

House Races Toward Final Action On Housing Bill; Race Issue Only Snag Seen

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—The house raced today toward final action on a vast housing bill, with only one snag apparent in the path of hard-driving administration leaders.

While Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) predicted passage of the measure by a "substantial margin," Representative Spence (D-Ky.), leading the administration forces on the floor, saw signs of trouble ahead in the announced plans of one lawmaker to raise the race issue in the housing fight.

Representative Marcantonio (AL-N.Y.) said he was ready to present an amendment barring segregation in publicly-owned housing projects.

Spence, chairman of the house banking committee, declared: "If somebody wants to scuttle the bill, that is the way to do it. If it gets into the bill it would have the effect of heating it. A friend of the bill would not offer such an amendment. Let them bring this issue up in separate legislation."

Marcantonio's amendment would ban discrimination in the construction, sale, rent or tenancy of public housing because of race, color, creed or national origin.

The senate, before it passed the housing bill April 21, beat back a somewhat similar amendment after a long wrangle—with leaders of Mr. Truman's civil rights program sparking the fight against it.

Apart from the race issue, the housing measure apparently had smooth sailing ahead in the house.

Administration forces grabbed complete control yesterday, smothering a republican-southern democratic coalition, and beat back all efforts to substitute or amend the administration bill.

These were major provisions of the bill as it stood after yesterday's debate:

1. The federal government would contribute up to \$308,000,000 a year for 40 years toward construction of local authorities of 110,000 publicly-owned dwelling units. Federal contributors would meet the difference between the low rents and the amount necessary to pay off the long-range cost of building and operation.
2. A \$262,500,000 program would provide housing loans for farmers who could not get credit elsewhere, with grants in some cases for housing on farms that are not self-sustaining.

Pretty Blonde Gets Slice Of Mandel Dough

NEW YORK, June 28 (AP)—Taking note of Model Helen Bent's blonde charms and nice manners, a judge has ruled she was no "mere mistress"—but is a common law widow and entitled to \$125,000 of her husband's estate.

Surrogate William T. Collins yesterday recognized her 1928 common law marriage to Arthur C. Mandel, wealthy machine company executive.

Mandel, who left her out of his will, died in 1946.

Granting the model half of Mandel's \$250,000 estate, Collins noted that she is "gentle and personable."

He said in an official opinion: "She is so singularly attractive it is not difficult to understand that the decedent would want her for a wife. She does not appear to possess the characteristics usually attributed to an adventuress or a gold-digger."

Witnesses testified that Mandel always referred to the model as his wife.

Chamber Proves Feeder Decision

Chamber of Commerce Manager Charles Stark has received the full text of the civil aeronautics authority's previously reported decision to refuse the Bonanza Airlines permission to establish a line between Medford and Las Vegas, Nev., via Klamath Falls.

Stark will report his findings to the chamber of commerce aviation committee when he has completed his survey of the report, and the committee will in turn take the action they deem suitable to further Klamath's interests.

At 4 p. m. today, a special committee of the chamber will meet to figure out the celebrations for the start of the Shasta Daylight service through Klamath Falls.

Insurance Fraud Leads To Prison

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 28—Their conviction upheld by the California supreme court, Ben Sugarman and Frank Martin, insurance adjusters, have been committed to San Quentin prison for fire insurance fraud in Stockton in 1947.

Sugarman is serving 1 to 10 years on three counts and Martin is serving 2 to 20 years on eight counts.

The case involved a fire in a Stockton shoe store. Don Burton, owner of the store and the insured, was also convicted but was killed in an automobile accident last year. Sugarman was consulting expert on the alleged loss and Martin the assigned adjuster. The paid claim was for \$33,000.

TIMBER ORDER
WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP)—Representative Mack (D-Wash.) said today Americans will get \$4,000,000 of a \$10,000,000 current order from Great Britain for lumber.

Mack told a reporter the economic cooperation administration information.

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ed him the United Kingdom has decided that \$8,000,000 of the order will be allocated to Canada and the remainder to the United States.

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Operators Leary Of Lewis Offer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., June 28 (AP)—Coal operators of the north and west were reported ready to reject today John L. Lewis' offer to forego a strike next month in return for a three-day work week. The operators took a vote on the

question yesterday in a private huddle in Pittsburgh.

There was little doubt of their answer—that they could not agree because of the legal risks. They fear that if they join the union in limiting the work week, they would run the chance of government action under the anti-trust laws, on the ground it would restrain trade.

But many operators here and elsewhere seemed to like the idea. They said privately that they might go for it if it could be accomplished without legal risk, or without committing them too much to giving Lewis control over the industry's output.

On the other hand, a spokesman for the Central Pennsylvania coal association said his group was

against the proposal because it was "too costly." He said mines would have to be kept in shape for full production, although actually operating only at about 50 per cent capacity.

Publicly, the operators and Lewis wouldn't even discuss the plan. The operators planned to hand their formal answer to Lewis when the bargaining conference resumes here at 3 p. m. (EST).

There were reports that some sort of a counter-proposal would be offered by the bushy-browed union leader.

Meanwhile, hope for avoiding a strike in mines of the Southern Coal Producers association faded rapidly. At Bluefield, W. Va., where separate talks are in progress for the south-

ern field, the UMW turned down again today an operator proposal to extend the life of the present contract until August 15.

YETU
SALEM, June 28 (AP)—By a tie vote the Salem city council last night rejected a proposal from landlords that rent control be lifted from the Salem area.

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