

### Lyndon Johnson Plans To Seek New Housing Bill

Washington - (UPI) - Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson indicated today he will press for passage of a new housing bill whether Congress tries to override President Eisenhower's veto or not.

The Texas Democrat told newsmen he and appropriate committee members are exploring "what we can do to get houses built." "I think that's what the people want," he said.

#### Sparkman Asks Action

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) who directed the Senate fight for the vetoed bill, called for Senate action to override. He predicted that a vote would be close.

Chances of winning appeared dim in the Senate and much dimmer in the House. A two-thirds vote is needed in both chambers to enact a bill disapproved by the President.

Eisenhower sent his veto of the \$1,375,000,000 housing bill to the Senate Tuesday and set off a political debate. He said the measure was extravagant, inflationary, would substitute government spending for private investment, put needless restrictions on the Federal Housing Administration and discriminated against some cities.

The President urged Congress to enact a housing bill based on six recommendations he submitted last winter.

#### Deplores Attitude

Johnson deplored what he called the President's "all or nothing attitude" and said Congress was being told it must accept the administration program without change. Both he and Sparkman said Congress had gone a long way to meet administration demands on housing.

The Senate passed the final version of the housing bill by a 56-31 vote.

Unless the Senate upsets the veto, no House action will be needed. The House passed the bill by a 241-177 vote, far short of a two-thirds majority.

### Chamber Division To Meet July 9

The special prospects division of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program will start its work at a 7:30 a.m. breakfast kickoff meeting tomorrow at the Jackson hotel. About 40 local business leaders are expected to attend and to receive those assignments that they may choose to take.

The assignments are part of the expansion program to revitalize and refinance the chamber of commerce.

The series of classified business group conferences were scheduled to conclude at 3 p.m. today with a meeting of the diversified group.

Bob Taylor, general chairman, said the group meetings have been "exceedingly well attended." Interest has been manifested in plans for the future of the area, he said, and a great deal of constructive comment has been heard. All those attending the meetings have been asked to forward their written suggestions to the chamber so that they may be incorporated in the final drafting of the program to keep pace with tomorrow.

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### Powder Puffers Continue To Land

Spokane, Wash. - (UPI) - More pilots in the 13th annual Powder Puff derby were expected to land here today to join 27 others who have completed the grueling flight from Lawrence, Mass.

Twenty-three of the pilots landed Tuesday after covering the 2,470 miles of the all-woman transcontinental air derby that began Saturday. A purse of \$2,500 for the pilots logging the best time against a personal handicap will be distributed Thursday after all planes have landed and computations made.

Derby officials said 35 planes had not yet arrived. The Federal Aviation Agency said 14 of them were in Helena, Mont., the last stop before the 275-air-mile dash to the finish line here.

A 250-horsepower Beachcraft Bonanza K35, plane 4, piloted by Margaret Ray Ringberg, and co-piloted by Lois M. Laymann, both from Fort Wayne, Ind., was the first to land at the finish Sunday morning.

Not long after dawn Monday, three more powder puffers landed—the last to arrive before the swarm of 23 landed.

### Bob Hope Planning Golf in Scotland

London - (UPI) - Comedian Bob Hope arrived in London by air from New York City today en route to the Scottish highlands. "I am hitting the highlands for a couple of weeks to get down to some serious golf," he said at London Airport.



USING TROWEL wielded by George Washington when first cornerstone of Capitol was laid in 1793, President Eisenhower spreads mortar for new cornerstone at East front of Capitol, now being extensively remodeled.

### Castro Will Fight Land Reform Foes With Death Penalty

Havana - (UPI) - Premier Fidel Castro's revolutionary regime was armed with the death penalty today for a major onslaught against opposition to his land reform program.

Revolutionary tribunals, which have condemned hundreds of Cubans to firing squads since Jan. 1, were reported ready to resume their work in Pinar Del Rio province.

### Governors To Discuss Water

Sacramento, Calif. - (UPI) - Three western governors meet here Thursday to discuss a way to provide more water and power to California.

The discussions will be among Govs. Albert Rosellini of Washington, Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Edmund G. Brown of California.

