

Memory Course Offered To American Diplomats

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. diplomats are now being offered a course in mnemonics, which means training the memory. It may help solve that ultimate crisis of diplomacy—for example, forgetting the name of the Nawab of Tajpur at an official function.

The first, introductory session of a 10-lesson course for State Department and U.S. information Agency employes was given in the State Department Auditorium Monday night.

The session was conducted by E. L. Crosson, an attorney in the

department's visa office, who said he is also, from former days, a disciple of someone called "Dr. Bruno," the memory expert.

Base On Code

Crosson said memory tricks based on a numbers code have proved invaluable to him in remembering the 31 different grounds for denying a visa to an alien.

He said the course would include remembering names, numbers, speech points and how to memorize a full deck of playing cards by dealing through it only once.

The course is sponsored by the State Department-USIA Recreation Association and is held after working hours. There were only about 50 pupils, but if mnemonics catches on, the effect on U. S. diplomacy could be beyond imagination.

Winners All Around

Suppose, for example, American diplomats suddenly began beating all other diplomats at cards.

Consider the effect if the third secretary of the American Embassy in Bynambar were able to quote verbatim the full text of Article 6 (C) of the Bynambar constitution to the minister of transportation and culture.

Most important of all, what would happen if diplomats no longer could honestly say, "I don't remember."

One of Monday night's students was a State Department political official concerned with Laos.

Let's see, there's Souvanna Phouma, Souphanouvong and...

Civil Rights Bill Okay Anticipated

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chairman Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., of the House Judiciary Committee, predicted Monday night that Congress will approve most of President Kennedy's civil rights bill but only after some compromise.

Celler's committee will open hearings on the administration's proposals Wednesday with Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy as the first witness. Kennedy was preparing a half-hour-long statement for the session.

In forecasting congressional passage of most of the administration program, Celler said that "after all is said and done" it would be a compromise, however.

He predicted that chairman Howard W. Smith, D-Va., would try to bottle up the bill in the House Rules Committee, but said he was prepared to offer a discharge petition to get it to the House floor.

Such a move would require the signatures of 218 House members.

Fight Seen Over Economic Aid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A second congressional battle over increased funds to help economically depressed areas began in the Senate today following the proposal's surprise defeat in the House two weeks ago.

The Kennedy administration measure would add \$45 million to authorized funds for the Area Redevelopment Agency (ARA), which the House by a slim margin refused to approve. The bill now faces mounting opposition in the Senate.

Kennedy has asked Congress to double the funds for the 20-month-old agency, which was created in 1961 to bring federal aid to communities and regions suffering from chronic unemployment.

Republicans, backed by some conservative Democrats, have strongly attacked the agency. Sen. Wallace F. Bennett, R-Utah, said the ARA amounted to little more than a political slush fund for the Democrats.

He labeled the agency a step toward "planned government economy" and contended that many of its loans and grants had been used to build up marginal industries which only cause unemployment in other areas.

Other congressional news: Space: The House Space Committee begins study of the \$5.7 billion requested for the space agency for fiscal year 1964 with indications that nearly \$500 million may be cut. Chairman George P. Miller, D-Calif., said his committee would probably agree to the cuts suggested by the three subcommittees which trimmed \$492 million from President Kennedy's request.

Trade: Two Senate leaders drafted a bipartisan resolution



PLANS TRIP — Premier Nikita Khrushchev, left, is going to East Berlin to try to offset whatever encouragement West Berlin derives from President Kennedy's visit. The Tass announcement said Khrushchev officially is going to East Berlin to observe East Germany's Communist boss Walter Ulbricht's birthday. The two are shown here. — UPI Telephoto

Tax Measure May Continue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Only President Kennedy's signature is required for another extension of "temporary" wartime tax levies on corporations and such items as cigarettes, liquor, beer and telephones.

The Senate approved without change Monday the House-passed measure which Kennedy must sign before midnight Sunday to prevent the taxes from dropping or expiring. Without extension, the Treasury would lose \$4.2 billion a year in revenues.

To meet the deadline, the bill probably will be flown to the President, who is on a 10-day trip to Europe.

The measure would extend until June 30, 1964, the present 52 per cent tax on corporations and existing excise levies on liquor, beer, cigarettes, new cars and auto parts, telephones and airline tickets.

In passing the bill, the Senate defeated a Republican-supported move to repeal the 5 per cent federal tax on airline tickets which annually brings the Treasury Department \$165 million.

Shotgun Blast Injures Five Negroes

By United Press International

Five Negroes leaving a voter registration campaign meeting were wounded by shotgun fire Monday night at Canton, Miss.

