

Senate Investigators Open Probe Into Baker's Activities

Strong Civil Rights Measure Blocked on Committee Vote

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy today won his battle to block a civil rights bill he felt was too strong to pass Congress. The House Judiciary Committee rejected the measure by a vote of 18-15.

After the long-delayed showdown vote, the committee turned to consideration of a less sweeping civil rights bill which, like the strong bill it replaces, would touch on nearly every area of racial tension, including voting, use of public accommodations, desegregation of schools and job discrimination.

The vote on the strong bill was the first order of committee business when it met behind closed doors. Members who left the room after the balancing disclosed the vote.

Wins Final Effort

The showdown came less than an hour after President Kennedy called both Democratic and Republican House leaders together for one final effort to nail down agreement on the compromise. He obviously was successful.

The committee action climaxed strenuous personal intervention by Kennedy and other top administration officials in the civil rights fight.

Democrats and Republicans who had been lined up for the stronger bill went into the judiciary meeting conceding that they probably had been beaten. Some of them already were calling the proposed compromise a good bill that they could support.

Speaker John W. McCormack had given somewhat of an advance tipoff to the committee action after the White House meeting of leaders of both parties with Kennedy. He was clearly optimistic in reporting "substantial progress" toward agreement on a bipartisan bill.

Those attending the joint meeting after the regular legis-

lature breakfast by Democrats with Kennedy included GOP leaders Leslie Arends, III; Charles Halleck, Ind., and William McCulloch, Ohio, the latter ranking GOP member of the judiciary committee. On the Democratic side, the conferees included the speaker, House Democratic Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma, and Judiciary Chairman Emmanuel Celler, N.Y.

Although both bills are built on the same framework, the stronger measure, drafted by a judiciary subcommittee, would go far beyond anything Kennedy asked. The biggest objection was to the "part three" section that would permit the Justice Department to initiate court action in any case in which an individual claimed his constitutional or legal rights were being violated. The administration also balked at proposals to apply the new voting provisions to all types of elections and to bar racial discrimination in nearly every type of private business conceivable.

The bipartisan compromise included a much-limited part three that would restrict federal intervention to civil rights cases involving race, religion or national origin. The Justice Department could not step in unless the offended citizen had started action of his own.

Compromise Coverage

The compromise also would include a public accommodations section that would exempt retail stores, but cover hotels, motels, restaurants and places of amusement. Previously agreed exemptions for private clubs and small rooming houses also would be included.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND (UPI)—USDA — Cattle 300, catter-utility cows 10-14; canner 7-9; feeders some good-choice 600-800 lb. steers 18-20; medium 240-300 lb. 16-17; calves 75 slaughter, good weaners 300 lb. down 21-26; utility standard 10-20; cull 11; feeders, good-choice 300-450 lb. steers 20-24; Hogs 300, barrows and gilts 1-2 grade 200-220 lb. 10.50-16.75; Sheep 200, Choate-rivier slaughter lambs full shorn pelts 17.75-18.

Questions About West German Woman Dodged

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate investigators today opened an inquiry into the outside business interests of former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker but sidestepped questions on the possible involvement of a West German girl.

Sen. B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., chairman of the rules committee conducting the inquiry, said he knew "nothing" about the activities of 27-year-old Ellen Rometsch, the name-dropping former wife of a West German army sergeant.

Asked if the question would come up, Sen. Howard W. Cannon, D-Nev., said: "It doesn't appear to have any materiality now. If it appears to later, we might go into it."

Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., said he also was in the dark about the woman. She was given a ticket home by the West German government following an investigation of her penchant for high living while her husband was based in Washington.

Sen. John J. Williams, R-Del., the committee's first scheduled witness, showed up armed with a stack of notes and papers. He told reporters his presentation would take "some time."

The GOP senator already had begun his own informal inquiry into Baker's financial operations when the Senate, on his resolution, ordered the rules investigation into Baker's activities.

Baker won his spurs as "Lyndon's boy" back in 1949 when he became the unofficial aide of the then freshman senator from Texas, Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1955, Baker was elected by the Senate Democrats to post of Secretary to the Senate majority.

The Senate Rules Committee's inquiry into Baker's multiple "outside activities" opened today with advance notice that it might be denied any information "of a criminal nature" turned up by the FBI or the General Accounting Office.

Foreign Briefs

U.S. ARMY CONVOY CLEARED BY SOVIETS

BERLIN (UPI)—The U.S. Army sent a small convoy through East Germany to the West today and Soviet border guards passed it swiftly without incident.

