

CIVIL RIGHTS

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Senate debate on Civil Rights - will continue.

Southern opponents, rejecting an Administration proposal - to bring the bill to a vote. Senator Knowland proposed that debate on the jury trial amendment - be limited to six hours. Senator Russell of Georgia, objected - saying he believes a show-down will come sooner, if normal procedures are followed. Since Knowland was asking his colleagues for unanimous consent to limit debate - the single dissent by Senator Russell, was enough to throw out the suggestion. Senator Russell, and the other Southern Senators - demanding that full debate on Civil Rights continue.

EISENHOWER

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower discussed a whole series of problems - from his financial status, to breaking the cigaret habit. On the subject of his finances, he drew a round of laughter from his audience - when he was asked whether his assets are now worth a million dollars. He replied - he's ready to sell out now - to anyone who will offer him a million.

Speaking of cigarets, the President sounded like a Dutch uncle. Saying, people who are dominated by the habit - should stop their self pity. If they do that, he's sure ~~that~~ they'll find it easy enough to give up smoking - just as he did.

During the session, Mr. Eisenhower got down to fundamental points of his legislative program. Asked about his attitude toward Congress, he pointed out, that the ^{main} ~~only~~ way he ^{can} ~~could~~ influence activity on Capitol Hill - is through informal channels. A president has to submit official proposals - but getting support for them, is generally done through telephone calls and off-the-cuff meetings. And that's how Mr. Eisenhower

has been trying to get his legislation through Congress. He denies that he didn't support the Federal School Bill - which was killed in the House last week. The President adding - he'll submit another bill next year. And he insists that he never back~~s~~ away from his foreign aid program. He worked as hard as he could to keep Congress from cutting it. But he had no way of exerting any ~~more~~ more pressure - to get exactly what he wanted.

Today's news conference shows pretty well - how President Eisenhower regards his relations with Congress. As always, he prefers not to take sides, if he can help it. He wants to be conciliatory - ~~and~~ to get as much as he can without raising any tempers on the Hill. And he's sure that he will get the indispensable minimum of his legislative program - if he keeps using the same tactics.

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TANKS

A House Sub-Committee reports - the Army has spent hundreds of millions of dollars during the past seven years - for tanks that may be worthless in an atomic war. The report identifies the tanks as sixty-two-ton T-43s. The Army, asking for these tanks, in a hurry. But when the armor arrived - the Army couldn't use it until more than a hundred modifications had been made. The Marine Corps never did accept the T-43.- the Leathernecks, claiming the tank was not up to combat requirements.

The House Sub-Committee gives as the reason for this fiasco - divided opinion about the use of tanks in nuclear warfare. The Army, unable to decide which kind of tanks would be most suitable - heavy, medium, or light. The heavy tanks were ordered - and turned out to be virtually useless. The cost to the taxpayer - hundreds of millions of dollars. So charged in the Congressional report.

ADVERTISING

A Congressional Committee is going to investigate - the reducing pill business. So says Chairman John Blatnik , of Minnesota - referring to his House Government Operations Sub-Committee. The Blatnik Sub-Committee has just finished with filter cigarettes. The Minnesota Democrat ^{calling} ~~called~~ the advertising claims - "phoney". He says the investigation shows - filter tips are just as great a hazard as plain cigarettes.

The cigaret investigation has just ended. So the Sub-Committee is moving on to another field - reducing pills. According to Congressman Blatnik - too many advertisers claim - you can eat all you like and still lose weight - just by taking their pills. Blatnik and his colleagues want to know - how much truth there is in this. ~~CONGRESS~~ The Congressman adding, a Post Office report proves / there are more medical frauds going on right now - involving more money - than any other ~~kind~~ ^{major} of criminal activity.

ATOMIC

Today the "National Committee for Non-Violent Action Against Nuclear Weapons" - received a warning from the Atomic Energy Commission. ~~Announcement~~ The warning follows ^{an} the announcement by the Committee - that it intends to violate the rules under which atomic tests are carried out. They say that next week, when ~~a~~^A blast is scheduled - some members of the ~~hostile~~ Society - will walk into the restricted area. They'll do it as a protest - against nuclear explosions.

The A.E.C. replies - anyone who tries it - will be arrested. Armed guards / will patrol the area - keeping out all unauthorized visitors. If any members of the "National Committee" try to crash the gate - they'll be thrown out, or ~~be~~ held for prosecution.

There's one other way to get into the proving grounds on the Nevada desert. But the A.E.C. isn't worried - because ~~the~~^{that} route would require a thirty-five mile hike over the desert - with the thermometer hitting a hundred and ten degrees.

LABOR

The head of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. kicks an official out of his Union. George Meany, acting in the case of Paul Dorfman, a close associate of the Vice-President of the Teamsters, James Hoffa. Meany bases his action against Dorfman on evidence presented during a Congressional investigation. According to this evidence, Dorfman was connected through his wife - with an insurance company handling Union policies. A head of that insurance company - ^{Mrs. Dorfman.} ~~Dorfman's wife~~ ~~is~~ Associated with her, their son.

Meany charges that the insurance agency - made enormous profits, in dealing with the Teamsters and with the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Meany calling this, "a compromising personal tie" ^{and} -/ousting Dorfman.

HOFFA

And speaking of Mr. Hoffa, the chairman of the Senate rackets committee levelled some pretty heavy charges against him today. Said Chairman McLellan - Hoffa joined with racketeer Johnny Dio in a massive plan to control the whole eastern seaboard through rigged paper locals of the teamsters union.

