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Cooperation Urged To Pass Senate's Civil Rights Bill

Democratic Leader Calls on President

Washington (U.P.)—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack called on President Eisenhower and Republican congressmen Saturday to cooperate with northern and western Democrats to pass the senate's civil rights bill.

But house Republican leaders held firm in their demand for major compromises that would put more teeth in the heavily amended measure.

GOP leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. (Mass.) demanded conference committee compromises to make it a "proper" guarantee of civil rights. He said he will be willing to stay in session "until Christmas" to accomplish this.

Would Be Risk
McCormack said this course would risk failure to pass any bill.

He said the only practical way to get any rights legislation passed now is to follow the course urged by Speaker Sam Rayburn—to have the house accept the senate's version, with or without a change in its jury trial amendment.

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (N.Y.) Republican civil rights floor leader, rejected a Democratic compromise, offered Friday night by fellow New Yorker Emanuel Celler, to limit the senate's controversial jury trial amendment to voting rights cases in lower courts.

Celler Compromise
The Celler compromise, he said, is virtually the same jury trial amendment the house rejected by a 93-vote margin when it was considering the rights bill.

Keating conceded that it would eliminate what he called some "ridiculous" features of the senate bill, but said that so far as the house is concerned it would be no compromise but a complete surrender on the jury trial issue.

Senators from both parties predicted the house will come around to a compromise close to the senate's bill—a measure limited to protection of Negro voting rights through federal government-sought court injunctions, plus investigation of other rights violations.

Agents Dig Into Tax Returns of Hoffa
Washington (U.P.)—Federal agents are digging into the income tax returns of midwestern teamsters union leader James R. Hoffa and New York mobster Johnny Dio, it was learned Saturday.

The Internal Revenue Service withheld official comment but it was disclosed elsewhere that inquiry is under way.

Both men are central figures in the Senate Rackets Committee's investigation of corruption in labor unions and pay-off ties in between Dio's "paper" unions in New York and some employers.

Sports Bulletin

Vancouver, B.C. (U.P.)—The San Francisco Seals last night won the opening game of a crucial six-game Pacific Coast league series with the Vancouver Mounties by a score of 6 to 3 in a wild contest before a crowd of 7,782.

Streak of Light Friday May Have Been New Comet

A strange streak of light in the northwestern sky just after dusk Friday, which brought many calls of inquiry to the U.S. weather bureau, may have been a newly-discovered comet, it was believed Saturday.

Meteorologist Bob Bauman reported the light was first spotted at about 9 p.m., 8 to 10 degrees above the horizon, below the "pointing" stars of the Big Dipper. A bright moon somewhat impaired its visibility.

He said it was moving fairly rapidly in the sky, and disappeared below the horizon in about half an hour. In appearance it was somewhat similar to the comet Arend-Roland visible here earlier this year.

News stories from New York last week reported the discovery of a new comet, discovered Aug. 2 by a Czechoslovakian astronomer named Mrkos, so it was named Comet Mrkos—1957d. The 1957d refers to the year with the "d" signifying that it was the fourth comet discovered this year.

Dr. Franklin Brantley, associate astronomer at the Hayden planetarium, said the comet has been reported to the Harvard observatory, and has been visible just before sundown, beneath the pointers of the Big Dipper. He reported the comet has completed its trip around the sun, and is now heading back into outer space.

Employment in Area Experiences Normal Increase During July

Employment in Jackson county experienced the normal seasonal increase during July and the rise in unemployment expected earlier failed to take place, according to John J. Patton, Medford manager of the Oregon state employment service.

Numerous small layoffs early in July, plus a labor dispute at Butte Falls, had indicated a probable large increase in unemployment. However, employment increased to a sufficient extent to offset any slump, Patton reported.

Agricultural work dropped slightly from June totals, he indicated, due to completion of fruit thinning.

Few Changes
Except for the labor dispute which closed the Medford corporation logging operation at Butte Falls, the lumber industry operated through the month with few changes, Patton said.

Construction also continued at a good pace, with Medford's building permits totaling \$5,213,589 for the year ending June 30.