MEXICO CITY BANS ONE-ARM DRIVING

MEXICO CITY (UPI)—The English-language Daily News said today the Municipal Traffic Department has banned one-arm driving in Mexico City.

The newspaper said practices forbidden by the department include "embraces or other amorous practices while in a speeding vehicle."

U.S. TRADE NEGOTIATOR ARRIVES IN BONN

BONN, Germany (UPI)—W. Michael Blumenthal, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Trade, was here today for exploratory talks with West German officials concerning next year's so-called Kennedy round of tariff reduction negotiations.

KHRUSHCHEV ACCEPTS BID TO VISIT NEPAL

MOSCOW (UPI)—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and President Leonid Brezhnev have accepted an invitation to visit Nepal. Radio Moscow reported today.

No date has been set for the visit, agreed upon during the visit here of Nepalese Prime Minister Dr. Tulsī Giri.

Idaho Power Said Showing Disregard At Hells Canyon

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Idaho Power Co. was accused Monday of showing "cavalier disregard" for the public interest in seeking to eliminate fish passage facilities at its Hells Canyon project in Idaho.

The charge was made by the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) in a petition to the Federal Power Commission.

WPPSS attorney Evelyn N. Cooper urged the FPC to turn down the company's request. She also asked that hearings be reopened in Portland, Ore., on fish passage problems resulting from construction of dams on the Snake River.

Goldwater Urges Disposal of TVA

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., has suggested that the government sell the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to private industry.

Goldwater said in a letter last weekend to Rep. Richard Fulton, D-Tenn., that he was "quite serious" about the proposal that the government dispose of the network of dams and power generating stations.

Vancouver Blast Hurts Three Men

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI)—Three men were injured in an explosion at the Food Machinery and Chemicals Corp. plant here Monday.

Taken to the Vancouver Memorial Hospital were Palmer Jorgenson, 52, Camas, Wash., and Horace Kibbler, 58, Vancouver, both chemical operators, and Milton T. Sanders, 37, Vancouver, a process engineer.

The explosion twisted steel beams and shattered reinforced concrete walls. A fire then broke out.

Stocks Continue To Move Forward

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks continued to move forward today.

U. S. Steel moved up nearly 1/2 followed by gains of large fractions to a point in National, Armo, McLouth, Inland and Youngstown Sheet.

General Motors tacked on a point. Chrysler was off nearly 1 but Ford advanced a large fraction.

Raytheon dropped more than 2.

Union Carbide and Eastman Kodak were up about 2 and 1, respectively. American Crystal Sugar, Havel, IBM and Kerr-McGee were up 1 or more.

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

By United Press International

Stock	Bid	Asked
Bank America (Ind)	65 3/4	68 3/4
Bofa, Cascafe	27 1/2	28 1/2
Cal Pac Int	24 1/2	26 1/2
Con Freight	9 1/2	10 1/2
Cypress Alms	22 1/2	24 1/2
Equitable S & L	30 1/2	32 1/2
First National Bank	72 1/2	76 1/2
Jantzen	24 1/2	26 1/2
Morrison Knudsen	29 1/2	31 1/2
Multi Kenels	3 1/2	4 1/2
NW Natural Gas	33 1/2	35 1/2
Oregon Metal	1 1/2	2 1/2
PP&L	26 1/2	28 1/2
PGE	25 1/2	27 1/2
U.S. National Bank	89 1/2	92 1/2
Tektronix	23 1/2	24 1/2
West Coast Tel (Ind)	23 1/2	24 1/2
Weyerhaeuser	31 1/2	33 1/2

Statuesque German Model Denies Washington Hi-Jinx

BONN (UPI)—A statuesque German model who was ousted from the United States as an undesirable issued a blanket denial today of her reported Washington hi-jinx in high places.

Mrs. Ellen Rometsch, 27, said she never had intimate relations with men other than her husband while living in Washington.

Mrs. Rometsch, divorced since returning to Germany last August, issued a statement to the German press agency, which distributed it to all West German newspapers.

She telephoned the agency from her parents' home on a farm near Wuppertal, in the Ruhr, where she apparently has been living for several weeks.

Arrest Threatened

Reporters besieging the farm since Monday noon were frightened off Monday by a farmhand carrying a shotgun. Today, they were told by a member of the Rometsch family if they did not leave the property, police would be called and asked to arrest them for trespassing.

None of the reporters or photographers at the farm had gotten a glimpse of the model or her young child by late this afternoon.

Villagers in the neighboring community of Hasslinghausen told reporters Mrs. Rometsch has been living with her parents since late in September, when a Bonn court granted the divorce asked by her husband.

They said she has spent most or all of her time on the farm, and none could recall ever seeing her in the town.

