

Kids Fight Firecracker Ban Battle

SALEM, March 5 (AP)—The powerful children's lobby, consisting of a group of well-organized grade school kids, strongly opposed the house-approved bill to ban fireworks at a hearing late yesterday by the senate judiciary committee.

Their chief argument against the bill was that the committee members had "fire crackers" when they were kids, so why shouldn't kids have them now?

High point of the hearing came when Jerry Burns, 10, son of Mrs. Zylpha Zell Burns, chief clerk of the senate, said:

"I once heard one of my superiors say fun is either dangerous, immoral or illegal. Now isn't it better to have the fun dangerous than immoral or illegal?"

Mary Rand, daughter of Sen. Irving Rand, Portland, chairman of the committee, said she has been doing lots of effective lobbying against the bill, but that she hasn't yet got her father to say how he'll vote.

Before the kids took off against the bill, Deputy State Fire Marshal Jack A. Hayes told the committee the state's fire chiefs are for the bill because it would reduce fires and accidents.

W. W. Banks, Portland, said the bill would destroy the state's \$200,000 fireworks industry, which he represents.

556 Guerillas Given Exile

ATHENS, March 5 (AP)—Greek police announced today that 556 of 571 leftists arrested yesterday on charges of aiding guerillas in the north had been shipped to the island of Naxos in the Aegean sea for a year's exile.

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