

BASIN BRIEFS

Senate Rejects Debt - Limit Hike; Leaders Win Breakfast

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WASHINGTON (U-P) — Congress meets today with all signs pointing to adjournment before nightfall, but the beaten proposal to boost the debt limit was still alive in the minds of five men called to a White House breakfast.

The Senate Finance Committee removed the biggest barrier to early adjournment Saturday by rejecting President Eisenhower's request to lift the ceiling on the amount of money the government may legally owe.

The stunning defeat, reportedly on an 11-4 vote, came after easy approval by the House and after administration economic chiefs had argued a fruitless five hours with the 15-member committee.

Called by Eisenhower to breakfast at the White House were the men most concerned with trying to raise the debt limit—Acting Senator Leader Knowland (R-Calif.), Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the Senate Finance Committee, Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and White House-Congress liaison chief Wilton Persons.

Humphrey, referring to the committee action, said yesterday: "We are giving the subject consideration and we will determine our position in respect to it on Monday."

But the committee's strong stand seemed to rule out any hope of immediately reviving the proposal, sent up only last Thursday, to

raise the debt ceiling from 275 billion dollars to 290 billions. The debt now stands at 272½ billions and Humphrey contended the government might cause a "near panic" if it failed to meet its payroll or pay its bills.

But several Finance Committee members—like Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), who is said to have offered the motion to kill the proposal at the closed-door session—disputed this. They said the government can get by financially until Congress meets again in January. If not, they said, Eisenhower can call a special session in October or November.

Only four major items were before today's session. The Senate must act on all four, the House on two. They are:

1. The \$8,652,422,390 foreign aid bill, already approved by the House as modified by Senate-House conferees.

2. Extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, before the Senate in substantially the same form as previously adopted there. Conferees trimmed out a proposal, added by the House over senatorial objections, to add a seventh member to the Tariff Commission. The House agreed Saturday to accept the change.

3. A \$615,989,964 supplemental appropriation bill, requiring action by both Senate and House. It includes 200 million dollars for Korean relief, 70 millions for aid to school construction in defense-affected areas, 75 millions for the U. S. Information Agency and 46½ millions for civil defense.

4. The \$1,100,000,000 regular appropriation bill for the State, Commerce and Justice departments. The Senate will be asked to withdraw a \$12,500,000 item for airport construction. Dispute over this provision, added by the Senate to the House-approved bill, has held it in conference.

Senate Republicans have called a meeting tomorrow to select a successor for Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), who died in New York Friday of cancer. Knowland, whom Taft personally chose in June to take the job on an acting basis, is expected to be elected permanently.

The Senate completed congressional action on two key administration proposals Saturday. It sent to Eisenhower for signature House-approved bills to:

1. Permit admission of 214,000 aliens above regular quotas during the next three years.

2. Authorize the President to send 100 million dollars of government-held food surpluses, until next March 15, to needy peoples abroad.

Hunt Continues For Lost Plane

PARIS (U-P) — Planes and ships of four nations searched in vain Monday for an Air France Constellation plane which apparently crashed in the Mediterranean off the coast of Turkey with 41 persons, including a young American mother and her child.

U. S. Navy helicopters, Greek military planes, and French and ships swept repeatedly over the sea off Kastellorizon, small Greek island between Rhodes and Cyprus.

The Air France pilot radioed an SOS from that area early Monday. He said he was preparing to ditch the plane in the sea after its two left engines conked out. The airliner was en route from Rome to Beirut, Lebanon, and Tehran, Iran.

Most of the 33 passengers presumably were Lebanese and Iranian, but Air France reported Mrs. Marjorie Calix Yahyavi, 27, American wife of an Iranian, was on the plane. She was returning to Tehran from Portland, Ore. Air France also reported this was her birthday. She was born Aug. 3, 1926.

Another passenger was listed as "Van Der Woerde" without Christian name or nationality. All eight members of the crew were French.

Left — John Linman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Linman, 39 Nevada, left for Las Vegas to begin jet combat training.

From San Mateo — Charlotte Carter Fey and two children from San Mateo are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter, 5128 South 6th. Her husband and father are at present in Canada.

Home — Mrs. Guy Merrill, 1949 Melrose, has returned from a six week's visit in Montgomery and other southern cities.

III — H. C. Graham is seriously ill at his home at 290 Addison.

Mt. Laki Garden Club — Year Book Committee meeting will be held Aug. 4 at 2 p.m., at the Crystal Cheyne home instead of Aug. 7.

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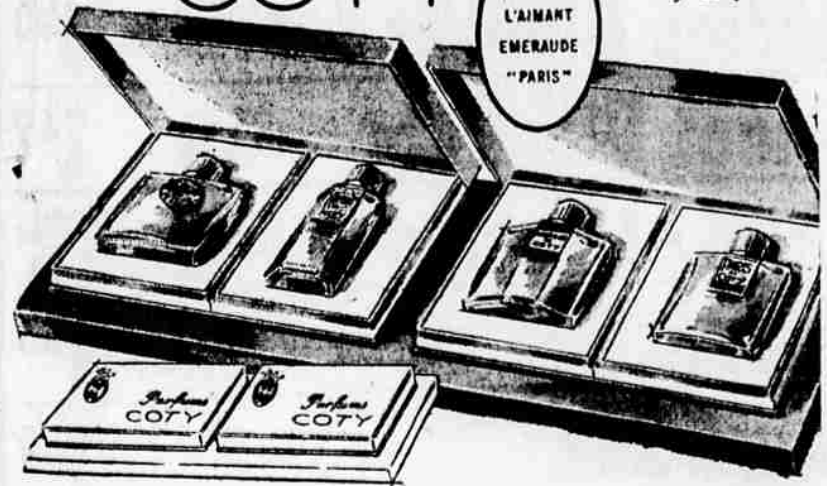
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