

Partisanship Scores High in Congress in 1957 Session Count

By Congressional Quarterly
Washington — (CQ) — For a non-election year, 1957 proved to be a highly partisan time in Congress.

The majority of Democrats opposed the stand taken by the majority of Republicans on 47 per cent of the session's 207 roll

Russia Declared Behind in Housing

San Francisco — (U) — A home finance expert said today that Russia may lead the world in the development of an earth satellite, but it trails by 50 years in the field of housing.

Harold P. Braman, executive manager of the National Savings and Loan league, made the statement in a report at the league's annual fall management conference.

Braman said America should make no apology to the world for Russia's launching of the first earth satellite, "an event made possible only by a terrific sacrifice by the Russian people."

"In the field of housing, the United States has set an all-time record with the construction of more than 12 million homes in 12 years," he said.

"Russia has made progress in home construction in recent years but the average Russian home . . . still would be rejected as unsuitable in the United States," Braman said.

Louisiana Tornadoes Injure 26 Persons

By UNITED PRESS
Tornadoes ripped sections of Louisiana today, injuring at least 26 persons and causing heavy property damage in the Opelousas, La., area.

The twisters followed in the wake of torrential rains along the Louisiana-Texas coast. Houston, Tex., recorded more than 10 inches of rain during the past 48 hours, and more than 5 inches in the past 24.

Six persons from rural areas of Opelousas were admitted to a clinic for treatment of injuries suffered in the twister. Twenty other persons were hurt when a tornado hit near Leesville, north of Opelousas. They were treated for minor injuries and released.

About 10 homes were destroyed by the twister near Leesville.

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Rocket Shell Blast Fatal To Marine

Camp Pendleton, Calif. — (U) — One Marine was injured fatally and 12 others injured when a bazooka rocket shell apparently exploded prematurely after having cleared the launcher tube range, the Marine Corps disclosed today.

The mishap at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, took the life of Pfc Stephen P. Kallstrom, 18, of Palo Alto, Calif.

Capt. William Duncan, 1st Marine division public information officer, said none of the other wounded was in serious condition.

He said the 3.5 inch rocket shell exploded on the range near San Mateo mountain, two miles south of San Clemente, during a training class.

calls, according to Congressional Quarterly's annual analysis of Party Unity voting.

That's slightly below the partisanship level of election year 1956, when 50 per cent of the roll calls produced splits between the parties. But it is well above the 35 per cent figure for partisanship roll calls in the last non-election year, 1955.

The Democrats, with majorities in both House and Senate, won 60 of 97 tests that pitted a majority of one party against a majority of the other in 1957. Their two-seat advantage in the Senate gave them 20 wins in 37 tries in that chamber. With a 32-seat edge in the House, they won 39 of 60 partisan showdowns.

Party splits, individual defections and absences were responsible for the Democrats losing on the other test votes. The same factors also cost the Republicans some victories.

Local Scores

The average Republican Senator backed his party's stand on these partisan roll calls 69 per cent of the time and opposed it 16 per cent of the time. The average Senate Democrat supported his party's side of the argument 66 per cent of the time and opposed it 18 per cent of the time. Absences accounted for the remaining votes.

Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D) backed his party's stand on 74 per cent of the test roll calls, and opposed it on 11 per cent.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D) voted with his party's majority 68 per cent of the time and against it 29 per cent of the time.

In the House, the average Republican backed the party stand on 67 per cent of the partisan roll calls and opposed it on 22 per cent. For the average Democratic Representative, the figures were 70 per cent Support and 19 per cent Opposition.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D) voted with his party's majority 81 per cent of the time and opposed it 3 per cent of the time on 1957's partisan roll calls.

The most consistent support for the party positions came from the Midwest Republicans and western Democrats. Those most often opposed to their party's stands were the eastern Republicans and southern Democrats.

Knowland Lists Major UN Defects

New York — (U) — Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), said Tuesday night there are four "major defects" that could destroy the United Nations.

Knowland also told the federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the UN might be better off without Russia.

He listed the four "major defects" in the UN as:

- "Abuse of the veto by the Soviet Union."
- A "double standard" of international morality, with the free world working under one standard and the Communists another.
- An increasing trend toward bloc voting in the UN.
- Unwillingness of many of the 81 member nations to share equitably the cost of operating the UN while demanding an equal voice in its decisions.

NEGRO BISHOP DIES

Cleveland — (U) — The Right Rev. Edward T. Drury, 88, the only Negro bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, died Monday.



GIVING REVERENT attention to keg of 67-year-old brandy are two private police entrusted with responsibility of delivering it to President Eisenhower at White House. Keg is gift of France's cognac producers. (International)

Nixon Says Sputnik Hasn't Changed Balance of Power

San Francisco — (U) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon "set the record straight" about Sputnik last night in an effort to counteract "loose talk" that the Soviet satellite had changed the balance of military power from West to East.

"Militarily, the Soviet Union is not one bit stronger than it was before the satellite was launched," Nixon said in an address before the International Industrial Development conference, representing 57 nations.

"The free world remains stronger militarily than the Communist world," he said. "And we can meet and defeat any potential enemy who might dare to launch an attack."

However, the vice-president warned that the Russian satellite should not be dismissed as a mere scientific stunt.

"We have had a grim and timely reminder of a truth we must never overlook—that the Soviet Union has developed a scientific and industrial capacity of great magnitude," he said.

Nixon said the free world could not pin its hopes for survival on present military superiority, but must forge ahead on military, economic and moral fronts.

Military Takes Priority

He said that:

- Maintenance of military superiority "must always take priority over the understandable desire to reduce our taxes."
- American industry should double or triple its current rate of \$4 billion in investments abroad over the next 10 years.
- The reciprocal trade law, which expires next June 30, should be extended for five years, in place of the one-to-three year renewals which Congress voted in the past.

