

Congressmen in Big 4 Talks Eyed

Washington (UPI)—Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen said today he would ask the White House whether it plans to invite congressional foreign policy leaders to attend the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting or summit conference.

The Illinois Republican said the last time the question of congressional participation in a Big Four meeting came up "a number of reasons were raised against it."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey

(D-Minn.), has proposed that Senate Foreign Relations Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), and Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), be invited to the May 11 foreign ministers' meeting in Geneva. He said this would help show U. S. unity.

But Fulbright is inclined to think legislators should leave such negotiating to the executive branch of the government, except in unusual circumstances.

Dirksen said that he

would "raise the question" when Republican congressional leaders meet with President Eisenhower and his aides on Wednesday for their weekly legislative conference.

Mass Migration of Negroes To North Changes Sectional Aspect

Editor's note: This is the first of two dispatches dealing with the mass migration of Negroes from the South to the cities of the North and West in recent years and the equally vast changes and problems it has created.

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Washington (UPI)—A mass migration of Negroes from the rural areas of the South to the big cities of the North and West is radically changing the sectional aspect of America's racial dilemma.

Census figures show that the migration has been underway on a large scale since 1940. But its far-reaching effects have only recently begun to attract national attention.

The population shift has by no means reached the point where it may be regarded as a potential solution of the South's desegregation crisis. More than 60 per cent of the nation's 19 million Negroes still live in nine Southern states.

What the great hejira has done is to transplant the race relations problem, once distinctive to the South, into every region of the country.

Illustrations

Here are a few illustrations of this profoundly significant fact:

—New York City now has more than 1,000,000 Negro residents. That exceeds the combined Negro populations of Atlanta, Ga., Richmond, Va., Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., Charlotte, N.C., Columbia, S.C., and New Orleans, La.

—The proportion of Negroes in Philadelphia's population—about one-fourth—is the same as in Little Rock, Ark.

—Chicago's Negro population has tripled since 1940, and now stands at about 750,000.

—San Francisco's Negro population, less than 5,000 in 1940, has increased by more than 1,000 per cent.

—Negroes constitute 24 per cent of the total population of the Washington metropolitan area. Within the "inner city" boundaries of the District of Columbia, they outnumber whites, constituting 53 per cent of the population. In the District's public schools, Negro children outnumber white children by a ratio of 3 to 1.

—San Diego, Calif. now has a larger Negro population than Greensboro, N. C.

These examples could be multiplied endlessly. Every metropolitan center outside the South has experienced a

sharp rise in Negro population since World War II.

Exodus of Whites

This increase in non-white population has coincided with a general exodus of white residents to the suburbs. The result is a fast-climbing ratio of colored to white residents in most northern and western cities.

In Los Angeles, for example, the proportion of Negro residents in 1940 was 4 per cent. In Cleveland, the percentage of Negro residents has climbed from 10 to 22 per cent in the same period, in St. Louis from 13 to 26 per cent.

How long this trend will continue is difficult to predict. A leading authority on population movements, Dr. Irene Taeuber of Princeton University, believes that at least one phase of the Negro migration is nearing an end.

Up till now, most of the immigrants have come from the farming areas of the South. They were, predominantly, sharecroppers who had been "traced off" the land. Some of them moved to the southern cities (whose Negro

populations also have grown moderately since 1940) but the vast majority, once they were uprooted, kept going until they were out of the South.

Source Drying Up

Dr. Taeuber points out that the main source of immigrant supply is now fast drying up. There are not many Negro sharecroppers left in the South—no more than 150,000 families, according to the latest Agriculture Department estimate.

In the future, it appears, there either will be less Negro migration to the North and West, or the immigrants will be of a different type—people who have already been exposed to an urban environment.

This prospect has great significance. For the mass migration of the past two decades, which brought hundreds of thousands of Negroes direct from the cottonfields of the South to the crowded slums of the nation's biggest cities, has created very severe problems, both for the transplanted Negroes and for the communities to which they have moved.

(Next: Problems Posed)

What Is The Law?

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Mixing Nuts Could Involve A Court Case

Alan and Bob owned adjacent lots in the city. There were walnut trees on both lots. One Saturday in autumn Bob hired two boys to harvest his walnuts for him. Since Bob worked on Saturdays he was unable to supervise the boys. The boys picked up all the nuts under one of the trees on Alan's lot and placed them in the basement along with the walnuts from Bob's trees.

Demanded Half

It was impossible to determine which nuts came from the tree on Alan's lot. Alan demanded half of the nuts in Bob's basement but his demand was refused. Alan then brought action against Bob for all of the nuts. The court held that Alan was entitled to all of the nuts in Bob's basement except for the ones that Bob could prove came from his tree.

When the property of two or more persons are mixed in such a manner that it is impossible to determine the ownership of the individual units, the court is faced with the difficult task of dividing the mixture in an equitable way.

The solution has been to make the one responsible for the mixing (even though he

may be honest and in good faith) prove that part of the mixture belongs to him. The other party has the advantage of a presumption that all of the mixed property is his and this presumption controls the outcome of the litigation unless the one responsible for the mixing can prove otherwise.

Should Forfeit Rights

Some courts have held that the responsible party should automatically forfeit any rights he had in the mixture if he mixed the property in bad faith. Under this rule, all of the walnuts would be given to Alan if Bob would have maliciously told the boys to pick the walnuts around Alan's tree. However, the present trend is to leave matters of punishment up to the criminal laws and to let the guilty party keep the number of items which he can prove originally belonged to him.

The fact that the mixing was done intentionally would have the effect of making it more difficult for the responsible person to convince the court or jury that a part of the mixture belonged to him.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Washington—Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, upon being asked when elections would be held in Cuba:
"Don't worry about elections. The person most worried about this is myself. I am not interested in being in power one minute more than necessary."

Deer Lodge, Mont.—Floyd E. Powell, warden of Montana prison, announcing a crackdown on prisoners following a 35-hour convict mutiny in which three men were killed:
"Things are going to be real tight around here with very little movement for the prisoners."

Washington—Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) on a Big Four summit conference:
"Probably we will work out some settlement of the immediate crisis in Berlin, but that's only a passing phase."

Lamar, Mo.—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) at ceremonies dedicating the birthplace of former President Harry S. Truman as a state monument:
"Because he is so typically an American, Harry Truman has been able to symbolize the meaning of America to all the world."

Independence, Mo.—Harry Truman, sending off a train of seven covered wagons drawn by Missouri mules and horses, which rolled out of Independence on a 2,000-mile westward trek:
"Westward ho! God bless you! Let her go!"

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