

By FRANK JENKINS
By a vote of 217 to 212, the house of representatives of the new congress backs Speaker Rayburn's move to upset the conservative majority in the important and powerful house rules committee, which has bills pending in deciding what bills shall come before the house for a final vote.

It is a victory for President Kennedy's "liberal" program, but it is a narrow one. Twenty-two liberal Democrats joined 196 liberal Democrats for a liberal total of 217. Sixty-four conservative Democrats joined 148 conservative Republicans for a conservative total of 212. On the basis of this vote, which follows a bitter battle, the membership of the house of representatives in the new congress that has just convened will be divided as follows:
Liberals 217
Conservatives 212

Which is to say:
A change of only three votes from the liberal side to the conservative side can upset the liberal majority.
That's a narrow margin.

The San Francisco fire department has a new gadget. It is a king-size alarm built right into the fire alarm boxes on the streets. When the lever is pulled to sound an alarm of fire, it lets go with a clang that can be heard for blocks.

So—
If it's a false alarm artist who pulls the lever, he is left there in FULL SIGHT OF EVERYBODY. If he pulls the lever and runs, everybody can see him running. The idea is to make it easier to catch and punish those who turn in false alarms.

There have been other schemes to accomplish the same purpose. One gadget was a set of handcuffs concealed in the alarm box. When the lever was pulled to sound an alarm, a door opened and the handcuffs reached out automatically and clamped around the wrists of the sounder of the alarm. It wasn't very popular, because it worked alike on the just and unjust. The just, who were doing their civic duty by pulling the fire alarm lever when they saw a fire were considerably annoyed when they found themselves chained to the post.

Another scheme for catching givers of false alarms was a device that smeared the hands of the lever pullers with an invisible dye that could be seen only under ultra violet light. That also applied both to the just and the unjust.

Besides, it developed, the inspectors never could find the people with the invisible dye on their hands.

The new device is a great improvement. When the honest citizen sees a fire and pulls the lever on the alarm box, all he has to do is to stand there and wait, secure in the strength of his position. The fire will be his proof that he is an honest citizen, intent upon performing his civic duty.

If the false alarm artist who pulls the lever RUNS he will be chased. If he stands pat, he will be in a bad fix.

Now if we could only find a way to tag the weird character who turns in false bomb alarms, we would be making real progress.

Six Americans Are Imprisoned

HAVANA (AP)—Six American adventurers, who faced possible execution as conspirators against Fidel Castro's regime, have been sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

The Americans were sentenced Tuesday, three days after their trial before a military tribunal. Castro himself reportedly had been weighing the verdict.

Their sentences, the maximum prison terms under Cuban law, were interpreted here as the Castro regime's reaction to President Kennedy's denunciation in his State of the Union message Monday of Communist influence in Cuba. Defense attorneys said they will appeal.

The Americans said they sailed to Cuba to help defend the Castro revolution. They are George H. Beck, 24, of Norton, Mass.; Tommy L. Baker, 23, of Dothan, Ala.; Donald Joe Green, 26, of Clover, S.C.; James E. Bean, 34, of Cedar Falls, N.C.; Alfred E. Gibson, 32, of Durham, N.C.; and Leonard Louis Schmidt, 21, of Chicago.

Hippo For Sale

NEW YORK (UPI)—A 600-pound hippopotamus named Lily who has been on exhibit at the Central Park Zoo was offered for sale today.

Official reason for selling: She takes up too much room.

