

Congress Reaches Theoretical Midway Point; Record Remains To Be Made

Sessions Resume Wednesday After Recess for Easter

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress hits the theoretical midpoint of its 1954 session this week with its record still to be made. However, for a year in which party control shifted from Republicans to Democrats, the lawmakers are not much of a schedule, particularly for the first year of a new Congress.

When Congress reconvenes Wednesday after its Easter recess, it will be approximately half way toward its July 31 adjournment target. Since the early part of any session is devoted largely to work in committee, there is still much unfinished business. But barring unexpected trouble there is a fairly good chance for a July adjournment.

Foreign Aid Tangle
A worsening foreign situation probably would mean a longer session. Otherwise, President Eisenhower's foreign trade bill is the biggest question mark. It squeaked through the House just as the administration wanted it but then ran into snowballing trouble in the Senate because of growing pressure from industries worried about foreign competition.

If the slow-moving Senate should need six weeks to debate the trade bill, the whole legislative program would be snarled.

Other major items of unfinished business include:

Foreign Aid: The administration has asked for \$3,500,000,000 but Congress probably will vote less.

Appropriations: The House has passed five of the dozen annual money bills; the Senate none.

Highway Legislation
Draft: The House has passed a bill extending the draft law and the Senate will do so; the Senate is waiting for House action on the administration's military reserve program and probably will pass a bill if the House does.

Highways: Congress is expected to pass a new highway construction program but almost certainly without the administration's plan for a corporation to issue bonds.

Pay Increases: The Senate has passed and the House will pass this legislation but a presidential veto might force a second trip around the track if Congress goes beyond the limits set by the administration.

Other major bills which may be included in the program for one or both chambers this year include increasing the minimum wage, federal aid for school construction and statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.



UNUSUAL AIRCRAFT, Navy's experimental "Flying Platform," achieves free flight with pilot Phil Johnston, Hiller Helicopter test pilot, aboard at Palo Alto, Cal. It is first aircraft using ducted fan for lift and propulsion to attain free flight. Pilot shifts weight to control horizontal flight. (International)

Navy Unveils Latest Gadget — Circular Platform Sans Wings

Washington—(U.P.)—The Navy has a new flying gadget. It looks like an upside down bathtub and could be very useful, especially for such things as crossing rivers.

The new flying device, reported last night in an official Navy announcement, is called a "Flying Platform."

Perhaps the oddest thing about the craft is that the pilot steers it by leaning in whatever direction he wants to go. It is circular and wingless.

Two engines, developing less than 100 horse power, drive two propellers enclosed in the circular device. The propellers draw air through the platform and supply downward thrust which pushes the machine into the air, an inherent stability keeps it from tipping over.

The gadget "uses a new principle of lift and propulsion called the ducted fan," the Navy said. It was built by Hiller Helicopters, Palo Alto, Calif., for the Office of Naval Research.

The Navy said it has "made short, successful flights carrying

a pilot" and the principal behind the gadget "has possible applications in larger vertical flight aircraft."

Norwegians Busy Preparing System For Video Viewers

Oslo—(U.P.)—Norwegian technicians have been busy during the past year preparing a national television system, but so far only 12 registered viewers see those geometric patterns the technical staff relays from headquarters at nearby Tryvasshoegda.

The leader of the preparations, Christian K. Rytter, told the United Press that the present station could reach some 750,000 of Norway's population of slightly over 3,000,000. If regular programs were transmitted, most of the people around Oslo would see them, Rytter said.

Great difficulties are involved in extending the network to the mountainous Norwegian west coast, not to speak of the three northern counties of Nordland, Troms and Finnmark.

Another Year
"We expect the trial period to end next January and that we are able to give parliament a report in the spring of 1956," Rytter said.

"After a review of our experiences and estimates, the parliament will decide whether regular programs should start or the television net be extended."

Rytter stressed that it still is far too early to say whether Norway will join the European television network, but he described that possibility as "most likely."

