

Tax Conferees Again in Compromise

Negroes To Step Up Tempo Of Mississippi Campaign

Demonstrators, Policemen Battle In Philadelphia

Florida Judge Issues Injunction

By United Press International
Negroes promised to step up their anti-segregation campaign in Jackson, Miss., today despite the possibility of more arrests.

There also were racial demonstrations in Florida, North Carolina and Louisiana Wednesday but the most violent protest against discrimination happened in the North-Philadelphia.

Around 250 demonstrators, protesting discrimination in hiring practices, fought with 300 policemen at a school construction site in Philadelphia and eight policemen and two pickets, including a minister, were hurt.

A Negro leader, Cecil B. Moore, said more than 4,000 pickets would be at the school site Friday and 20,000 next Monday. Moore said there would not be enough policemen in Philadelphia to face all the pickets.

Demonstrators Arrested
Police arrested 19 demonstrators at Jackson Wednesday during demonstrations in the Mississippi capital. Large crowds of white persons watched the activity, but police kept them from approaching the demonstrators.

Integration strategist Medgar Evers told a rally of about 600 Negroes Wednesday night that the demonstrations would continue in Jackson until "we are recognized as first class citizens."

A 90-minute demonstration in front of a segregated theater at Tallahassee, Fla., Wednesday drew a crowd of about 900 persons, Whites and Negroes. Police kept the crowds orderly, however, and a judge issued a temporary injunction against further demonstrations. Negroes were to appear in court Wednesday to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent.

More than 2,000 whites gathered in downtown High Point, N.C., Wednesday night for an expected demonstration that did not materialize. About 250 police officers kept the crowd under control. Earlier, two white youths were arrested for throwing rocks and bricks at 400 Negroes staging a "freedom march."

Plans Abandoned
At Baton Rouge, La., Negroes abandoned plans for a large demonstration after 50 helmeted state troopers surrounded the Louisiana Capitol and 300 others were reported on standby alert. About 20 pickets appeared briefly in front of the Baton Rouge Municipal Building and later at the Capitol but there were no incidents.

The Birmingham, Ala., City Council said Wednesday that 500 state troopers and other officers on duty in the steel city were still necessary because of possible new racial violence.

CASE CONSIDERED
Tillamook — (UPI) — Circuit Judge Every Combs took a suit against the Tillamook County Creamery association by the Tillamook Cheese and Dairy Association under consideration Wednesday.

NEWS BRIEFS

LAOTIAN MINISTER DEMANDS MEETING
Vientiane — (UPI) — Prime Minister Prince Souvanna Phouma demanded today that Laotian Communist leader Prince Souphanouvong meet with him on grounds of Souvanna's choosing. He said that if Souphanouvong fails to do so, the Communist Lao would be held "solely responsible" for the consequences of the failure of the current Laotian peace talks.

TREASURY ABLE TO PAY BILLS
Washington — (UPI) — The Treasury Department was able to pay its bills today following swift action by President Kennedy before the national debt burst through its legal ceiling.

RAIL NEGOTIATORS SEEK TO AVERT STRIKE
Washington — (UPI) — Negotiators for the nation's railroads and five railroad unions gave up their holiday today in an effort to avert a nationwide rail strike.

CIVIL RIGHTS TIMETABLE SPEEDED
Washington — (UPI) — The administration was reported today to have speeded up its timetable for presenting new civil rights legislation to Congress because of mounting racial tension.



DEMONSTRATION — The sit-in demonstration, a silent weapon perfected by Southern Negroes fighting for civil rights, moved into the state capitol building at Sacramento, Calif., to protest the delay of action on a civil rights bill. Members of the Congress of Racial Equality are shown around the second floor rotunda of the capitol building, making use of pillows and sleeping bags which were brought in by sympathizers. (UPI)

Braceros Bill Is Defeated in House, Congressman Notes

Washington, D. C. — The Braceros bill, debated by the House of Representatives Wednesday, was defeated by a vote of 178 to 158, Congressman Robert B. Duncan reported yesterday afternoon. Duncan voted for the bill which would have extended the authority for U. S. farmers including Rogue valley fruit growers, to import Mexican labor through Dec. 31, 1965. The authority to import the braceros as the matter stands will expire Dec. 31.

U. S. Keeps Eye on Berlin Air Lines

Berlin — (UPI) — The United States was watching the Berlin air lanes today to determine whether the Russians have launched a new campaign to harass western flights.

The buzzing Wednesday of a U. S. Air Force C97 transport by a Soviet jet brought an American protest and prompted fears the Russians might be up to their old tricks.

The jet flew within 200 feet of the four-engine Stratofreighter as it approached Berlin.

