

Last-Minute Action Passes Congress Bills

(Story also on page 1)
WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Congress moved fast on the session's last day today, grinding out a \$990,000,000 farm bill and numerous other bills that ordinarily could have taken much time.

The measure provides \$265,000,000 for benefit payments on this year's crop for farmers participating in the "conservation and use" program, and a promise of \$150,000,000 to meet such costs during 1948. Also appropriated is \$65,000,000 to continue the school lunch program. These two items had been in controversy.

Other bills passed and sent to the president would:
Continue the federal crop insurance program on a limited and experimental basis for wheat, cotton, corn, flax and tobacco.

Increase by \$400,000,000 the maximum amount of insurance the national housing authority can issue on the mortgages of new homes. This brings the total authority to \$4,200,000,000.

Authorize on-the-job training of war veterans working on farms under the G.I. bill of rights. Under the program, the veterans could be guaranteed \$36 a month if single and \$90 if married.

Permit the army and navy to lease 77 industrial plants and \$2000 items of machine tools, with the services retaining title. Otherwise they would have been sold.

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Raise the pay of army and navy doctors and dentists \$100 a month.

Provide \$1,657,000,000 for the administration's foreign aid program.

Furnish \$35,040,000 for a long list of government corporations, including the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Continue for two years the government subsidy on production of copper, zinc and lead, with manganese added to the program and \$70,000,000 authorized to be used in the 24 months.

Changing armed service promotion rules to bring factors other than seniority into consideration.

Budget Saving Estimates Vary With Politics

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—With even members of the same party tossing out varying estimates, republican and democratic congressmen split further apart tonight on just how much the budget was cut by the GOP-dominated congress.

New arguments over the cuts developed in the house late in the night session, with republicans and democrats following each other in estimating what the savings actually were.

While other house members settled for one guess apiece, Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) took two swings and belted out two figures.

First Taber said the treasury is \$4,423,000,000 better off because of the GOP budget cuts. Then later he calculated the total savings for the new fiscal year at \$4,995,000,000.

Adding to the confusion, Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), an appropriations committee member, told the house "the actual reduction" was only \$1,199,000,000.

House democratic leader Sam Rayburn of Texas was next at bat. By his addition, he said, total savings will be "in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000." He said this wouldn't be so bad if the republicans hadn't promised earlier in the year to save \$6,000,000,000.

Glacier May Keep Bodies of Marines

SEATTLE, July 26.—(AP)—The ice and deep crevasses of Tahoma glacier high on Mount Rainier may have claimed forever the bodies of 32 marines who died when their transport plane flew into the mountain last December 10, it was indicated today by the navy and by searchers back from a second climb of the glacier.

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Lewis at Mine Disaster



WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., July 26.—John L. Lewis (right, top), United Mine Workers president, leaves the Old Ben No. 8 mine office, located at West Frankfort, Ill., with Hugh White (top, left), state UMW president, after visiting the scene of the disaster that took 27 miners' lives. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

Subsistence Raise for Vets Measure Dies

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The democratic national committee tonight assailed what it called "failure of the republican dominated 80th congress to take action raising the subsistence allowance of veterans attending school, under the GI bill of rights."

The statement quoted republican leaders as saying a prospect of a presidential veto was the reason for failure to bring out for house action the senate approved measure boosting the payment by \$15 a month.

Then it quoted "an administration spokesman" at the White House as saying:

"The president does not indicate his decision on legislative matters until he has had an opportunity to see the bill in question and study it. To say that he has so indicated opposition to this bill or any bill is to distort the facts for obvious political ends."

Revolt Quelled In Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela, July 26.—(AP)—Army troops loyal to the government suppressed a revolt in the Paez barracks of the Maracan army garrison southwest of here early today after several hours of fighting, the government announced tonight.

One man was killed and seven were wounded, the announcement said.

The ministry of national defense communique said the uprising among the soldiers began at 6 a. m., but was brought under control quickly. No details were given.

2 Sisters Shot in Fight with Gunman

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—Two sisters were wounded in the hand and arm tonight when they attempted to wrest a gun from a man who police said the women reported had climbed in their automobile and ordered them to drive around town.

Detective Lloyd Johnson said Miss Augusta Joan Amato, 24, and Mary Rose Amato, 34, told of struggling with the man after stopping the car on the pretense of running out of gasoline. The pistol was fired once, wounding both.

