

Morse Places Blame For Dominican Action

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Tuesday there is a "substantial body of evidence" that certain U. S. business interests helped finance the recent overthrow of the Juan Bosch government in the Dominican Republic.

Morse said he plans an "inquiry" into the Dominican coup after Congress reconvenes in January.

Morse is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs.



BURTON POSTPONES MARRIAGE—Actress Elizabeth Taylor and her Welch lover, Richard Burton, hold court for the press in Puerto Villarta, Mexico, where they are spending the Christmas holidays. Questioned about his marriage plans, Burton said he would not marry Miss Taylor before Jan. 15 due to problems arising from her divorce from Eddie Fisher. (UPI)

Status of Congressional Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Status of major legislation:

Income Taxes—Administration-supported bill would reduce income taxes on individuals and corporations by \$11 billion with \$7 billion of relief effective on 1964 incomes and rest taking effect in 1965. House—Passed. Senate—Finance Committee hearings completed.

Stocks and Bond Taxes—To retard flow of American capital abroad, the late President Kennedy proposed that purchase taxes be levied on Americans who buy foreign stocks and bonds from foreigners. House—Ways and Means Committee approved. Senate—Awaiting House action.

Fallout Shelters—Kennedy asked authority to make federal contributions toward construction of Civil Defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House—Passed one year, \$19 million bill. Senate—Hearings under way before armed services subcommittee.

Health Insurance—The late president asked hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through social security taxes. House—Ways and Means Committee hearings started but no chance for passage this year. Senate—Awaiting House action.

Libraries—President asked construction and operating aid for city as well as country libraries. House—Ready for action next month. Senate—Committee approved.

Package Civil Rights Bill—Kennedy asked (and President Johnson has reaffirmed the request) new safeguards for Negro voting rights, ban on private discrimination by business, Justice Department authority to cut off federal aid to discriminatory programs, creation of federal agencies to fight government-related job bias and help mediate local race disputes and continuation of Civil Rights Commission. House—Judiciary Committee approved bipartisan compromise which seeks to end racial discrimination in voting, education, employment, unions and in use of privately-owned lodgings, eating establishments and places of amusement; would make Civil Rights Commission permanent. Rules Committee hearings scheduled Jan. 9. Campaign to bypass rules underway. Senate—Judiciary Committee hearings on package bill in recess, no action expected.

Public Accommodations—Kennedy's proposal to ban discrimination in use of hotels, restaurants, theaters, stores and other public accommodations. House—Included in omnibus bill. Senate—Commerce Committee approved limited version as separate legislation.

Employment Discrimination—Kennedy endorsed separate FEPC covering private business and labor unions. House—Labor Committee approved separate bill; Judiciary Subcommittee included differing version in omnibus bill. Senate—Labor Subcommittee approved; commerce Committee put labor union bias ban into public accommodations bill.

Cotton—Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U.S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House—approved. Senate—hearings completed.

Mass Transit—Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail, bus and subway services. House—Banking Committee approved bill, pending in Rules Committee. Senate—Approved \$375 million program.

Wilderness—Kennedy wanted to establish a national program to preserve public lands in their natural state. Senate—Passed, with provision covering 8 million acres immediately and possibly up to 35 million acres eventually. House—No committee hearings set.

Outdoor Recreation—Kennedy requested a special land and water conservation fund to finance purchase of additional federal and state park lands and forests for outdoor recreation. House—Interior Committee approved bill. Senate—Hearings completed, awaiting House action.

Depressed Areas—Kennedy asked Congress to expand sharply program of federal re-development and to local industries designed to create jobs in areas of chronically high unemployment. Senate—Approved additional \$45 million authorization. House—Rejected, but Banking Committee has approved a "second-try" \$355 million bill which is pending before Rules Committee.

Youth Employment—Kennedy asked new \$100 million Youth Conservation Corps for outdoor work in forests and parks; Home Town Youth Corps for local civic projects. House—Education Committee has approved, pending in Rules Committee. Senate—Passed.

Domestic Peace Corps—President Kennedy asked for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to Peace Corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House—Education and Labor Subcommittee approved. Senate—Passed.