The Russian jet maneuvered near the transport over Berlin until the C97 made its final low-level landing approach at Tempelhof airfield.

It is the first announced Russian harassment of a Western Allied military aircraft en route to Berlin since last September when both military and commercial flights were jeopardized by reckless Russian flying in the three 20-mile-wide air corridors over East Germany.

Flag, Standard, Equipment Pieces Dedicated at Park

A flag and standard and several pieces of playground equipment, donated by Crater Lake Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were dedicated this morning in ceremonies at Jackson park.

The ceremony was part of a variety of Memorial Day activities planned for this area by the Jackson county Allied Veterans council. Arrangements for the events were made by E. D. Smith, adjutant of the Medford VFW post.

In accepting the playground apparatus and flagpole, Jackson School Principal Bruce H. Metzger said the schools are interested in instilling in youth a patriotism and love of country which is "not an emotional outburst" but rather the "steady dedication of a lifetime."

Delivers Invocation
The Rev. David Brown of the First Presbyterian church delivered the invocation. Members of the Jackson school Cub Scout pack raised the American flag on the new standard and then lowered it to half-mast.

A number of VFW members who had been instrumental in making the donation of the equipment to the park were introduced.

A plaque at the base of the flag standard bore an inscription which noted the pole had been donated by the VFW.

...in memory of their comrades who served in various wars so these children might grow in a free country."

Among the pieces of playground equipment dedicated was "Snaveley," the free-form play structure designed by former Ashland Sculptor Charles Forrester. Finishing details on Snaveley were completed last week by Mrs. Betty Allen, 48 Windsor ave., Medford, in cooperation with the Medford park and recreation department.

Education Bills Making Progress

Salem — (UPI) — Four major education bills advanced Wednesday in the legislature. A measure appropriating \$141 million for local school districts and \$5.8 million for special programs passed the Senate and went to the House.

The House passed three bills and sent them to the Senate.

One provides \$8.4 million for the Department of Education, including community colleges and vocational rehabilitation.

Another authorizes the issuance of an additional \$9.5 million in higher education revenue bonds for pay-for-themselves buildings, part of an overall building program of \$44 million for 1963-65.

The third measure authorizes the construction of a self-liquidating parking facility at Portland State college.

Compensation Bill Approval Urged

Salem — (UPI) — Hoping their cooperation isn't too late, labor and management joined today in urging the legislature to pass its big workmen's compensation bill.

The measure was discussed before two Ways and Means subcommittees by William Moshofsky, spokesman for a group of employers, and James Marr of the Oregon AFL-CIO.

The bill, known as "Three-way" bill, has been subject to intensive pressures during a stormy career in two sessions of the Oregon Legislature.

It is now considered nearer to passage than ever before — if it isn't cut off by pending adjournment.

Barton Promise To Promote Sales Tax Bill Sought

Meeting Climaxes Defeat for House

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Senate voted 22-8 today to refer a 3 per cent sales tax measure to the voters in November of 1964.

The measure now goes to the House for action.

Salem — (UPI) — Agreement on a compromise income tax program, subject to a promise by House Speaker Clarence Barton that he will promote a "reasonable" sales tax bill, was reached Wednesday night by the third set of Senate-House tax conferees.

The compromise bill is designed to raise an additional \$46 million to finance a \$405 million general fund budget for next biennium.

A dramatic face-to-face meeting between Barton and Senate conferee Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem) climaxed a stinging defeat for the House-proposed net receipts and cigarette taxes.

Wants Assurance
As tentative agreement was reached on the new income tax compromise, Elfstrom told Barton "I will hold up this report until I get assurance that you will appoint reasonable conferees for the sales tax bill."

Barton replied "Suppose I discuss this with Senate President Ben Musa."

The Senate is slated to vote today on a 3 per cent sales tax that would be referred to the voters at the November, 1964, election.

Half the \$180 million a biennium sales tax revenue would be an offset against property taxes, 25 per cent would go to offset income taxes, and the rest would go to the general fund.

Elfstrom wants a "liberal" sales tax that would not apply to items such as food. Barton opposes a sales tax. Elfstrom fears the House will amend the bill to make it so rigid that voters would reject it.

Wednesday's series of spectacular events began when the Senate rejected a net receipts income tax compromise 27-3, and a 4-cent a pack cigarette tax 24-6.

Third Committee
Barton then named a third set of House conferees. He reappointed Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) and named Rep. W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg) to succeed House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery who served on the second conference try.

Musa renounced the Senate's first set of conferees, Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras) and Elfstrom, to succeed Sens. Glen Stadler (D-Eugene) and Donald Hubbard (R-Eugene), who served on the committee.

