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Deny GOP Stymies Civil Rights Bill

By RAYMOND LAHR
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Republican leaders in Congress are insisting that they are not dragging their feet or making deals to prevent the passage of a civil rights bill.

GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois told the Senate this week there was no truth to a newspaper report that the administration was not interested in passing a bill now because it felt it could get a better one in the 1960 election year.

The Democrats, he reminded, are in control of Congress.

And House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, using the White House as a forum, has denied that House Republicans would help stage off a civil rights bill this year in exchange for southern Democratic votes on the labor reform bill.

When asked if the Republicans on the rules committee would vote to send the bill to the floor, he said he didn't know but pointed out that the committee is 8 to 4 Democratic.

Shows Coalition Revival
Regardless of a "deal," spoken or unspoken, the House vote for the administration-backed labor bill was the best evidence yet of revival of the coalition of Republican and southern Democrats which once plagued presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

Now it plagues the liberal Democrats who up to a few months ago had thought the 1958 election had put them back in the saddle.

There was ample evidence last winter that House GOP leaders were in no mood to crusade for a civil rights bill this year. It could be that they wanted help from southern conservatives to keep the Democratic New Dealers from running the show. In any case, they have had most of the help they needed.

Until 1957 when the Senate and Congress passed the first civil rights bill since the Reconstruction years, the civil rights issue provided a good football.

Rights Issue Agreement
With southern Democrats dissenting, each party declared itself against racial discrimination, but few in Congress took the commitment very seriously.

Among men who had to live with each other on dozens of other issues, it was easy to lose a civil rights bill in the cumbersome machinery of Congress.

Now the pressure has grown greater and the racial and labor groups demanding civil rights legislation seem more aware of how the congressional machinery is used.

William F. Knowland, then Senate Republican leader, forced the 1957 showdown in the Senate, where all civil rights bills had died for years, although he later had to yield management of the bill to Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson.

In his Senate speech this week, Dirksen applauded Knowland for his "daring step" in 1957. Yet he has contented himself so far this year with applying the needle on Democrats rather than taking the lead to force a showdown.

President Eisenhower repeatedly has listed a civil rights bill as an essential part of the legislative program for this year. But he has not applied the pressure on Congress like that used on such issues as the budget, labor reform, housing, highways, the wheat surplus, and interest rates.

Garden Markers
Shellac comes in handy in the garden, too. Shellac the empty seed packets to row markers, and then shellac the outside surfaces of the packets. The packets will stapp in place and be legible for as long as you need them.



BAR PRESIDENT—New president of the American Bar association, elected at convention in Miami Beach, Fla., is John D. Randall, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Shortage Of Tomato Pickers In Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A current shortage of 500 tomato pickers and a future shortage totaling 900 was reported today by the Indiana Employment Security Division in its weekly farm labor bulletin.

The division reported that hot days and nights have been rough on both tomatoes and pickers. The weather slowed the pickers and scalded some of the crop.

By the end of last week, 9,242 out-of-area workers were in the Indiana harvest areas, including 1,618 in the Fort Wayne area, more than 1,200 each in the Kokomo and Muncie areas, nearly 1,000 each in the Anderson and Marion area, and smaller numbers in the Indianapolis, South Bend, Logansport and Lafayette areas.

The situation by areas:
Logansport—Tomatoes ripening rapidly. Pickle picking nearly over.

South Bend—Pickle picking over. Excessive heat lowering tomato quality. Rain needed.

Lafayette—Sweet corn pack ended Aug. 26, quality average, yield average 2½ tons per acre. Extreme heat lowering tomato quality.

Anderson—Tomato crop good, yield heavy. Hot weather reduced quality. Some growers reporting 20-ton yields.

Fort Wayne—Tomato quality reduced by scalding and sunburning. Quantity of crop to date greater than in past several years.

Indianapolis—Tomato processing plants running to capacity with yield and quality good. Peak should come next week. Hot nights causing some fruit to soften. Sweet corn processing should end this week. Good prospects for pumpkin crop.

Kokomo—Tomato crop very heavy. Sweet corn harvest continues with good quality and yield. Lima bean harvest starting.

Marion—Some tomato fields being picked weekly instead of every two weeks. Expect some early planted fields to be finished by Sept. 15. Cooler weather needed for late planted tomatoes.

Muncie—Three weeks of 90-degree heat taking toll on tomato crop.

New Castle—Tomato yield very good. Picking and processing progressing very well.

Columbus—Corn and tomatoes still plentiful and very good. Canners and growers say could be the best crops ever, if they can be harvested and processed. Some fields need moisture, others show effects of too much.

Connersville—Weather hot and dry but does not seem to affect sweet corn and tomatoes.

Vincennes—Cantaloupe harvest finished. Watermelon demand exceeds supply, market best in years. Peach harvest completed, market good. Apples maturing later than usual. Cooler nights needed to ripen and color fruit.

Indiana Democratic Women Plan Meeting

By HORTENSE MYERS
United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A woman may never become president of the U.S.A. in real life. But Mrs. Birch Bayh, wife of the Indiana speaker of the House, will achieve this distinction Sept. 11 in a play.

The farce, "Jenny for President," is part of a two-day conference sponsored by the Women's Division of the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee in Indianapolis. The men get shoved to a supplementary role in Jenny's cabinet, once she takes the rudder.

She names only one man, the postmaster general. This role is assigned to an actor with experience in running the postal system, if not as a thespian. Walter Myers, Sr., Indianapolis, former assistant postmaster general, is

to play this part.
Mrs. Katie Louchheim, national Democratic vice-chairman; Paul Butler, national chairman, and two Congressmen—Joseph Barr, 11th District; and John Brademas, 3rd, are headliners for the two-day event.

That would seem to give the men the major speaking role, but Mrs. Louchheim appears three times on the program, and will be flanked by several Indiana Democratic women. Mrs. Luella G. Cotton, Crawfordville, first woman to serve as principal clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives; Mrs. Howard Whitecotton clerk of the Supreme and Appellate Courts and State Rep. Marie Lauck, Indianapolis, also are to speak.

Democratic state vice-chairman Georgia Arnsman said men will be welcome members of the conference audience Sept. 11-12 in the Claypool Hotel.

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