

Republicans Cheer Rayburn's Call for Anti-Rackets Bill

Washington—UPI—Speaker Sam Rayburn's call for "good, strong" anti-rackets legislation was cheered today by Senate Republicans who had criticized his handling of last year's labor bill.

Sens. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), said the support of the Texas Democrat would be a big help in putting across a measure that was "long overdue."

Goldwater and Mundt, both members of the Senate Rackets committee, were among those who held Rayburn at least partly to blame for defeat of the Kennedy-Ives labor bill in the House last year.

They referred to the fact that Rayburn held up the Senate-passed measure for more than a month before referring it to the House Labor committee.

Rayburn told a news conference he hoped the new Congress convening Wednesday could quickly "work out a bill to stop this thieving and racketeering on the part of some people in the labor movement."

Goldwater, who will become ranking GOP member of the Senate Labor committee, called Rayburn's statement "good news." But he said he hoped Rayburn "means something stronger than the Kennedy-Ives bill."

He said that measure "won't stop Jimmy Hoffa."

Rep. Carroll D. Kearns (Pa.), ranking Republican on the House Labor committee, said he was willing to cooperate with both parties for the "right kind of reform legislation."

But Kearns declared he opposed the Kennedy-Ives bill which Rayburn said looked good. Kearns said he would introduce a revised version of a Republican reform bill which he sponsored in the House last year.

Overall Impact of TV on Children Is Good, Report Says

New York—UPI—The overall impact of television on children, who on the average sit with eyes glued to their sets 20 to 30 hours a week, is good, a report from Boston University indicated today.

In a 56-page pamphlet entitled "Television for Children," the Foundation for Character Education offered several findings based on the work of its 34 authors, including scientists, educators and spokesmen for child care organizations.

According to the report, television has not damaged the eyesight of children. Neither has it adversely affected their school grades.

Contrary to popular belief, television has whetted the intellectual appetites of young viewers with a resultant increase in the circulation of library books to children.

It has broadened the child's world and enhanced his experiences.

Excellent Quality

The report also found that much of the television fare offered to children is of excellent quality.

On the other hand the report found that prolonged exposure to television makes the children more stereotyped in moral judgment, tending to see people as all good or all bad.

Violence for its own sake is not likely to attract children. More important to the child is action, suspense and excitement.

"The child to the extent that the danger is controlled, enjoys fearing for the safety of his hero, whether he be a cowboy or Mickey Mouse," the report said.

The family-life dramas that depict satisfying relationships between adults and children also appeal to young viewers.

The report also said that the curiosity of children about the physical world around them accounts for the popularity of science and travel programs. Talent programs stimulate a child's desire for achievement.

On the whole, television broadens a child's base of knowledge and gives him new experiences easily and quickly, the report concluded.

Small World Forced To Crash Land by Wild Tropical Storm

Bridgetown, Barbados—UPI—The crew of the balloon "Small World" said today a wild tropical storm forced them to deliberately crash land at sea on their attempted 3,000 mile "float" along Columbus' route to the New World.

The British-manned balloon left Tenerife in the Canary Islands on Dec. 12 en route to the West Indies but they made only 1,200 miles before the storm forced them to jettison the balloon and take their chances in their life-boat-gondola.

They were towed ashore on Monday by a fisherman who spotted their gondola four miles off the east coast. The three men and a girl aboard had spent 21 days at sea during which they had drifted with the northeast trade-winds almost to their destination.

"Wonderful," was all Rosemary Mudie, 30, could say as she raced across Crane beach here after the landing. Then Rosemary, her husband Colin, 32, Arnold "Bushy" Eiloart, 51, and his son Tim, 21, described their experiences.

Whipped Into Updraft

"It was just before midnight on the third night out," Eiloart said. "We were in danger of being swept up to 20,000 feet. It was becoming uncomfortable."

"The radio receiver, sleeping bags and even the razors had been dumped overboard because of the earlier danger of the balloon falling down. Then came the greater danger. We were whipped into a violent thermal updraft and we might have been swept up. Down we had to come."

They said they saw only two vessels on their trip across, a submarine and a ship. No one saw them and at one point they were reported to have landed in the jungles of Venezuela. This report turned out to be a hoax.

Wants Fresh Water Bath

Percy Foster, manager of the hotel at Crane beach where they landed, offered them anything they wanted.

Rosemary wanted a bath—a fresh water bath.

They had flying fish for dinner Monday night which delighted Eiloart.

"One landed in the gondola but they would not let me eat it," he said.

The brief and garbled radio messages from the balloon ceased soon after the balloon left the Canaries. Then at Christmas came the Venezuela report.

Eiloart said that their radio failed completely a few days out and they dumped it overboard. But he said they never expected to have to drift the last 1,800 miles of their trip.

The gondola was spotted Monday by the fishing boat New Providence whose captain, Costa Brathwaite, asked them if they wanted to be towed the four miles to the shore. They did. It cost them \$50.



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Maternity Records Inspected to Get Lead in Kidnapping

New York—UPI—Detectives seeking kidnaped infant Lisa Rose Chionchio inspected today hospital maternity records for the names of women with histories of mental illness whose children recently died at birth.

