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FACE LONG CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHT



WITH "ROUND-THE-CLOCK" debate in prospect, Sen. Richard Russell (D), of Georgia (right) and Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D), La., discuss the controversial Civil Rights Bill, which is before the Senate. President Eisenhower has endorsed GOP strategy to keep Congress at work until the bill is voted, but did not bar amendments to the measure.

Secret File On Girard Case Is Revealed Today

Defense Department Secret Files Show Stories Conflict

WASHINGTON (UP) — The secret Defense Department file on William S. Girard shows that the Army specialist third class claimed he fired from the hip and over the head of the Japanese woman he killed.

Girard said he did not believe the empty cartridge he fired would hurt anyone even if it hit them.

He acknowledged he knew the grenade launcher he used to hurl the cartridge like a missile was accurate and that it would fire an empty shell "quite a ways."

But the file also contains a sworn statement by Girard's Army buddy, Specialist 3-c. Victor M. Nickel, that Girard fired from the shoulder after aiming directly at the woman.

Nickel, who was with Girard when Girard fired the fatal shot, also said he and Girard first coaxed the woman and other Japanese civilians close enough so Girard "could take a shot at them."

A copy of the secret Defense Department file—10 pages in all—was made available to the United Press today.

Other copies were given to the Supreme Court as part of the evidence on which it could base its decision on whether Girard should be tried by a U. S. Army court martial or a Japanese court.

Eight Supreme Court justices conferred for two and a half hours on the case Tuesday morning and another two hours in the afternoon. There was no indication when the court will rule. The ninth justice, William O. Douglas, is on a tour of the near east.

According to the Defense Department report, Girard also claimed he was ordered to get the Japanese away from a machine gun he and Nickel were guarding at the time of the incident. He said, however, he was not ordered to shoot at them.

Army investigators said they could locate no evidence to support Girard's claim he was ordered to drive the Japanese away.

Nickel, according to the report, said he threw some of the empty shells towards the Japanese to entice them to come closer. He said Girard did not throw any of the shells.

"Girard did, however, beckon and call to the people," Nickel said. Continued On Page Five

House Okays Barter Of Farm Surpluses

Compromise Bill Is Approved By House

WASHINGTON (UP) — The House has approved an administration request for authority to barter American farm surpluses to Iron Curtain countries for strategic materials.

It took the action Thursday in passing a compromise \$1,300,000 bill to revive and extend for another year the farm surplus disposal program which lapsed June 30.

The legislation would permit such barter deals with all Communist countries except Soviet Russia, Communist China and countries controlled by Communist China.

The measure was a compromise between a Senate bill which contained the new bartering authority in somewhat broader form, and a House bill which did not.

The bill now goes to the Senate for final congressional action.

Senate approval would allow the administration to complete the second half of a controversial \$95-million-dollar agreement to provide Communist Poland with loans and a sale of American farm surpluses for Polish currency.

The bill would authorize the Agriculture Department to sell an additional one billion dollars worth of American farm surpluses for foreign currencies and to give away an additional 300 million dollars worth to needy peoples abroad.

The foreign currency sales, officials said, would enable the government to sell Poland 46 million dollars worth of surplus American wheat and cotton for Polish zlotys, as provided by the U. S. Polish agreement.

The sale of surpluses for foreign currencies to Soviet-dominated areas will continue to be prohibited. Poland qualified only because the State Department ruled that country now qualifies as friendly since it has moved some what away from the Kremlin.

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Sen. Russell Meets Ike On Civil Rights

Southern Leader In Civil Rights Battle Confers With Ike

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower assured the South today that the administration has no intention of launching a "punitive expedition" under its proposed civil rights law.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), leader of the southern fight against the controversial rights bill, took the opposition's case to the White House today.

He apparently failed to win Eisenhower's agreement to any major compromise. But he said the President's mind is "not closed" to a "clarifying" amendment.

"I found no intention of purpose on his part to go on any punitive expedition against the South," the Georgia senator said after the 50-minute meeting.

Russell declined to go into details of what kind of amendment the President would consider. Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said after a White House session Tuesday that his party would oppose confining the bill to a simple protection of voting rights.

The meeting came as Senate Republicans tightened party discipline and sought to maintain a solid front in the face of Democratic disunity over the bill.

