

It's Up to Ike to Push Civil Rights if Legislation To Pass

Washington—(CQ)—President Eisenhower can push his civil rights program through the incoming 85th Congress if he puts enough steam behind the effort.

That, at least, is the opinion of the lawmakers and lobbyists surveyed by the Congressional Quarterly in its rundown on 1957 legislative prospects.

The prediction itself is newsworthy. Not since the post-Civil War decade has Congress written a major civil rights statute into the books.

Aided by Senate rules permitting virtually unlimited debate, southern Democrats have used their committee chairmanships, their parliamentary skill and, ultimately, their lung power to delay or prevent votes on civil rights legislation.

They are in a position to do so again in 1957. But backers of civil rights bills think the new Congress than it has been for many years.

Election Returns Cited

The reasons: President Eisenhower and the November election returns.

Those returns were an eye-opener. In city after city across the country, large numbers of Negro voters switched to the Republican column.

Politicians of both parties are convinced the "Negro vote," which Lincoln captured for the GOP and Roosevelt seized for the Democrats, is up for grabs again.

Northern Democrats, who ac-

cepted pleas to avoid a party-splitting civil rights showdown before the 1956 election, now reject counsels of caution. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) Aug. 12 said patience was essential in the fight to wipe out racial prejudice. On Nov. 9—three days after the election—he said, "Democrats are digging their own grave by inaction in the field of civil rights."

One Republican, long a supporter of civil rights legislation, describes the change in his party this way: "In the past, many Republicans who have no reason to oppose civil rights bills have not been notably active in supporting them. They had no desire to interrupt their pleasant working relationship with the southern Democrats who run Congress."

Picture Changed

"Also, they saw no possible political advantage in espousing civil rights. When all the Negro votes were going to Democrats, Republicans were inclined to say, 'Let the Democrats work for civil rights.' This election changed all that."

The atmosphere is ripe for a bipartisan civil rights drive. Some 30 groups, organized as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, are ready to push for action in 1957. All that is needed, they feel, is leadership from the top—from President Eisenhower.

Mr. Eisenhower endorsed a legislative civil rights program for the first time in 1956. He

called for a bipartisan commission to investigate civil rights problems, a separate civil rights division in the Department of Justice, and—most important—strengthened civil laws to prevent and punish violations of civil rights, particularly the right to vote.

The program—delayed by the House Rules committee—finally was approved by the House by a lopsided 279-126 vote. But it reached the Senate so late—July 23—the President's advisors told him there was no chance for action.

Mr. Eisenhower is expected to push the same program in 1957, and House passage again seems assured. The real struggle will come, as it always has, in the Senate.

First Round Early

The first round in the Senate battle will be fought opening day, Jan. 3, when a small, bipartisan group attempts to change the Senate rules and make it easier to cut off filibusters.

Odds are heavily against their success. A similar effort failed, 70-21, in 1953. Presidential intervention could be decisive, but it is not really expected.

In 1952 Mr. Eisenhower was quoted as favoring a curb on filibusters, but during the 1953 debate on a rules change, Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) said Mr. Eisenhower "clearly understands the rules of the Senate are for the Senate of the United States alone" to decide.

Sen. Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.) backing the rules revision Dec. 11 said "I would hope" the President favors the move but added he had no plans to enlist White House support.

Decisive Test Later

A more decisive test of Presidential leadership will come later, when the Administration's civil rights bills actually reach the Senate. Civil rights advocates claim at least eight of the 15 votes on the Judiciary committee—enough, they say, to overcome opposition to the measures by Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.).

If they can blast the bills out of Eastland's committee, a filibuster almost certainly will ensue. Under existing Senate rules, 64 votes will be needed to impose cloture and cut off the debate.

Democrats say they can furnish about 24 of the votes. That means 40 of the 47 Senate Republicans would have to be swung into line.

Only one man can do that, and at that stage all eyes will turn to the White House.

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ORPHAN AIRLIFT—Harry Holt (right), Oregon rancher, holds one of the 81 Korean war orphans who arrived in San Francisco from the Far East. Holt, himself the adopted father of eight Korean children, is responsible for the organization of "Orphan Airlift," which brought the children to the United States and new homes. Man behind Holt is unidentified.



MAKING "CALIFORNIA CASSEROLE", Mrs. Margaret E. Hathey, Santa Barbara, wins top prize of \$25,000 and flying trip to Europe in national contest at New York. Winning dish is on stove. (International Soundphoto)

Is That So?

Concerning birds. The great conqueror of Asia, Kublai Khan, kept 10,000 hunting birds—gyrfalcons, peregrines, and eagles, each with its own falconer. For hours on end, so the great traveler Marco Polo reports, the great Khan would relish the sport of having his favorite birds pursue cranes and other heavy birds, overcoming them after long, violent midair struggles.

Sociable weaver birds of southern Africa, working together, have been known to build huge 30-room apartments of straw and grass about 10 feet in diameter and eight feet high in the thorny branches of an acacia.

