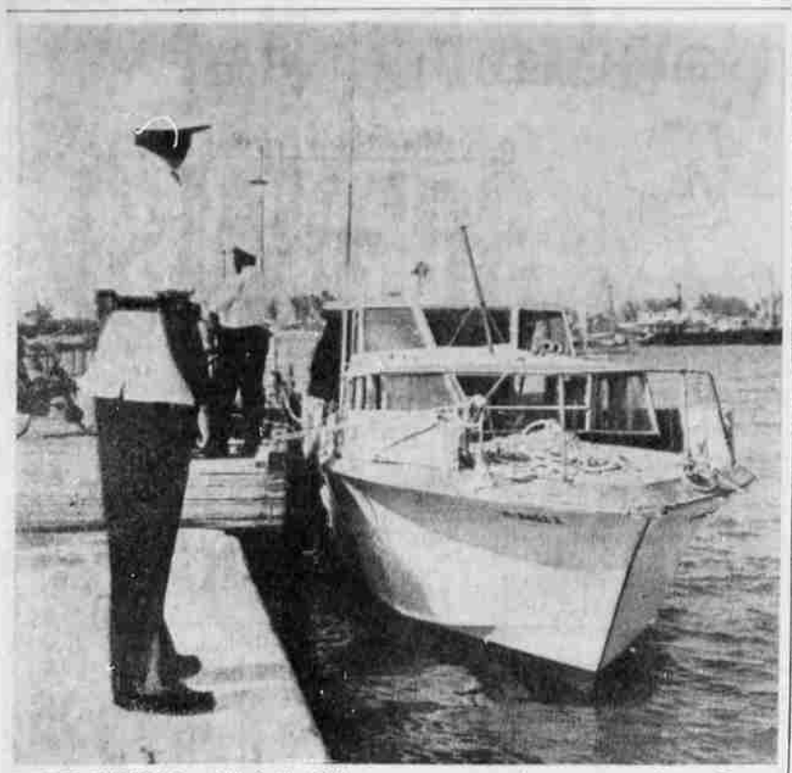

RAIDER GUNBOAT — This is the 30-foot power cruiser that a group of Anti-Castro Raiders were attempting to use in an attack on Cubs. The boat and 17 men, including one American, are being held Tuesday by British authorities in Nassau.
— UPI Telephoto

Labor Dispute Delays Passage Of Mass Transit Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A labor controversy Thursday caused a new delay in the expected Senate passage of President Kennedy's scaled-down mass transit bill.

But a compromise amendment worked out by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., to placate organized labor attacked by Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., usually a supporter of organized labor. Clark charged that the language was changed to please a few senators and as a result nobody knew what it really meant.

Primarily, the amendment would provide that no federal grants made under the bill could be used to take over private transit systems.

Labor unions were concerned that they would lose their bargaining rights to communities which have ordinances outlawing unions for public employes. They had opposed the bill until an agreement on the amendment was reached.

Morse said in reply to Clark that in cities like Atlanta, Ga., local unions would be in danger of losing bargaining rights they now have with private transit systems unless the amendment is included in the bill.

Sponsors of the bill, which was trimmed Wednesday after Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., suggested the nation could not afford the full amount, hope the reduction will improve the measure's chances for House passage.

As now written, federal grants totaling $375 million would be made available during the next three years to urban communities to build transit systems to aid commuters.

Although sponsors agreed that the funds would not go far in relieving jammed city streets, they said it opened the door to federal participation in what has been purely a local problem.

Opponents of the bill said it would eventually cost $10 billion. Sen. Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, said the legislation was the first step toward nationalization of the railroads.

Other congressional news:

Foreign aid: Congress studied a detailed explanation of where $4.5 billion would be spent which the foreign aid agency has requested for its overseas programs. Agency for International Development Director David E. Bell sent the 75-page explanation to congressional committees to give them a "clearer view of basic U.S. objectives."

Education: A Republican representative charged Wednesday that House Rules Committee clearance of a $237 million medical school aid bill for a floor vote may have been part of a "deal" to shelve all other education bills. After the Rules Committee action, Rep. Albert H. Quie, R-Minn., speaking for GOP members of the House Education and Labor Committee, said he had been told no other school bills would be allowed out of the Rules Committee this session. Quie blamed President Kennedy for forcing Democratic members of the Education Committee to give up consideration of a general college aid bill until the medical school measure has cleared Congress.

Budget: House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck, Ind., said Democrats were trying to "scare the daylights out of the country with trumped-up threats of what will happen" if the GOP succeeds in its effort to cut $10 to $15 billion from President Kennedy's proposed budget. So far, Republicans have kept secret their budget-cutting proposals for each agency until after the House or its Appropriations Committee has acted. They then claim credit for what ever reduction was made.

Dairy: The Kennedy administration has urged Congress to approve a compromise plan for cutting dairy surpluses. The proposal includes a new pricing method for milksheds regulated by federal milk marketing orders. It also asks farmers to accept payments for voluntarily reducing their production.

Police Photographer Halts Negro March On Courthouse

GREENWOOD, Miss. (UPI) — About 40 Negroes, headed by comic Dick Gregory, marched toward the county courthouse Thursday but turned back when a policeman began photographing them.

The group had moved five blocks from their voter registration headquarters in the direction of the Leflore County Courthouse when a prowl car pulled alongside and the photographer stepped out.

The officer had just begun taking pictures when Wiley Branton, a Negro civil rights leader from Atlanta, conferred with the leaders. After a short conference, the Negroes reversed their line of march and returned to their headquarters.