Hiring activity appeared slow, but employment continued to climb. New claims for unemployment compensation dropped 17 per cent from the previous month, while job placements were up by the same amount, he noted.

An estimated 800 workers were unemployed in Jackson county the end of July, a drop of 43 per cent from those unemployed in June, Patton said.

Number Higher
The number, however, was 56 per cent higher than the unemployed a year ago, Patton explained that last year was a record business year and that this year's 800 unemployed is less than 3 per cent of the county's labor force.

"The figure is not an unusually high figure for this time of year when there is no peak activity in this area," Patton explained. "In four of the 10 previous years July unemployment has equaled or exceeded this amount."

Concerning job outlook, the year harvest is expected to be under way fully this week and will require a large amount of field labor. A small surplus of help is expected during the first few days but a shortage is expected later on.

Government Will Prosecute Abel in Soviet Spy Case

Bill Is Urged to Protect FBI Files

New York (U.P.)—The government vowed Saturday to prosecute alleged Soviet master spy Col. Rudolf Ivanovich Abel to the hilt, with or without disclosure of FBI secrets.

"I have no intention of dropping this case," assistant U.S. Attorney General William F. Tompkins said.

In Washington, House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. urged immediate passage of a bill to protect FBI files and quiet fears that a recent supreme court decision might force abandonment of the Abel case.

"Unless we get action next week," Martin said, "we will have failed the country in a crisis."

The "crisis" was brought about by a U.S. Supreme Court decision last June 3 compelling the government to let defendants in criminal cases see FBI reports of prosecution witnesses.

Some Washington sources said the FBI would rather have Abel set free to return to his native Russia than disclose vital information on Soviet espionage in its files and identify its informants.

Tompkins, in charge of prosecuting what may be the biggest U.S. spy ring uncovered since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of atomic espionage in 1950, made it clear that the investigation of the case would continue at full speed.

The FBI cooperated in the investigation despite the "danger" to its files. It sent out 30 agents to try ferret out Abel's alleged accomplices and spin a net in which to trap them.

Among those being sought was a mysterious "Gladys," who sent Abel a cryptic message on the back of a picture postcard.

A federal grand jury indictment returned last Wednesday charged Abel ran a Kremlin-directed spy ring that stole atomic and military secrets, tried to enlist GIs to spy against their country and drew blueprints for sabotage in the event of a war between the U.S. and Russia.

Abel was described as the highest Soviet official ever accused of spying in the U.S. He was arrested in McAllen, Tex., where he was being held for deportation for violating immigration regulations.

Bloodmobile Needs 308 More Donors

At least 308 more blood donors will be needed if the Red Cross Bloodmobile is to meet its quota this week, the Red Cross said Saturday.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Elks temple from 1 to 6 Tuesday. Appointments to give blood may be made by telephoning SP 3-3813.

Medford's quota for this visit is 290 pints, and about 350 donors will be necessary to fulfill it, because a number usually are rejected for various reasons. The blood goes into the north-west blood bank for emergency and surgical use, with much of it being retained for use in Medford. On many occasions in recent years Jackson county residents have required more blood than has been donated here.

Conference Committee Approves Funds for Talent Project Friday



SMOKING RESTAURANT—Smoke engulfed part of a fire department crew battling flames from the roof of Kim's restaurant at 2321 South Pacific highway Friday night.

Damage to roof and ceiling was estimated at \$2,000, according to reports. A neon connection is said to have ignited a ceiling joist and flames extended into wall, firemen said.

Kim's, Grand Hotel Damaged by Fires

Fires which damaged Kim's restaurant, 2321 South Pacific highway, and the Grand hotel, 202 North Front st., were extinguished by Medford firemen Friday evening.

An estimated \$2,000 damage was caused the roof and ceiling joists at Kim's when a neon connection in an outdoor sign ignited a ceiling joist and flames extended into the wall, firemen reported.

The restaurant will remain open as usual, according to Henry Fong, owner-manager. A general alarm about 9:13 p.m. brought firemen to the Grand hotel after storage in a back room caught fire. Spontaneous combustion was believed the cause, according to firemen.