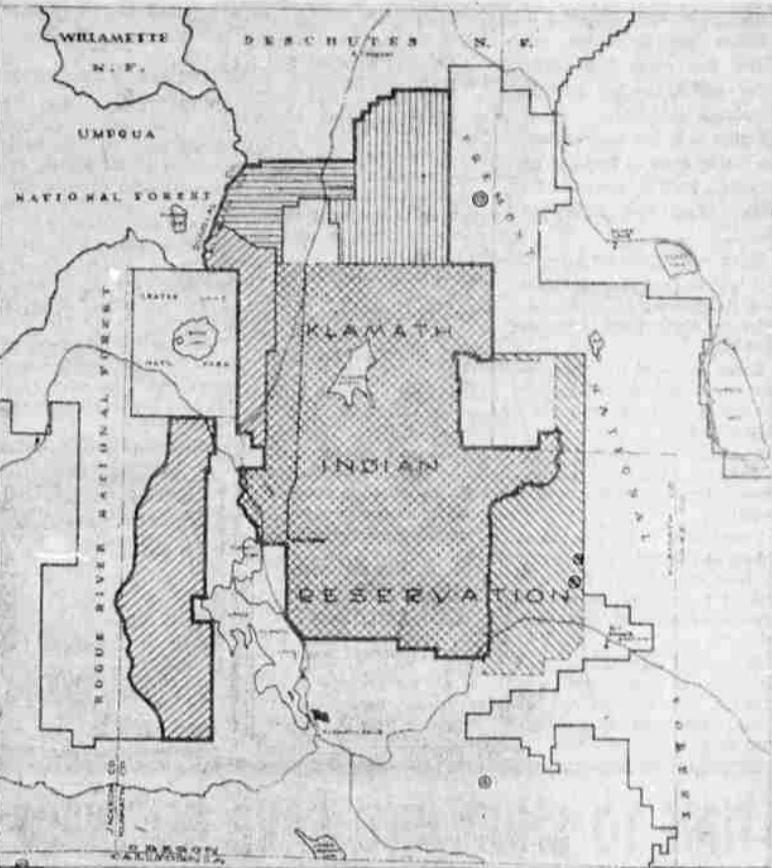
Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity — Considerable cloudiness with occasional showers and brief clearing periods today through Thursday. Freezing level near 7,000 feet. High 43-48. Low tonight 28-34.
High yesterday 51
Low last night 37
Precip. last 24 hours .50
Since Oct. 1 5.85
Same period last year 2.11

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Weather
Northern California — Cloudy with local fog and showers north of San Francisco and Sacramento through Thursday; little temperature change.
Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area—Showers with little temperature change through Thursday.



PROPOSED NEW FOREST
EXTERIOR FOREST BOUNDARY
AREA FROM KLAMATH RES. AREA FROM DESQUITES. AREA FROM FREEMONT. AREA FROM BOQUE RIVER. FROM KLAMATH RESERVATION TO FREEMONT.



DETAILS OF THE PLAN to establish a new National Forest out of the lands of the former Klamath Indian Reservation plus some modifications in the other adjacent forest areas were outlined to a large group of interested persons Tuesday afternoon at the Klamath County Library. Here, Bob Kent, left, president of the chamber of commerce, and Al Hattan, right, member of the committee which first prompted the move for the National Forest, talk with J. Herbert Stone, regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service. Stone outlined the new forest areas as indicated in the map above, and told the group a final decision on the matter would have to be made no later than April 1.

Rules Victory In Hand, Demos Dig For Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—After a long and important victory on the Rules Committee, the House Democratic leadership digs in today for a long fight to enact President Kennedy's legislative program.

The light probably will be a tough one, since Tuesday's victory for the Kennedy administration and Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was won with only a five-vote margin.

The House voted 217 to 212 to back Rayburn's plan to enlarge the Rules Committee from 12 to 15 members, wresting committee control from a conservative coalition. Theoretically this puts liberal Democrats in control by an 8-7 edge.

The White House reported Kennedy was pleased with the outcome. Officially he had taken no direct part in the fight, but left no doubt that he favored the Rayburn plan.

Under Tuesday's action, Democrats will add two members to the committee and Republicans will add one. Republicans also have two vacancies to fill on the committee.

Minuteman Missile Program Gets Big Boost From Amazing Success

Captive Ship Cautiously Noses Into Brazil Harbor

RECIFE, Brazil (AP)—The Santa Maria headed in from the South Atlantic toward Recife with her captive passengers today, but stopped short of the dock for another parley to determine future action.