Gregory blasted the picture-taking as a new form of "police harassment and intimidation," but he promised the Negroes would stage another march.

The marchers left their headquarters just minutes after a federal judge delayed until fall action on a Justice Department suit to prevent interference with the voter registration drive.

U.S. District Judge Claude Clayton said he agreed to delay the case as the result of an agreement between attorneys for the government and the city of Greenwood.

The agreement provides the government drop its request for an immediate temporary restraining order, while the city agrees to release eight Negroes arrested following a voter registration march last week.

Gregory, who had his arm twisted by police here two days ago in a voter demonstration march, vowed Wednesday to lead new marches "and fight this thing until the government sends in troops."

Gregory led a march Wednesday in which 19 Negroes were arrested in this delta town but police left Gregory alone.

The Negroes were charged with disorderly conduct and refusing to obey an officer.

Gregory, who said he feels so strongly about the plight of Negroes in Mississippi that he has cancelled profitable night club engagements to lead demonstrations here, told a meeting of Negroes in a church Wednesday night that the civil rights battle is "almost won."

"We can end this mess this week if enough of you decide to do so," he said. "With the salaries you're making, you ain't got nothing to lose. Half of you would be eating better in jail."

Greenwood authorities said they have no objection to Negroes seeking applications to register as voters as long as they show up at the court house as individuals or in small groups.

Negro leaders said, however, they were fearful to apply in such a manner and organized the demonstration marches that have been going on for a week.

Police have broken up the almost daily demonstrations.

More than 30 Negroes have been arrested—some of them were dragged into police cars—and the Rev. Donald L. Tucker said he was bitten by a snarling police dog that knocked him down.

JCs Plan Boss Night On April 8

The Klamath Falls Jaycees will hold their annual Bosses Night Banquet Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. in the Pelican Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Gordon Burns, one of the most distinguished Jaycees from Josephine County. Burns was recipient of the 1962 Distinguished Service Award for Josephine County.

Bob Flamme, Klamath Jaycee president, will preside during the evening's activities and Col. Phillip A. Rand, 322nd Fighter Squadron commander, will lead the group in the pledge of allegiance. John Heilbronner, J.C.I. senator, will offer the invocation.

During the evening Bob Crittenden, president-elect, will outline some of the plans for Jaycee projects for the current year.

Clifford W. McDonald, program chairman, Jaycees guest from Rotorua, will introduce guest speaker Burns.

Burns is a former president of the Grants Pass Jaycees and past vice president of the state organization. He is now serving as a national director of Oregon Jaycees.

The speaker was appointed by the Josephine County Commissioners to serve on the Area Development Committee. Other activities include chairman of the board for Josephine County Polio, Arthritis and Birth Defects Committee, and division leader for the United Good Neighbors Campaign.

Firms Awarded Kingsley Work

The United States Air Force has awarded to two local Klamath Falls companies for work at Kingsley Field, according to the information office at the airfield.

Brown's Heating, Inc., was awarded a contract to repair the heating system in base headquarters for $8,944. The other contract went to the Patterson Construction, Inc., to construct a wind measuring set support for $12,611. Contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder.

Sgt. Urban Wins Award

SM.Sgt. Eugene R. Urban has been awarded an Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal for demonstrating outstanding abilities while serving as noncommissioned officer - in-charge of the 408th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's materiel control section, according to information from Kingsley Field.

Col. Edwin J. Witzenburger, base commander, presented the award, the second Air Force commendation earned by the 36-year-old supply superintendent. Sergeant Urban has more than 17 years of military service.

At the same ceremony, a staff sergeant and an airman first class were awarded Air Defense Command commendation certificates for meritorious service.

S.Sgt. Albert Richwagen, a budget specialist, was commended for his outstanding abilities to collect, tabulate, analyze and present budgetary and financial planning data.

A.1.C. Richard A. Osgan, a field training instructor, was commended for outstanding management abilities and qualifications while serving as an autopilot and compass instructor with the 519th Field Training Detachment.

Terrorists Blast Line

CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — Terrorists blew up for the second time in 25 days Thursday the oil pipeline joining Creole Petroleum Company's installations at Maracaibo Lake with its refinery in Falcon State.

Officials said the terrorists belonged to the armed forces of National Liberation (FALN), whose guerrillas are known to have been operating in this area.

FALN and Communist terrorists have been extremely active in recent months in activities against American oil companies and domestic installations in their efforts to topple the government of President Romulo Betancourt. Many of these terrorists are believed financed and encouraged by the regime of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

On Oct. 27, 1962, Communist saboteurs seriously damaged four electric power stations of the Creole firm at Lake Maracaibo, temporarily paralyzing one-sixth of Venezuela's oil production. The government declared the whole area a zone of military operations and sent troops to protect the oil installations. This sabotage occurred within hours of the transmission of a coded radio signal from Castro's Havana Radio calling on all Fidelista-Communist agents in Latin America to step up a campaign of subversive agitation.

This wave of terrorism has continued intermittently, with the latest incident reported today.

A Creole statement said one of two pipelines had been severed in the latest explosion, stopping the daily flow of 225,000 barrels of oil. The other pipe continued to operate normally.

State Totals Vandal Cost

SALEM (UPI) — Vandalism to highway road signs is costing the state about $50,000 annually, State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper said today.

Cooper said the highway department installed 50,000 signs on its 7,500-mile road system last year. He said many were replacements for signs damaged by rocks, bottles and firearms.

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