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House Votes \$40 Billion Defense Money Bill; Ike Vetoes Federal Pay Hike

American Oil Properties In Cuba Seized

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Cuba's seizure of American oil properties has played into the hands of the Soviet trade offensive in Latin America and poses a knotty diplomatic problem for the United States on how to beat it.

U.S. officials feared that Wednesday's takeover of the Texaco refinery in Cuba and the threatened seizure of American Esso and British-Dutch Shell refineries would thrust Cuba toward greater reliance on Iron Curtain barter trade.

The Texaco seizure came after the three big oil firms refused an order to refine Soviet crude oil which Cuba is importing in exchange for sugar.

Cannot Collect Bills

Premier Fidel Castro's currency restrictions have prevented the American firms from collecting some \$50 million in bills they were owed for their Cuban operations. Cuba has expropriated \$300 million to \$450 million in other American properties without compensation.

To put it mildly, these difficulties for private enterprise are unlikely to encourage free world investment in Cuba.

Meanwhile, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev made it clear in Romania last week that expanding trade with underdeveloped areas was a main item of Soviet policy.

Signs Trade Agreements

Cuba has signed trade agreements with East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia recently.

The State Department Wednesday blasted the action against Texaco as "a naked seizure in contravention of the norms of conduct by responsible government."

For the United States the problem was how to curb the Communist-like "infection" in Cuba without putting Washington in the role of unilaterally cracking down on a small Latin American neighbor.

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Bodies Of Two Boys Found

MAUSTON, Wis. (UPI) — Bodies of two of the six boys missing from the Ukrainian youth camp since Tuesday night were pulled from the Wisconsin River today.

They were identified as those of Thor Lewytsky, Minneapolis, Minn., and George Trytchan, Chicago.

Lewytsky's body was the first one found when the dragging operations were resumed today. It was about one-quarter mile downstream from where the boys disappeared Tuesday night when they let go of a guide line while wading across the river.

Trytchan's body was located about 50 feet away.

Two other bodies were located and then lost again in the same area when the grappling lines of the searchers broke.

The search was called off Wednesday night because of high water on the river, which is about a mile in width at the point where the bodies were found. It was slowed by continued high water and by underwater objects.

In an effort to lower the water level the Wisconsin Public Service Commission ordered the dams above the scene closed. Skin divers were to be employed today.

The boys still missing are Oleh Szermeta, Roman Kuczama, Orest Nikorowycz and Orest Kurylak, all of Chicago.

New Scout Troop Is Presented Charter

Decatur's newest Boy Scout troop, St. Mary's troop 64, was presented its charter Wednesday evening at a program at the Catholic school.

Carl Braun, institutional representative, accepted the charter on behalf of St. Mary's parish from Dan Freeby, neighborhood commissioner, southern district, culminating months of organizational efforts.

The bill is a compromise between differing versions passed earlier by both houses. It would provide \$39.99 billion for the armed forces in the fiscal year starting at midnight tonight.

David Terhaar, troop advancement representative, presided at the meeting and introduced the troop leadership committee. Lowell J. Smith, veteran Scout leader, responded with a splendid talk on "Scouting in Decatur," and gave many valuable suggestions and advice to the Scouts, parents and Scout leaders in attendance.

The Rev. Robert Jaeger, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, spoke briefly on the troop chaplain's responsibility.

The program was climaxed with an impressive candlelight ceremony under the direction of Medina Smith, Scoutmaster of troop 64, and aided by assistant Scoutmasters James Roop and Don Miller, who invested the following Scouts with tenderfoot badges:

Mariano Alonis, Ronald Andrews, Stephen Bentz, David Braun, David Equia, Franke Equia, James Eiting, Tom Farchild, Al Fullenkamp, Pat Gage, Joe Gase, Ralph Geels, John Gerber, George Gordon, Jose Guerra, David Hackman.

William Hain, Ed Hammond, Jim Heimann, John Heimann, Lawrence Heimann, Dan Hess, John Hobbs, Don Kaehr, Domingo Lopez, Jr., Tom Lise, Gerry Meyer, Harold Meyer, Larry Meyer, James Miller, Peter Miller.

Richard Miller, Robert Miller, Thomas Miller, Dan Rickard, Joel Salazar, Ronald Schnepp, Bill Schooler, Leo Schurter, David Teeple, Stephen Teeple, William Tricker, Thomas Vian.

Ridgeville Youth Is Accidentally Killed

MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI) — Leslie J. Lee, 18, Ridgeville, was shot and killed accidentally Wednesday while riding in a car with four teen-aged companions on a country road east of here.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House by a vote of 402-5 approved a \$40 billion defense money bill today, all but completing congressional action on the year's biggest appropriations measure.

The legislation, carrying \$441,608,000 more than President Eisenhower requested to finance the nation's defense efforts, was sent to the Senate for anticipated quick and overwhelming approval.

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The bill, among its many items, carried \$293 million to build another conventionally powered aircraft carrier. The House at first refused to grant this administration request but agreed finally to do so.

Also in the measure were extra funds added by Congress to put the Air Force's B70 supersonic bomber program on a full development status. The budget called for \$75 million to build two prototype B70s. The bill upped this to \$265 million.

Other congressional news:

Adjournment: Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson formally proposed that Congress recess Saturday and return Aug. 8, after the political conventions, but almost solid Republican opposition to the plan developed.

Polymer: President Eisenhower vetoed as "indefensible by any light" a bill to raise the pay of federal workers by \$750 million a year. But he offered to approve "modest increase" tied to the 2.1 per cent rise in the cost of living since the last general pay boost in 1958.

Minimum Wage: Democratic Leader John W. McCormick (Mass.) predicted the House would pass today one of two rival election-year plans to hike the \$1-an-hour federal minimum wage and cover additional workers. Liberal Democrats thought they could put across their measure, designed to boost the wage floor to \$1.25 over three years and extend coverage to 3.5 million more employees.

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