

Retreat on Civil Rights Bill Becomes Rout 24 Days After Senator Russell Calls Foul

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Washington — It is 24 days since Georgia's Sen. Richard B. Russell called a foul on the Eisenhower administration for what he regarded as dishonestly sharp practices in merchandising its civil rights bill.

Russell spoke in the U.S. Senate on July 2. The burden of his indictment was this: That the administration bill was deliberately and craftily written for such purposes as the forcible integration of southern schools, hotels and swimming pools where it was being presented to the public as merely a bill to make it possible for eligible southern negroes to vote.

Shames Senate

Russell startled the Senate with his explanation of how the bill would authorize a president to order the army, navy and militia to enforce integration in all the public places of the south. He shocked his colleagues with an unqualified warning that blood would flow in any such process, that concentration camps would have to come to hold the overflow from southern jails.

The senator said he thought

President Eisenhower did not know all that was in his own civil rights bill. Subsequent news conferences indicated Russell was correct. At that point in the first week of July, the administration began a strategic retreat on civil rights.

In the matter of three weeks

Abatement Sought at Alleged Vice Spot

Portland — Abatement proceedings opened Friday before Circuit Judge (pro tem) Franklin C. Howell here against a Portland restaurant for alleged gambling on the premises.

The building, recently sold to Saul Friedman, a professional contract buyer, by Robert Seegar, and in turn leased by Friedman to Mrs. Opal Dickson, was the scene of 68 arrests after a Feb. 10 gambling raid.

Friedman and his son, David, a real estate salesman, said they knew nothing of the abatement proceedings until July 2.

Defense attorneys for the Friedmans and Mrs. Dickson said all three were victims of the business transaction.

since Russell spoke, the retreat has become a disorderly rout. The pending legislation, as now amended, more properly could be called a Russell bill for what is not in it than an administration bill for what it still contains.

The administration moved fast to check the senate trend against the bill, although not fast enough. Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) was leader of the Republican-Democratic coalition which sought senate approval of the bill, which already had been approved by the house.

Amendments Accepted

Knowland and others quickly decided to accept a pair of amendments proposed by Russell, one to require senate confirmation of the person selected by the president to be staff director of the proposed civil rights commission, No. 2 was to remove from the bill authority for the proposed commission to accept the services of unpaid volunteers.

This second amendment was to prevent representatives of such organizations as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from volunteering as enforcers and

investigators of civil rights. Provision for such volunteer opportunities was one of the parts of the bill which raised the question of who wrote the legislation in the first place. The provision for the use of the armed forces was another. The author or authors remain unidentified.

Provisions Defended

The bill, substantially in the form it passed the house and reached the senate, was sent to congress by attorney general Herbert Brownell Jr. Brownell defended all of its provisions in public committee hearings. Under pressure of Russell's attack, however, the administration decided to retreat part way on enforced integration in the south.

Knowland and sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) teamed up in an effort to draft a compromise amendment which would have forbidden the attorney general to intervene with legal proceedings in behalf of southern integration except at the request of a local authority as, for example, a school board. That retreat was neither fast nor far enough. Efforts to achieve compromise ended in failure.

The senate this week axed the integration section, leaving the bill just what it originally was advertised to be — a guarantee of the right to vote.

Terrorist Hunted In Kidnaping Case

Marysville, Calif. — Yuba county authorities, helped by few clues, Saturday sought a middle-aged terrorist who stopped a young couple late Friday night on a lonely road, killing a man and kidnaping his female companion.

The murderer pulled his car in front of the couple's vehicle and ordered its driver, Bill Wells Hale, 22, a telephone company employee, to get out. Hale was then shot through the eye with a 22-caliber rifle.

His companion was Patricia Hansen, 25, a Grass Valley beauty operator and divorced mother of two children. She was forced into the killer's car, driven off and terrorized for nearly two hours.

She said her wrists were bound with adhesive tape and she was threatened with a razor blade. When another car appeared behind them in a country lane, Mrs. Hansen freed her hands, leaped out and ran to the approaching vehicle.

Mrs. Hansen described her terrorist as being 45 years old, six feet tall, wearing an orange plastic helmet and work clothes. He appeared to be a construction or logging worker, she said.

Missing Boys Found In Blue Mountains

Baker — Two boys lost in the heavily wooded Blue Mountain area near Unity, Ore., 45 miles south of here, were found early Saturday by sheriff's deputies.

The youngsters, David Gray, 8, and Richard Gray, 3, were found at 12:30 a.m. about three miles from the Orion mine where their parents were visiting friends.

They had wandered from the mine about 7:30 p.m. Friday. The boys were unharmed and reported in good condition.

Superior National forest in northeastern Minnesota is the largest national forest in the United States. It covers more than three million acres and has more than 5,000 lakes.

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REPAIR SHOP, SERVICE STATION—This new facility for loggers, located at the state highway weighing station, adjoining the Veterans Administration's Memorial field on Crater Lake highway, will be opened in the fall, according to Steve Wilson, builder and manager, who transferred his operations from Trail last spring. —(Jerry Gamble Photo).