They will take up proposals to transmit low cost power from the federally owned Bonneville Power Administration in the Northwest and receive it in California, possibly through Shasta Dam.

California has appropriated \$70,000 for a study of the three-state common carrier arrangement. The system apparently would eliminate a proposed contract between the Bonneville Administration and the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

### Pinar Del Rio, at the extreme western end of the island, is a hotbed of opposition to Castro's campaign to slice up large farms and dole out acreage to the peasants.

Armed bands have been reported building up strength in the Organ Mountains of the province to overthrow Castro.

The Castro regime Tuesday decreed the death penalty for "crimes which damage the national economy or the public treasury," and for treason, subversion and wartime espionage.

"Counter-revolutionary activities" such as armed revolt or the "commission of crimes on behalf of the Batista dictatorship" already were punishable by death.

#### Fundamental Law

Castro has proclaimed the land reform as the "fundamental law" of his revolution and has defied every effort to slow it down or modify it. Conservative members of his cabinet who tried it were ousted.

At least 11 "counter-revolutionaries," one of them a woman, await trial in Pinar Del Rio. Whether the new death penalty decree would still the opposition or goad it into violent reaction remained to be seen. Pinar De Rio tobacco farmers have vowed to battle to the death for their holdings.

### Woman Hurt When Vehicle Turns Over

Pauline Nora LaPlane, secretary to the Central Labor council here, was injured early this morning when her car rolled over in front of Harry and David's Bear Creek orchards on the South Pacific highway, state police reported.

The 48-year-old woman refused aid from the Medford Ambulance Service or medical attention and was taken to her home at 2326 Sunnyview lane, Medford, police said. She suffered a severe bump on her forehead, it was reported.

Mrs. LaPlane told officers that she was driving south on South Pacific highway and could have fallen asleep at the wheel. She remembered her car swerving over on the lawn in front of Harry and David's. She was unconscious when found by a passing orchardist who called the state police.

### Tropical Storm Found in Atlantic

Miami - (UPI) - Tropical storm Cindy, tracked by Navy hurricane hunter planes and heralded by storm warnings on the Carolina coast, churned with growing strength through the Atlantic today. Weathermen said it might become a hurricane during the day.

Cindy, third tropical storm of the hurricane season, centered about 130 miles east of Charleston, S.C., and packed winds of 60 to 70 miles per hour. The U.S. Weather Bureau here warned that "a slow increase in intensity is indicated, probably reaching hurricane force (above 75 m.p.h.) during Wednesday."

The storm was discovered Tuesday about 150 miles east of Charleston.

Bering Strait, the western entrance to the Arctic ocean, is only 49 miles wide and less than 300 feet deep.

## AFS Student Writes of Trip Across Atlantic to Finland

Miss Carolyn Mencke, Medford High school student, who is spending the summer in Finland as an American Friends Service exchange student, writes to her parents that she enjoyed the trip across the Atlantic very much, is being "treated like a queen" and loves everything in Finland "but the curdled milk."

### Cotton Planting Up 28 Per Cent From Last Year

Washington - (UPI) - The Agriculture Department reported today that farmers planted 15,890,000 acres of cotton this year, up 28 per cent from last year.

The department is forbidden by law from making an estimate of cotton production until later in the season. But if yields average 400 pounds to the acre, the planted acreage would produce 12,000,000 bales.

#### \$466 Pounds Average

Last year farmers produced 11,512,000 bales from 12,379,000 acres planted. Of this, 11,849,000 acres were harvested.

Yields last year averaged 466 pounds an acre. The 10-year average was 317 pounds an acre.

The 1959 cotton acreage allotments to a total 17,327,830 acres. Last year, about five million acres were in the acreage reserve of the soil bank. There is no acreage reserve this year.

#### California Plantings Up

In California, estimated planting for 1959 was 900,000 acres compared with 750,000 acres in 1958. For Arizona, 1959 acreage was 390,000 compared with 386,000 in 1958. Nevada had 3,500 acres in 1959 and 3,200 in 1958. Included in the estimates were 30,000 acres of American-Egyptian cotton in Arizona, and 400 acres in California.