Police Chief Dan Thompson said the men were not hurt seriously. He said an investigation of the incident was under way.

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has been conducting an intensive voter registration drive among Negroes recently in the town about 25 miles north of Jackson, Miss.

Federal Judge John N. Butzner ruled at Richmond, Va., Monday that the U.S. government has the right to bring school desegregation suits in Prince George County, Va., because the county accepted federal funds to educate children from military bases.

The ruling is expected to have an effect on other segregated school systems near military establishments which get federal aid to defray educational costs.

At Mobile, Ala., Federal Judge Daniel H. Thomas ordered the Mobile County School Board to present a desegregation plan that would begin in September, 1964. It was the first integration edict below the college level in Alabama.

Nearly 1,000 Negroes and whites demonstrated through the streets of Los Angeles Monday against alleged de facto segregation in the schools. Their leaders claimed only partial success on their demands after attending a school board meeting. They were divided on whether more demonstrations would be necessary.

About 500 Negroes gathered in front of police headquarters at

Savannah, Ga., Monday night to protest the jailing earlier in the day or more than 50 demonstrators. The group dispersed peacefully after hearing its leader, Hosea Williams, criticize Savannah's segregation customs.

There were these other developments:

Gadsden, Ala.: Circuit Judge A. B. Cunningham is expected to rule today on a petition seeking the release of 250 Negroes jailed for racial demonstrations. The Negroes were to have been tried Monday on charges of violating a state no-demonstrations injunction but trial was delayed pending action on the petition.

Raleigh, N.C.: Gov. Terry Sanford meets with more than 100 Negro and white leaders today to discuss ways to ease racial tension in North Carolina.

New York: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told a national educational television audience that the Negro cannot afford "the luxury of slow movement" in his drive for equal rights.

Quiz Slated For Lobbyist

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee recalled a representative of a Jewish organization Monday to answer questions in connection with the group's lobbying for Israel in this country.

Gottlieb Hammer, described as executive secretary of the Jewish Agency, Inc., now called the Jewish Agency American Section, Inc., was called as part of the investigation into lobbying by Americans for foreign interests.

Danville, Va.: A state judge told a federal judge Monday he issued an injunction against racial demonstrations here because "things were beginning to get rough." Federal Judge Thomas J. Michie is hearing a request by Negroes that the injunction be overthrown.

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Shot Wounds Commander

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Air Force Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Gent remained in critical condition today with a bullet wound in the head and military authorities planned to question his 32-year-old wife.

Gent, outgoing commander of the 32nd Air Division, was shot early Monday with a 25-caliber automatic pistol in the couple's quarters at Tinker Air Force Base.

The shooting occurred less than 24 hours after Gent's wife, Martha, was arrested for drunken driving, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. She was free on bond.

Military authorities said their investigation would take at least three days. They said they hoped to question Gent later this week.

The bullet entered Gent's left temple traveled almost a straight line and came out the right side of his head. He was rushed to an Oklahoma City hospital in critical condition, but he improved during the day and hospital spokesmen said they were optimistic about his chances of recovery.

His wife was taken to the Tinker Air Force Base Hospital in a state of shock. She was under heavy sedation and authorities were unable to question her Monday.

Although authorities disclosed few details surrounding the shooting, they did say it was believed to be accidental.

Woman Charged In Shooting

VERNONIA (UPI) — Mrs. Mary Lou Norman, a 31-year-old housewife, has been bound over to a grand jury on a second-degree murder charge in connection with a shooting Monday.

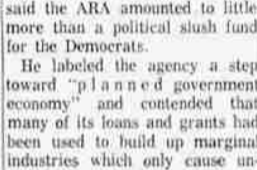
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Reported Pleas

Atty. Gen. Kennedy was reported to be pleased that his first congressional appearance on the bill would be before Celler's committee on the entire bill.

He had been scheduled to testify before the Senate Commerce Committee today on the public accommodations section of the civil rights package, the most controversial part of the bill.

His Senate appearance was delayed until some time next week, however, when Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., served notice that he would object to meetings of the commerce committee while the Senate was in session.

Unanimous consent is necessary for a committee to hold hearings while the Senate is meeting, so Thurmond's objection means that the commerce committee sessions will be slowed considerably.

Has 46 Co-sponsors

The administration bill wound up Monday night with 46 co-sponsors, four short of the 50 that Democratic Leader Hubert Humphrey, Minn., predicted it would have.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., attacked the public accommodations proposal Monday. He said a similar Reconstruction law was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1883 but "I have not heard any of the liberal brethren rise and defend that 1883 decision."

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