KNOWLAND

Senator Knowland of California will announce his political plans - early this fall. So announced by his office in Washington. The reference, of course, is to the general belief - that Knowland wants to run for President. He's already scheduled for a major speaking tour through California - beginning in September. The belief is - he wants to determine the mood of his fellow Californians - see whether they're behind him. If so, he could then run for governor of his state next year. - with his eye on the presidential nomination for Nineteen Sixty.

So far, Knowland's future is mainly a matter of guesswork for the rest of us. Now we know he'll tell us what he has in mind - come late September, or early October.

DULLES

In London, Secretary Dulles played host at a luncheon today. His guests - the delegates to the Disarmament Conference. We have no details on what they talked about - but the belief is that Dulles and his Western colleagues explained at length what they hope for in the way of a disarmament plan based on "open skies inspection." We don't know how Soviet delegate, Valerian Zorin, reacted. All he would say afterward - was that he enjoyed the lunch.

American sources in London describe Dulles as - as optimistic - but also realistic. Our Secretary of State feeling that something may be accomplished - but ~~not~~ ready for anything the Russians may ~~decide to~~ do.

Tonight, Dulles met with British Prime Minister Macmillan - to talk over world problems, with emphasis on the Middle East. It was announced afterward, that French Foreign Minister, Christian Pinneau, will fly to London tomorrow - for Big Three talks with Dulles and Macmillan.

CUBA

Our Ambassador to Cuba visited the city of Santiago today. Ambassador Earl Smith, flying in from Havana.

The Batista government predicted an outbreak of violence - should the American Ambassador go to Santiago. So the airport and the highway leading to the city - were patrolled by special police. Batista, taking no chances.

The biggest demonstration - by several hundred women, dressed in black. They stood in front of the Santiago City Hall. As Smith entered, the women shouted, "Freedom, freedom!"

When he came out, he spoke briefly to some of the demonstrators who approached his car. But there was no riot. Just hundreds of women dressed in black - shouting for freedom.

HUNGARY

A top Hungarian Communist - admits that the party is torn by dissention. Gyula Kallai, Minister of Culture - writing in one of the Communist Party magazines. Kallai, warning that counter-revolutionary groups - are still active.. He says that open revolt was crushed with the help of the Soviet Union - but criticism of the Communist Party is still not dead. This Red Minister of Culture, calling on all good Communists in Hungary - to work with the Kadar regime in restoring unity to Hungarian Communism.

OMAN

That little war at the southern end of Arabia - shows signs of petering out, if we can believe the Foreign Minister of Muscat and Oman. The Foreign Minister is an Englishman named Neil Innes. He ~~says~~ ^{claims} the rebel forces of the Imam - are ~~about~~ already cracking under repeated attacks by the R.A.F. Says Neil Innes, "The clean-up should be pretty rapid."

According to this British Foreign Minister of Muscat and Oman - it's quite clear that the Imam is supported by Saudi Arabia. The rebels using American weapons - sent to them by King ~~Axax~~ Saud. Especially the Garand rifle - the famous automatic weapon of World War Two.

The R.A.F. was in action again today. Nine planes, hitting targets along the coast known as the Trucial Oman. And we're told that more ground forces will be flown in to help the Sultan. These new troops, to come from Buraimi Oasis - deep in the desert. Buraimi Oasis was the scene of ~~fighting~~ ^{a dispute} between Britain and Saudi Arabia - two years ago. The army of Muscat and Oman, commanded by British officers - driving out

WIDOW

Tonight, the Georgia police are looking for a very polite, ~~and~~ middle-aged lady. A widow named Mrs. Janet Gray. For years, Mrs. Gray has been one of the pillars of society in Decatur. She worked for a private clinic - earning four hundred dollars a month as a bookkeeper. At the same time, she wore fine clothes, owned three automobiles, and kept a kennel of fifty pedigreed cocker spaniels. Her explanation of her fancy living - was that she had an independent income. For years, she belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, and was famous for attending all the top dog shows.

Today, we have a different explanation of Mrs. Gray's financial status. An audit at the clinic showing - she may have embezzled a hundred thousand dollars. According to the audit, during the past year Mrs. Gray as bookkeeper - deposited checks made out to the clinic. But she turned over to the bank only sixty-three dollars in cash. The rest, missing. And Mrs. Gray is missing - along with those three automobiles.

JAZZ

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The teen-agers of Moscow, getting a taste of American jazz - served up by ~~some~~ British musicians. A thousand young Moscovites, crowding into a theatre - to hear the kind of music that used to be called "decadent" during Stalin's regime. They heard Bernice Reading croon the "St. Louis Blues". They heard a blaring band belt out "Rock Baby Rock". It was a hot jam session - American music, as played by the British. And the ~~M~~ Moscovites liked it. They shouted, stamped their feet, and shouted for more.

Oh yes, there was some politics. You just can't get away from it in the Soviet Union. But the ~~dis~~ dispatch calls the discussions, "~~unheated~~". Hot music and cool politics - and Joe, it's /a strange combination in Moscow.

QUEEN

A dispatch from London reveals that Britain's luckiest horse owner - is Queen Elizabeth. Only yesterday, Her Majesty's prize racer, "Almeria" - won England's Belmont stakes. And that made the Queen's winnings for the year - the equivalent of a hundred and fifteen thousand dollars in American money. This is even more than Queen Elizabeth won in Nineteen Fifty-four, when she was also Britain's leading owner of race-horses.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

President Eisenhower has eliminated any doubts - if any existed - on where he stands on the civil rights jury trial amendment. He's opposed to it - to that plan to provide jury trial in contempt cases. But the president denies he's used any pressure to enforce that view on the battling Senate.