They were operating on the theory that a mother frustrated over losing her own child had abducted the tiny infant at random from a nursery at St. Peter's hospital in Brooklyn last Friday night, less than 2½ hours after her birth.

Alarms already were out for two women resembling the heavy-set blonde woman seen leaving the hospital with a "bundle" under one arm shortly before the Chionchio infant was discovered missing.

Recent Patient

Sought were Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 31, Stockton, Calif., who was convicted of kidnaping a baby under similar circumstances in 1955; and a New York woman, a recent patient in a mental hospital, who was reported missing from her home last Sunday.

Neither woman, however, was regarded by police as a genuine suspect in the mystery.

The latest clue uncovered in the search was a baby's diaper accompanied by a cryptic note found Monday in the women's rest room of a Coney island subway station.

The note, pinned to the diaper and attached to a steam pipe, read:

Text of Note

"Please return to St. Peter's hospital. Didn't want to hurt anyone. Everything is so hard. Tired. Sick. The ocean is so inviting. Maybe now I will find peace. I tried to keep her warm. Dear God forgive me."

A woman subway rider found the note, written in ink on a page apparently torn from a pocket-sized paperback book.

A diaper service which supplies St. Peter's hospital said the diaper was not theirs. But a police official noted that many mothers leave behind private-owned diapers which in turn become mixed in with those of the diaper service.

He noted, too, that the kidnaper could have changed the diaper the infant was wearing when taken from its bassinets.

Widow Seeks Fund For Log Accident

A complaint asking \$200,000 plus burial costs has been filed in circuit court by Fawn L. Cox, Ashland, and her three minor children, against the Elk Lumber company, for the death of her husband, Richard Ray Cox, 29, on May 15, 1957.

According to the complaint, filed by the attorney for the plaintiff, Hugh B. Collins, Richard Cox was instructed to deliver a load of logs to the sawmill at Elk Lumber company and after spotting the truck on the log deck started to unload them. A part of the load, according to the complaint, rolled off the truck crushing him.

Mrs. Cox charges that the Elk Lumber company was negligent and careless in its method of unloading log trucks on the deck.

Port Development Plans Approved

Athena—UPI—The Port of Umatilla Commission at its first 1959 meeting here Monday approved plans to purchase 210 acres of land for \$10,500 as part of port development on the Columbia river.

The land is east of the McNary dam site. The sale price was set by the General Services Administration and the land will be sold to the Commission by the Corps of Army Engineers.

The commissioners ended their meeting by reelecting Irvin Mann Jr., Stanfield, president of the commission.

Super Market Strike Enters Sixth Day

Los Angeles—UPI—A strike-lockout which has closed 1,000 super markets in the Los Angeles area entered its sixth day today with union and management negotiators expressing cautious hope for a settlement.

Subcommittees of the Retail Clerks Union and the Food Employers Council have been in almost continuous session since sitting down together Monday in a renewed effort to end the dispute which has idled 16,000 clerks and closed markets which normally handle 75 per cent of food sold through retail channels.

The two groups reported they were still far apart on the wage issue. The union sought 82.4 cents hourly pay increases over a five-year period plus a cost of living provision while management has offered a 50-cent hourly wage increase for the same period.

Grange Plans Park On Caves Highway

Cave Junction—The Illinois Valley Grange plans to establish a Centennial Botanical garden with tables, benches and rest facilities to accommodate travelers throughout June, July and August.

The park will be stationed near the Woodland Echoes motel on Caves highway. All the trees and shrubbery in the vicinity will be marked and labeled with name plates bearing both the proper names and the popular names.

Executive Assistant Named in Alaska

Juneau, Alaska—UPI—Burke Riley, a former secretary of Alaska, was appointed executive assistant to Gov. William A. Egan Monday.

Riley, who also served as a territorial legislator, was born in Yakima, Wash. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riley, currently reside in Olympia.

ACTRESS IMPROVING

New York—UPI—Swedish-born actress Inger Stevens was reported today to be improving although still in a coma as a result of swallowing what police described as a caustic solution. A Columbus hospital spokesman said the 24-year-old blonde screen star was "responding satisfactorily to treatment."

Cuba was U. S. best customer for hams, shoulders and bacon in 1957.

Port Commissioner Resigns at Brookings

Brookings—UPI—Wilson Freeman, president of the Brookings Port Commission since 1956, resigned from the commission Monday night for health reasons.

Carl Ostenberg was named to succeed him. Freeman served with the six-member port commission for 22 years.

Ontario Police Chief Submits Resignation

Ontario, Ore.—UPI—Ontario Police Chief Walter S. Walker resigned Monday night after serving as chief for six years.

Mayor Vernon Reed asked Walker to continue duties as chief until a successor can be named and Walker agreed.

The Ontario city council, after accepting the resignation, adopted a resolution praising Walker for "excellent work performed in the past" as police chief.

Heidelberg, Germany—UPI—An outbreak of smallpox here, first reported last month, has claimed its first victim—a 26-year-old woman doctor who never had been vaccinated.

Beck's Trial to Resume Wednesday

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