University Observes Second Charter Day

Eugene — (U) — Second annual Charter Day observances were held at the University of Oregon here today.

Distinguished service awards made at a convocation today went to Dr. Frank Ruxley Griffin, former president and professor emeritus at Reed College in Portland, and a posthumous award to the late Dr. James Duff Barnett, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Oregon.

Convocation speaker was Walter Paul Paepcke, chairman of the board of Container Corporation of America, Dr. George Gamow, physicist from the University of Chicago, will conclude the observance tonight with an address on "The Origin and Evolution of the Universe."

Experts Evaluate Talos Missile Firing

White Sands Proving Grounds, N.M. — (U) — Defense Department and military experts today were evaluating effects of a Talos missile which fizzled out in the first public demonstration of the atomic anti-aircraft weapon.

The Talos booster rocket disintegrated in a spray of flame Tuesday at 4,000 feet, some four seconds after its launching. The damaged missile continued about five miles more before falling to earth.

Oregon Indebtedness Figured at \$196,504,772

Salem — (U) — Oregon had an indebtedness of \$196,504,772, and an outstanding interest on bonds of \$38,207,828 as of Sept. 30, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said today.

Hatfield's accounting was in his second monthly report to legislators on the condition of the general fund.

37th DRUNK CHARGE

Oklahoma City — (U) — A 32-year-old man is in jail on his 37th arrest on drunk charges today. His name is Daniel Drunkard.

Overnight Camping Facilities To Close

Salem — (U) — Overnight camping areas in a number of state parks will close for the winter this month, State Parks Superintendent C. H. Armstrong said today.

Many of the closures in 38 parks are effective today.

Armstrong said the parks themselves will generally remain open to the public, but that camping area water systems have to be drained during freezing weather so that facilities will not be available for campers.

Parks along the Oregon coast will be closed to campers for only a short time, while closures of parks in the Columbia river gorge and Cascade mountains will be subject to winter snow conditions.

Body of Missing Woman Discovered in Columbia

The Dalles — (U) — Wasco County Coroner Kenneth Libby Tuesday identified the body of a woman recovered from the Columbia river near the mouth of Deschutes river as that of Mrs. Clara Lovette, 56, Boardman housewife.

The body was sighted by the skipper of a Tidewater-Shaver Co. barge. Mrs. Lovette had been missing since Oct. 8. She had left a note informing her husband, Jesse, that she was going "to take a long walk."

WRONG-WAY WEATHERMAN

Denver — (U) — Conrad J. Weatherwax, 51, of Lisco, Neb., paid a \$15 municipal court fine Tuesday for making a wrong turn up a one-way street.

In the afternoon, Weatherwax was in court again. He paid \$25 for a wrong turn on another one-way street.

"It's just not my day," the motorist said. "All I want to do is get out of here and back to Lisco."

Chain of Weather Stations To Aid Farmers Suggested

Washington — (U) — An Iowa State College scientist has suggested establishing a chain of agricultural weather stations to provide forecasts better suited to the needs of farmers.

Weather information currently is tailored more closely to the needs of aviation "which has been the greatest user of weather forecasting in the past," Dr. R. H. Shaw said Tuesday at a meeting of the Agricultural Research Institute.

Ground-Level Reports Needed

Shaw said farmers, for example, need temperature reports taken at ground level — where crops grow — "instead of on top of a three or four story building." Farmers also need wind speed reports taken at ground level he said.

The Iowa scientist said the proposed agricultural weather stations should record radiation, air temperatures, soil temperatures, humidity, winds, rain, dew duration, evaporation and soil moisture.

Dean M. M. Kelso of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, another participant in a panel discussion on climate and agriculture at the meeting, said the field was "largely undeveloped."

Four Stations Proposed

Kelso proposed building about four regional research stations across the nation to make basic studies of the effect of climate on plant growth. Each station, built at a cost of about \$1 million, would be equipped with climate control chambers.

Kelso said scientists know so little about this subject now that "even if we knew how to predict and control weather perfectly we still haven't answered the problem, because we don't know what factors to predict and control."

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Commentator Files \$150,000 Lawsuit

Washington — (U) — Radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr., said he has filed a \$150,000 counter suit against a former Washington state official who sought damages from him in connection with a 1956 broadcast.

Lewis identified the ex-official as Mrs. Peal A. Wanamaker, former Washington state education director. The commentator conceded he erroneously identified Mrs. Wanamaker in connection with a state investigation but said he apologized on a later broadcast.

He added, however, that Mrs. Wanamaker subsequently "filed 17 duplicating suits involving 30 radio stations" in various parts of the country. He said seven of the suits were withdrawn before a trial date could be set.

In his counter suit filed in federal district court Tuesday, Lewis contended the suits were brought "as part of a malicious scheme to harass, injure and humiliate" the commentator. He said there was "no purpose or intent on the part of the plaintiff ever to bring such action to trial."

War Veterans Offered Arizona Farm Units

Salem — (U) — Veterans from the Spanish-American war to the Korean conflict are being offered 16 farm units comprising 2,903 acres in a public land sale of the Gila project in Arizona, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

The units are from 28 to 60 miles east of Yuma. Applications must be filed by Nov. 27 with the project manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma, Ariz.

Lime Man Killed When Auto Struck by Train

Baker — (U) — Frank William Van Auken, 32, Lime, Ore., was killed early today when his car was struck by a train just west of Lime, about 40 miles east of here.

Authorities said Van Auken was traveling west on Highway 30 and that his car was struck when he turned onto a crossing. Van Auken was thrown from the car and killed instantly.

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