

LAWS

L.T. - Buick, Fisher. Thurs. June 24 - '65,

A series of tough new laws -- to help check the mounting crime wave ^{were} Proposed today in Washington by Senator McClellan ~~as~~ Chairman of the Senate Rackets ~~Investigation~~ Committee; ^{who,}

~~He~~ wants stiffer penalties for intimidation of witnesses -- in federal criminal investigations. Also, a bill to compel witnesses to testify -- about illegal activities in interstate commerce. And another to make membership in an organized crime syndicate -- a federal criminal offense.

Senator McClellan lashing out at the "sentimentalists" -- as he put it, ~~who~~ advocate "more and more sympathy" -- along with "less and lighter punishment for criminals." This trend, if unchecked -- said he -- will lead to a national tyranny by "criminal anarchy."

VIET NAM

The new military rulers of South Viet Nam -- today clamped an iron hand over that embattled nation. With ^a set of new policies -- designed to stifle political and economic ~~but~~ bickering, and at the same time stiffening the fight -- against Communism. These include:

First -- an immediate break in diplomatic relations with France. Foreign Minister Tran Van Do asserting that -- "the DeGaulle government has always -- directly or indirectly aided our enemies."

Next -- the declaration of a "State of War" -- against the Communist Viet Cong. Accompanied by a suspension of publication for every newspaper in the country -- for at least a month. Also, a civilian curfew in Saigon -- every night from Ten P.M. until Two A.M. What's more -- price controls -- designed to stop inflation; with a warning that violators -- will be "heavily punished."

The decision to "get tough" -- touching off a storm of protest. This reply -- from Premier Ky. Said he, "no

influence, no shouts, nothing -- is going to keep me from doing what I think best for the country."

REACTION FOLLOW VIET NAM

Viêt Nam
That break with France ^{comes as} no surprise in Washington.

Our diplomatic corps said to have known of the decision -- and to have opposed it -- for at least two days. ~~On~~ the ground that a break with France -- could scare off support from other non-Communist countries, ~~At~~ a time when South Viet Nam -- needs all the support it can get.

But in the end -- the Vietnamese refused to give in. Their determination based largely on DeGaulle's persistent attempt to neutralize Viet Nam -- as a means of ending the war. The new military regime said to feel that if that ever happens -- South Viet Nam will be swallowed up by the Communists.

FIGHTING FOLLOW REACTION

Meantime, the air war -- continues unabated, ^{with} U.S. jets smashing north of the Hanoi line -- for the third straight day. Again ~~to~~ within eighty miles -- of Red China. While in the south -- American airmen blasted a Communist stronghold -- near the coastal city of Qui Nhon. Killing an estimated sixty Viet Cong.

ALGERIA

A meeting of foreign ministers in Algiers -- preparatory to that scheduled Afro-Asian Summit Meeting -- was postponed again today, ~~for~~ the second time -- in as many days.

Colonel Boumedienne -- the new Algerian strongman -- still insisting that the summit meeting will take place next Tuesday -- just as originally planned. But more and more of the foreign delegations ^{are} ~~is~~ said to fear the threat of violence, ~~from~~ persistent student demonstrators and other supporters -- of deposed President Ahmed Ben Bella.

Egypt's Nasser -- ~~said to be~~ the latest in favor of postponing the summit meeting. And ~~if~~ ^{his} decision could well tip the scales. At any rate -- the foreign ministers' meeting ^{is} ~~is~~ now set for Saturday, ~~when~~ they will decide once and for all -- whether it's yes or no.

POPE

From Pope Paul today -- a new appeal for world peace.
In the strongest language he has yet used -- on that subject.

The Pontiff calling on world leaders to end the
fresh flames of discord -- "while there is still time."
Warning that if the current fighting erupts into a World War --
it would mean the end of civilization. The only solution --
said the Pope -- "lies in frank, honest, loyal negotiations."

Dr. Charles L. Hudson of Shaker Heights, Ohio -- today was named President-elect of the American Medical Association, ~~At~~ its annual convention -- here in New York.

Dr. Hudson -- a sixty-one-year-old internist. Who promptly pledged himself to an administration -- "primarily interested in science." And the art of -- "providing medical care for people." These ^{said he are} ~~he noted~~ things that doctors sometimes "tend to forget;" ~~As~~ they "develop almost a preoccupation -- with other issues."

Not mentioned -- but clearly in mind -- was the AMA's long battle against Medicare. On that score -- the AMA's policy-making body today sidestepped a vote -- on a proposed doctor boycott of Medicare. Agreeing to postpone any further direct action on Medicare -- until it actually becomes a law.

CIRCLES

From Los Angeles today -- the story of a young man who discovered -- too late -- that going around in circles gets you nowhere.

He's an alleged kidnapper -- one Raymond Sparks. Who was on trial in Los Angeles Superior Court -- when he decided to make a break for freedom. So when no one was looking -- he dashed out a door at the front of the courtroom -- raced through the judge's chambers -- then plunged through another unmarked door -- and slammed it shut behind him.

They where was he? Why
~~what did it get him? Not a thing. Because he found~~

~~himself~~ right back in the same courtroom -- right back in the arms of the law.

BEATLES

The Beatles -- on tour in Italy this week, prompted a newspaper in Milan -- to add its own two cents today; to that Beatle awards controversy -- still raging in England.

The English should be more like Italians -- said the Milanese paper. They shouldn't take such things -- so seriously. The article noting that in Italy -- at one time "the Emperor Caligula made his horse a Senator for life." Said the Milan editor titles and honors don't mean much here."

CHAPLIN

Charlie Chaplin -- who hasn't made a movie in years -- today received Holland's "Erasmus" award; a Dutch prize -- tantamount to an American Oscar.

The award presented Chaplin personally by Prince Bernhard -- in ceremonies at Amsterdam. Obviously Charlie isn't an Dutch with the Dutch.

WINDSORS

The Duke of Windsor, fully recovered from recent surgery -- with the Duchess -- waltzing on into the wee hours of this morning, at a "My Fair Lady" ball -- in Paris' Bois de Boulogne.

The ball capping a day-long round of social events -- making the Duke's Seventy-First Birthday.

Dick, they could have danced all night -- and they did.

ALE

The city of London today fulfilled a tradition -- dating back to William the Conqueror. With the selection of four men -- to serve as the city's official "ale conners" -- or ale testers. Their heady task -- that of determining whether London ales -- are fit for human consumption. At a salary of twenty-eight dollars a year -- and all you can drink.

The job -- a prime honor. Although the ale-testers -- seldom sample the brew these days. According to the so-called "modern technique" -- developed a couple of centuries ago -- they put on leather breeches -- pour a little ale on a bench -- and sit on it.

If they stick -- the ale is A-One. If not -- too bad. It's back to the brewery -- ^{-- where} ~~and~~ as the boys in the back room would say -- ^{they} "put another head on it."