

State AFL-CIO Delegates Vote On Resolutions

Pendleton—(UPI)—Delegates to the AFL-CIO state convention came out for development of power resources by public agencies in action on two resolutions here Thursday.

Delegates turned down a resolution that would have favored granting a license to the private Pacific Northwest Power Company to build High Mountain Sheep Dam.

A resolution supporting a license for the Washington Public Power Supply System to build Nez Perce Dam, on the other hand, was approved by the union delegates.

A group of resolutions dealing with the Portland newspaper strike, and a resolution calling for repeal of the Landrum-Griffin labor reform act were slated to come before the convention for action today.

The convention was also scheduled to decide, before adjournment late today, where the 1961 convention will be held. Three cities—Eugene, Coos Bay, and Salem—have put in bids for the 1961 gathering.

During the convention's Thursday session State Sen. Monroe Sweetland presented Janet Baumhover of Portland with a special service award on behalf of the Multnomah County Employees Local 88.

Doctor Says Signs Cost Him Business

Tunbridge Wells, England—(UPI)—Dr. Eric St. John Lyburn said Thursday he plans to sue the town council because of a group of municipally-erected signs that point straight at his house.

The signs read, "Cemetery-Kent and Sussex Crematorium."

"People take one look at them and say 'I'll steer clear of that doctor,'" Lyburn said. He claimed the signs have cost him \$14,000 in lost business.

Congo Problem Dangerous Challenge Facing System of Free Enterprise

By LEROY POPE

New York—(UPI)—The problem of the Congo is the most dangerous challenge the free enterprise system has faced since World War II, United Nations circles said today.

If the United States government and American business leaders are outwitted by the Communists in the new African republic, U.N. circles said privately, then much of Africa and Latin America will slide behind the Iron Curtain as has East Europe and Red China.

They point out that the Belgians built a modern industrial state in the Congo but failed to train the Congolese to run it before the tidal wave of African nationalism forced them to grant the Congo political independence. Belgian, American and U.N. experts say it will cost \$1 billion to \$2 billion and five to 20 years of tireless work to train the Congolese.

Soviets Willing

The Soviets are willing and eager to spend that much time and money—plus providing the technical manpower to do the job.

The Reds stand to win virtual control of the world if they succeed in the Congo, some U.N. experts are convinced.

So the question arises—is the free world, led by the United States, willing to spend the money and time and provide the manpower to save the Congo in the only way it can be saved?

U.N. officials say it must be done only through the U.N. Any effort to do the job any other way only would give the Communists the excuse and opportunity to muscle their way in and grab the ball—as they have come so close to doing in Cuba.

Castro Sought U.S. Help

Premier Fidel Castro came to the United States soon after his rise to power in Cuba to seek American understand-

ing and help. Neither Castro nor his program aroused American enthusiasm.

In the light of subsequent events it's by no means certain his radical brother, Raul, and "Che" Guevarra, his Argentine-born chief lieutenant, would have permitted Castro to follow a policy friendly to the United States even if the Eisenhower administration had romanced the Cuban revolutionaries.

But the significant thing is that neither the U.S. government nor the American people have succeeded in identifying themselves with the fervent revolutionary hopes of most of the Cubans.

The Communists have suc-

ceeded and are trying to do the same in the Congo.

Asks U.N. Aid

Congo Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba came to the United States as Castro did—only he was asking United Nations help primarily, U.S. help secondarily. But if Lumumba, he did get prompt and substantial help. However, Lumumba seems to be a mercurial man with only one fixed policy—to get the Belgian army out of all the Congo, including metal-rich Katanga, which is trying to secede from Lumumba's republic.

Lumumba says he wants the Belgian civilians to return. But in spite of their \$8 billion stake in the Congo, the Belgian civilians seem fearful of returning unless the Belgian army stays on.

Two Choices

This raises the need of either making the U.N. police force and the U.N. aid program so strong the Belgian civilians will come back, or else the U.N. must take over the long and costly burden of training the Congolese to run their country and its complex industry.

U.N. circles say that otherwise, the Communists will be in a position to move in and fill the vacuum. They point out that, as in Cuba, there are Red sympathizers in some important posts in the Congolese government.

Defense Accused Of Wasting Large Sums on Housing

Washington—(UPI)—Congressional auditors have accused the defense department of wasting over \$147 million in its long-term program to build housing for enlisted men and officers.

