

Prominent religious leaders lend their support to President Kennedy's full civil rights program

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Prominent representatives of the nation's three major religious faiths joined today in backing President Kennedy's full civil rights program as a moral and practical necessity. They urged Congress to pass it immediately with a prayer that the racial struggle "will remain a social revolution and not degenerate into civil chaos."

The testimony was read before the House Judiciary subcommittee by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., who recently was arrested while taking part in an anti-segregation demonstration. He read a joint statement on behalf of himself, the Rev. John F. Cronin of the National Catholic Welfare Council, and Rabbi Irwin M. Blank of Englewood, N. J., chairman of the Social Action Commission, Synagogue Council of America.

Blake said the "religious conscience of America condemns racism as blasphemy against God. It recognizes that the racial segregation and discrimination that flow from it are a denial of the worth which God has given to all persons."

He said denial of the basic rights of the individual is immoral.

A number of national religious organizations joined with the clergymen in supporting the program and Blake said these groups and the Negro people also are aware of "the disabilities upon Spanish-speaking Americans, Indian Americans as well as upon

people of Asian background" in the United States.

"There is growing dissatisfaction with gradualism and promises of future progress," Blake testified.

"There can be no further delay in keeping faith with the responsibility to put the principles we profess and the obligations that we acknowledge into action," he said.

The Presbyterian official said the President's civil rights message "clearly sets forth the need for legislation."

The statement defended each of the White House requests individually. It said the controversial request for a public accommodations law "is not a drastic step... nor is it an invasion of property rights as some have claimed."

At the same time the Senate Judiciary Committee recalled Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy for more questioning on the administration's civil rights proposals. The Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate employment and manpower subcommittee also scheduled hearings on sections of the civil rights program.

Other congressional news:

Rails: Congressional leaders appealed to the railroads to postpone again, work rules changes that will precipitate a national rail strike. Congress is working against a July 30 deadline in its consideration of President Kennedy's proposal that the dispute be turned over to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a solution.

Immigration: Congress appeared today to be in no rush to work on the "world quota" immigration plan submitted Tuesday by President Kennedy. Indications are that action is likely to be put off until next year. The plan would abolish the present "national origins" system that assigns an immigrant quota to each country.

Demonstration in Tennessee town broken up

Police fired a smoke bomb and firemen sprayed high-pressure water hoses Tuesday to break up crowds of Negroes and whites during a racial demonstration at Somerville, Tenn.

Authorities took action after a group of white teen-agers blocked the path of Negro "freedom marchers," grabbed some of the Negroes' banners and threw them in a garbage can.

The smoke bomb exploded about 10 feet from the crowds which dispersed before the powerful hoses could drench them.

It was the third day of demonstrations for the west Tennessee city, located in rolling cotton country about 40 miles northwest of Memphis.

At Baton Rouge, La., six policemen scuffled with about 50 Negroes who forced their way into a public swimming pool and a police captain received minor injuries. Five Negroes were arrested.

New York police arrested 139 men, women and children during anti-discrimination demonstrations at two construction sites Tuesday. Negro leader Martin Luther King Jr. promised increased integration pressure in the nation's largest city.

A desegregation agreement supervised by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was signed by white and Negro leaders from Cambridge, Md., Tuesday to climax 10 months of racial strife in the Chesapeake Bay fishing community.

Other developments included:

New York — A "summit" meeting of top Negro leaders from throughout the nation urged President Kennedy Tuesday to meet with them during a march to Washington on Aug. 28 in support of civil rights legislation.

Charleston, S.C. — Around 60 businessmen accepted a six-point program of downtown desegregation Tuesday. Negro leaders indicated they would decide at a meeting tonight whether to continue racial demonstrations.

Gray flannel suits much in evidence at fall-winter Paris fashion week showings

By Aline Mosby
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PARIS (UPI)—The woman in the gray flannel suit will be on the commuter trains this year.

Designer Guy Laroche, presenting his collection in the fall-winter Paris fashion week, paraded his pretty mannequins in charcoal gray wool suits and dresses, as did the House of Nina Ricci Tuesday.

One suit that could be paired with a lady executive's briefcase, for example, had a collarless jacket to mid-hip, loosely cinched with a narrow brown leather belt and garnished with four little flap pockets. His suit shoulders were natural and the narrow skirts just hid the knee.

His charcoal gray dresses, slim as a reed, were moulded through the waist and usually belted, following the princess line that appears to be the main dress silhouette for winter.

Gray For Evening

Laroche even went gray for evening. A sky gray wool ribbed cocktail suit with a short, open jacket had a lining of dark gray oilcloth-like fabric with a matching trim.

Laroche also splashed pink throughout the collections. He showed narrow wool deep pink coats, princess-line pale pink crepe cocktail dresses and pink-and-gray tweed suits.

One pink coat had a taupe silk lining, with pink skirt and taupe blouse underneath. A cocktail outfit was of sparkling pink brocade

had a narrow skirt topped by a casual pullover.