Price-Cutting—Administration-opposed bill backed by druggists and some other retail groups is designed to stop retail price-cutting of brand-name merchandise. House—Commerce Committee approved, pending before Rules Committee. Senate—Commerce Subcommittee scheduled to have one more day of hearings. No date set.

Foreign Aid—Administration asked \$4.5 billion authorization. House—Senate conferees approved \$3 billion compromise. Enacted.

Colleges—Congress approved three-year, \$1.2 billion program of loans and grants to build classrooms, libraries and laboratories with emphasis on science, engineering, mathematics and modern foreign language facilities.

Vocational Education—Congress approved \$225 million increase in current annual federal aid of \$58 million for job training schools. Also extended and enlarged National Defense Education act, and extended "impacted areas" school aid. Total cost compromised bill \$1.5 billion.

Mexican Farm Hands—12-year-old law permitting importation of Mexicans for temporary work on American farms expires Dec. 31; administration requested one-year extension with new safeguards to protect domestic workers. Senate and House—Approved administration-opposed simple one-year extension without safe guard amendment.

Military Pay—President asked \$1.2 billion annual pay boost for servicemen, reservists and retirees. Congress approved \$1.2 billion increase with some changes including elimination of boosts for low-ranking enlisted men with less than two years service.

Draft—Congress granted Kennedy's request for four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft.

Feed Grains—Congress extended from two years temporary program of paying farmers to hold down surplus production of corn and other feed grains.

Silver—To combat shortage of silver for coins, Congress gave administration authority to request to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills.

Women Workers—Starting next June employers must provide equal pay for women workers who do the same work as men; new law applies to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law.

Taxes—Congress in response to administration request extended for another year present temporary tax rates on corporation profits, liquor, cigarettes, automobiles, telephone calls and airline tickets which had been scheduled to drop to lower levels July 1. (Corporation tax rates revised downward, if the administration tax-reduction program is enacted.)

National Debt Limit—Congress granted President's request for extension of \$315 billion debt limit through June 30, 1964.

Rail Dispute—Congress authorized creation of seven-man board to arbitrate two key work rules issues, thus averting nationwide strike. Award to remain in effect for two years, other issues not subject to arbitration but strike over them barred for at least 180 days.

Medical Schools—Congress granted Kennedy's request for federal aid for construction of medical-dental schools and loan aid to medical and dental students. Three-year program would cost about \$236 million.

Treaty—Senate ratified treaty with Soviet Russia, Britain, other nations which bans nuclear tests in air, space and underwater.

Civil Rights Commission—Stop-gap one year extension of commission's authority; would continue it beyond present cutoff date of Nov. 30.

Mental Health—Program proposed by Kennedy consists of legislation under which \$684 million would be spent over a seven-year period to combat mental illness and retardation. One of the two bills involved calls for construction of community health treatment centers.

Job Training—Congress authorized \$527 million in new funds to provide job training to school dropouts aged 17-19 and basic education courses for jobless adults with too little schooling to absorb new skills. The measure also gives states an extra year to start sharing manpower training program costs with the federal government.

Railroad Payroll Taxes—Congress approved legislation requiring larger employer and employee contributions to railroad retirement fund increased employer contributions only to railroad unemployment insurance fund to avert long-range shortage.

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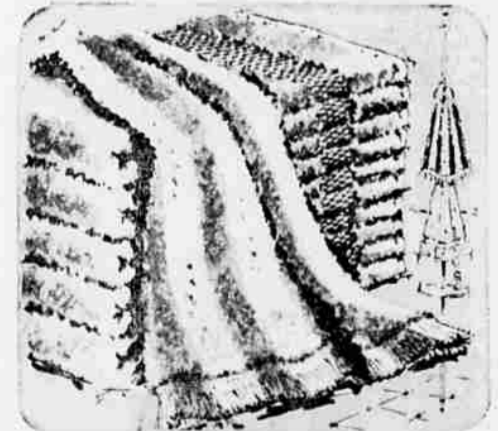
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