"I should believe that Norway, Sweden and Denmark at least will cooperate closely in making the programs because there are no language difficulties," Rytter said.

No Outside Help
The younger engineer declared that no foreign experts will be called to help the Norwe-

Writer Doesn't Expect Ike To Seek Another Term

Washington—(U.P.)—Merriman Smith, United Press White House reporter, expresses the belief in a book published today that President Eisenhower will not seek re-election in 1956 if he is free then to follow the inclinations he has now.

Smith gives his reasons for this belief, and at the same time lists factors which could lead to a second term race, in a volume of close-up observations about Mr. Eisenhower's transition from five-star general to civilian head of government.

The books is "Meet Mister Eisenhower." It gives behind-the-scenes glimpses of the President and reporters at work and at play. It includes an authoritative account of how Mr. Eisenhower feels at midterm about his job, his achievements and the future course of the nation.

He also revealed that the future transmitter in the Oslo area probably will be located at Hurum near the Oslo Fjord, at least a trial station will be built there to replace the one at Tryvasshoegda.

Smith, White House reporter since 1941, believes that Mr. Eisenhower doesn't want to run for a second term. Among the reasons he cites: The President's age (he would be 66 at start of a second term), his "distaste" for politics, a yearning to retire to his Gettysburg farm, and Mrs. Eisenhower's health.

"She (Mrs. Eisenhower) is not a robust woman and she finds the hours and the work, particularly during the social season, definitely fatiguing," Smith writes.

Mr. Eisenhower, however, might seek reelection "if he were convinced, whether by his own reasoning or the pleas of others, that his continued presence at the American helm might be essential to preserving the peace or winning a war."

But "barring tensions, pressures and dangers which cannot be foreseen or measured at the present," Smith concludes, "my guess is that he will run again—right straight for Gettysburg."

A Good Foundation
Mr. Eisenhower has indicated that he doesn't intend to tell anyone his intentions until next spring. Most Republican politicians have expressed confidence they will be able to persuade him to run again.

In reporting how Mr. Eisenhower feels at midterm, Smith

says the President believes the first two years produced a good foundation for his basic program.

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Room for Improvement In Air Waves Commercials

Washington—(U.P.)—What do the watchdogs of the air waves—the Federal Communications Commissioners—think about the quality of radio and television programs?

Their composite verdict: Pretty good, but plenty of room for improvement—especially in commercials.

Generally, they believe that by and large the public gets about what it wants in programs. But they think a lot of wind can be taken out of long-winded commercials.

Differ on Delinquency
They differ on whether crime programs contribute to juvenile delinquency.

Chairman George C. McConaughy said crime shows "give me concern." But he doubted whether anyone could tell how much juvenile delinquency can be attributed to the shows.

Commissioners Robert E. Lee and John C. Doerfer said no conclusive showing has been made that such programs contribute substantially to delinquency.

Commissioner Frieda B. Hennock maintained that crime programs are "getting out of hand." There is "no question of their

impact on children's morals," she said.

Miss Hennock is the most vehement of the commissioners on the subject of crime programs. Her colleagues on the commission are considerably less inclined to such disciplining.

Can't Censor Programs
Although the FCC licenses radio and television stations, it is forbidden by law from censoring their programs.

The commissioners had words of praise for the broadcasting industry in general.

"There is no doubt that we enjoy the best broadcasting there is," Commissioner Rosel H. Hyde said. "It has vitality, variety, alertness and a dynamic quality that are unmatched anywhere."

McConaughy said the industry has "made great strides" considering its relative newness.

The longest railway in the world is the Trans-Siberian Railway; the longest railway tunnel (12 miles) is the Simplon Tunnel between Italy and Switzerland; the country with the greatest railroad mileage is the United States with 223,400.



WINNING OVER 18 other deaf girls, Mary Max Thompson, 22, is crowned "Queen of the Deaf" in bathing beauty contest in Los Angeles. Contest is feature of 11th annual convention of American Athletic Association for Deaf. (International)

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