Another Laroche trend was fur dresses, vests and fur sleeves on one cloth coat. Despite the wilting July heat, his models managed to keep walking in such winter anti-frosters as a black seal coat with leopard collar and matching hat. A black wool gabardine coat had black mink sleeves. The audience decided his mannequins in brown-and-white ponskin suits would be snug in a chilly English home but definitely overheated in the United States.

Laroche definitely recognized that females have curves. His simple princess-line wool dresses with long sleeves were usually beltless and with a seam or gothers underneath the bustline. The same flattering feminine line continued into the cocktail dresses. He showed many beige, white and pink crepes as well as traditional black, and all were short.

Two coats that brought applause were one of navy blue seal, over a navy blue crepe dress, and another of black satiny oil-skin-like cloth, belted and pert, with black seal collar and cuffs.

The model peeled out of this to show a slinky short evening shift of the same satiny cloth with a shirred front and crossed straps over the bareback.

By United Press International

Independent commercial salmon fishermen along the Washington and Oregon coasts ended their spontaneous "strike" for higher silver salmon prices today when most buyers agreed to pay 32 cents per pound.

The packers also raised chinook prices two cents to 37 cents for small, 47 cents for medium and 67 cents for large fish.

Many fishermen at Coos Bay, Newport and Florence returned to the sea today and the rest were

planning to go out Thursday morning.

In the Astoria-Megler - Ilwaco area, Louis Wright of Bumble Bee Sea Foods at Astoria said he understood most of the fishermen would remain in port until Thursday.

The fishermen agreed to tie up their boats last week when the price for silvers hung at 25 cents a pound without rising when the fish became larger, as it had in past years.

Support sought in bid to upset JFK re-election

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — Govs. George C. Wallace of Alabama and Ross Barnett of Mississippi are meeting informally with other governors to drum up support for a plan to block President Kennedy's re-election.

The two Deep South governors said they have had several informal chats with chief executives from other states on their proposed "unpledged electors" plan.

Proponents of the move are urging that state legislators amend their election laws by making a "preferential presidential primary" mandatory. This, they say, would enable a second slate of "unpledged" presidential electors — an anti-Kennedy slate — to appear on the state primary ballots.

If the unpledged electors garnered more votes in the primary than the Kennedy slate, they would be the Democratic party's state standard bearers, Kennedy's name would not appear on the state Democratic ballot in November.

Wallace said his talks have been "strictly informal."

"This is not the place to take up this situation. It has to be the people in the various states who must right the wrongs that exist," he said.

Temperatures		
High and low temperatures in the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.		
	High	Low
Bend	80	40
Astoria	72	57
Baker	85	45
Brookings	69	47
Klamath Falls	81	54
Medford	89	58
Newport	65	59
North Bend	67	54
Pendleton	84	57
Portland	75	60
Redmond	84	52
Salem	78	55
The Dalles	86	66
Chicago	75	70
Los Angeles	82	63
New York	83	66
Phoenix	111	83
San Francisco	63	55
Washington	82	67

PROPOSAL VETOED
SALEM (UPI)—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has vetoed a Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau proposal to cut rates for hauling heavy residual (black) oil by truck from Portland to Riddle. He said the action would have resulted in one type traffic subsidizing lower rated traffic for the main purpose of retaining business.

The rate on the black oil hauling was reduced last January and the trade group wanted to cut it again to give it a better competitive position with railroads.

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\$12,000 spent to provide hospital wing for Jackie

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A wing of the base hospital at Otis Air Force Base, Mass., has been specially prepared as a maternity suite for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy at a cost of more than \$12,000.

It was understood that the facilities were set up for Mrs. Kennedy to have her baby next month at the hospital, 18 miles from her summer home at Hyannis Port, if she should decide against returning to Washington for the birth.

Original plans were for the First Lady to go to Walter Reed Army Hospital here. This still has not been ruled out, but the arrangements are being made for her care at Otis AFB on an "if needed" basis.

Mrs. Kennedy's press secretary Pamela Turnure confirmed today that a suite had been "spruced up" at Otis in a "purely precautionary" move. She said Mrs. Kennedy still planned to return to Washington in time to have her baby. The birth is expected late next month.

The wing being reserved for Mrs. Kennedy was reported to contain seven or eight rooms, connected by a corridor to the main hospital building. Her room would be about 100 feet from the delivery room.

The suite includes a room for the President, which is said to have bullet-proof windows. Other features are a special kitchen, a nursery, a medical room, and a doctor's room.

The bed for Mrs. Kennedy was described as the standard metal hospital type, but other furnishings were reported to be more elaborate. Among them are color television receivers.

The wing, which has not been in recent use, was repainted and redecorated. One source put the total cost at more than \$12,000.

The Otis base hospital is about 30 minutes by auto — or 10 minutes by helicopter — from the Squaw Island home where Mrs. Kennedy is spending the summer with her two children, Caroline, 5 and John Jr., 2.

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