Miss Mencke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mencke, 2141 East Jackson boulevard. Miss Mencke left here June 12 and sailed from New York aboard the S.S. Zuiderkruis. In letters received by her parents she wrote:

There are 752 kids on board -288 are going to Germany and 57 to Finland. At meals we sit by countries and learn the names of foods, etc. The waiters are Indonesian—about five feet tall and very dark skinned. They don't speak English, so the meals are quite interesting.

There are many "meat" activities, such as various tournaments, a choir, movies, a dance every night, costume party, talent show and community sings. We have two classes a day - language and orientation plus forums on such topics as foreign policy, education and customs in the country we're going to, the Berlin crisis, integration, etc.

There is one Negro on board. She is cute, very intelligent and liked and respected by all. She had a lot of good ideas on the problem of integration, and one of the chaperones from Germany told us about the inside story on the Berlin crisis.

I took part in Vespers Sunday, giving a short talk on the chapter on love in Corinthians.

July 2, Kurikka, Finland: It was certainly exciting to dock. There was a big banner that said, "Welcome to you in Holland" and a band playing. Just about everyone was crying when they played "The Star Spangled Banner."

One of the first things I noticed in Rotterdam was the cobblestone streets and the number of bicycles. I immediately fell in love with the city. It is one of many contrasts. The area that was bombed is all new and very modern. Then the older part is so quaint and picturesque.

The streets were lined with trees and usually bright flowers in the center. There were a lot of open markets, especially flower stands.

We left Rotterdam by train, but their trains are not as nice as ours. I got about three hours sleep. At 5 a.m. we got on a beautiful ferry to get to Denmark and then took a train to Copenhagen, a ferry to Sweden, a train to Stockholm, boat to Turku, Finland and train to Helsinki, where my family met me with a beautiful bunch of roses.

At each change the girls got off first, and then the boys threw the suit cases out the windows. We carried them, usually running, to the next train, where the boys threw the luggage in the windows. Then we got on and the boys sorted the luggage by passing the bags from person to person, yelling the name, and you grab it as it goes by.

Holland is just as I had imagined it, but even more quaint. Every inch of ground is under cultivation - some plots only ten square feet. The houses are brick and have steep roofs, sometimes thatched. The windmills were pretty and I especially loved the churches.

Denmark was much the same, the fields a little larger. All the houses are well kept, with hedges around them and with ruffled curtains and flowers in the windows.

#### Likes Sweden

The countryside in Sweden is gorgeous, the most like home I've seen. Stockholm is very much like our cities. There were lots of pastry and candy shops, and they serve a lot of bread. We had a day there.

The ferry trip from Sweden to Finland was beautiful. The water is full of islands covered with evergreens, and there was bright pink light all along the horizon. It was still dusk at midnight. The sun

sets at about 10:30 p.m. and rises at 2:30 a.m., and it never gets really dark.

We came by car from Helsinki to Kurikka. The roads are very bad, the highway about like the road used to be to Lake of the Woods. When we went through Tampere, Marjo, my "sister" here, said, "There are many Communists here. I don't like."

I know I'm not seeing the typical Finland, as my family is very wealthy. You can see from the enclosed pictures of their home. They have a cook and a young girl who cleans. They have the latest clothes—mohair and bulky sweaters, very pointed shoes, and extremely short skirts with lots of petticoats. They have a '59 model car, a sports car, motor boat, cottage with sauna (steam bath) on the river and a swimming pool in their back yard. Marjo's father speaks very good English and is very nice. He's been to New York and mentioned Portland as the City of Roses.

Trips By Boat We went in their motor boat to the cottage about a mile up the river yesterday. We swam and lay in the sun. We went to sauna and then jumped into the river three times. I loved it.

We went to an American movie last night. They use Finnish sub titles. Almost all

the music you hear is American.

I love Marjo and all the Lahtalas. She is tiny, real cute and so much fun. They have treated me like a queen. Every time I turn around they are serving delicious food. We have tea, coffee, sweet rolls and breads and fruit at 10:00 and 3:00 plus the three regular meals. The only thing I haven't liked is the curdled milk. Most Finns are very fond of it, but Marjo admits she doesn't like it.



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