The General Accounting Office, which checks on federal spending for Congress, said it had found that the three services had built or programmed for construction 5,900 houses at 15 different installations which were in "excess of actual or apparent need."

Many Prefer Rented Homes

The auditors said the primary reason for the overbuilding was the "failure of the departments to realize that many members of the service prefer to live in personally owned or rented homes."

But Assistant Secretary of Defense Floyd S. Bryant said in a letter included in the report that the defense department "cannot agree with the major findings" of the GAO.

The GAO report, singled out Hawaii as a prime example of unjustified construction. It said there was an "urgent need for coordination" of the three services' building programs in the 50th state.

Disappearance of Judge Crater Still Mystery After 30 Years

By DOC QUIGG

New York—(UPI)—Have you seen this man?

"Description—born in the United States—age, 41 years; height, 6 feet; weight, 185 pounds; mixed grey hair, originally dark brown, thin at top, parted in middle 'slicked' down; complexion, medium dark, considerably tanned; brown eyes; false teeth, upper and lower jaw."

This is a New York police circular, offering \$5,000 for information leading to his location. But don't get excited. The reward period expired long ago. If alive, Judge Crater, the missing man, would be 71. He disappeared 30 years ago Saturday.

To the police missing persons bureau, the Crater disappearance is still an "open case." The bureau has checked about 3,000 leads over the three decades; they're still coming in at a rate of five or six a year.

The latest, only a few weeks old, is from an informant who said he had known a man, now dead, who had



JUDGE JOSEPH CRATER Still an 'Open Case' (UPI Telephoto)

a farm in Canada and who kept in his house a picture of himself as a youth. The informant claims that six or seven years later, he saw in a detective magazine what appeared to him to be an identical picture of Crater as a youth.

"The stuff is still coming in saying Judge Crater is here or there, and we check out all leads," said Lt. John Cronin, missing persons bureau head. "And so far, nobody can say whether it was homicide, suicide, or voluntary absence. We just don't know. There isn't any concrete evidence to support any of the theories. You can speculate from now to doomsday."

Joseph Force Crater, New York Supreme Court justice, stepped out of Billy Haas' restaurant on West 45th st. about 9:15 p.m. Aug. 6, 1930, after dining with friends. A hot, 12-mile breeze was curling over the brownstones; it had been a 94-degree day with three deaths due to heat.

Vanishes Into Night Judge Crater wore a brown suit with a light stripe. He had left the vest at home. He hailed a cab, stepped in, and vanished westbound into the night and into one of the classic mysteries of American history.

The theories and reports are many and complicated. Did he flee an investigation of Tammany corruption? One was under way, which pro-

gressed finally to the resignation of Mayor James J. Walker. Crater's name was not brought into the hearings.

Was he blackmailed, or killed, because of affairs with women? One woman to whom he allegedly had been giving money, Connie Marcus, had expected to dine with him the night he disappeared and was mystified, she said, when he didn't show up.

His former wife, Stella, now Mrs. Carl Kunz, white-haired and in her 60's, is still insisting 30 years later that he was an honest, honorable man who had absolutely nothing to do with any other women—that if he had, it was purely business.

Declared Legally Dead

Judge Crater was declared legally dead in 1937. Mrs. Crater and her long-time attorney, Emil K. Ellis, remain firmly convinced he was murdered. Ellis in the 1930s decided one June Brice had proof of the murder. When he found her, she was in a mental institution, too confused to make a statement.

Stella Crater has a book, "The Empty Robe," scheduled for fall publication by Doubleday. In it she will disclose that Crater kept his business and home life completely separated—so much so that on the day he was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice she didn't know anything about it until she picked up the paper, the phone began ringing, and flowers arrived from Al Smith and Jimmy Walker.

The new judge came home and said—well, this was business; at no time would he involve her in his business' life.

She couldn't tell the police much when he vanished.

President Gets Full Relaxation

Newport, R. I.—(UPI)—President Eisenhower today was getting some of the complete relaxation he came here for on July 7.

With his scheduled departure just two days away, he made no official appointments and was confining the routine of White House paper work to a minimum.

On most days since his arrival July 7 the President has mixed work with his play. He faces a busy schedule on his return to Washington Sunday, and is hoping to go back fully rested.

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