

Many Of JFK's Legislative Proposals Remain Far From Enactment In Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress wound up the first nine months of 1963 today with many of President Kennedy's top legislative proposals far from enactment.

Faced with prospects of their first year-round session since World War II, members of both Senate and House prepared for a burst of activity in the final quarter of the year.

The President's two priority requests — civil rights and a tax cut — still have not been enacted and some lawmakers predict that one or the other may not get through this year.

Despite its record of little activity on these and other Kennedy proposals, Congress has written into law a number of measures during the first three-quarters of 1963.

Among these are extension of the draft law, feed grains legislation, extension of corporate and excise tax rates, an increase in the national debt limit, emergency legislation to avert a railroad strike and aid to medical schools.

The Senate also gave the President a major victory by ratifying the nuclear test ban treaty and the House is expected to complete action this week on a mili-

tary pay raise bill.

From the administration standpoint, however, these accomplishments are offset by lack of action on civil rights and a tax cut, a lag on the President's foreign aid program, and the apparent sidetracking of Medicare for the aged and parts of the Kennedy education program.

In doubt also are such items on continued aid to area of chronic unemployment, cotton legislation and measures to deal with dairy surpluses.

There has been a serious lag in Congress in action on the appropriations bills needed to finance government operations. Only four have gone to the President. Six have passed both Houses, but two of these are in conference committees. Eight others have cleared one House and four have yet to be approved by either branch of Congress.

No major civil rights bill has reached either the House or Senate floor. Leaders hope to get a one-year extension of the Civil Rights Commission through Congress this week, but it is a far cry from the broad Kennedy program.

The House has approved a \$11 billion income tax cut requested by Kennedy, but the measure is awaiting action by the Senate Finance Committee. GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill., predicted Sunday that the earliest the bill could get to the Senate floor would be Christmas.

Writers Club Hears Author Of 'Birdman Of Alcatraz'

Because someone at a social gathering made the chance remark that a man had been kept in solitary confinement in a prison for 50 years and a parole officer challenged the statement, an idea was born which became "Birdman of Alcatraz."

The parole officer and educator was Thomas E. Gaddis, now an instructor with a doctor's degree in education at Reed College. Dr. Gaddis addressed the Roseburg Writers Club at its annual banquet Sunday afternoon at the Bamboo House. About 40 attended, including visitors from Eugene and Gold Beach.

Dr. Gaddis who immortalized the convict Robert Stroud in one of the most notable books on prison conditions ever published, classified him-

self as an "unwriter," one who has written and published but who is not necessarily a writer by profession.

Three Years Needed

This project took about three years to complete data and write the story. He told of pouring over reams of material, including files of the Kansas City Star, Supreme Court appeal records and letters written by Stroud himself while confined at Leavenworth Prison in Kansas and at Alcatraz. He told of countless correspondence and long hours of sifting through the material and of the great number of legal problems involved.

But partially through his effort in exposing the facts and of Stroud himself, his lawyer, and the movie in which Burt Lancaster portrayed the famous "Birdman," Alcatraz as a prison no longer exists.

He said this prison defied all rules and practices of modern prisons, yet the prison authorities had a "bull by the tail" and couldn't let it go. Through public opinion protests, the authorities had an excuse to get rid of it.

And, he said, if Stroud is never freed, he has lived to see the dismantling of the prison to house hardened criminals because it failed its purpose. Stroud currently is in a prison mental institution in Springfield, Mass. He stated it is doubtful if the 73-year-old convict could live on the outside now. But his fight has been a cause, more than the fight of an individual, for prison reforms.

Dr. Gaddis confined his talk largely to the technical problem going into the research and development of his story, rather than the merits of the Stroud case itself, but answered numerous questions concerning his now-famous work.

The meeting was presided over by Leroy Inman, club president. Mrs. William Bladorn was program chairman, and Hilda Peterson, secretary was in charge of the banquet arrangements.

In attendance was Mrs. Harvay Moore, a member of the board of directors of the Oregon State Poetry Association.

McNamara, Gen. Taylor Delay Departure From South Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor postponed their departure for 24 hours today and continued their investigation of South Viet Nam's military and political situation.