In her statement to the German press agency, Mrs. Rometsch said she thought suspicion had been drawn to her because of her friendship with a woman employed on Capitol Hill as a secretary.

She said she had known the woman and the woman's employer socially, but she did not name them. Apparently she referred to Carole Tyler, another beauty, and Robert G. (Bobby) Baker, former Senate Democratic secretary who is under investigation by the Senate Rules Committee.

Meetings Denied

Mrs. Rometsch said that when she first went to the United States two years ago, she also was friendly with another young woman who was

Open House Set At GP Branch

Open house for the new Grants Pass Branch of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An invitation to drop in and enter the grand opening contest has been extended to all persons in Grants Pass and surrounding areas, the home office in Medford announced today.

The interior of the branch office has been renovated in a contemporary design using pre-finished walnut paneling that was manufactured and finished in Grants Pass. The interior plans were designed by Jack Edson of Edson and Pappas, architects, and the contractor was Harold Salter.

Dale Clark of Grants Pass, who received his education in the Grants Pass schools and at Southern Oregon College, is manager of the Grants Pass branch. After high school graduation, Clark entered the U.S. Navy and received his discharge in 1953.

Shelle Dolenshek, teller and savings clerk at the branch office, is a native of Southern Oregon and has resided on the Rogue river most of her life.

The services offered in the branch office are the same as those in the home office for the investment of funds or the securing of financing to build, buy, remodel or refinance, the staff here emphasized in announcing the Grants Pass opening.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market: Eggs — To retailers: AA extra large 48-52c; AA large 46-50c; A large 43-45c; A medium 40-44c; A small 37-39c; cartons 1-cent higher.

Butter — To retailers: AA and A prints 67c; cartons 3c higher; B prints 66c.

Cheese (medium cured) — To retailers 46-49c; processed American 3-10 lb. loaf, 43-48c.

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dressed chickens — No. 1 grade dressed to retailers: Fryers, whole drawn, 28-37c lb.; cut-up, 33-40c lb.; hens, light type, whole drawn, 21-24c lb.; light type, hens, cut-up, 24-26c lb.; heavy whole 35-39c lb.

she ever had met any of these persons, even at cocktail parties, to which she was invited because of her modeling activities.

She also denied she ever was alone or in small groups with men other than her husband.

Mrs. Rometsch said the FBI interrogated her about four weeks before she and her husband returned to Germany on Aug. 21, and that she told them the same thing.

Both Mrs. Rometsch and her husband, Rolf, told the German press agency their divorce had no connection with the allegations being made against her in Washington.

Divorce trials in Germany are closed and only the fact of the divorce is published, but never the reasons for it.

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Youths Appear In Seaside Court

SEASIDE (UPI)—Thomas Rice, 20, Longview, Wash., was found innocent of a charge of riotous assembly by a Municipal Court jury Monday.

The charge stemmed from rioting by youths here during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Judge John Black found three Seaside youths guilty of charges in connection with the disturbances.

David Verbrugge, 21, was fined \$304.50 and sentenced to 30 days in jail for buying and supplying alcoholic beverages to minors.

Duane Young, 18, was fined \$19.50 for disorderly conduct by reason of destruction of private property and Brent Painter, 18, was fined \$19.50 for disorderly conduct by reason of vandalism.

STAGE HUNGER STRIKE

MIAMI (UPI)—Twenty-two Haitian refugees have gone on a hunger strike to protest their detention by federal authorities. The group has refused food since Saturday.

Investment Funds

Neen quotations on selected stocks

Fund	Bid	Asked
Bullcock	16 1/2	18 1/2
Chemical Fund	12.50	13.67
Colonial Ener	12.47	13.63
Easton Howard Stk	12.84	15.34
Fidelity	17.15	18.34
Fundamental Invest	10.29	11.26
Group Sec—Avia-Elec	7.22	7.92
Group Sec—Com Stk	13.83	15.14
Hamilton HDA	5.10	5.58
Keystone B-2	16.89	18.42
Keystone B-4	10.22	11.16
Keystone K-2	5.39	5.89
Keystone S-1	22.84	24.70
Keystone S-2	15.63	14.87
Keystone S-3	13.18	16.56
Keystone S-4	4.33	4.76
Mass Inv Growth Stk	6.31	9.30
National Growth	8.40	9.18
Stock	18.11	20.49
TV - Elec	1.97	8.90
United Accum	10.22	16.63
United Income	12.78	13.87
United Service	7.24	7.91
Value Line Inc	5.24	5.84
Variable	1.16	1.84
Wellington	14.88	16.22

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