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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—From the galleries, the senate filibuster may have appeared to some to be a great struggle over the voting rights of the negro minority, but on the floor, where the participating senators stood, it fell far short of that.

Many senators recognized the maneuvering as politics, and little else. No more than 60-odd senators were present the first six days, which means about 36 were not sufficiently interested to attend the spectacle.

Even those



Paul Mallon, who gave lip-service to Democratic Floor Leader Barkley's cause against the poll tax restrictions of eight southern states, knew in their hearts that probably not a single negro in those states would ever vote as a result of this bill, if it passed.

They just supported Barkley without enthusiasm, mainly because certain negro organizations in the north wanted the legislation, and, therefore, it was a wise thing for them politically to follow along.

In the first place, everyone knows the southern states have other laws (the Texas primary law) and other restrictions (educational qualifications) which can be used to keep negroes away from the democratic primaries more effectively than the \$1 or \$1.50 poll tax.

But even beyond those laws and restrictions, (which this bill did not propose to touch) the bill itself was a federal directive against a state tax levied by state legislatures, and therefore of undetermined, if not doubtful constitutional validity.

Senators could see, for this reason, that passage of the bill would just make another court case. Any state could rebel and sue.

Thus the whole show was considerably less vital to negro voting than the tumult and shouting may have led the casual news reader to believe.

NAMES CALLED

This does not mean the southern democratic filibusters were not bitter and angry. Typically, Senator McKeller called Barkley a "skunk" and meant it. Others professed to see the democratic party riding two horses going in opposite directions, with the obvious results of such a disaster unavoidable in the future.

The southerners talked of getting a new party and a new leader (one actually wanted to elect the Republican Leader McNary, on the ground that he represented true democratic principles more adequately than Barkley.)

The southerners preferred to believe the rumor that the only reason they were faced with this bill was because Mr. Roosevelt had promised CIO's Phil Murray to bring it forward, and thus aid the CIO drive to organize negro workers.

They rejected the similarly unconfirmed rumor that Mr. Roosevelt was dismayed at the spectacle and was getting his best political mechanic, the economic stabilizer, Jimmy Burnes, to stabilize the riot in the senate.

UNITY WILL SUFFER

But there will be no new party and no new leader. No one really believed Barkley was doing anything but acting on orders. Furthermore, there were no important bills, not even a war bill, ready for senate consideration, except one about silver coins.

The time had been well chosen for staging a contest which will certainly do no personal political harm to northern democrats in their large negro-voting home communities, or, in fact, to the southern democrats in their white-voting home districts.

Party unity and working harmony, however, will no doubt suffer. Scars left by this fight will be added to welts raised on the same subject by other administration acts, and no doubt will be reopened from time to time hereafter, until the democratic presidential nomination is made in 1944.

WILLING

As for the real issue of negro voting in the south, no solution appears imminent through any legislation.

One of the eight states, Tennessee, is about to repeal its poll tax restriction. Around the senate today, they say—whether true or not—that this is because the Crump machine in Memphis is getting tired of paying the \$1 or \$1.50 for all the negroes it votes each election day, and that it is espousing repeal as an economy measure to cut campaign expenditures.

In all the debate, it has be-

SIDE GLANCES



"Couldn't the storm windows wait until tomorrow? Uncle Joe is our first-string quarterback!"

come clear that southern states are willing to repeal, but do not want the federal government assuming their power to do so.

EDUCATORS LEAD

A direct way in which Barkley and the administration could have avoided this anti-states rights legislation, and the fight and filibuster, as well, would have been to pass a resolution "requesting" the state legislatures to repeal the poll tax.

Such an expression of the sentiment of congress would certainly have promoted repeal faster than the pending assumption of federal power. Strangely, that peaceful method never occurred to anyone.

The whole spectacle adds further weight to the suggestion that both white and negro leadership of negro problems be taken out of the hands of politicians and assumed by educators, social and economic leaders, who can get something constructive accomplished—perhaps even the dollar and the education for each negro to permit him to vote.

CHALLENGE TO DEWITT

(Los Angeles Times)

The ruling of United States Judge Fee in Portland that Gen. DeWitt, commander of the Western Defense area, is without authority over citizens in the absence of martial law is one that should be appealed swiftly to the United States supreme court.

It would be a great pity if the reasonable and moderate regulations of this sensible and efficient commander were to be set aside on technical grounds. The necessities of the Japanese situation in the western states have been admirably served by Gen. DeWitt; but if Judge Fee is right, this region may have to undergo martial law, since we need these regulations.

However, Judge Fee appears to have gone somewhat awry from what was before him and to have transgressed the beneficial rule that courts do not rule on more than is necessary to decide the main point at issue. A finding that Gen. DeWitt does have power over aliens and that the Japanese who appealed to Judge McFee from the alien curfew order had forfeited his citizenship would have sufficed to dispose of the matter, and the rest of what Judge Fee says looks like what lawyers call "obiter dicta." Obiter dicta, while it may be persuasive, is not considered as establishing a positive precedent.