Miss Oregon Choice Slated at Seaside

Seaside — Beauties from Springfield, Portland, Roseburg and Seaside went into the semifinals at Seaside Saturday night in the contest to choose Miss Oregon of 1957.

Winners in the opening performance of the Miss Oregon pageant Friday night were Miss Springfield, Dora Pilacznski, in evening gown; Miss Portland, Nancy Wenman, in swimming suit and Miss Roseburg, Judith Hensley, in talent. Miss Seaside, Sue Ward, opened the pageant with a welcome speech to the audience. She introduced Johnnie Carpenter of Portland as master of ceremonies.

The judges are Mrs. Robert D. Holmes, wife of the governor who is a former resident of Gearhart; Mel Moore, former head of the music department of Oregon State college; Mrs. George Gray, past worthy advisor of Rainbow club for girls; Dan Webster, Corvallis manager of Pacific Power and Light Co., and Dorothy Olson, Pan-American stewardess.

Pendleton Boy Saved From Burning Home

Pendleton — A three-year-old Pendleton boy was rescued by city police and firemen after he was overcome by smoke in his parent's home Saturday.

Pendleton police and firemen found Edward Miltenberger on the floor of the single-story home and rushed him to St. Anthony's hospital, where his condition was pronounced "good" after treatment.

His mother, Mrs. J. D. Miltenberger, told authorities who responded to an alarm that she had led three of her children to safety but had been unable to find Edward.

Police and firemen waded through the smoke and found the boy.

Firemen said the blaze, confined to the rear of the house, apparently was caused by the loose connection of an electric appliance.

Three Fires Burn In Area Saturday

Two grass fires occurred in this area Saturday afternoon — one in Medford and one at Central Point, it was reported.

The Medford fire department reported that a carelessly discarded cigarette probably caused the grass fire next to the Airport rd. It burned a patch 300 feet long and 15 feet wide.

Another grass fire was reported occurring Saturday afternoon at the H. C. Coffman residence, Rt. 2, Central Point, on Orr Drive. It burned approximately one acre before being brought under control. One pumper, a tanker and a jeep were used by the seven-man crew.

The Medford fire department also reported no damage resulted from the fire Saturday at 132 Vancouver st. Cause was blamed on trash burning in the fireplace. Owner of the house is F. O. Sutton.

Guerrilla Bombs Kill Six Persons in Algeria

Algiers — Anti-French guerrillas set off 10 bombs in Algeria Saturday, killing at least six persons and injuring eight others.

Two innocent Arab bystanders were killed by bombs set off in the provincial city of Temcen. In Algeriers, two guerrilla dynamiters were killed by their own explosives. A third was lynched by an angry crowd in Oran.

Highway 30 Crash Takes Two Lives

The Dalles — A two-car collision on U. S. Highway 30, 15 miles west of here Saturday took the lives of two persons and injured five others.

Killed in the collision were Mrs. Maxine Gale, 31, The Dalles, and Merle J. Vanderyacht, 43, Astoria.

Injured were John Joseph Gale, 32, husband of Maxine, and the four Gale children, Griffith, 7; Debee Louise, 4; Virginia, 3; and Michael, 5.

The husband is listed in critical condition in a Hood River hospital and Debee Louise is listed as critical in a hospital at The Dalles.

The accident occurred at 1:57 a.m., according to state police officers.

Vanderyacht had pulled out to pass a hay truck on a sweeping curve and struck the Gale car which was traveling east. State police officers said that both cars were demolished.

Woman Assaulted In Family's Presence

Sacramento — A 28-year-old mother was raped in her motel room early Saturday in the presence of her husband and three children, police said.

Mrs. Donald Beckett, Los Angeles, was ravished by a masked gunman who entered the room shortly before sunrise and demanded her husband's wallet.

The assault was carried out as her husband and three sons, aged 7, 6 and 4, were forced to lie face down on other beds in the room.

Beckett said the gunman apparently gained entry with the help of a key which Beckett had left in the door before retiring.

The intruder wore a green and white scarf over his face, was about 35 years old and stood six feet tall. Police said his description and behavior was not similar to that of assailants in recent Bay area attacks.

Emergency Relief Rushed To Japan Isle

Tokyo, Japan — relief agencies rushed rescue teams, medical supplies, food and drinking water to Japan's southern island of Kyushu Saturday to relieve devastation wrought by two days of floods and landslides.

Japanese police officials listed 478 persons dead, 288 missing and 3,646 injured as of midnight Saturday. They said more than 100,000 others were homeless or otherwise in distress.

Police said casualty reports would rise as communications were restored in the stricken areas. Japanese newspapers estimated the final toll of dead and missing might reach 3,000.

Sudden torrential rains dumped 31 inches of water in 24 hours on the Nagasaki area of western Kyushu Thursday.

Woman's Body Found In San Francisco Bay

San Francisco — The body of a fully clothed woman with several "knife-like wounds" on her arms was found Saturday floating in San Francisco Bay near Pier 22.

The coroner's office identified the woman as Dortha Johnson, 30. A spokesman said the cause of death had not been determined. An autopsy was to be performed tomorrow.

The spokesman said the "slashes on her arms could not have caused death." He said the condition of the body indicated it had been in the water "only a few hours."

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