Members of the House bowed to House demands for the net receipts and cigarette tax proposals.

At a 20-minute conference Wednesday afternoon Eymann and Kelsay abandoned the net receipts and cigarette tax proposals. Eymann pointed out that House Republicans had failed to support either program.

Draft Accepted
Eymann then agreed to accept the program drafted by the first team of conferees. He also agreed to hold the one-shot speedup of withholding tax collections as an emergency measure to be used only if needed.

Eymann also proposed to work to get the Senate sales tax "into conference and write a fair, broad-based bill."

It was this feature that resulted in Elfstrom's demand for a "reasonable" sales tax.

At the 40-minute hour evening session Overhulse said he would accept the compromise, and Elfstrom said he would go along if he got Barton's assurance of "reasonable" treatment of the sales tax bill.

Victory for Senate
It was a spectacular victory for the Senate, as the only House-favored feature in the compromise is a tax credit in place of the present \$600 deduction.

Other features of the compromise include elimination of federal deductions, a 5 per cent standard deduction, unlimited medical expense deduction over 5 per cent of income, and fractional rates ranging from 2 to 7 1/2 per cent.

Also included in the package is a revision of the state capital gains law, and an increase in corporate excise taxes.

POPE SENDS THANKS
Washington — (UPI) — Pope John XXIII sent a message today thanking President Kennedy for his expressions of sympathy over the pontiff's critical illness.



DEAD HONORED — In a ceremony in honor of Memorial Day at the National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Pfc. Michael G. Haynie, Roanoke, Va., places a small flag at one of the graves. More than 112,000 graves were decorated by members of the 1st Battle Group, 3rd Infantry, who annually pay tribute to the nation's war dead. (UPI)

Americans Honor Dead; Highway Toll Reaches 48

By United Press International
Americans honored their dead with quiet trips to the cemetery and patriotic speeches on Memorial Day today and took to the roads on the first holiday of the vacation season.

In dozens of town squares in the land, in hundreds of grassy cemeteries, from the site of the Battle of Little Big Horn to the aircraft carrier Bennington, Americans recalled memories of war dead and offered prayers for world peace.

The holiday also marked the end of school for thousands of youngsters and the start of vacation time. Hundreds of thousands took advantage of sunny weather and warm temperatures to flock to the beach, picnic grounds, woods or any place convenient to relax.

Toll Rises Slowly
The accident toll rose slowly during the first hours of the holiday. The United Press International count at 2:30 a.m. (pdt) showed 48 persons killed in traffic since the holiday began at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The breakdown showed 48 dead in traffic, 3 by drowning, 1 in an airplane crash and 3 miscellaneous deaths for a total of 55.

The National Safety Council predicted that between 450 and 550 persons could die in traffic accidents during the 102-hour holiday period from 6 o'clock Wednesday night until midnight Sunday.

An additional 20,000 to 24,000 could suffer disabling injuries, the council said. During a similar non-holiday week end about 400 persons would die and 18,000 suffer disabling injuries.

Timber Operators Offer Wage Boost

Portland — (UPI) — The Timber Operators Council said Wednesday it had offered the International Woodworkers of America a wage increase of 20 cents an hour over a three year period.

The lumber producers management group and union officials are involved in negotiations over a new contract. The present contract expires Friday night and workers have authorized a strike.

A spokesman for the TOC said negotiations were recessed after the offer was made, subject to call by federal mediators. Executive Vice President Carl F. Glos said he believed some progress was made, despite failure to reach an agreement yet.

The union originally demanded a wage increase of 40 cents an hour.

Glos said loggers now receive an average of \$3.98 hourly and sawmill workers receive \$3.22, including fringe benefits.

Twisters Dampen Holiday in Texas

By United Press International
Twisters swept down on Texas today in what otherwise was a sunny and mild Memorial Day for most of the land.

The twisters hit near Burk Burnett and Brownfield, both in the south plains of Texas, near Roperville in the Lubbock area, and in the air north of Amarillo.

There were no injuries reported, and most of the damage was to fences and shrubs. Eighty mile an hour winds smashed store windows, downed trees and flattened a revival tent in Amarillo. An organ and other equipment in the tent received \$4,500 damage.

President Places Wreath at Foot of Tomb of Unknowns

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy laid a wreath at the foot of the Tomb of the Unknowns today, then paid a sentimental visit to the graveside of James Forrestal, the nation's first secretary of defense.