Whether in his remarks on these possibly extraneous issues Judge Fee has considerably broadened the rule in the Milligan case seems to be a question. The Milligan decision referred to trial before military commissions, and there have been no trials before military commissions nor any attempted in the Western Defense command. There seems, therefore, good ground for taking this case up to the highest court, and hope that there Gen. DeWitt's powers, as he has been exercising them, will be affirmed, without any necessity for overruling the Milligan case.

As a matter of strict law, Judge Fee may or may not be correct. The chances seem to be that he is not. There is always a sort of legal "no-man's-land" when war forces the necessary intrusion of military rule into and alongside civil affairs, and oftentimes the particular questions have to be decided in the light of military exigencies. The effect of Judge Fee's ruling, if it is sustained, could be very unfortunate.

From Other Editors

Each week we will picture one of the thirty Commandos acquainting you with her rank and duties. This week we are introducing our commanding officer, Captain Bernie Heidemann, in charge of the entire unit. To her falls the duties of making promotions, maintaining discipline and unity, the ability to foresee and judge the numerous patriotic services that are needed, and on her also rests the future progress of the unit.

Captain Heidemann has one brother and many friends in the service. She feels that what the Commandos are doing is a very small part compared to the sacrifices made by our brothers, fathers, sweethearts and friends. It was this spirit that started the Commandos and will keep them going.

We take great pride in presenting the following letter received by Captain Heidemann which we feel is a compliment to the community:

**"HEADQUARTERS
 363D INFANTRY
 Camp White, Oregon
 November 12, 1942**

"Captain Bernie Heidemann
 Klamath Commando Unit,
 Klamath Falls, Oregon.

"Dear Captain:

"Please accept the gratitude and sincere appreciation of the officers and men of this regiment for your gracious hospitality during their visit to Klamath Falls. The members of your unit reflected, most completely, the hospitable attitude of the people in your community. There was no man in our unit who wanted to return to Camp White yesterday and the 363d Infantry is now composed entirely of men who wish to visit Klamath Falls. I sincerely hope that other visits can be arranged.

"Last you forget the 363d Infantry. I am having a plaque of our coat of arms prepared which I hope you will hang in your club rooms. I am enclosing herewith a pair of our regimental insignia which I hope can be added to the uniform of whoever happens to be the captain of the Klamath Commando Unit.

"Sincerely yours,
 C. B. PETTEE,

Lt. Col. 363d Infantry, Commanding."

We Commandos wish to remind the public there are 500 recreation rooms to be furnished at Camp White. Anyone having surplus furnishings of any kind please call the Center, phone 9103.

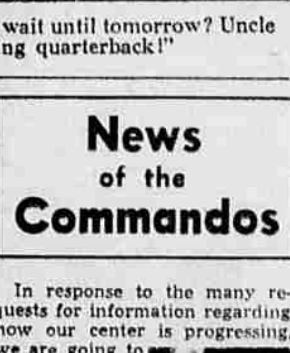
Always read the want-ads.

News of the Commandos

In response to the many requests for information regarding how our center is progressing, we are going to publish each week in this column happenings which occur in the Center that we feel will be of interest to the public.

Due to the fact that many local girls do not know the requisites necessary to be a Commando, we are listing the following:

- First and most essential is patriotism.
- Second, clean moral character.
- Third, time and energy to devote to the unit.
- Fourth, between the ages of 18-28.
- Fifth, willingness to carry out orders issued by her superior officer.



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 By EULALIE B. WOODWARD,
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Cake Lays Gop Victory to Growing Resentment in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Ralph H. Cake, republican national committee man from Oregon, said in an interview here a "growing lack of confidence in the democratic party and dissatisfaction with the way in which the war is being conducted" were the cause of the republican victories in the last election.

Cake said there was a growing feeling throughout the country against bureaucratic government from Washington and the public resented bureaus telling them how to conduct their local affairs.

"The public is willing and anxious to go along with any program necessary to winning the war," Cake said. "But it wants to be certain it is only called upon for things that are necessary and in the right way."

We will seek out the enemy wherever we can find him, not on one front or two fronts, but on any front where nazis and Japs can be engaged in combat.—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

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LEGISLATION ON POLL TAX PUT ON SHELF

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—The senate shelved today legislation to ban the collection of poll taxes as a requirement for voting in federal elections. The action followed defeat of a motion to end a filibuster limit on debate.

The debate limitation proposal on the measure to abolish poll taxes as a prerequisite to voting in federal elections was beaten on a vote of 37 "ayes" to 41 "noes." Approval of two-thirds of those voting was necessary.

Automatic Dead
 Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky, who had moved for adoption of the cloture rule limiting each senator's discussion to one hour, had announced previously if the debate limitation proposal failed he would seek immediately to have the bill laid aside for this congress. He said he also would oppose any effort by any other senate to obtain consideration of the bill.

The measure, already passed in different form by the house, would die automatically on the adjournment of the session January 2. Barkley had acknowledged it would be impossible to obtain passage of the bill, which he supported, if filibustering tactics engaged in by opponents could not be halted by limiting debate.

