

# Many Legislative Issues Wait Action Of 86th Congress

Washington — With only 10 weeks to go before the Democratic convention, the 86th Congress is up to its ears in unfinished business.

Since the legislators reconvened on Jan. 6, only two bills of general interest have reached the President's desk. The first — a measure almost doubling Federal aid to cities for building sewage disposal plants — he vetoed. The second, signed April 8, cut the cabaret tax from 20 to 10 percent, effective May 1.

This puny record of accomplishment may be traced, in large part, to the civil rights debate, which paralyzed the Senate for eight weeks. That logjam was cleared April 8 when the Senate passed a modest voting-rights bill which is expected to win speedy House concurrence.

Lying dead ahead, however, are most of the other top legislative issues of 1960. Here is the outlook:

**Schools** — House Democrats expect to pass a school-construction bill carrying grants of \$325 million a year for three years. A good bill smaller than one passed by the Senate, the bill is still bigger than anything the President is prepared to accept.

**Housing** — Another Democratic special, boosting Federal mortgage-purchase funds by \$1 billion, has been cleared for early House action. The Senate may agree; the President certainly won't.

**Health of Aged** — Democrats are determined to push through some form of health insurance for old folks, under the social security system if possible. The President is just as adamantly opposed. Where this one will wind up no one knows.

**Depressed Areas** — Another veto almost certainly awaits a Democratic package of loans and grants for the nation's depressed areas. Passed by the Senate in 1959, the bill is expected to reach the House floor before long.

**Minimum Wage** — Democrats are still hoping to boost the minimum wage to \$1.25 per hour and to extend cov-

erage to several million additional workers. Although the administration has been cold to a raise in the minimum, this is one "issue" bill that might be signed.

The fate of these Democratic-sponsored measures isn't the only thing to be decided before Congress adjourns, however. The President is also in trouble with a number of his major legislative requests.

**Defense** — Congress is certain to reshuffle the \$41-billion defense budget, possibly adding up to \$1 billion for an airborne alert, Polaris subs, more ballistic missiles, etc. Without the power to veto separate items in appropriation bills (which Congress won't grant), the President will sign. He doesn't have to spend the extra money, however.

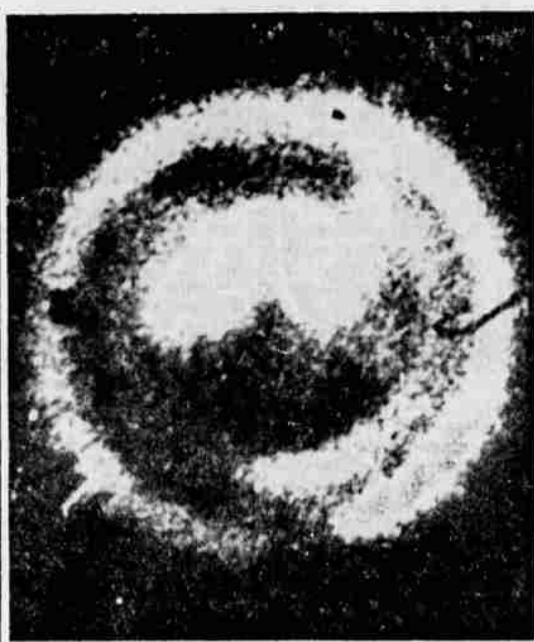
**Foreign Aid** — Cutting the President's foreign aid request has become an annual sporting event on Capitol Hill. This year he is asking for \$4.2 billion; estimates of the cut to be inflicted range up to \$1 billion.

**Interest Ceiling** — So far, Democrats have refused to budge in their refusal to raise the interest ceiling on long-term Government bonds. Current odds are against any action before adjournment, barring a big jump in market interest rates.

**Postal Rates** — Democrats have also turned a deaf ear to the President's plea for a \$500 million increase in postal rates. Some increase may be granted if Congress votes to raise the pay of postal workers, but that now seems improbable.

**Taxes** — Several of the President's tax requests, including one for a half-cent increase in the gas tax, are all but dead for this session. Congress will again postpone a scheduled reduction in the corporate income and certain excise tax rates, but is likely to allow cuts in telephone and transportation taxes to take effect.

