

Reservist Who Objected To Cuba Service Retained

San Francisco - UPI - A 25-year-old Army reservist will be permitted to complete his military obligation, although he threatened to defy his commander in chief, President Kennedy.

The reservist, Thomas L. Clark, had faced possible discharge at an Army administrative board hearing scheduled for Friday.

Clark, who works on a ranch in Napa County, Calif., wrote to his commanding general last October advising him that he would refuse to participate in any possible invasion of Cuba. His letter said in part:

"I want to advise you before any possible reserve call-up takes place, that I have no intention of obeying such a recall. I take this action in protest of our naval blockade of Cuba, a policy I regard to be dangerous, foolish and immoral.

"I regard President Kennedy's decision to be ill-conceived and irresponsible, prompted more by domestic political considerations than by threats of security to the United States.

"I have no intention of sanctioning this decision, so please be forewarned that I will ignore any reserve callup which involves me."

Clark, who was on active duty as an enlisted man in Germany from 1958 to 1960, never was recalled to active duty. However, the administrative board hearing was scheduled to decide whether he should be discharged prior to the completion of his reserve obligation next March.

Friday's hearing was called off by Lt. Gen. John L. Ryan Jr., commanding general of the Sixth Army.

"It is preferable that Clark be held to the completion of his military obligation, rather than face an administrative board which could recommend his discharge," Ryan said.

Clark said he was "delighted" by the general's decision.

Nixon To Cross Into East Berlin

Berlin - UPI - Former U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon planned to cross the Berlin Wall today for a first-hand look at German communism.

Nixon, who has drawn crowds of hundreds of people in other Communist cities visited during his current European tour, invited Western newsmen to accompany him to East Berlin.

He said Tuesday that he, his wife, Pat, and his daughters, Patricia and Julia, planned to make a three-hour trip—"not a guided tour"—into the Soviet sector of Berlin.

Nixon said he had no objection to showing his passport to Communist guards at East-West border control points.

"I've shown by passport to border officers before in East Europe—in Budapest and Warsaw and Moscow," Nixon commented.

Tuesday Nixon and his wife walked along Berlin's Bernauerstrasse for several hundred yards to take a look at the wall. The houses on one side of Bernauerstrasse are in West Berlin, and the houses on the other side are in East Berlin.

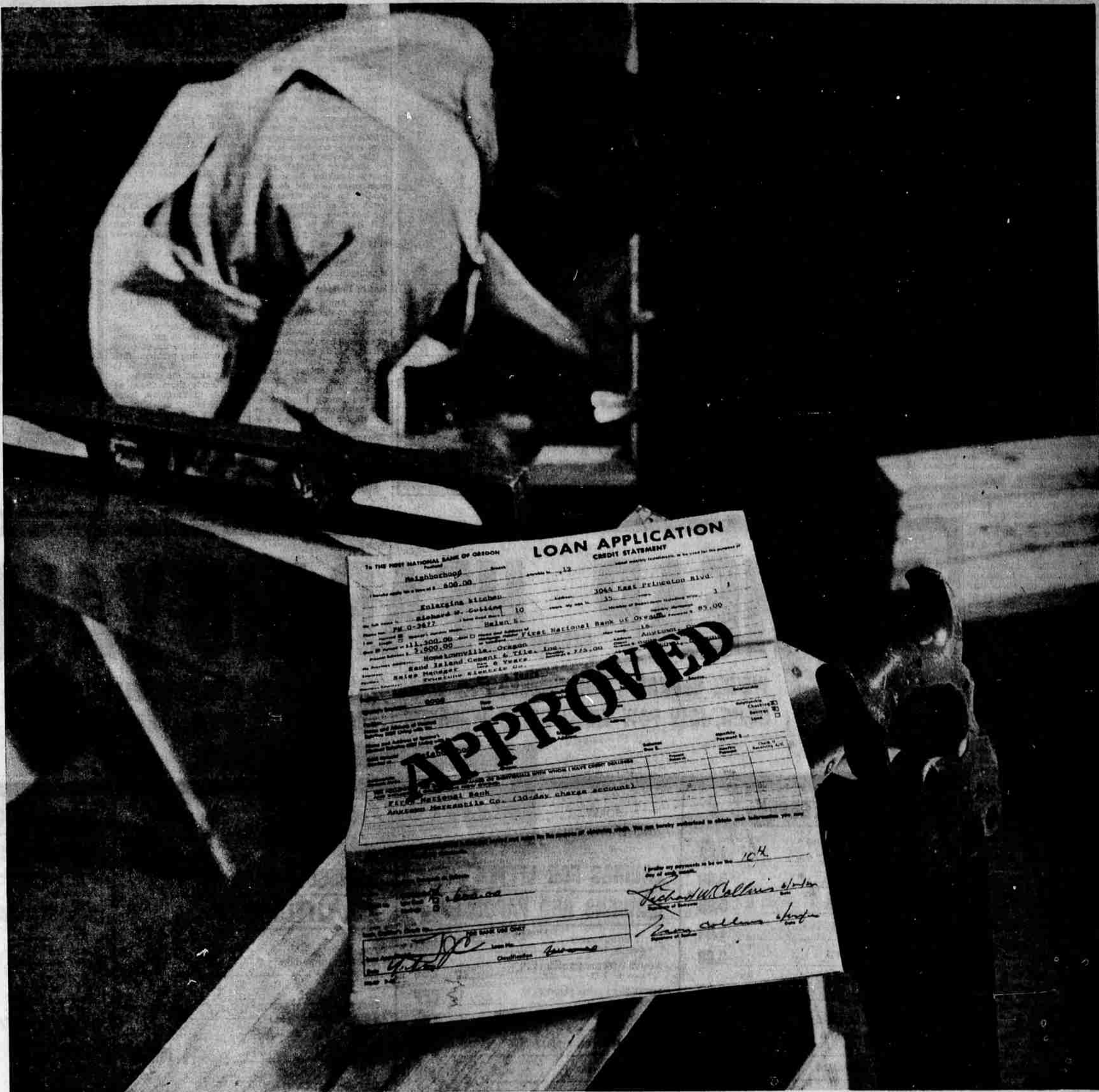
The Nixons walked along the grim street, peering at the ugly anti-refugee wall, the bricked-up windows and the VOPO (Communist police) guards on the Eastern side.

Clergyman Called In Rights Hearing

Washington - UPI - One of four congressional groups holding hearings on President Kennedy's civil rights bill called for testimony today a prominent clergyman who recently was arrested for taking part in an anti-segregation demonstration.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was summoned to testify and read a statement on behalf of himself, Roman Catholic and Jewish spokesmen and a member of national religious organizations representing the three major faiths in the United States.

At the same time the Senate Judiciary committee recalled Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy for more questioning on the administration's civil rights proposals. The Senate Commerce committee and the Senate employment and manpower subcommittee also scheduled hearings on sections of the civil rights program.



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