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"WITH ALL ITS SOAPS, DETERGENTS, ANTISEPTICS AND DEODORANTS, AMERICAN INDUSTRY HAS YET TO COPE WITH THE AMERICAN BOY!"

Liberals Okay Bill For House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Rules Committee by a vote of 6-2 today approved an increase in its membership designed to break a coalition's grip on legislation.

The Rules Committee decides which bills shall go to the House and in what order. Liberals have complained that their bills are blocked by the committee's Republicans and conservative Democrats.

Voting against the House leadership's plan to boost the membership from 12 to 15 were Chairman Howard W. Smith, D-Va., and Rep. William M. Colmer, D-Miss.

The six other Democrats voted for the proposal. The only two Republicans assigned to the committee did not vote. Rep. B. Carroll Reece, R-Tenn., is ill and Rep. Clarence J. Brown, R-Ohio, arrived too late for the vote. There are two GOP vacancies.

The resolution to boost the committee membership to 10 Democrats and five Republicans is backed by Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas and most Northern and Western Democrats. It is opposed heavily by Republicans and most Southern Democrats.

It will be voted on by the House Thursday, with the outcome in doubt.

Under the present committee setup of eight Democrats and four Republicans, control of legislation clearing from standing committees to the House floor has been largely in the hands of the four Republicans and Smith and Colmer.

The planned increase would add two Democratic liberals, and theoretically at least, give the liberals a voting edge of 8-7.

Bank With Deposits Is Reported Missing

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune reported Tuesday that the American Foreign Bank of Tangier—formerly known as the Moroccan Bank—has been missing since last June along with its executives and resources of \$4,043,907.

The newspaper prefaced its story with this note:

"Lost: one bank with private accounts totaling more than \$3 million and listed assets in excess of \$4 million. Finder please contact anxious depositors in New York, Vermont, Mississippi, Florida, Europe and North Africa, or the New York Herald Tribune."

Also in the story were reported excerpts from the bank's last official contact with its depositors—a circular. It was dated Tangier, June 22, 1960, and said:

"We are moving to Panama. Today, June 22, 1960, marks the end of 18 years of operations in Tangier for the American & Foreign Bank and its predecessor, the Moroccan Bank. Today, we are packing our books and records and shipping them to Panama as the first phase in our move to Panama with a branch in London."

"We apologize. Moving a bank from Tangier to Panama is, frankly, a hell of a job! The physical problems alone involve moving tons of files, equipment, etc. The legal problems are in themselves tremendous."

The quoted material then ad-

vised that all correspondence be sent to Panama City post office box 982.

The privately managed financial institution, formed in 1942 and reportedly headed by a man named T. Stangbye, announced to its depositors that reforms in Tangier made impossible the continued freedom of activity the bank previously had enjoyed while Tangier was an international city.

Efforts to contact the bank in Panama, Tangier, or through its correspondent banks have proven futile.

Killer Let Train Cut Off His Arm

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Mickey Covington, 33, a one-handed man, admitted today that he is the slayer of Fort Worth druggist J. Homer Morrison, and said that in horror at the deed he later let a freight train run over his right arm.

Covington, who said he was a former mental patient, quoted the Bible to explain his self-mangling: "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

As he murmured the words he looked at the stump of his right arm, off four inches below the elbow.

Covington told two detectives and Star-Telegram reporter Phil Record how he killed Morrison Nov. 17, 1959.

Morrison was shot to death in the rear of his store. His wife was

pistol-whipped by the would-be robber who approached them as they sat luddled about a stove watching TV.

"I didn't mean to kill him. I was only doing what I was told to," Covington told detectives Dave Latham and Willie Taylor.

His instructions, Covington claimed, came from two Fort Worth police characters—one of whom is now in prison. The other is widely sought for jumping bond on a burglary charge.

The hoodlums are not charged and there was no immediate confirmation of that part of Covington's story.

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Navy Blames Oil Line Break For Ship Fire

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The Navy blames a ruptured oil line for the raging two-hour fire that struck the huge aircraft carrier Saratoga, the U.S. 6th Fleet's big punch, killing 7 crewmen and injuring 23.

There was no indication how long the 78,000-ton ship would be out of action or of what repairs would be necessary. Newsmen were barred from boarding the carrier or talking to her crewmen.

Flames broke out in a machinery compartment at 2 a.m. Monday as the Saratoga steamed across the Ionian Sea toward Athens after patrol in the eastern Mediterranean. Her skipper, Capt. R. W. Meble of Cincinnati, put the ship into Phaleron Bay near Athens hours later without aid from other ships.

It was the second major disaster aboard a Forrestal class carrier in five weeks. The Saratoga's sister ship, the Constellation, was gutted by a \$40-million fire that started from a fuel oil leak Dec. 19 while she was under construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Fifty civilian workers lost their lives.

A court of inquiry headed by Rear Adm. Arthur R. Gralla, commander of Destroyer Flotilla 3, was named to investigate the fire aboard the Saratoga.

Fire control parties from the Saratoga's 3,000 officers and men fought the fire for two hours deep below decks and finally extinguished it without help from other 6th Fleet units. The dead, a chaplain, 3 other officers and 3 enlisted men, were asphyxiated by heavy smoke.

The Saratoga is the flagship of Rear Adm. David L. MacDonald, commander of the 6th Fleet's carrier Task Force 60.

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