A U.S. Navy spokesman announced this development as President Janio Quadros met with his cabinet in Brasilia, 1,000 miles to the southwest, to decide what to do about the hijacked ship.

As for the rebels themselves, Quadros sent assurances of political asylum to their chief, Capt. Henrique Galvao.

Quadros' message did not measure up completely to Galvao's request to unload passengers, refuel and return to sea to continue his fight against the dictatorial regime in Portugal.

The new chief executive, inaugurated Tuesday, radioed felicitations to Galvao and revealed a meeting they had several months ago in Caracas, Venezuela. It was in Caracas that Galvao plotted seizure of the \$16.5 million Portuguese liner in hopes of starting to unseat Portugal's premier, Antonio Salazar.

Quadros showed concern for the passengers aboard, saying: "We accompany with profound feelings the fortunes of the hundreds of passengers who find themselves under your guard and responsibility."

The U.S. Navy spokesman said Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith Jr. and Brazilian authorities conferred aboard the ship about landing of the passengers and the Santa Maria's future.

Officers of the U.S. destroyer Damato said the negotiations took place about three miles off the port, outside Brazilian territorial waters. The Santa Maria was standing still in the water under a noontime sun.

SALEM (AP)—A teenager climbed a power transmission tower, brushed against two 69,000-volt lines and was killed outright in a flash of crackling blue flame late Tuesday night, sheriff's deputies said.

The dead man was John Star Ruggles, 18, of Turner. It took hours to remove his body, found draped over two power lines high on the tower, said John Zabinski, chief investigator for the sheriff's office here.

Zabinski said the events that led to Ruggles' death began as he and two other persons were driving in the Stayton area and the battery of the car went dead near a Consumers Power Co. substation.

69,000-Volt Line Kills Teenager In Salem Area

Solons See No Drastic Farm Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats and Republicans who sponsored farm legislation in Congress in recent years had this advice today for the Kennedy administration: Build on existing farm programs.

The legislators saw little chance in Congress for any drastic farm proposals.

The advice comes before the new administration gets down to drafting the farm proposals President Kennedy will submit to Congress within the next two weeks.

A three-member task force committee on "the key elements of the agricultural situation" handed the new administration its farm program recommendations Tuesday.

The committee opposed increases in price supports for major commodities and expressed the view that farmers would be unlikely to support rigid farm production control measures.

Kennedy's campaign farm program and the Democratic platform favored higher price supports and measures to control farm production and to halt surplus output.

On Capitol Hill today, Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said: "With the possible exception of wheat and its surpluses, I think the best chances are to improve and continue our existing programs."

NEW ROADS, La. (AP)—Eight persons, their lungs badly seared from chlorine gas which terrorized the tiny farm and lumber community of nearby Labarre, fought for their lives in a hospital today.

Whiffs of the chlorine gas, which escaped from a railway tank car derailed Tuesday, still hung in the air but the area is now considered safe.

A chemist said the ground was saturated with chlorine and it would "take a long time to wear out." The area was covered with soda ash and liquid caustic acid to neutralize the deadly green gas.

Seventeen people remain hospitalized, eight of them in "very critical condition."

Space Monk Is Chipper; Man Is Next

8 Fighting For Lives After Gas

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Winding up a space flight with a chipper, cheerful handshake, a chimpanzee called Ham today signaled a go-ahead for man to enter space safely.

Ham is due back this afternoon to this rocket space port—which he left mightily abruptly Tuesday atop a Redstone rocket.

(See pictures Page 4-A.) The largest animal ever sent aloft, Ham's trip 155 miles high and 420 miles southeast into the Atlantic into the rescuing hands of the U.S. Navy carried several main significances:

1. It indicates manned space flight is feasible. An American astronaut is scheduled this spring to duplicate Ham's daring flight.

2. The Soviets appear likely to win the race to be first to orbit man around the earth.

3. A very slight misfiring in the rocket system hurling out Ham's capsule may well require further tests with or without a chimp aboard, before a man goes up. But this also produced valuable dividends.