In brief Memorial Day ceremonies in crisp, sunny weather at Arlington National Cemetery, Kennedy placed a red, white and blue flower wreath at the tomb, which is inscribed with the words: "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

Stood Before Marker
The President then was driven to an isolated area of the national cemetery to visit the plain graveside of Forrestal. Kennedy stood silently before the simple slab marker for several minutes, then left by limousine for the return trip to the White House.

Forrestal became the nation's first defense chief in 1947. He died in 1949 in a fall from his hospital room at the Bethesda (Md.) Naval hospital.

A 21-gun salute boomed across the rolling hills of the cemetery as Kennedy's limousine drove to the top of the hill to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Military honor guards stood at rigid attention and a lone bugler played taps as Kennedy performed the brief ceremonial function in honor of the nation's war dead.

Accompanied by Son
His son, two-year-old John Jr., accompanied the President on the visit, holding tightly to the hand of a Secret Service agent. Mrs. Kennedy and Caroline did not attend the ceremonies.

Kennedy and his family left shortly before noon by helicopter to spend one day at Camp David.

Also accompanying the President in other helicopters were actor David Niven and his wife, and Ben Bradlee, Washington bureau manager for Newsweek, and Mrs. Bradlee.

Ecuadorean Navy Holding Tuna Boats

Quito, Ecuador — (UPI) — Twenty-one Ecuadorian tuna boats remained in custody of the Ecuadorean navy as alleged poachers today despite a telephone plea by Secretary of State Dean Rusk for their release.

The boats, out of San Diego, Calif., were being herded to the Ecuadorean port of Salinas by two destroyers and some gunboats.

Despite Rusk's call to Foreign Minister Benjamin Peralta and a statement by Ecuador's Ambassador Nestor Ponce Mirandi in San Francisco that there had been an agreement to free the boats, the navy and foreign ministries issued a joint communique late Wednesday stating their "unbreakable resolution to maintain national sovereignty sacred above all other considerations" in the case.

The ministries said the 21 boats were operating illegally in Ecuador's territorial waters.

Hearing Scheduled For Fire District

A hearing for the 1963-64 budget for the Medford Rural Fire Protection district will be held Monday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Grove school, according to Chester Guech, secretary of the district.

Purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity to residents of the district to discuss estimates included in the budget with the levying board.

Members of the budget committee included Clark Thomas, Swain Jensen, M. M. Huggins, L. M. Frink and Charles Hoppe. Directors for the Fire Protection district are Asher Neff, president; Glenn Allen, Kenneth Hulbert, Max Pribe and Guech.

Trucker Killed In Fiery Crash on Portland Bridge

Portland — (UPI) — One truck driver died and another was badly injured Wednesday night in a fiery collision between two tank trucks at the west approach to the St. John's Bridge.

The crash set off a five-alarm fire that brought 25 fire companies rushing to the scene. A foam truck from Portland Air Base and fireboats joined in controlling the blaze which burned trees and brush on a hillside near the bridge.

Killed in the crash was Kenneth Donald Goodrich, about 30, of Reedville. The other driver, Clair D. Boyd, 26, Portland, was listed in serious condition with burns and a fractured ankle.

Boyd was driving a Shell Oil Co. tanker loaded with gasoline. Goodrich was driving a Hercules Powder Co. truck and trailer loaded with a non-combustible substance known as tall oil, used in the manufacture of paper and similar products.

Police said the trucks sideswiped. Goodrich died in his cab, but Boyd was thrown some 50 feet by the impact and pulled to safety by three unidentified teen-age boys.

The fire closed St. Helens rd. for several hours and caused power outages in Linn and Northwest Portland.

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Pope Continues To Rally; Internal Bleeding Halted

Vatican City — (UPI) — Pope John XXIII rallied further today in his fight for life as internal bleeding which has sapped his strength finally stopped.

An official Vatican medical bulletin issued at 5:40 a.m. (pdt) said the 81-year-old pontiff, confined to bed with an abnormal stomach growth — or tumor — and other complications, "showed a marked rally" from his ailments.

Internal bleeding was stopped for the moment and he was strengthened with a series of blood transfusions.

In addition, the Pope's principal physician said the pontiff "got out of bed for several minutes" Wednesday.

The most competent Vatican and church officials admit privately the Pope may be dying.

Ceremonial officials already were meeting to discuss complicated details of a funeral and plans for the clave of cardinals to the new spiritual leader of the world's half-billion Catholics.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low both nights near 52. High Friday 63.
Highest Yesterday 62
Lowest This Morning 46
Temp.
Sunset Today 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow 5:25 a.m.
Moonset Tomorrow 7:18 a.m.
Full Moon June 7
Denebola is the fairly bright star seen above the Moon tonight. Its name, Arabic in origin, means "Tail of the Lion."