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TWO PRESIDENTS—President Eisenhower, left, stands with Philippine President Garcia on the reviewing platform in Manila. Two million Filipinos tumultuously welcomed Ike.

Sees Passage Of Key Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said today he believed "most" of the key bills before Congress can be passed before the July 11 Democratic national convention. But he refused to say flatly Congress would not return to work in August.

Johnson, who returned from a visit to his home state of Texas early this morning, told reporters "We will take up every bill we can before we leave" for the presidential conventions.

"I believe most of the bills we have talked about can be acted on by the Senate," he said.

Other congressional news:

Housing: The House Banking Committee approved a \$1,365,000 housing bill by a 19-2 vote. The bill would extend no-down-payment financing to non-veteran home buyers for the first time. It also would provide slum clearance funds and funds for more federal lending to build college dormitories.

Boxing: A convict guarded by two deputy marshals maintained silence today after telling Senate investigators he had been threatened with violence if he testified about Frank Carbo, reputed "underworld czar" of boxing. Irving Mishel, serving a 10 to 20 year term at Clinton State Prison in New York for larceny, was described by the subcommittee counsel as a one time "underworld banker" in the fight game.

Waste: Commerce Secretary Frederick H. Mueller accused Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) of making unfair attacks in connection with the State Department's purchase of \$89,400 worth of furniture from a firm headed by Mueller's son. Mueller said neither the government nor his son acted improperly in any way.

Minimum Wage: The House Labor Committee tentatively agreed today on a bill boosting the federal minimum wage gradually to a \$1.25 an hour bringing about four million more workers

under the wage-hour law. A formal vote on the measure was postponed until Thursday.

Defense: A Senate group, including presidential hopeful Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), charted a drive today to increase the \$40,385,000,000 defense money bill which already contains more than one billion dollars asked by President Eisenhower.

The Defense Department appropriations bill, representing the biggest chunk of the government's cold war expenditure, was scheduled for floor action by the Senate. Lively debate with presidential year overtones was expected.

Flag Day Services Held Last Evening

Praising the Elks for helping remember the American flag, protected in many wars by the blood of fighting soldiers, Robert Gates, of Columbia City, former state commander of the American Legion, spoke to the largest crowd to attend Flag Day ceremonies in several years.

Gates, speaking to the first indoor recognition of Flag Day, told the group that the United States is not seeking domination of foreign countries, but rather is seeking to extend the rights of liberty and justice for all to all.

Gates' speech followed a recital of the history of the flag by George Bair, and a ceremony by the Elks officers on the importance and place of the flag.

The ceremony was also sponsored by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Following the ceremony a lunch was served to the guests who attended. This was the first Flag Day ceremony to be held in the new Elks home.

More Bargain Tour Reservations Here

A total of 27 persons, two over the original Decatur quota, have already signed up for the Decatur Daily Democrat-Erie railroad bargain tour to Niagara Falls and Canada for the weekend of June 24-27, and eight more spaces were made available to Decatur area people today.

Those who have already made reservations may pick up their week's at the Erie station this morning on a boating venture which will take him to Toledo.

Bonner, a 66-year-old World War I veteran, put his small 10 foot boat in the St. Mary's river at Pleasant Mills this morning on a boating venture which will take him to Toledo.

Bonner was born and reared in Adams county. He lived in Pleasant Mills with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bonner, until 1917, when he moved to Payne, O.

Bonner, who built the boat himself, expects to arrive in Toledo about a week from Saturday. He says that he believes he will be the first person in the world to make a coast to coast trip in a 10-foot boat.

The train fare, hotel in Niagara Falls, two sightseeing trips, a continental breakfast on the way, and a sack lunch on the return, are included in the bargain fare.

Those making the tour will travel in comfortable reclining seats, air-conditioned coaches to Buffalo. There they will transfer by bus to the Niagara Hotel in Niagara Falls, N. Y., just two blocks from the falls.

Plenty of free time will be allowed for rest, relaxation, or enjoyment of the falls and many side trips possible.

Falls At Night

A special trip will be made to view the falls at night, lit by 4 million candlepower, with the gigantic rim, nearly a mile around, pouring 164,000 cubic feet of water per second in a great roaring spectacle 165 feet onto the rocks below.

On Sunday afternoon the group will spend two hours touring the Canadian side of the falls, visiting the quaint neighboring Canadian community. Those who were born in the U. S. will not need any special proof of citizenship to re-enter the United States.

Those interested in more information may obtain reservations or information at the Decatur Daily Democrat office.

Decatur Church Membership Is 7,350

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

Assembly of God	92
Church of Christ	85
Church of God	175*
Church of the Nazarene	155
Decatur Missionary	206**
Evangelical United Brethren	803*
Bethany 408*	
Trinity 395*	
First Baptist Church	220***
First Christian Church	96*
First Methodist Church	661
First Presbyterian Church	326***
Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall	48*
Nuttman Avenue United Brethren in Christ	49*
St. Mary's Catholic Church	3,020
Zion Evangelical Reformed (U.B.C.)	525*
Zion Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)	895
Total Attendance	7,350

*Communicant members only—total much greater.
**Average Sunday attendance.
***Unofficial estimate.
****Preaching house to house—total greater.

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Building Projects
Largest of the building projects completed during the past ten years was the building of the new St. Mary's Catholic church, completed in 1954. The church presently has plans for a new sisters'

convent and new addition to the school.

The Zion Lutheran church has completed the educational building, and started its parochial school, in that new building.

Bethany E.U.B. church has made an addition to its building, and has also purchased a site for a new church in the future.

The First Methodist church has

made one major addition to its church, and has another in the planning stage.

In addition, a new parsonage has been purchased in Stratton addition during the past ten years.

The First Presbyterian church has purchased a new manse, and converted the old manse into Sunday school rooms. A new church building or addition to the old church are under consideration.

The Jehovah Witnesses have completed a new Kingdom Hall, located on Monroe street, during the period.

The Zion Reformed church has also completed a new addition to their church during the past ten years.

Compared With Bluffton

The neighboring city of Bluffton recently completed a similar survey, showing 4,344 church members in that city, a gain of 27 per cent in the past ten years. This represents 59 per cent of its census total of 6,252 for 1960. Wells county gained 8 per cent in population during the same period.

The First Methodist church of Bluffton, with 976 members, is the largest church in that city, the First Baptist with 767, and the First Reformed with 729, being the next largest.

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