

House Rules Chief Undecided About Rigid Investigation Code

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Scott (R-Pa.) said today he believes Congress needs a "declaration of principles" to guide the conduct of its numerous investigating committees.

But he said he is undecided whether a rigid code of ethics is necessary to cover probes of communism, the government and other fields being exploded by congressional groups.

Scott, chairman of a House rules subcommittee which yesterday completed preliminary hearings on a proposal to set up rules affecting witnesses before congressional committees.

The subcommittee will resume hearings in January, when Congress reconvenes, to hear testimony from numerous bar associations, unions and others.

Scott said in an interview that testimony so far convinced him "there appears to be a need for at least the enunciation of a declaration of principles."

But he said the committees may be able to handle the problem by their own sets of rules.

One of the main problems to be covered, Scott said, is "reckless body-blow procedure" by which witnesses involve third persons in testifying on such ticklish subject as communism.

Another, said Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), is "just plain badgering of witnesses" by the congressional members.

Rep. Doyle (D-Calif.), a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, recommended putting tighter restraints on the public statements of committee members and giving witnesses somewhat more leeway to explain their positions.

Rep. Meader (R-Wis.) told the subcommittee that a rigid series of rules might permit "recalcitrant witnesses and their attorneys" to nullify investigations by disputing them in court actions.

Death Valley Claims Pair

LONE PINE, Calif. (AP)—The bodies of two brothers were found yesterday in Death Valley near Bad Water, lowest point in the nation and one of the hottest.

Sheriff Charles G. Galt said Charles Henry Ludlow, 30, and Randall Casey Ludlow, 7, died of the heat or thirst after their car stalled. The two had left their San Diego home Saturday to drive to Death Valley National Monument.

Galt said all vehicles entering the area are carefully checked to determine that they have enough gas and that the Ludlow car apparently stopped with a vapor lock.

Temperature in the area—280 feet below sea level—was 110 yesterday.

All Old Stuff To Bataan Vet

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Cpl. John L. Dixon, 32, who was released by the Communists yesterday in the Korean prisoner of war exchange, is a survivor also of the Bataan death march of World War II.

"It makes me feel just fine," said his father, John A. Dixon.

John enlisted in the Army in 1939 after graduating from high school in Ventura, Calif.

Captured in the fall of Bataan, he was a prisoner of the Japanese four years, mostly working in coal mines and dropping from 180 pounds to 90.

After World War II, he left the Army but re-enlisted and went to Korea with the 24th Division. He was wounded, recovered and went back to the front, where he was captured Jan. 3, 1951.

FESTIVAL DRAWS 1,028

ASHLAND (AP)—The Ashland Shakespeare Festival drew 1,028 for its first two performances. The opening night attendance Saturday was 602, Sunday night 426 persons saw "The Merchant of Venice."

Old (27) Ape Too Mean For Birthday Party

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Bamboo, the Philadelphia Zoo's most publicized ape, is 27 years old today, but his birthday party has been canceled.

The middle-aged (comparable age of a human being: 54), gray-haired gorilla's usually nasty disposition has been aggravated by a stomach.

Consequently, there will be no cake made of Bamboo's favorite cereals; no tempting watermelon with banana candies to hurl at passers-by—a sport the lean, tough ape takes to with indiscreet delight.

Bamboo arrived at the zoo in 1927 as a scrawny infant. Experts figured he had not long to live. Curator of Mammals Frederick A. Ulmer Jr. credits his survival to his rigid diet. Today Bamboo is the biggest, strongest, largest and, probably, meanest gorilla in captivity.

His keeper insists it isn't captivity that's given him such a distorted outlook toward the human race.

"He just has an unfortunate personality," he said. "You must know plenty of people like him."

Passionate Kiss Kills Aged Man

MEXICO CITY (AP)—An aged man dropped dead yesterday after a passionate kiss.

Officials made this report: A woman whose husband had left her was approached by the elderly man. She said she accepted his advances because she had gone without food for two days. He kissed her once—a long, passionate kiss—and then dropped dead.



