

'Voting Apathy' Rapped By Union In Ballot Campaign

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—The AFL-CIO called voting apathy in the nation today "a sad and frightening thing" and kicked off a campaign to get out the vote in 1964.

The action came at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education, the labor federation's top political policy group.

The committee met during an off-day in the midwinter sessions here of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

A spokesman briefing newsmen after the meeting said the committee looked at statistics showing the magnitude of people

of voting age who do not register: 21.6 per cent of people of voting age or who do not go to the polls. He said there was no single overall statistic for the country, but that Alabama as an example had one of the worst records, sending only

stantially by November of 1964.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend to all in-

ternational unions that they designate a registrar or registration commissioner charged with the

job of seeing that all members and families of local unions registered and vote.

The spokesman said the committee also planned campaigns this year in various state legis-

latures to change the "complicated archaic and restrictive" registration laws in many states. The Executive Council goes back into regular sessions Thursday.



BLOWN OFF BRIDGE — The body of Carl Bowman of Sheboygan, Wis., is removed from the scene where his auto was swept by high wind into Tampa Bay as he and his wife crossed a bridge. She was rescued when a Florida state trooper leaped into the water and held her head above the surface until rescuers arrived. — UPI Telephoto

Hearings Conclude On Red Labor Union Infiltration

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The Subversive Activities Control Board Tuesday concluded a week of hearings here into alleged Communist infiltration in the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Hearing Officer Edward C. Sweeney said the board had heard about 20 union witnesses who testified the Denver-based union had rid itself of Communists allegedly found when the board investigated the union three years ago.

Among the witnesses was John Clark, mine-mill president.

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Gas Spills As Driver Dozes

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Between 3,000 and 4,000 gallons of gasoline were spilled around and under buildings, across a highway and into a drainage ditch about midnight Wednesday.

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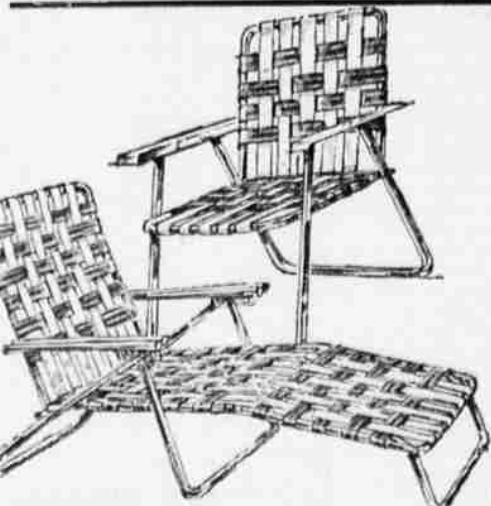
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Lt. Brown At School

Second Lt. Gerald V. Brown of "C" Battery, 249 Artillery Group (AD) Air Defense, National Guard, is in Fort Bliss, Tex., to take a nine-week course in a warfare school for ground - air missiles. He has been in the National Guard for nine years.

The officer was among 30 who graduated on Armed Forces Day at Camp Witherby last May when he won a leadership award.

He is an employee of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, is married and the father of a son, Gregory, 3.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoover, Klamath Falls.

Budget Okayed

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday signed into law the budgets for the Board of Architect Examiners and the Commission on Uniform State Laws for 1963-65.

Airman Hurt In Accident

A.C. Wayne B. Wagner, 21, Kingsley Field received severe head cuts when he lost control of the car he was driving and it plunged off the road and rolled over, ending up in the parking lot at the Ace TV store on Riverside Drive at 9:32 p.m. Tuesday.

The airman was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by Peace Ambulance. He was released Wednesday morning.

A passenger in Wagner's car, A.C. Robert J. Thompson, was uninjured in the crash.

Wagner told state police he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming vehicle and when he stepped on his brakes he lost control of his car.

The vehicle was extensively damaged, state police reported.

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