**Farm Policy** — The long deadlock between the Presi-



**X-RAY PICTURE OF SUN** — Scientists of the Naval Research Laboratory have succeeded in obtaining the first x-ray pictures of the sun, using an Aerobee-HI rocket to carry the cameras above the atmosphere. The photo shows the sun rimmed by a bright x-ray halo and several intense spots of bright x-ray emission distributed over the disc. Because x-rays cannot be focused by lenses, a pithole camera was used. The picture was released in conjunction with the National Academy of Sciences meeting at Washington, D.C. (UPI Telephoto)

### MAMIE BYPASSES SUMMIT

Washington—(UPI)—Mrs. Eisenhower will not accompany the President to the Paris summit meeting next month, but she still hopes to go to Russia with him in June. Associate White House Press Secretary Mrs. Anne Wheaton, answering press inquiries, said Wednesday the First Lady planned to visit her ailing mother, Mrs. John S. Doud in Denver on her 82nd birthday, May 13.

Washington—(UPI)—The House has passed 214-153, a billion dollar Democratic housing bill after defeating a Republican attempt to scuttle it with a civil rights amendment.

dent and Congress over farm price supports shows a sign of breaking up. Whether the two can get together on a satisfactory wheat bill in the next few weeks seems doubtful. (Copyright 1960, Congressional Quarterly Inc.)

### Sprays Cleared for Use on Fruit Trees

Iron chelates and other nutritional sprays have been cleared for use on fruit trees by the food and drug administration, according to County Horticulturist Clifford B. Cordy.

Cordy said trees should be sprayed in the early leafing-out period for the best benefit and the spray should not be mixed with other sprays. Trees which show a definite yellowing due to the lack of iron should be sprayed, he said.

The spray should be mixed three pounds of the chemical per acre with as low a gallonage as practical to encourage rapid drying, Cordy stressed. The rapid drying is necessary, he said, to reduce any possible damage to a minimum.

### CBS News Will Bring Olympic Games Story To Viewers

New York — CBS News, in a unique international television venture, will team up with RAI, the Italian state network, to bring American viewers the full story of the 1960 Olympic Games this summer in Rome.

Sig Mickelson, president of CBS News, revealed plans for the coverage today as William C. MacPhail, director of sports, Producer Pete Molnar and other sports department and technical operations personnel left for Rome for detailed planning activities.

Mickelson said that Olympic coverage for the CBS Television network, which has exclusive American television rights to the Games, will be under the full control of an on-the-spot CBS News production team headed by MacPhail, and will be designed specifically for American audiences. CBS News has assigned personnel totalling

50 for the Olympic programming.

The CBS Television network has scheduled 20½ hours of Olympic programming, much of it in prime evening time. The Olympic Games begin on Aug. 26 and close on Sept. 12.

Through the use of video tape and jet transport, many of the events will be brought to American audiences on a same-day basis. Coverage selected by the CBS News team will be relayed to the Rome airport, recorded on video tape and rushed aboard U.S.-bound jets. As an alternate route, a video tape mobile unit will be assigned to Orly Airport in Paris, and material relayed to that point over international lines for recording and shipment.

A mobile transmission unit

### World Refugee Bureau Formed

Portland — A speakers' bureau has been organized by the Oregon Committee for World Refugees to spotlight the plight of the millions of homeless throughout the world.

"The purpose of our organization is to tell our fellow Oregonians about these wanderers who have been forced to leave their homelands and are now refugees asking only for life and freedom," Don Willner, speakers' bureau chairman, said.

Besides providing excellent speakers, the committee can supply a 14-minute film which will help to point up the need of refugees throughout the world, Willner said.

President Eisenhower and the heads of 52 other nations joined in setting aside July 1, 1959, to June 30, 1960, as World Refugee Year. The Oregon Committee was formed to assist in this program, with Multnomah County Circuit Judge Arno M. Denecke as chairman.

Anyone wishing to engage the speaker or book the film may write to Oregon Committee for World Refugees, Room 665 County Court House, Portland, or telephone CA 7-8441, Ext. 572.

### Jackson School to Present Program

The band, chorus and orchestra of Jackson school will present a program at the Jackson school auditorium Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The band, under the direction of Steve Whipple, will play five numbers. Bonita Denyer will play a cornet solo, and a trombone solo will be played by Donald Wicker. A trumpet trio will be presented by Bonita Denyer, John Pruitt and Mike Pursel.

The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Nesheim, will sing eight numbers. The girls' sextet, "The Harmonaires," Karen Spaford, Katie Cook, Lydia Orgain, Peggy Singler, Karen Murray and Barbara Kadin, will sing "Whatever Will Be Will Be," and the boys' quartet, "The Four Jacks," composed of Patrick Kilby, David Doolen, John Pruitt and Harold VanSickle, will sing "Till We Meet Again" and "You Tell Me Your Dreams."

Mrs. Ronald Bartlett will direct the Jackson school orchestra in two numbers. The program is open to the public.

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