FAMILY PORTRAIT, CIRCUS STYLE—Mrs. Dorothy (Ma) Ashton renders a bit of first aid to the costume of Dougie, one of the Seven Ashtons, whose foot-juggling acrobatic act is one of the sensations of the fifth annual Klamath Falls Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus, coming to the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds, Monday and Tuesday, August 10-11. Mrs. Ashton and her family left their home country, Australia, five years ago and have not been back since. After touring South Africa, Great Britain and Continental Europe, they came to America a year ago. The children range in age from 17 to 30.

Orphaned by Stove-Lighting Dad, Girl Has Good Future

SEARCY, Ark. (AP)—Shirley Bryant, who at 12 has lived through a lifetime of tragedy, is catching up with a lost childhood, thanks to a nation with a heart.

Even as a very little girl, Shirley was trying to fill a grownup's shoes. Both her mother and father worked, and Shirley mothered those of her six brothers and sisters who weren't old enough for school.

Then, just before Christmas last year, her family was suddenly wiped out. Her father, Hilton Bryant, started a wood-burning stove with kerosene one morning. It exploded, leveling their little frame home in the Crystal Hill community near Little Rock.

Shirley was the only survivor. Painfully burned, she spent months in the hospital. And as doctors and nurses used their greatest skills, a Little Rock newspaper, the Arkansas Democrat, went to work to provide for her future.

The paper's "Shirley Bryant fund" raised \$12,300 from sympathetic contributors all over the nation. E. J. Risley, the Little Rock banker who is the fund trustee, says that, with interest, the money will see Shirley comfortably through college.

Today she is completely recovered from her critical injuries, except for a scar on her left arm which later will be removed by plastic surgery.

And she's launched on a road which will lead to a college degree. Harding College at Searcy was selected to carry out the educational plan.

Shirley came to Searcy last May and now lives with Mrs. Pearl Dodd, a retired college dietitian living just off the campus. This fall she'll be enrolled in Harding Academy, a grammar and high school run by the college. But because she missed so much school, first mothering her younger brothers and sisters and then in the hospital, the little girl has been receiving special tutoring from a faculty member to prepare her to enter the seventh grade.

What seems even more pleasant is that, at last, Shirley has time to play. She even went to camp for a couple of weeks, has learned to swim, and, says Mrs. Dodd,

"She seems to spend all her spare time swimming or riding her bicycle."

Dots she help out with the house-keeping chores?

"Well," says Mrs. Dodd, "she used to have to do so much of it, you know. She sets the table for me and helps a little with the cooking, but she likes to water the flowers, sweep the walks and do other things outdoors better than washing dishes or cleaning house."

In the short time she has been in Searcy, Shirley has learned to play the piano remarkably well with only informal instruction and soon will take regular lessons.

What does she want to be when she grows up?

"I wouldn't mind being a nurse," she replied—her face sobering as she recalled her many days in a hospital.

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Sen. Aiken May Take Vacant Foreign Relations Seat

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) said today he has about decided to take one of the vacant places on the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the next session of Congress.

This appeared to make it virtually certain the two openings would go to Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.) and either Aiken or Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.).

Capehart, who has indicated he plans as of now to go on the committee, voted against the foreign aid program this year. Aiken and Flanders have supported the administration's foreign programs generally.

The foreign relations group will have a particularly important role to play in the session beginning next Jan. 6.

The Mutual Security Act, under which overseas military and economic assistance is authorized, expires next June 30. It will be up to the committee, along with its House counterpart, to make the initial decision as to whether to extend it.

The vacancies on the Senate group are caused by the recent deaths of Senators Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) and Charles W. Tobey (R-NH).

A decision by Aiken to go on the committee would have the effect of shutting out Flanders, who also has expressed keen interest in the post.

The committee posts probably will not be filled again until January.

Seniority governs the assignments and Aiken now ranks fifth in this respect on the Republican side in the Senate. The only two ahead of him who are not on the committee—Senators Bridges (R-NH) and Hugh Butler (R-Neb)—have not indicated any plans to change their present committee places. Each senator is entitled to two committee assignments.

Capehart is 10th in seniority, Flanders 15th.

Aiken said he plans to keep his Agriculture Committee post—he is chairman of that group—and give up his seat on the Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

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