4. Ham himself is reported in excellent shape, a smart 37 pounds of amiability.

Plucked from the sea by a helicopter from the USS Donner, he shook hands with the veterinarian greeting him when his one-ton space capsule was unlocked three hours after launching.

After a medical checkup, Ham drew a bonus of a banana and bit more apple on top of his scientifically prescribed menu.

JERUSALEM, Israel (AP)—Stubbard old David Ben-Gurion, one of the founding fathers of the Israeli republic, staked his political future today on getting his own way in the Lavon Affair.

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, accepting the 74-year-old patriarch's resignation as prime minister Tuesday, gave no immediate indication whether he would ask him to try and form a new government or call for new elections.

Oregon Solons Braced For Mothers' Invasion

Ben-Gurion Bids Future

SALEM (AP)—The House Education Committee braced itself today for an invasion of hundreds of mothers who will protest against a bill that would make children be a little older before they start school.

Rep. Tom Monaghan, D-Milwaukie, committee chairman, said the number of mothers is expected to be so large that he has engaged the biggest hearing room in the capitol. The hearing was scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

The bill, sponsored by the Oregon Education Association, would require that children who become six years old after July 1 would have to wait until the following year to start to school. Children now are accepted if they become six by Nov. 15.

The OEA says the bill's purpose is to prevent immature children from starting to school. But the bill is expected to die before the onslaught of the mothers.

The billboard industry introduced its bill today to restrict billboards on interstate freeways. This bill follows defeat last November of a measure that would have virtually banned the boards from freeways.

The new legislation, introduced by the Senate Highway Committee, would ban billboards from freeways, with such exceptions: highway signs, signs advertising sale or lease of property along the freeways, signs advertising activities conducted within 12 miles, and signs giving traveling information to the public.

Utah Man Is Named

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, 47, a quiet, affable philosopher who believes in firm federal direction to keep the nation's schools from drifting off course, is the new U.S. commissioner of education.

The academic vice president at the University of Utah was appointed Tuesday by President Kennedy. He succeeds Lawrence G. Dertlich in the \$30,000-a-year job.

"I believe that certain types of federal aid are both desirable and necessary for education," McMurrin says.

"I see no reason why federal aid to education must mean some kind of federal dictation to local institutions."

Canadians Held For Theft

Fishery Phase Of Dams Slated

NEW YORK (UPI)—Police held four Canadians today in connection with the theft of \$30,000 in jewelry and \$1,000 in cash from the hotel suite of President Kennedy's sister, Patricia, and her actor husband, Peter Lawford.

Chief of Detectives John T. Walsh broke the wall of silence surrounding the 2-week-old robbery by announcing that three men and woman from Toronto and Montreal were prime suspects in the case. They were being questioned at a police station in the Borough of Queens.

The suspects were identified by the police as Ronald Spears, 30, and Rosalind Wade, 25, Montreal, and William Livingston, 33, and David M. Ramsay, 31, Toronto.

Miss Wade's attorney, Herbert Straus, said she could not be involved in the theft because she arrived in New York from Canada after it was committed.

The four already were being held in \$10,000 bail each in a shoplifting case.

It was learned that a diamond brooch was found by detectives in the suspects' apartment here last Sunday after the four were arrested on charges of stealing a lady's suit from a Fifth Avenue dress shop the previous day. The brooch was identified Tuesday as the one stolen from the Lawford loot.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal official says the fisheries phase of a Power Commission hearing on competing applications for permits to build dams on the Snake River will open in Portland March 13.

Testimony on the possible effect the dams will have on migratory fish will be heard.

The competing applicants are the Washington Public Power Supply System and the Pacific Northwest Power Co. Washington Public Power wants to build the Nez Perce Dam, Pacific Northwest wants to build Mountain Sheep Dam.

A number of state and private agencies and organizations will supply testimony. Several of them asked for the fisheries phase to be held in the Northwest.

Western Public Power opposed the Northwest part of the hearing, and its attorneys say they will protest to remove.