McNamara and Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, conferred Sunday with President Ngo Dinh Diem, but no details of the talks were made public.

Arthur Sylvester, Defense Department spokesman, said the two military leaders spent more than five hours with Diem. They conferred with him privately for three hours, then attended a two-hour black-tie dinner with the president.

Informed sources said Diem told McNamara and Taylor the war against the Communist Viet Cong is going well, and that political dissension was not hampering the war effort.

Needs American Support

These sources also said Diem insisted anything less than continued all-out American support for the war would be a mistake. Sylvester refused to disclose the subject matter of the meeting. He said McNamara and Taylor would not see Diem's brother Ngo Dinh Nhu, during their visit. Nhu is Diem's chief advisor, and the husband of the sharp-tongued Mme. Nhu.

Today, Taylor went to Ben Cat, a district capital 28 miles north of Saigon, where he heard Viet Nam's chief of staff predict victory over the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas by next year.

McNamara stayed in Saigon for talks with other members of the eight-man mission sent there by President Kennedy to assess the prospects of winning the guerrilla war and whether Diem's crackdown on the Buddhists has harmed these prospects.

Expect 1964 Victory

Maj. Gen. Tran Van Don, who briefed Taylor at Ben Cat, said

in a statement that was also distributed to the press: "I feel we shall achieve victory in South Viet Nam in 1964."

He said the success of Vietnamese planning depends on the results of the strategic hamlet program, a system of fortified villages in guerrilla-infested territory, and the support of the Vietnamese armed forces and their U.S. advisers.

The United States has 14,000 men in Viet Nam and is spending about \$1.5 billion a day to help Diem defeat the Communists. McNamara and Taylor came here last week after some officials had expressed fear Vietnamese armed forces morale was being harmed by the Buddhist dispute. The majority of the population is Buddhist.

Students Invited To Music Lectures

Young people advanced in their music interests and training are welcome to attend at \$1 each the lecture-recital series to be sponsored by the Roseburg Women's Club.

The series starts Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 4 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon at the Woman's Club Building.

The committee announces that students attending must have the recommendation of their parents or music teacher. Arrangements would have to be made with the school to excuse them for those hours.

The series will be taught by University of Oregon Music Department teaching personnel. The first in the series will be "Music and Its Literature," by Dr. Robert Hladky, associate professor of cell. About 80 adults have signed up for the class.

Runaway Pair Holds Tense Reunion With Mates Today

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Jack Steenberger and Mrs. Marsha Walbright held a tense reunion Sunday night with two friends from Ohio — Mrs. Steenberger and Mr. Walbright.

Steenberger, 36, and Mrs. Walbright, 25, were taken into custody Friday on an Ohio warrant charging them with abandonment and neglect of minor children.

Neither California nor Ohio recognizes the divorce the runaway couple got in Mexico earlier this

month, just minutes before they were married.

Steenberger's wife, Margaret, and Mrs. Walbright's husband, Chester, arrived in San Francisco Sunday from Ironton, Ohio, to discuss the situation — which also involves children.

Steenberger, a turkey farmer, declined to say what the four parents discussed Sunday night. He described it as a "family affair."

However, a public affair was scheduled for later today when the runaway couple is scheduled to appear in juvenile court to discuss the children.

Steenberger told authorities that he and Mrs. Walbright had tried for months to get divorces from their respective spouses in Ohio. Last winter he made a business trip to Australia, and returned with what he thought was a solution to their problems.

The couple made plans for months in their quiet southern Ohio community — and then quietly slipped away from their respective homes on Sept. 18.

Steenberger took his two younger children, Dirk, 3, and Rebecca, 2, leaving sons aged 12 and 16 behind. Mrs. Walbright took her only child, Debbie, 4.

The happy group flew to Mexico, where Steenberger said he and Mrs. Walbright got divorces and were married on Sept. 19. They arrived in San Francisco last Sunday to get visas to travel to Australia, where they hoped to find a happy new life.

Steenberger said he made the mistake of telephoning his intentions to a relative in Ohio while awaiting the visas. When they were arrested in front of the Australian consulate Friday, he had \$2,300 worth of plane tickets to Sydney and \$3,500 in cash.