America's only parasitic bird is the cowbird. During her egg-

spreads his fan-like tail and folds that over the gaudy bill and back.

The smallest warm-blooded animal in the world is the bee hummingbird. It is slightly over two inches long—but more than half of this consists of bill and tail.

The robin-sized mockingbird is without doubt America's best natural-born vocalist: not only does it have a set of haunting songs of its own which it pours out from a high perch but it also includes in its repertoire with equal ease the mimicked songs of every other bird and frog in the neighborhood, including the sparrow's chirping, the swallow's twittering, the frog's bellow, and the hawk's scream.

Secures Egg To Nest

The tree swift not only glues her small cup-shaped nest to its anchorage on the side of a limb high on a tree with sticky saliva but it also secures her single egg to the inside of the nest.

Hummingbirds make the most efficient mothers in the bird world—usually taking on the entire role of nest-building, incubating and caring for the young. One in fact, the black-chinned hummingbird, has been observed building a second nest and laying eggs in it while still feeding the first pair in the nest!

The woodpecker's usual courting song is a drumming produced by a rapid tapping on a resonant dead limb or even a tin-sheathed over-trough. It drums so rapidly that one's eye cannot follow the movement nor the ear separate the rolling notes.

To give the bill extra driving strength, the bird has powerful neck muscles and some of the bones in its head are fused to resist the constant hammer to which it is subjected.

To get food out of the tiny holes, the tongue is extra long and the tip has little barbs on it to help pull the grubs out.

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laying season, the hen seeks out the nest of a smaller bird—often a song sparrow, ovenbird, yellow warbler or vireo. Shortly after dawn she usually removes one of the eggs of her victim by puncturing it with her bill and carrying it off. Then she lays one of her own eggs. As a rule, she seeks another nest for the next egg.

The victimized bird usually does not object to the strange egg and incubates it with her own. The young cowbird is almost always bigger than its nest mates and with greedy insistence usually monopolizes the food brought by the overworked little parents. The upshot, often enough, is that the foster parent's true young cowbird, feeding it even though it may be twice their own size.

The tailorbird of the Philippines using an in-and-out stitch carefully sews together the edges of several large leaves with strands of grass and thus forms a pocket in which it places its nest.

Song Repeated

The house wren, commonly called the Jenny wren, has been counted to repeat its song 6,000 times a day.

When the huge-billed toucan beds down for the night, it folds up: he turns his head backward and lays the bill sideways on the top of the back, and then



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Forrestal To Head For Mediterranean

Norfolk, Va.—(AP)—The supercarrier Forrestal will head toward the Mediterranean Jan. 21, the Navy here said today.

The 60,000 ton warship will leave from Mayport, Fla., for duty with the U.S. Sixth Fleet. A spokesman said it is the first time that a ship of the 60,000-ton class has joined American naval forces on foreign stations.

The Forrestal's sister ship, the Saratoga, is slated for the Mediterranean later next year.

Atlantic Fleet Headquarters said the Forrestal will arrive in the Mediterranean early in February to relieve the 45,000 ton carrier Coral Sea, which is slated for transfer to the West Coast.

Another Good Year in Business Forecast by General Motors Head

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of 10 articles, written for the United Press by leaders in as many fields, giving their forecasts as to the outlook for 1957 in their specialties.)

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The automotive industry will be a leader in a steadily expanding national economy during 1957, providing, of course, that world peace can be maintained.

Our industry should produce and sell domestically approximately 6.5 million automobiles and 900,000 trucks. This is about 10 per cent over 1956 for passenger cars. Total production, including Canada and export to other markets, should approximate 8.3 million cars and trucks.

Business Trend Up

This market growth will be in line with a further upward trend in general business activity. Our national gross product for 1957 should be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$435 billion, with disposable income reaching possibly \$300 billion as against \$287 billion in 1956.

We also can look forward to another year of substantially full employment. On this basis, and with a prevailing confidence in our economy, personal consumption expenditures should also continue to increase from current levels.

Although it has been historically proven that prosperity and progress are not based on war or peak level defense expenditures, we can look forward to somewhat higher spending in that area, too. This should be in

the neighborhood of \$42 billion. Other government spending—federal, state and local—also should rise some.

Housing Steady

The construction industry, which set new highs in each of the last four years, should also continue its upward trend. Housing starts should remain steady with more emphasis on non-residential building.

With the new highway program just getting underway, spending for highways should be at least \$750 million above 1956, or a total of around \$8.5 billion.

The tremendous demand for capital equipment will continue in 1957 and expenditures are even expected to show an increase.

These figures can add up to but one thing—another good business year in 1957. My confidence in this, of course, is premised on our continuing successful effort in maintaining peace in the world.

Eagle Point Lions Sponsor Contest

Eagle Point—Fred Bruegger, president of the Eagle Point Lions club, has announced the Christmas Home Lighting contest for residents in the Eagle Point area.

Cash prizes will be offered winners placing first, second, third and fourth. Residents interested in entering the contest should contact Bruegger or Jake Olsen at his confectionery in Eagle Point.

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