

No Chance Seen For Internal Security Penalty Reversal

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Washington—(U.P.)—The Internal Security act which numerous groups of civic leaders now seek to outlaw passed Congress with overwhelming support, smashed down a presidential veto and became effective Sept. 23, 1950. Every section of the United States contributed to the big House and Senate majorities.

There is no chance that Congress would reverse itself on the penalties established for the purpose of curbing Communist operations. If the act is to be junked, the Supreme court must junk it. The act was aimed not only at the Communist party but at so-called Communist front organizations, including labor unions, if the latter became infiltrated.

The Communist party, whose functioning is considerably hampered by the act, seeks Supreme court action declaring it to be unconstitutional. The party has been joined in that petition by 360 civic leaders, as friends of the court, of whom freshman Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) is the major political figure. McNamara and his associates hold the act to be in violation of guarantees of freedom of speech and otherwise offensively unconstitutional. Further, they argue that Communists and Communism in the United States do not constitute a clear and present danger to the Republic warranting the act's vigorous measures.

Catch-All Democratic Bill
McNamara is the only congressional figure among the petitioners.

Congress, itself, okayed the legislation with such enthusiastic vigor five years ago, as perhaps, to persuade members that the measure had support of both depth and area country wide. It was a catch-all Democratic bill, sponsored by the late Sen. Pat McCarran (Nev.) and Rep. John S. Wood (Ga.) to which was added some requirements for registration of Communists originally proposed by Republican Sens. Homer Ferguson (Mich.) and Karl E. Mundt (S.D.).

The whole business was somewhat in response to a special message sent Congress on Aug. 8, 1950, by President Truman. Mr. Truman sought additional safeguards against sabotage and espionage. He warned in that message against action which would violate the Bill of Rights. He mentioned the effort of "some people" to enact laws "which would seriously damage the right of free speech and which could be used not only against subversive groups but against other groups engaged in political or other activities which are not generally popular."

Threat Caused Concern
That language was believed at the time to be directed against

the Ferguson-Mundt bill then pending. Mr. Truman's message went up less than two months after the sneak attack in Korea. The threat of Communism at home and abroad was a matter of much concern. Congress was of a mind to do something about it.

Mr. Truman vetoed Congress' effort on Sept. 22 in an uncommonly long (5500 words) message holding that the omnibus security bill was a "terrible mistake." His veto plea gained a handful of votes, but the act survived the Senate by a vote of 57 to 10; the House by 286 to 48.

The Supreme court before this has outlawed acts which Congress passed with lopsided majorities. Congress or the administration rarely has failed to find a new and satisfactory approach which would survive court inspection or, even, discourage further adverse opinions.

Men's Garden Club Planned in City

Dr. Charles P. Wilson, Milwaukie, Ore., director of the Men's Garden club of America, and Fred Sievers, Washougal, Wash., will be in Medford tomorrow to organize a men's garden club here.

The two men have made arrangements through the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to hold the organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Jackson hotel. All men of this area interested in joining such a club are asked to call the chamber office, 2-6293.

The aim of the club will be "more and better" gardens and also to provide a clearing house for information and experience for those who do their own gardening, it is stated. No qualifications are required beyond a desire to learn or share experiences in actual garden activities.

In addition to the organizational details, the program will include a talk by Dr. Wilson on tuberous begonias, a flower which he has grown for 25 years, and Sievers will speak on wild flowers of the Pacific northwest.

Medford Man Returns From Carrier Cruise

William J. Peek, manager of the Southern Oregon Title company, returned Saturday after he and his twin brother, Donald C. Peek, Portland, had been guests of the Secretary of the Navy on a cruise on board the aircraft carrier USS Shangri La. They were the only men from Oregon on the cruise. Ten others from various western states also were guests. They made the trip from San Diego.

They viewed operations on board the ship, in particular the take offs and landings of different types of jet planes. Pilots were qualifying for service in the orient.

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Peron May Be Asked for Resignation To Prevent Further Bloodshed

Washington—(U.P.)—Informed diplomatic sources here speculated today that loyalist military leaders in Buenos Aires may soon ask for Argentine President Juan D. Peron's resignation.

These sources said Peron's ranking generals may try to seek an armistice with rebel forces to avoid further bloodshed.

Observers here believed that unless Peron's outlaw forces

can win some decisive victories over the rebel forces in short order, Gen. Franklin Lucero, supreme commander of loyalist forces, may ask Peron to resign. They believe Lucero would seek to reach terms with the rebels.

Speculation on Peron's possible resignation was touched off by the announcement late yesterday that the Argentine 2nd Army composed of both army and air

force units, is one of Argentine's major army groups.

Diplomatic sources said the defection of the 2nd army from Peron's leadership was of the "greatest significance."

In rebel hands, this army makes possible the encirclement of Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital, by land and sea forces,

these sources said. A rebel fleet comprising Argentina's powerful Atlantic squadron has steamed within range of Buenos Aires and threatened to bombard the capital unless Peron steps down.

These observers pointed out that with control of the Western Argentine provinces and possibly Cordoba, the rebels are now in a position to march on the capital from the west and south.

Other key areas reported under rebel control were the southern naval base of Puerto Belgrano and the nearby city of Bahia Blanca.

The State Department declined to make an official comment on the outbreak in Argentina. Officially it is regarded here as an internal matter in Argentina and one not subject to U.S. official concern.

Duesseldorf, Germany—(U.P.)—The German Society for Bathing today demanded that all new houses be furnished with bathtubs and all old dwellings be remodeled to accommodate tubs as soon as possible. Bathing Society President Ernst Boehm said, "A house without a bathtub is like a person who doesn't own a toothbrush."



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