and small fish to eat.

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