

No Rules Group Change Seen By House Leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts indicated today he would resist efforts of a self-styled liberal bloc to curb the power of the House Rules Committee.

In an interview from his home in North Attleboro, Martin predicted that the new Congress will keep the present ratio of 8 Democrats and 4 Republicans on the potent rules group. He said he expects no change despite heavy Democratic gains in the November election.

Martin said there has been "an understanding" between the Republican and the Democratic House leadership that the 8-4 lineup would not be altered.

It was not changed when Republicans were in control of the House in the 80th and 83rd Congresses, although the Republicans, of course, then had 8 members to the Democrats' 4.

The rules committee normally determines what legislation the House may consider. It has shelved many major bills proposed by other House committees.

The committee is headed by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) who, with Rep. William Colmer (D-Miss.) and the four Republican members, has been able to sidetrack bills backed by more liberal groups.

About 90 House Democrats who describe themselves as the liberal bloc would like to see the committee lineup changed to 9 Democrats and 3 Republicans, which would weaken the coalition's stranglehold on legislation.

They also are advocating a limit of 14 or 21 days on the time allowed for the committee to act on bills. Present rules give the committee unlimited delaying powers.

Martin wouldn't express himself on the time-limit proposal pending consultation with other Republicans.

However, Rep. Leslie Arends of Illinois, Republican whip, predicted it would be defeated.

So did Democratic Whip Carl Albert of Oklahoma.

House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) wouldn't comment, but close associates said they didn't think he would support the time limit.

Without Rayburn's backing, the proposal stands a slim chance.

And, without Martin's support, it would have further trouble because most Republicans would follow Martin and would be joined by some 90 Southern Democrats.

The Southerners look to the rules committee to block any new civil rights legislation.

The decision will come when the House adopts rules on Jan. 7.

The liberal bloc has scheduled a luncheon meeting for next Monday to discuss strategy. Leaders of the group include Reps. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, Henry Reuss of Wisconsin, James Roosevelt of California and Lee Metcalf of Montana, Democrats.

Their current objective is to obtain for the liberal group a stronger voice in legislative decisions.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned WILLIAM L. KESTERSON has been, by an order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament and of the estate of BONITA A. KESTERSON, deceased, and that Letters Testamentary have been issued to him.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the offices of Maxwell & Goddard, First Federal Savings & Loan Building, Klamath Falls, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which publication is the 10th day of December, 1958.

WILLIAM L. KESTERSON, Executor of the Last Will and Testament and of the Estate of BONITA A. KESTERSON, deceased.

MAXWELL & GODDARD, Attorneys for Executor, No. 365, Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31.

One Survives Jet Accident

ALTUS, Okla. (AP) — A Strategic Air Command stratofortress trailing long fingers of flame crashed six miles north of here early today. One survivor was found.

The eight-jet bomber, on a training mission from Altus Air Force Base, reportedly had eight crewmen aboard. The bodies of three were found on the frozen ground amid the wreckage in an open field.

Witnesses said the plane, the Air Force's largest, circled low over Altus and seemed to be making an attempt to get to the base, a few miles to the east. The police department reported receiving numerous telephone calls from residents asking if the craft was having engine trouble.

The survivor, unconscious, was found a quarter of a mile from the main wreckage. His parachute was open, but it was not known if he had jumped.

The survivor and the three bodies were taken to the SAC base, located in extreme southwestern Oklahoma 14 miles from the north Texas border.

Deputy sheriff Kenneth Spears said one plane carried only ammunition. The Air Force has said stratofortresses can carry hydrogen bombs.

Col. C. H. Davidson of the base said the plane has a normal complement of five, but carries more on training missions.

"There wasn't much left," Spears said in describing the crash.

PLAN WORKS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. John Locke Jr. worked out a plan to evacuate their suburban home in case of fire.

Monday night the house caught fire and the pre-arranged escape plan saved all six members of the family.

Plane Slates Special Flight

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — The supersonic B38 Hustler bomber takes a special test flight today over peninsular Florida from the Gulf of Mexico and out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Although the four-jet bomber is to fly in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral, there was no indication that the flight had any connection with the missile program.

The type of test was not disclosed in advance. An Air Force spokesman said that it was "a mission of vital importance to our national defense effort."

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New Representative's Book Moves Quickly To Business

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new primer for representatives got right down to business—it says they get paid \$22,500 per year a monthly rates beginning Jan. 3, 1959.

That's the third paragraph. The first one says they will assemble at noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1959.

The second one says they will file their credentials with the clerk of the House before Dec. 15, 1958.

The primer, entitled "Information for Representatives-elect," is prepared for each new Congress by the clerk. The edition for the upcoming Congress has just gone out to all 476 members-elect.

It tells a congressman how much he can expect on Capitol Hill—\$1,200 per session for stationery, 6,000 minutes per 2-year term over the long distance telephone at government expense; 40,000 words by telegram.

This coming year a representative gets \$400 instead of \$300 a year for air mail and special delivery stamps. That's because Congress raised the postal rates last summer. On regular letter, they get free mail privileges on official correspondence not exceeding 4 ounces in weight.

Allowances also include: Twenty cents a mile for one round trip home each session. Up to \$1,200 a year for office space back home.

Probe Continues By State Police

State police were continuing their investigation Tuesday morning of an accident that occurred Monday evening when a car went onto a lawn off South Sixth Street and hit a tree, in an otherwise successful attempt to avoid a collision with a second vehicle.

State police report that the accident occurred when Bertha E. Lund, 52, 4545 Thompson Avenue, made a left turn off Gettle Street to go into the westbound lane on South Sixth Street. A car driven by Ronald A. Fosdick, 20, 1310 Sargent Avenue, was already moving west on Sixth, and swerved to the right off the street in attempting to avoid striking the Lund car.

Police report that Mrs. Lund said she judged she had plenty of time to make the turn but that the Fosdick car was coming faster than she had thought. Fosdick told police simply that the other car pulled in front of his.

No MARKSMEN WAKENDA, Mo. (AP) — Conservation agent John Madden tells of this recent hunting incident: Nine hunters fired at a rabbit as it was flushed by their dog. The rabbit wasn't hit. The dog was wounded.

Crews Seek Family Of 5

PORTLAND (AP) — Air units joined ground parties today in the search for a Portland family of five that vanished Sunday on a Christmas tree hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin set out with their three daughters in a red and white station wagon. The search was intensified and concentrated in the Larch Mountain area Tuesday night. It is a 4,000-foot-high mountain at the west end of the Columbia River Gorge.

Mrs. Frederick Holm of Portland said she saw a family answering the Martin's description on the peak Sunday.

Mrs. Holm said she chatted with the family she believed the Martins while buying a tree in the area. She recalled their name was Martin.

The search started when Martin, 54, an employee of an electric company in Portland, failed to come to work Monday.

The search already encompassed the Clackamas River area east of Estacada, the Sandy River between Sandy and Springdale and extended to Squaw Mountain and Government Camp. It also spread into neighboring Clark County in Washington.

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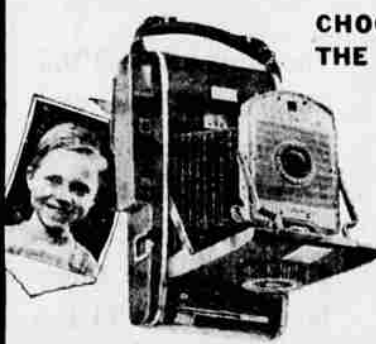
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