Before the senate met opponents on the legislation said they expected the vote to discourage future congressional moves to outlaw the poll taxes.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 400 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

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Rolling Back to Buna



Over the mountains and through the jungle Australian troops have pushed the Japs back from near Port Moresby to the Buna-Gona area, last enemy foothold in Papua. Japs seized Buna in July, advanced to Kokoda that month; then on to Ioribwaia in September. Aussies started drive back late that month, retaking Kokoda Nov. 3. Allied bombers from Port Moresby have supported the drive with bombing attacks on Buna and the jungle trail linking it with Kokoda.

The largest formation of United States bombers ever sent into the air from an Indian base joined RAF squadrons to loose many tons of explosives upon Rangoon, Mandalay and Toun-goo, major cities of Japanese occupied Burma at the weekend.

Fierce swaths of destruction were cut through enemy targets and all the raiders returned safely.

The increased scale of aerial operations over Burma was emphasized in British and American communiques issued in New Delhi. The power of the blows recalled recent talk of a counter-invasion to free the old supply route to China.

Bombers of the 10th U. S. air force started the actions Friday night, dropping tons of bombs on railroad yards, repair shops and a big warehouse at Mandalay. There were no aerial challenges and anti-aircraft fire was described as weak and ineffective.

American Skydragons Send Big Jap Ship to Bottom as Climax to Fiery Weekend

CHUNGKING, Nov. 23 (AP)—American Skydragons of the China command sank a big Japanese ship—a transport carrier—possibly an aircraft carrier—at Haiphong, French Indo-China, yesterday to cap a series of devastating allied weekend raids upon the Japanese from Burma in the south to the Yangtze basin in China.

The ship of between 12,000 and 15,000 tons was destroyed in a devastating assault upon the dock and warehouse area of the enemy-occupied port on the gulf of Tonkin. It was announced at headquarters of Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the China air task force.

Observers said that the vessel probably was a transport but that it possibly could have been a carrier.

Immense fires were declared to have been left enveloping the Haiphong waterfront, over which supplies are believed flowing inland for a Japanese attack on Yunnan province, in southern China, from Indo-China.

This raid provided explosive emphasis to the expanding allied air strength which fell heavily upon the enemy in raids since Friday by American, Chinese and British pilots.

Chinese bombing crews struck at Shasi, Yangtze river port in

charge of women's group defense. Dick is a junior in law at Oregon.

Building a heavy bomber with its 30,000 different parts, and several hundred thousand separate pieces takes 100,000 man hours.

KLAMATH STUDENTS HEAD UP DEFENSE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 23 (Special)—Jim Burness, Klamath Falls, has been appointed air raid warden of Phi Gamma Delta, men's living organization, according to a recent announcement made by the campus defense council.

Duties of the house wardens include being responsible for all equipment such as shovels, sand boxes, buckets, clothes, and stirrup pump; seeing that the windows of the blackout room are heavily covered and protected from flying glass, as well as being completely blacked out; and for taking charge of the equipment closet. In addition all house wardens will be instructed in first aid and will in turn teach what they have learned to members of their respective houses.

Dick Igl, also of Klamath Falls, has been appointed in

It Looks Like the County Jail Is Losing Business

"Maybe we ought to close up," said Sheriff Lloyd Low Monday morning as he looked over the county jail registration and found the prisoner "load" to be the lowest in his memory.

Only four prisoners are in the hoosegow, and three of them are slated to go out within the next day.

Cecil Thomas Cash, who admitted forgery, is one of the prisoners. Cash was sentenced to 18 months in prison by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Monday and will be taken to Salem Tuesday.

Ulrich Theodore Poppy was arrested in connection with the Cash case. It was expected he would be released from the jail Monday afternoon.

Thomas Jefferson Myhan, charged with hunting without a license, was expected to pay a fine and leave the jail Monday.

That will leave only Gideon Herbert Mertz, charged with taking a car without the owner's permission.

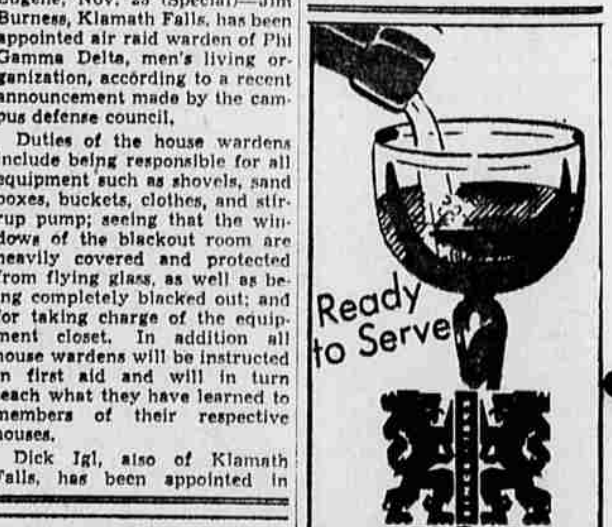
"If the officers don't pick up somebody, we'll be down to one guest by morning," said Sheriff Low, and, he added, disconso-

Action Delayed On Nomination

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind.) of the senate judiciary committee said today the committee had delayed action until next Monday on the nomination of Louis E. Goodman of San Francisco to be U. S. district judge for the northern district of California.

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