

# Power of President to Influence Bills Demonstrated in Congress

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Washington — The overwhelming power of the president to influence the outcome of legislative battles on Capitol Hill has seldom been so clearly demonstrated as last week on three of the most bitterly fought issues facing Congress.

In each case—Hells Canyon, federal aid to education and the civil rights bill—the outcome followed the course indicated by President Eisenhower.

The Hells Canyon bill was a killed, after passing the Senate, in the House Interior committee where a solid wall of Republicans, aided by two Democrats, blocked it from being sent to the House. The rigidity of the GOP position was due to White House pressure to vote against Hells Canyon.

**Education Bill**  
The aid to education bill was more complicated, because Eisenhower had said on several occasions that he favored federal assistance to local school districts to help solve their overcrowding problems with new schools. He sent Congress a bill to provide an aid program.

Democrats wanted to provide a larger aid program, so the result was a bill that was a compromise between the two. After the bill was reported out of the House education committee, the Republican leaders took a poll and found a majority of the GOP congressmen opposed to passing the school bill.

On the day the bill was up for a vote last week, Eisenhower had a conference with GOP Leader Joe Martin and authorized him to say that he wasn't happy with some parts of the

school bill but probably wouldn't veto it.

**Extent of Indication**  
The effect of this indication from the White House that the president wouldn't be sore at the Republicans if they ducked out on the school bill was quickly observed. When the vote came to kill the bill, 111 Republicans teamed up with 97 Democrats to bury school aid. With the 126 Democrats who tried to pass it there were 77 Republicans. Every Northwest lawmaker supported the bill.

The civil rights bill voting was along similar lines; although the bill itself is still being debated, one vital amendment has been adopted to whittle down the effectiveness and scope of the bill.

As it came to Congress, the civil rights bill was entirely the product of the Justice department and a vital part of the Eisenhower program. By turning on the pressure in behalf of it, the White House succeeded earlier this session of getting it through the House without any of the amendments sponsored by southern Democrats aimed at scrapping the bill.

When the Senate debate got hot, and southerners attacked in greatest strength, the president began to express doubts about the bill's part III, by which integration of public schools might have been enforced.

**Fought in Vain**  
Sen. William F. Knowland, the civil rights leader and the Senate's Republican leader, fought in vain thereafter to prevent part III from being emasculated. The Senate voted 52 to 38 to trim this section of its authority. Joining the sponsors of the amendment were 18 Republicans whom Knowland can usually keep in line but who defected this time.

As several congressional observers put it:

# State Taxes Nudged Higher With Rising Living Cost, Service

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New York — State taxes are being nudged higher by the twin pressures of rising costs and growing demands for new and enlarged services.

The fiscal problems confronting the states and their efforts to cope with them generally have been overshadowed by the dispute over spending and taxes on the national level.

In an effort to bring expenditures into line with receipts, many states have been boosting taxes on gasoline, tobacco and liquor and adopting new taxes such as those on incomes and sales.

The tax foundation pointed out that "the pressures exerted by a growing, prosperous population for additional schools, highways, and other state expenditures continue unabated."

**Increase Taxes**  
"Bumper yields from state taxes are not adequate to make ends meet and many states have had to increase taxes."

States, like individuals and corporations, must pay more to borrow money these days, and they also must pay more for

wages and materials.

The tax foundation said these factors will combine to push state spending across the \$22 billion mark in the fiscal year which began July 1. That compares with just \$9 billion a decade ago.

The foundation said 31 states have increased rates on one or more major taxes in the past 18 months, in an effort to close the gap between receipts and expenditures.

So far this year, it added, 26 states have enacted changes in major tax rates, with 23 increasing one or more rates and six reducing one each. Colorado, Iowa and Montana did both.

**New Items Taxed**  
The foundation said the quest for more revenues has brought such varied items as prunes and lightning rod agents to the attention of legislators in 45 states this year.

But the most popular items to carry the tax boost are the old standbys—cigarettes and gasoline. Seven states have raised taxes on cigarettes, five on gasoline and four each have jacked up income, liquor and motor vehicle taxes.

Three states each have raised retail sales and property taxes. Out of 39 states which have completed legislative sessions, the six making reductions are Colorado and Oregon, higher personal exemptions for income tax; Montana and Pennsylvania, one-cent reductions in gasoline tax; Iowa, 0.5 per cent reduction in retail sales and use tax, and North Carolina, comprehensive revisions expected to save taxpayers \$7 million a year.

New York, the only state to vote a tax cut in 1956, boosted the personal income tax credit to 15 per cent on the first \$100 and 10 per cent on the next \$200 for the 1957 tax year.

# Welfare Chairman Resigns in Protest

Ontario—N. O. Richards, Democratic chairman of the Malheur county Public Welfare Commission, said today he is resigning in protest over appointment of a Democrat to replace a Republican on the commission.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes last week named Leslie E. Downie, Ontario Democrat, to the commission to replace L. J. Kinney, Ontario Republican whose term had expired.

Richards wrote Holmes saying his protest resignation was effective Aug. 12 or sooner if the governor desired. He said he felt the new appointee was "better qualified than most" and would prove a valuable addition to the commission.