The GOP leaders, it was reported, think the Republican Party now has established its claim to sponsorship of the civil rights bill and will reap credit for its passage if it breaks through an expected filibuster and reaches the White House.

After Negro Vote

This in turn, they believe, will mean further gains for the GOP among Negro voters who began deserting the Democratic standard for the GOP ticket in 1956. In order to maintain this position they feel they must maintain outward unity behind the measure.

The Senate today was debating a motion by Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) to consider the House-approved version of the administration's civil rights bill.

The bill provides for a bipartisan commission to investigate alleged violations of voting rights and study "legal developments which constitute a denial" of civil rights, a new civil rights division in the Justice Department, authority for the government to seek injunctions or other civil court action against conspiracies to deprive persons of their civil rights, and the same authority to halt violations or threatened violations of Negro voting rights by private individuals as well as public of

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First Polio Case Reported In County

Jim Price Stricken, Non-Paralytic Type

The first polio case for 1957 in Adams county was reported to the Indiana state board of health earlier this week.

Victim of the disease is 23-year-old Jim Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price, of route 6, Decatur.

Price became ill June 28, with what was believed to be a bad cold and severe headache. His case was later diagnosed as non-paralytic polio, and the youth was taken seriously ill Monday and Tuesday of last week.

His temperature dropped to near normal Wednesday of last week, and his mother reported today that it stayed that way. A complete physical examination earlier this week showed that he is completely normal again, and no muscles were affected by the disease.

Police is nothing new to the well-known Adams county athlete. When 12 years of age, he contracted paralytic polio, which affected his left leg for many months. After a great deal of therapy and treatment, he regained full use of the leg.

Rome City Youth Dies In Accident

ROME CITY (UP) — Nick George, 17, Rome City, was killed Tuesday night when a pickup truck he was driving went out of control and skidded off a Nobie cut road west of here.

Injuries Fatal To Union City Resident

UNION CITY (UP) — Merle Hart, 63, Union City, died in Memorial hospital Monday night of injuries sustained July 6 when he was struck by a home made trailer which broke loose from the back of a car. Hart was mowing the lawn at his home when hit by the runaway vehicle.

Over Million Acres Of Indiana Crops Ruined By Floods, Heavy Rain

Jewish Couple Given Child's Legal Custody

Melvin Ellises Win Five-Year Fight To Adopt Young Hildy

MIAMI (UP) — A Florida Circuit judge today awarded the Melvin B. Ellises legal custody of 6-year-old Hildy McCoy, ending the Jewish couple's five-year interfaith fight to keep the child they have raised from infancy.

Judge John Prunty ruled that the Ellises, who fled their home and business in Massachusetts rather than give up the freckled-faced youngster, are "proper persons" to adopt Hildy, whose natural mother was a Roman Catholic.

The Ellises were not in court when Prunty announced his decision. But Mrs. Ellis, reached by telephone, sobbed:

"Our attorney just telephoned me that it is now Hildy Ellis. It has been a long time—six long years."

The Florida Welfare Department on Monday recommended that the Ellises be given the child. The report said that to separate the child from the only parents she has ever known . . . would do serious damage to her emotional security.

The report cited the Ellises' excellent reputation, adequate income and better than average home" in recommending the adoption.

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Cooler Air Brings Europe Heat Relief

Heat Blamed For Over 400 Deaths

LONDON (UP) — Cooling breezes from the north Atlantic today brought a measure of relief to Europe, which has sweltered in the grip of a 10-day heat wave that claimed more than 400 lives.

Only in Italy, where police estimated at least 200 persons had died, were temperatures in the 90's forecast. Elsewhere weathermen reported temperatures dropping rapidly as the cool air front moved inland.

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Disabled Vets Will Name New Officers

To Elect, Install Officers Thursday

Election and installation of new officers for the Disabled American Veterans, post 91, will be held at the D.A.V. hall Thursday at 8 p. m., it was announced today.

Only contested offices are for commander and the three-year trustee. Victor Steiner, of Berne, and Jerome Heimann, of Decatur, have both been previously nominated for the post of commander. Seeking the position of three-year trustee are Melvin Tinkham and Rufus Sommer.

Others nominated for office include Mel Tinkham, senior vice-commander; Vaughn King, first junior vice-commander; Rufus Sommer, second junior vice-commander; Herald Hitchcock, treasurer; Norman Buetner, chaplain; Fred Pomerance, sergeant-at-arms, and Paul Wietfeldt, officer of day.

