

LEGISLATION

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1/2 This was ~~authorizing~~ ^{auspicious} day for the administration - with regard to ~~the~~ legislation that President Kennedy has asked for.

First, the bill on the reserves. It was okayed unanimously - by the House Armed Services Committee. Then, rushed - to the full house. Final approval - set for Monday. And "approval" is the word. The House, as anxious as the Senate - to give President Kennedy full authority to call up one hundred and fifty thousand of the reserves.

As for the public works bill - the President signed that one today. The measure that earmarks one hundred million dollars - to help the distressed areas ~~and~~ of the nation.

7 And the Senate Finance Committee - cleared the administration trade bill. The measure - virtually what the President asked for. Authority to cut tariffs to meet the challenge of competition on the world markets.

ADD LEGISLATION

Also the House passed the bill concerning U N bonds, endorsing President Kennedy's appeal for Americans to buy up - one hundred million dollars worth of bonds issued by the international organization. That sum, to be matched by - the other members of the U.N.

EISENHOWER

Now that former President Eisenhower has wound up his political tour of the midwest - the pundits are trying to figure out what it means. The consensus is that Mr. Eisenhower may not have cut into Democratic strength in the States, but he certainly did bring some unity - into his party.

CUBANS

The formation of Cuban units to serve with the U S Army - depends on the ~~the~~ number of volunteers.

Refugee leaders estimate that eighty-thousand of their fellow countrymen - would be eager to join up. And if there really are that many - then we'll soon have Spanish-speaking detachments on military service. Perhaps a whole division of men from Cuba - in ~~United~~ Uncle Sam's army.

BRITISH

The British army in West Berlin- won a moral victory today. As I mentioned last night, the Russians were given until tomorrow - to leave their armoured cars behind at the border, ~~and~~ Travel to their war memorial in the British sector - by bus.

~~was~~ The Soviet commanding general didn't wait for the British ultimatum to expire. His soldiers were in a bus - when they pulled up at the British checkpoint today, ~~and~~ The civilian vehicle ^{was} quietly escorted to the monument - by a British ~~mini~~ military car ~~and~~ Then, escorted back to the checkpoint - and out of the British sector of West Berlin. The whole operation, over - in a few minutes.

REFUGEE

The highest ranking East German officer to escape to the West - is a Lieutenant Colonel. ^{This Colonel} ~~He~~ was in command of a Communist regiment outside Berlin - when he decided to make a break for freedom. His method - simplicity itself. He simply pulled rank - on every officer he met. Acting just like - a Lieutenant Colonel. Pretending to be on an inspection tour - of the border. Crossing the border into West Germany - before the Red guards realized what he was up to.

This former Lieutenant Colonel of the East German Army - now telling the Allies what he knows about Ulbricht's domain, ^{or lack of it} With emphasis on - the strength and morale ~~of~~ ^{of} Ulbricht's army.

WAKE ISLAND

Perhaps you can imagine the emotions of Admiral Scott Cunningham - as he walks along the beach of a far-off island in mid-Pacific. Admiral Cunningham remembers when Wake Island - was no paradise. The time - January of Nineteen Forty Two. A handful of Americans, defending their base - against an overwhelming Japanese assault. Remember that famous message from Wake Island to Honolulu - "send us more Japs!"

Tokyo sent more Japs - and our Pacific bastion fell. Scott Cunningham - taken prisoner. Sent to - a Japanese prison camp. And that was the last he saw of Wake Island - until he returned to dedicate the new air terminal there.

What does he find - twenty-one years later? He finds - a spanking new jet runway, ten thousand feet long. Beside it - a bright new terminal. Beyond the terminal - neat rows of cottages for employees.

ADD WAKE

Wonder how all this will affect the strangest golf course in the world? Right after the war, when Pan Am started fkying the Pacific, their planes usually stopped at Wake, and often crewswere held up several days, for an engine over-haul. There isn't much to do on Wake, so they laid out a golf course on the beach, and gave it the strangest name in the world; the Wake Island Low Tide Golf Club. You could only play it when the tide was out. I happen to be a member of that Low Tide Club, and wonder if it will boom now that they have a handsome new air terminal on Wake Island.

UNDERWATER

Now for the house - at the bottom of the sea. *And*

this isn't - a fairy tale. It's a true story about a couple of Frenchmen - who right now, are living on the floor of the Mediterranean. Robert Falco and Claude Wesly, of the celebrated skin-diving organization - ~~led~~ ^{headed} by Captain Cousteau. Falco and Wesly, finding out what its like - to spend a week under water.

Their house, a steel cylinder - eighteen feet long, and six feet in diameter. Inside - all the comforts of home. Telephone, electric lights, hot plate for cooking - even television. All this, ^{on the floor of} ~~down in~~ the Mediterranean - ~~near~~ Marseilles.

Falco and Wesly will spend six hours a day - exploring the surrounding territory. The rest of the time, they'll be in their house - at the bottom of the sea. Purpose - to find out how human beings are effected by water pressure, which is twice as great as air pressure at sea level.

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FALLS

Every so often the news comes up with a story of - someone surviving an incredible fall through space. Tonight - we have two.

In Hatfield, England, test pilot George Aird hit with a thump - after plummeting down three hundred feet. His chute - failed to open. He crashed through a greenhouse - and landed in a bed of tomatoes. Chances of survival - about a million to one. But the British test pilot came through with nothing worse - than a broken leg.

Also a story from Johannesburg - even more fantastic. A miner, falling out of an elevator - a cage miners call it - plunging eight hundred feet down the shaft of a gold mine. Landing - in a pile of debris. No one has estimated - the odds in his case. But tonight, he too has only a broken leg.

Two stories, Dick, to make us wonder - whether Newton was right about his law of gravitation.

KENNEDY

When the International Yacht Race begins tomorrow - at least one sailing enthusiast will be on hand; President Kennedy, entertaining a party of Australians and Americans - aboard a destroyer of the U.S. Navy. Watching the "Gretel" and the "Weatherly" run their first heat.

America has never been beaten - in this cup competition. But some suspect - it could happen this year. The "Gretel" from Down Under - one of the trimmest, fastest yachts ever seen off Newport. Manned by a confident crew of Aussies - under Skipper Jock Sturrock - to compete with: Bus Mosbacher and a pretty good crew, aboard a pretty good yacht - the "Weatherly." It should be a great race. The "Gretel" and the "Weatherly," for the America's Cup.