Steenberger and Mrs. Walbright were booked at city prison and released on bail — but the children were taken to the youth guidance center until today's hearing.

"I guess we'll have to change our plans," Steenberger said. "We're not going anywhere without the children."

Terrorists Slay 5 In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Army and police units searched the rugged El Encanto mountains 40 miles south of here today for pro-Castro terrorists who shot and killed five guards and wounded five other persons on an excursion train.

The killings took place when members of the underground, terrorist Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN) Organization, attempted to hold up the crowded train and shot it out with guards.

The terrorists managed to escape into mountainous country but were being chased by government forces.

Police later brought five male suspects and five women "material witnesses" into Caracas under arrest. There was no immediate indication whether any of the terrorists remained at large.

The six deaths included two guards who stopped the holdup a woman and a man, all hit by stray bullets.

In another FALN raid Sunday, terrorists disguised as government troops were reported to have walked into police headquarters at Maracaibo, 70 miles southwest of Caracas, tied up the police and walked out with all the guns and ammunition they could carry. No casualties were reported.

Car Is Recovered Near Gold Beach

A 1949 Model automobile registered to Melvin Colwell of Rt. 4, Box 1076, Roseburg and stolen from this area last week has been recovered at Gold Beach in possession of two 15-year-old boys, state police report.

The automobile was earlier reported stolen from the U. S. Plywood parking lot.

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October License Reminders Mailed

Renewal reminders should now be in the hands of car owners whose license plates expire in October.

The notice, mailed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, should be used when renewing by mail or in person at a field office.

Individuals receiving renewal reminders for vehicles they may have recently sold, should use the form provided to advise the department of the new owner.

The department also recommends owners renew as soon as possible to speed their service. Instructions for using the renewal notice are printed on the reverse side of the form.

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Drain Chamber Slates Tax Referendum Forum

The Drain Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a public forum at the City Hall Oct. 8 for discussion of the state tax referendum on which voters will cast their ballots Oct. 15.

Two speakers, one representing opposition to the state tax increase of \$80 million and the other favoring it, will be booked. Anyone interested in learning more about the issue may attend. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

YMCA Schedules Volleyball Play

Adult volleyball play nights, sponsored by the Roseburg YMCA, will start at the Riverside School Tuesday.

YMCA Secretary Wayne Schulz reports that this "Y" activity is open to non-members. A small admission fee will be collected each time of attendance. Men will meet at 6:30 p.m. and women at 8.

Schulz said volleyball play will be "recreational" at these sessions, but persons wishing to start competitive team play should make their wishes known to the "Y."

The regular sessions will continue through the school year on Tuesdays.

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DFPA Crews Control Fire In Pickup Truck

Douglas Forest Protective Association crews were called Saturday afternoon to control a fire in a pickup truck at the construction site of the natural gas pipeline near Round Prairie Lumber Co.

The fire was confined to the pickup containing barrels of oil. Owner of the damaged vehicle was the Ray Price Construction Co.

Sunday evening the Quines Creek crew extinguished a small fire in an old sawdust pile three miles southeast of Azalea. No damage was reported.

Picture Taking Slated For MC High Annual

Pictures of individuals will be taken for the Myrtle Creek High School annual Tuesday at 9 a.m., Mrs. Joy Johnson, adviser, announced this week.

Boys have been asked to wear white shirts and ties for the pictures, and the girls have been asked to wear dark-colored sweaters or dark dresses.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Ernie Gilbert, Mary Cordell, Mrs. Theodore Chaffin, Mrs. Samuel Boyd, Mildred Wood, Mrs. Leo Bowers, Mrs. Dennis Duncan, Mrs. George Crabtree, all of Roseburg; Edward Cook, Mrs. William Glen, Mrs. Johnny Carleton, all of Winston; Myrtle Gruver, Portland; Mrs. Robert Bloodgett, Sutherlin; Mrs. Walter Davis, Wilbur; Mrs. Lloyd Nickel, Gerald Witt, both of Dillard.

