

Senate Rejects Alaskan Bid For Statehood

1-Vote Margin Sends
Bill to Committee

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate rejected Alaska statehood Wednesday but a battle immediately began on the issue of admitting Hawaii into the union.

By a one-vote margin, the Alaska bill was returned to committee with instructions that

WASHINGTON — (AP) — All four Pacific Northwest senators — Gordon and Morse of Oregon and Magnuson and Cain of Washington — voted against the Alaska statehood bill back to committee. Magnuson is a Democrat; the other three Republicans.

hearings be held and study given to the possibility of "commonwealth" status for both territories. The vote was 45-44. It effectively ended any probability of further Senate consideration of the bill at this session.

REPUBLICANS immediately bid to bring the Hawaii measure to the floor, but the Senate recessed without reaching a decision on what to consider next. Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said he would push for immediate consideration of statehood for Hawaii.

In response to questions by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) and Knowland, Senate Majority Leader McFarland (D-Ariz.) said he had "no intention at this time of bringing up the Hawaii bill."

He said Alaska and Hawaii are "in the same position and should be treated together."

HE SAID the Alaska bill was sent back to committee because of the need for hearings, and the same argument could be used against Hawaii.

Twenty-five Democrats, mostly southerners, joined with 20 Republicans in returning the Alaska bill to committee. The commonwealth proposal would give Alaska and Hawaii each the right to elect their own governors and local officials, participate in presidential elections, have full voting house representation and a non-voting senator. It would require a constitutional amendment.

WEDNESDAY'S four-hour debate found two presidential hopefuls taking opposing views.

Sen. Taft favored recommitment, contending the proposed statehood bill would leave Alaska as "an economic dependency" of the federal government.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) opposed the motion, saying statehood would continue development of the west.

Man Should Be on All 4, Doctor Says

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — The reason women often faint while being fitted for a new dress is because human beings were never intended to stand on two legs, says a medical expert.

Dr. H. S. Mayerson, chairman of the Department of Physiology at Tulane University, spoke at the opening of a seven-day course on legal medicine. He discussed the functions of the heart.

"Man was never meant to stand on two legs," he declared. "He was built to stand on four—otherwise his organs would not have been hung like a Christmas tree in his body."

Gravity tends to pull blood downward to the toes, he said, and in order for it to return to the heart, blood vessels must contract and push it up.

"That is why we twitch our toes, shift from foot to foot and flex our leg muscles," Dr. Mayerson added. "That is also why women faint when being fitted for a new dress."

He explained that a rigid stance stiffens blood vessels so that the brain does not get an adequate supply of blood.

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Two Goldfish Watch Video Sports Event

DALLAS — (AP) — Ever hear of two goldfish television fans? Mrs. William Gammons vowed Wednesday she has such a pair.

Says she noticed their interest while watching wrestling. "Judy and Jane, the fish, were in an upright position near the surface of the water and they were facing the television set," she said.

When the matches were turned off, the fish descended to the bottom of the bowl and started swimming in circles. They resumed watching when the matches reappeared.

Drunk Driver Gets Week

Edward L. Sadowski, 28, of 1846 E St., Springfield, was sentenced to one week in Springfield city jail Thursday when he pleaded guilty to driving under influence of intoxicating liquor.

Municipal Judge Leigh J. Monson considered another recent drunk charge against the defendant in passing sentence. Sadowski was cited by police near 19th St. and Main at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday while driving a 1942 sedan.

"A man driving who has been drinking is about as safe as a drunk man with a shotgun," the judge told Sadowski.

Nehru Notes Leftist Gains

Thinks Communism
Would Injure India

NEW DELHI, India — (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru declared Thursday that despite left wing gains in the recent elections he is convinced that for India Communism would be "utterly disruptive and injurious."

At his first news conference since the end of India's national elections, Nehru said the general policies of the Communists are "conditioned by factors which are extra-territorial. That I do not like."

NEHRU'S Congress Party won an overwhelming majority in the National Parliament, with the Communists placing third behind various independent factions. But the Reds gained surprising strength in state legislatures in big and important sections of Southern India and West Bengal.

NEHRU HAD an explanation for this: "We won because we had many fine workers. Where we didn't work, we lost."

The prime minister said that "unthinking applause and unthinking denunciation of Communism is equally bad. It depends on tactics of the Communist Party in the particular country."

Reds Claim Ability To 'Free' Formosa

TOKYO — (AP) — A Peiping radio broadcast said Thursday night that Red China is "adamantly determined to liberate Formosa by any means" and is "fully capable of actually liberating Formosa."

Tens of thousands of islanders — Communist-led — fought for about one month, taking several towns and part of Taipei, the capital. Nationalist troops suppressed the revolt but failed to capture its leader, a 45-year-old woman named Hsieh Hung-sue, who fled to Red-held mainland territory.

Hsieh is now head of a "committee for liberation of Formosa." The Communists insist that the United States has "occupied" Formosa. Actually it has established a small military mission there to help organize and train the Nationalist army.

The broadcast was part of a celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Formosan rebellion of Feb. 28, 1947.

Though on its face the broadcast was merely Communist propaganda, it naturally roused speculation whether the Reds might attempt an invasion of that island, stronghold of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government.

The United States 7th Fleet is pledged to protect the island from the Red-ruled mainland 110 miles to the west.

On occasion the Reds have made threatening gestures by assembling troops and invasion craft on the coast but there has not yet been any open threat.

Formosan islanders, always turbulent under their long Japanese rule, rebelled early in 1947 against

Ronald Reagan to Wed Actress Nancy Davis

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Ronald Reagan will marry Actress Nancy Davis next Tuesday at "some small church in Southern California," her studio announced Wednesday.

Reagan, 40, president of the Screen Actors Guild, said he and his bride will honeymoon for two weeks in Phoenix, Ariz.

The marriage will be the first for Miss Davis and the second for Reagan. He was married to Actress Jane Wyman in 1940 and divorced in 1948.

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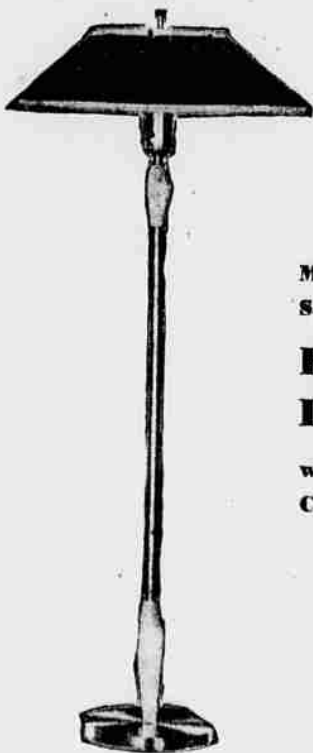
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