Installing officer will be A. L. Croy, past department commander of Ohio.

A luncheon will be served following the installation ceremonies.

Severe Storms Hit Colorado And Kansas

Fair Weather Over Most Of Country

By UNITED PRESS

Locally severe storms hit sections of Colorado and Kansas today to mar an otherwise generally fair weather picture over most of the nation.

A downpour early today flooded sections of south and southwest Topeka, Kan., forcing evacuation of some families in the Knollwood area. The rain blocked a highway south of Topeka and sent the Shunganza River climbing to about three-quarters bankfull.

A number of tornado funnels were sighted in Colorado during the night, but there were no reports of damage. However, the storm front piled half stones a foot deep near Simla and Calhan, Colo., and LaJunta, Colo., was doused by three-quarters of an inch of rain.

Heavy rain also blocked roads at West Kanorado, Kan., and lightning accompanying the storm knocked out telephone communications in the community.

Elsewhere, rainfall was scattered and mostly light, although locally heavier rain deposited 1.2 inches at Cape Hatteras, N.C., and .38 inches at Memphis, Tenn.

Cool temperatures prevailed north of the Ohio River from the Mississippi to the Atlantic Coast.

But a fresh wave of hot, humid air penetrated North Dakotah and western Minnesota and threatened to spread eastward.

The Ellises got the child 10 days after she was born. But the natural mother began court action against the Ellises' adoption petition in Massachusetts, claiming she did not know the Ellises were Jewish when she gave up Hildy.

She said she wanted the child to be raised by a Catholic family, but expressed no desire to rear the child herself.

But legal hassling over the child's future in Massachusetts came to a climax when the state Supreme Court there ruled against the Ellises in 1955, when Hildy was 4 years old.

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Indiana Weather

Fair, not quite so cool northwest tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and warmer. Low tonight 54-63. High Thursday 84-90. Outlook for Friday: Partly cloudy and warmer. Low Thursday night 62-68. High Friday 88-94. Sunset tonight 8:14 p. m. sunrise Thursday 5:25 a. m.

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Israel Reports Artillery Duel Along Border

Israel Says 10-Hour Artillery Duel Leads To Grave Situation

JERUSALEM (UP) — Cairo Radio reported today the supreme Arab command had gone to the Israeli-Syrian border where Israeli officials said a 10-hour artillery duel had created a "grave situation."

Cairo Radio, broadcasting in Hebrew, announced that Egypt had "taken all steps needed to go to Syria's aid should such aid be required."

Syria and Egypt are linked by a military pact and have a joint military command.

The broadcast said the high command had taken over "personal supervision" of the border area. Sniping was reported along the border today but officials said the situation generally was quiet and that U.N. officials were investigating.

One of seven persons wounded in Tuesday's battling was reported today to be in "very critical condition."

Reports circulated in Jerusalem that the Soviet Union was urging Syria on to further attacks on Israeli villages, but there was no official confirmation here.

But the officials said it was unlikely Tuesday's 10-hour artillery duel would precipitate an all out war; observers thought it more likely Israeli troops might attack, occupy and destroy the Syrian positions then retire across the border into Israel.

Syrian and Israeli troops bombarded each other for 10 hours Tuesday across their mountainous farmland frontier. The fighting did not end until United Nations truce observers ordered a sixth cease fire. Each side blamed the other.

Israeli sources said the battle started when Israeli police attempted to investigate a strip of no man's land illegally plowed up by Syrian farmers last week. They said Syrian troops opened up with artillery and mortars and that Israel was forced to reply.

The Syrian account was different. A spokesman in Damascus said the duel started when an Israeli force equipped with armored cars entered Syrian territory. He said Israel ignored a U. N. cease fire after the Syrians obeyed it and that Syrian troops were forced to resume firing in self defense.

The Israeli army reported an Israeli civilian killed and seven

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Mrs. Cora Ramsey Dies This Morning

Funeral Services Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Cora Ramsey, 83, of Harrison township, Van Wert county, O., died at 8:30 o'clock this morning at the home of Effie McGill on the Indiana-Ohio state line, east of Decatur. She had been in failing health for eight years.

She was born in