Surgery: Raymond Davies, Mrs. Elmer Robinson, Judith Friton, Susan Wade, all of Roseburg; Alan Forr st, Idleyld Park.

Discharged

Mrs. Wallace Reed, Elizabeth Pitt, Ollie Anderson, Fred Miller, Mrs. Elmer Robinson, Charles Cotton, Dan Dimick, Cecil Smith, Mrs. Harold Marsh and son Darrel Lynn, Clarence Martin, Shirley Fields, Fleming Ranch, Mrs. Lloyd Ledbetter, James Walker, Arnold Sewart, Mrs. Wallace Reed and son Jimmy Davain, all of Roseburg; William Elliott, Barry Allen, Jerry Harrison, John Spencer, all of Winston; Robert Slaght, Aberdeen, Wash.; Noel Kellogg, Salem; Mrs. Phillip Weatherly, Oakland; Mrs. James Ralston, Alva Bartley, both Camas Valley; Walter Thompson, Riddle; Edward Blondell, Wilbur; Mrs. Lloyd Nickel, Dillard.

Mercy Hospital Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Robert Doek, Mrs. Bill Curnow, Mrs. Charles Stanton, Mrs. Ila Jones, Beryl Frazier, Mrs. Leroy LeBlou, Mrs. Gene Meeks, Mrs. Donald Bowman, Mrs. Marvin Brown, Mrs. Dale Bowman, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Bruce Cumliss, William Couch, Mrs. Bobbie Lencicum, all of Myrtle Creek; William Erickson, Wayne Colton, both of Winston; Mrs. John Poseman, Sutherlin; Michael O'Callahan, Sherwood; Tambi Katelye, Gaston, Ore.

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Steven Scott, Mrs. Ellen Kieckhafer, Pamela Cook, Mrs. Norman Davis, Mrs. Robert Dahne and daughter Connie Sue, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Emedio DeSantis and son Shane Louis, Billy Ledbetter, all of Winston; Mrs. Jason Tillotson, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Lawrence Combes and son Roger Shannon, Dillard; Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, Sutherlin; Charles Hedden, Elkton.

Dryer Fire Extinguished

The Roseburg Rural Fire Department was called to the home of Jerry Kingsberry, 1297 NE Brooklyn, early Sunday morning to extinguish a dryer fire.

Reported cause of the blaze was an accumulation of lint which caught fire when the clothes dryer became hot. No damage was reported.

Legion Decision Is Due On New Building Plans

A Tuesday night meeting of Umpqua Legion Post No. 16 will be an important decision-making session for members in connection with the post's proposed building plans.

Jack George, commander, urged Legionnaires to attend the meeting, scheduled at 8 p.m. in the Moose Lodge at 1222 St. Stephens.

The post building committee will present a detailed financial report which will include a description of pledge support received to date. A vote is planned as result of which the membership will either reject or approve the committee's report and recommendation.

Other business will include a preliminary report by the permanent Legion baseball committee.

Anna Carstenson

Funeral services for Anna June Carstenson, 38, former resident of Oakland, were held Saturday in Madras at the First Baptist Church. Interment was at Mt. Jefferson Memorial Park at Madras. Mrs. Carstenson died Sept. 24 at a Redmond hospital.

She was born June 15, 1925, in Oakland and was married to Leroy Carstenson Sept. 10, 1944, in Portland. Her husband is a state police officer and the couple lived in Eugene before being transferred to Madras.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Carstenson is survived by four children, Lee, Peggy, Jo and Gregory, all at the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Goodman of Warren, Oregon; George, of Roseburg; Laurence, of Drain, and Lyle, of Nevada; three sisters, Naomi Crawford of Happy Camp, Calif., Irene Cain of Brooks, Ore., and Maude Moore of Drain. All are former residents of Oakland.

Hours will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday and from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Anyone having usable clothing or other items to donate may leave them at the church or call one of the churchwomen, and they will be picked up.

Weather Picture Good

The five-day weather forecast according to the Weather Bureau station at the Roseburg airport calls for less than normal precipitation in the northern part of Western Oregon and no precipitation in the southern part. Temperatures will be above normal with highs in the 70's and lows 45 to 55.

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