

RIGHTS

L.T. - Buick, Fisher. Fri. Aug. 6 - '65

That historic voting rights bill - today became the law of the land. In an emotion-packed signing ceremony - held at the Capitol Building - seat of Congress.

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The President standing under a statue of Abraham Lincoln - as he proclaimed the bill a final step in the emancipation of the American negro; A bill - said the President - that will "strike away the last major shackle" - of the negro's chains of oppression.

He added, what's more - that the Justice Department will act promptly - to enforce the new law; Starting with the filing of a suit at one o'clock tomorrow afternoon - challenging the constitutionality of poll taxes in Mississippi.

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AMERICUS FOLLOW RIGHTS

First dramatic reaction to the new law - at Americus, Georgia. Focal point of recent Civil Rights demonstrations - in that state.

Long lines of negroes admitted today - to the county voter registration office at Americus; With negroes as well as whites - assigned to handle the processing of prospective voters.

Federal observers later reporting that there appeared to be no attempt on the part of local officials - to sidestep any provisions of the new law. Those qualified - promptly certified - without question. Clearly - an historic breakthrough.

KLAN

Those long-awaited government hearings on the Ku Klux Klan - now set for "some time in October". This according to an announcement today - by Chairman Edwin Willis of the House committee on un-American activities.

Who will testify - and for how long - still a mystery. Unconfirmed reports indicating, however, that the committee has already issued - at least a hundred and sixty subpoenas.

These based on a preliminary investigation - that began March Thirtieth, Shortly after the nightrider slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, First and only White Woman to die so far - in the American Civil Rights movement.

VIET NAM

A tragic mishap - today in Viet Nam, When a crippled, pilotless American jet - carrying a full load of bombs - crashed in a residential section of the south Vietnamese city of Nha Trang.

At least four of the plane's big two hundred and fifty pound bombs - exploding on impact. Devastating an area that covered two city blocks. Leaving at least twelve dead - seventy-one injured, With the possibility that still ~~more~~ more victims - may be buried in the wreckage.

American officials later explaining that the plane had suffered a bad fuel leak - possibly caused by Communist ground fire. That its crew ~~had~~ headed it out to sea - on automatic pilot - then bailed out. Only to see it circle slowly - back toward Nha Trang.

Another American jet made eight passes at the disabled plane- in an attempt to shoot it down short of the city. But to no avail.

CONG FOLLOW VIET NAM

The news - a little better back at Saigon. U.S. officials reporting today that the Communist Viet Cong lost more men in July - than in any previous month of the Vietnamese war. Guerrilla losses said to total more than three thousand men - killed in action.

The dead - coupled with those captured or wounded - said to comprise the equivalent of a full division of combat hardened veterans; ~~Lost~~ of the Viet Cong - at a time when they need them most.

MOSCOW FOLLOW CONG

Meantime in Moscow - American Ambassador Foy Kohler - angrily walked out of a Kremlin reception tonight. In protest against an anti-American tirade - by Soviet Premier Kosygin. The first time Kohler has ever walked out on the Soviets - in nearly three years' of service in Russia.

This later development!- An official dispatch tonight ~~to~~ from the Kremlin - strongly criticizing the U S decision to send more troops to Viet Nam. This - said the Kremlin "an aggressive~~act~~" - that will not go ~~unpunished~~ unpunished. Whatever that means.

SERGEANT

A twenty-nine year old U S Air Force Sergeant - was one of ten men under arrest today in Manila, In connection with the robbery last week - of a non-commissioned officers club at Clark Air Force Base. A robbery committed by a well-trained team of bandits - under the very eyes of hundreds of U S servicemen and their wives.

The airman - a native of Guam. The nine other suspects - all Filipinos. But as for the loot - a total of one hundred and seventy thousand bucks - it's still missing.

TYPHOON

*Far out in the Pacific - typhoon Jean today
smashed into Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu.*

*With winds up to a hundred and ten miles an hour - the
highest ever recorded there. Followed by torrential rain -
that added to the trail of death and destruction.*

*The toll at last report: at least twenty-four
dead - at least a hundred injured - and thousands left
homeless.*

WHITE.

Supreme Court Justice Byron "Whizzer" White -- today called for drastic reforms in the nation's traffic courts, to deal with the thirty million driving violations -- recorded annually in the United States.

Justice White declaring in a speech at Miami -- that the time has come to remove all traffic courts from political control. Thus to eliminate courts -- that tolerate ticket-fixing, and those run for the money they bring in -- rather than the justice they deal out. Courts now under the jurisdiction of judges and clerks -- totally untrained and woefully inadequate for the job.

These are changes -- badly needed. As Justice White put it: Changes long delayed solely for "political reasons." Reasons that probably never were -- and certainly are not valid now.

VENUS

Only last week - American Space scientists
virtually ruled out the possibility of life on Mars, *and*
This week it's Venus; On the basis of radio observations
by Cal Tech astronomers - ~~published today~~ at Pasadena,
California.

Venus said to be far too hot and too dry - ever
to support life as we know it. With a surface temperature -
ranging from three hundred to six hundred and seventy-five
degrees.

The planet's terrain - therefore dry and
permeable - like sand or porous rock. With little chance
of any moisture - at least in liquid form.

*How about Jupiter, anyone? Tumping Jupiter, here's
Warren.*

WOMAN

From San Francisco - the story today of a woman with a common affliction. But in such an advanced stage that it defied medical treatment.

Indeed - the woman's body so swollen - that doctors could scarcely get her through the doors of a hospital. And once inside - it took two full beds turned crosswise - to accommodate her bulk.

At any rate - she died within twenty four hours. The victim of an apparent heart attack - brought on by shortness of breath. A result of what the doctors called - "massive obesity."

The woman just thirty eight - and only five feet tall. Yet she weighed - believe it or not - six hundred and seventy five pounds.