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Latest Lead in 'Dahlia' Case In Colorado

DENVER, July 26.—(AP)—The Denver Post said tonight in a copy-righted story from the community of Breckenridge, Colo., that authorities were holding a man who purported to have information concerning the mutilation slaying in Los Angeles last Jan. 15 of Elizabeth Short, also known as the "Black Dahlia."

The Post said Sheriff Ray Loomis was holding a man, a material witness, a 38-year-old construction worker who, Loomis told the Post, said he had been in the company of Miss Short the night she was last seen.

The man, the Post story said, told the sheriff he had met the "Black Dahlia" and a red-headed sailor "somewhere in the harbor district" of Los Angeles. Were Uniform

Loomis, the Post story continued, quoted the man as saying the sailor wore a chief petty officer's uniform, and that he, a woman companion, the sailor and Miss Short drove "to a Chinese joint near San Bernardino." There, according to the Post's quotes from the sheriff, the sailor, known only as "Jack," purchased four marijuana cigarettes. Miss Short and the sailor smoked one or two, the Post story said. The foursome broke up when it returned to Los Angeles, Loomis was quoted as having told the Post from his conversation with the construction worker.

Clothing Bloody

Later the sailor reportedly returned to the man's room, his clothing bloody. He told the man held in Breckenridge that he was in a "jam," the Post story related, and obtained his assistance in stuffing his clothing down a sewer.

Loomis said the man told him that while he was somewhat foggy about details, he contended "Jack" and the "Black Dahlia" had been keeping company for some time.

Jew Refugee Ship Missing

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—Three British transports, bearing 4,500 Jewish immigrants back from Palestine, were two days overdue at a "French seaport" on the Mediterranean coast today and the mystery deepened as to their whereabouts.

The Paris newspaper L'Intransigent said the Jews, passengers on the intercepted President Warfield, renamed Exodus of 1947, were being taken to St. Louis, a small port near Marseille.

Reports from Villefrance-Sur-Mer, where the ship earlier was believed headed, said the suspicion was growing that the British navy was taking the Jews to Genoa, Italy, for return to Germany. But the British colonial office in London said this was not true.

Ponce de Leon, seeker of the fabled fountain of youth, was Spanish governor of Puerto Rico and his body is buried there.

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Falling Meteor Seen in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex., July 26.—(AP)—Reports of a falling meteor circulated in central Texas tonight, with residents of Georgetown reported to have felt the effects of an unknown explosion.

At Austin, Frank Fisher, a weather bureau employee, told the Austin American he saw what he thought to be a meteor disintegrate.

In Georgetown, it was reported the sky was lighted by a greenish white light and that a few seconds later buildings were panned by an explosion.

Blanche Paukert, a telephone operator, said she felt something jar the telephone building.

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Methane Gas Said Mine Blast Cause

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., July 26.—(AP)—The Illinois state mining board reported today the explosion which killed 27 miners here Thursday "was caused by ignition of an accumulation of methane gas."

The board's preliminary report on the tragedy, which occurred deep in the old Ben Coal corporation's No. 8 mine, said the blast "in any and all respects, was not due to negligence on the part of anyone."

Franco Informed of Overwhelming Vote

MADRID, July 26.—(AP)—The electoral census board formally notified Generalissimo Francisco Franco today that \$2.94 per cent of the votes cast in the referendum on Spain's new law of succession on July 7 was in favor of the measure.

The new law confirms Franco as chief-of-state for life and empowers him to name his successor.

Hoth Caught In California

Albert E. Hoth, wanted by Salem police on a forgery charge, and under arrest by Ukiah, Calif., police, was recaptured by Ukiah police after an attempted escape from jail there Thursday night, police report. Two other men, Paul Snodden and Van Shockley, were involved in the escape, reports stated.

Salem police said Hoth passed three checks here to which he had signed the name of William J. Meyer, route 5. The state parole board has been informed from Ukiah that Hoth refused to waive extradition and Salem police report that an extradition requisition will be made.

DOW WALKER RITES SET

PORTLAND, July 26.—(AP)—Funeral services for Dow V. Walker, 61, ex-national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, will be held here Tuesday. He died yesterday.

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