But Richards said he felt compelled to "make clear my personal disapproval of the political practice which this appointment would appear to represent, a practice which in any field considered so impractical and other than government would be unwise as to immediately impress the stamp of administrative inadequacy upon its practitioner."

Richards said he referred to the replacing of qualified appointive governmental servants "upon no better basis than political party label and endorsement of party leaders."

The governor's office in Salem had no immediate comment.

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# Higher Hemline Seen In Paris Fashion Report

Paris—The curtain will rise on the Paris Fashion shows Monday and so will Milady's hemlines. Christian Dior has decreed it.

Advance reports and rumors seeping from the heavily-guarded showrooms proclaim the day of the long skirt is past.

Dior, who brought the world the "new look" with calf-length skirts, is bowing to the trend first developed by Italian designers at their showing earlier this month.

Best guess in Haute Couture circles is that skirts will tip the knees.

# 7,000-Pound Elephant Goes On Six-Hour Romp in Town

Chesterton, Ind. — Residents of this "sleepy" Indiana community breathed easier today because Babe, a 7,000-pound elephant, was back on her leash again.

The venerable, 61-year-old lady went on a six-hour romp before she was captured and returned early Sunday.

Few people were able to get much sleep during the night. You just can't ignore an elephant on your front lawn or stomping about in the garden.

The excitement began Saturday night when the elephant roamed away from a Chesterton super-market where she was stationed as a publicity stunt. Her attendant disappeared at the same time.

So "Big Babe" wandered off, and it wasn't long before most of the town was aware of it.

A posse of 60 residents and three policemen took up the chase. They had no trouble following her trail along streets and alleys to the northeast edge of town. But they were wary of getting too close to Babe, as she resented the chase and trumpeted menacingly.

Outside of town, Babe found a 10-acre field of soybeans to trample, and, tiring of that, ambled into a woodland on the farm of Lon Snyder. There her attention was diverted by some succulent twigs and the posse closed in.

**Grab Dangling Chain**  
Several men grabbed the elephant's dangling chain and staked it to the ground. Meanwhile Babe's owner, C. A. Vernon, St. Louis, Mo., arrived and led Babe back to the grocery store.

Wide-awake residents were treated to a one elephant parade as the triumphant searchers returned. Since the midnight ramble made Babe thirsty, they stopped at the fire station where firemen turned hoses on her.

But Babe got in the parting shot. She squirted the water back at them through her trunk.

# 'Mystery Witness' Arrives in Florida

DeLand, Fla. — The "mystery witness" in the Marilyn Sheppard murder case turned up unexpectedly here today to try to make "positive" identification of Donald Joseph Wedler, who claims he is the man who clubbed her to death in 1954.

Ernest J. Kolofolias, 32, identified Wedler by pictures in Waterloo, Iowa, last week as the man with the bloody hands who picked him up on the outskirts of Cleveland some 24 hours after the slaying.

Kolofolias and two attorneys for Dr. Samuel Sheppard, who is serving a life term in the Ohio Penitentiary for his wife's murder, registered at a local hotel here under the week end, Kolofolias under an assumed name.

The two attorneys, William Corrigan and Fred Garmon, both of Cleveland, planned to question Wedler thoroughly to see if his "confession" can be linked to the actual slaying. Last week a Cuyahoga county, Ohio, coroner came here to question Wedler and later said the 23-year-old convict's story was a hoax.

Kolofolias came here unannounced by bus. He had a telegram in his pocket from Dr. Samuel Sheppard, Dr. Sam's brother, which was to identify him to Sheriff Rodney Thursby in case he could not make contact in Florida with Corrigan and Garmon.

The telegram indicated that the Sheppard family sponsored Kolofolias' trip here. Only a week ago Corrigan announced that he was not interested in Kolofolias' identification of Wedler.

Corrigan drove to Florida by car, arriving with Mrs. Corrigan Sunday. Garmon has been here since Saturday.

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# Official Toll of Flood Passes 1,000

Nagasaki, Japan — The official police toll of dead and missing in the worst floods in Kyushu's history today passed 1,000. The area now is threatened with an epidemic.

Health officials of Nagasaki Prefecture and American doctors at the Atom Bomb Casualty Commission in Nagasaki sent out an urgent call for medicine.

The U.S. Air Force rushed 85 pounds of antibiotics, vaccines

# Robert Strom Wins On Challenge Show

New York — Robert Strom, 11, boosted his total quiz show earnings to \$224,000 Sunday night by winning \$32,000 on "The \$64,000 Challenge" television program.

Strom split a \$64,000 prize with his challenger, David Junchen, 11, Sherrard, Ill., when each correctly answered questions about electronics on the

and antitoxins from Camp Drew, north of Tokyo, to the flood area by helicopter and B26s.

CBS show. Strom previously had won \$192,000 on "The \$64,000 Question."

In another match, Gregory Simonsen, 59, a Philadelphia waiter, tied at \$4,000 with his challenger, Joel Kupperman, 21, Chicago, a former "quiz kid."

They will meet next week at the \$8,000 level.

About 60 per cent of the general adult population needs glasses but only about 30 per cent are wearing them.

# American Can Company Employees Back on Job

Portland — Over 400 employees of the American Can company here were to go back to work today, pending further discussions of a union grievance. The employees elected to return to work at a meeting Sunday.

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