

HOUSING

L.T. - Beich, Fisher. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1965.

President Johnson today signed into law -
that new seven and a half billion dollar housing ~~xxx~~ bill.
Featuring among other things - a program of federal
subsidies - to help the poor pay their rent.

This measure - said the President - "the
single most valuable housing legislation in our history."
A major breakthrough - said he "in the drive to see that
every family in America - lives in a home of dignity -
a neighborhood of pride - a community of opportunity -
and a city of promise and hope."

CONNOR FOLLOW HOUSING

In somewhat the same vein - Commerce Secretary John Connor today urged the passage of ~~the~~ legislation - that would ban bill boards from the nation's highways. Also establish minimum controls - over roadside junk yards. While ~~providing~~ providing additional federal funds for the construction of scenic roads. All this - said Connor - to turn out ^{the} highways into "open windows" - clean windows - to the beauty of our ~~own~~ country.

Too often in the past - said he, "the view from our highways has been marred by barren landscapes, automobile grave yards, a conglomeration of billboard's and other unsightly clutter, a careless destruction of our God-given and man-made beauty." The public - he concluded - wants something better and ought to get it.

FORTAS

The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of Abe Fortas - as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Also the nomination of ~~Hx~~ Thurgood Marshall - as Solicitor General of the United ~~States~~ States. Final confirmation by the full Senate - expected later this week.

On the opposite side of Capitol Hill - the House Commerce ~~Com~~ Committee today approved legislation to set up a Federal Boxing Commission; ~~A~~ three member body that would be authorized to regulate the sport - from water boy to world champion; ~~In~~ such a way as to clean it up - we hope.

MISSILE

Rescue workers today hauled fifty-three bodies - from the shattered depths of that Titan-Two missile silo - near Searcy, Arkansas. The dead - all members of a civilian construction crew, Trapped below ground in a violent explosion - followed by searing fire and blinding smoke.

The nation's worst disaster to date involving space-age materials. A full investigation - ordered by President Johnson.

BOAT

From Miami today - a grizzly tale of mass murder on *The Seven Seas*. A Cuban seaman aboard the death ship - confessing that he killed his captain - the first mate, and three fellow crew members. At the height of a heated political argument - prompted by his admiration for the Castro regime in Cuba.

The seaman - Roberto Ramirez; Picked up before dawn today - by the German freighter *Bellavia* - about sixty miles from Miami. In a skiff he stole from the *Seven Seas* - in a futile bid to escape capture. Now ~~apparently~~ - he'll face a charge of murder.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - a massive three mile column of government forces - pushed forward today toward Duc Co, In an effort to break the Communist siege of a U S special forces camp, ~~Last~~ government toe hold in the Le Than District - and sole remaining obstacle to complete Red domination of vital highway nineteen.

At last reports - the rescue column ^{was} within five to seven miles of its goal, ~~But~~ barely inching along against the fierce resistance of ~~to~~ Viet Cong - armed with everything from spears to heavy cannon, ~~In~~ short - a grinding fight - that could ~~be~~ well become one of the biggest battles of the war.

SINGAPORE

Newly independent Singapore - today formally announced the establishment of diplomatic relations with Malaysia. A move apparently intended to quiet western fears - that Singapore might be drifting toward the Communist camp.

The island state stressing its desire for ~~new~~ renewed trade - with Indonesia and the Communist bloc of nations. *but*

Emphasizing ~~however~~ that it will continue to cooperate with Malaysia - on all matters of defense against outside aggression.

INDONESIA

As for Indonesia - that nation today announced plans to nationalize two western oil refineries - before the end of the year. One - the American owned Stanvac Refinery. The other a Shell installation - owned by British and Dutch interests.

PAKISTAN

Pakistani civiliza^{on}~~tion~~ - calling themselves
"freedom fighters" - clashed with Indian troops today
near the city of Srinagar in Indian Kashmir. Fighting
also reported - a hundred miles south of Srinagar. ~~Some~~
~~To make more than~~ ^{army} twenty clashes in the disputed state
- in ~~the~~ ~~last~~ the last three days.

Indian sources blaming the violence on the
~~infiltration~~ infiltration of nearly three thousand Pakistani^S
~~Said to be bent on~~ - sabotage and terror. But ~~also~~
according to Radio Pakistan, it^{is} simply "the inevitable
reaction of a long oppressed people - against a tyrannical
and unacceptable rule." ~~Take your pick.~~

HOOVER

Some twenty thousand persons gathered today -
to honor the memory of the late President Hoover, ~~at~~
~~the crossroads town of~~ West Branch, Iowa, ~~where~~ he
was born ninety-two years ago - and where he now lies
buried.

On hand for the occasion ^{Fred,} Hoover's two sons -
Allan and Herbert Jr.; Also former President Eisenhower,
And, former Vice President Nixon. The Post Office
further marking the occasion - by releasing the first
5-1/2 of more than a hundred million Hoover commemorative
stamps. Nixon in a speech delivered at West Branch,
and President Johnson, in a message read to the audience
- both urging a relentless quest of peace - "in the great
humanitarian tradition of Herbert Hoover."

CUSHING

Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston brought the House down today at Drogheda, Ireland at the dedication of a new half million dollar girl's school - built with funds he raised himself.

Commenting on the deliberations of ~~Yats~~ Vatican councils in Rome - conducted entirely in Latin, the Cardinal said he had even offered to pay for the installation of a multi-language translation system - Warren. Because - said he - "whenever I go there - I can't tell what in the name of Heaven they're all talking about."

Cardinal Cushing set the tenor of his remarks in ~~Irw~~ Ireland, today when he sprinkled holy water out over the crowd of on-lookers and remarked: "That'll drive the Devil out of ye."

THEFT.

In London, two men dressed in coveralls and carrying buckets -- appeared at the door of an apartment occupied by the Baroness Spencer-Churchill eighty year old widow of the late Sir Winston. The men announcing -- "we're here to clean the windows." But no such thing. Instead they cleaned out a jewel box -- containing four thousand dollars worth of gems.