Damage resulted to a wall, they said.

Plates, Silverware Taken from Grange

Burglars took cups, plates and silverware valued about \$100 from the Upper Applegate Grange sometime last week, Grange officials reported yesterday.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating the theft of 40 green plastic cups, a number of matching plates and 39 stainless steel knives, 56 forks and 56 spoons.

The items were recently purchased by the Grange. Entrance to the newly built hall was made by forcing open a door, according to Mrs. Hugh Scoville, chaplain. The new structure near the Little Applegate bridge replaces the old Grange building at McKee bridge, which was destroyed by fire.

\$6,041,000 Listed In Appropriation For Public Works

Other Projects in Oregon Also Named

Washington (U.P.)—The Talent project has been included in the compromise public works appropriation bill approved by the House-Senate conference committee for western states Friday night.

The conference committee listed \$6,041,000 for the project in the bill for the fiscal year. The first three of the 25 segments of the \$21 million project are now under construction in the Cascade mountains about 20 miles southeast of Ashland.

Howard Prairie Dam
Among them is the \$1,074,000 Howard Prairie dam, one of the major "project items" in the Talent project. Construction of the earthfill dam is expected to be completed this fall.

The structure will be 8 feet high and 1,000 feet long at the crest with a concrete core, and will dam the Howard Prairie reservoir. The lake will be five miles long, 80 feet deep and 2,500 acres in area. It will be ready for use in the summer of 1959.

The same water will flow through man-made canals, conduits and tunnels through the Cascade divide to the westward slope of the Green Springs pass. Here it will plunge down into a powerhouse, where it will generate about 16,000 kilowatts of electricity.

Supplement Supply
From the powerhouse, the water, supplemented by other creeks and canals, will flow into Emigrant lake reservoir. Channeled through the canal systems of an expanded Talent Irrigation district, it will provide water for farm land. It will supplement the water supply of two other irrigation districts in the Bear Creek drainage.

Other projects listed in Oregon for the bureau of reclamation include: Crooked river, \$850,000, and Wapinitia, \$400,000.

Other public works jobs listed in Oregon are Amazon creek, \$446,000; Chetco river, \$200,000; Columbia river mouth (Oregon and Washington), \$1,150,000; Cougar reservoir, \$6,370,000; Hills creek reservoir, \$4,800,000; Lower Columbia improvement, Multnomah Drainage District 1, \$500,000; Pendleton, \$400,000; Dulles dam, Oregon and Washington, \$19,000,000; Willamette river bank protection, \$450,000.

Senate Passes Bill On River Compact

Washington (U.P.)—The Senate Friday night passed a bill granting consent of Congress to the Klamath River Basin compact between Oregon and California.

Sens. Neuberger of Oregon and Kuchel of California joined in urging favorable action. Neuberger said the next step was legislation to safeguard Klamath Indian pine timber and marshland where the Klamath river rises.

He said power on the river would be developed under the compact by the California Oregon Power company.

The Oregon senator said the bill also would be useful in safeguarding waterfowl refuges in the basin.

Power Production Faces Critical Stage

Portland (U.P.)—Pacific Northwest power production is facing critical stream flows nearly a month earlier than usual due to early runoff in the Columbia river basin coupled with comparatively light summer rainfall, according to William A. Pearl, Bonneville Power administrator.

The only major storage project where water is still going over the spillway is Grand Coulee dam, Pearl said here Friday.

"General region-wide rains hold the key to the fall power outlook as the U. S. Columbia river power system enters the annual low water period between the end of the spring runoff and the usual fall rains," he said.

Weather

FORECAST: Slightly cloudy and cool through Monday. High Sunday 74. Low Monday morning 50. High Monday 82.

TEMP.

Highest Saturday 76

Lowest this Saturday 53

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:13 a.m.

Sunset 7:19 p.m.

Moonrise 7:35 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS

Venus, low in west 8:08 p.m.

Jupiter, low in west 8:34 p.m.

Saturn, low in south-west 10:22 p.m.

tonight begins an eastward movement among the stars that will continue until next April.