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## Congressmen Meet For Lengthy Session Prior To Five-Weeks' Recess

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate and House meet today for a last long, contentious session before taking a five or six week recess for the political conventions.

A bill to give President Eisenhower power to cut sugar imports from Fidel Castro's Cuba was the key measure to be considered before the convention break. The legislation may be shunted back and forth between the Senate and House several times before final action.

The Senate was slated to come to work at 10 a.m. e.d.t. and the House at noon.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) warned members to be prepared for "one of our busiest and latest days of the year."

One important matter the lawmakers must decide before quitting late tonight or early Sunday is when to return to the Capitol.

The Senate voted to come back to work Aug. 8, after the Democratic convention July 11 and the GOP meeting July 25. The House, however, gave in to Republican demands and decided to return Aug. 15. The Senate probably will accept the later date.

Senators and House members appeared in good spirits and not especially weary despite the recent late night and Saturday sessions. But the post-convention session has ruined many vacation and campaigning plans.

In addition to the controversial Cuban sugar bill, the Senate had on its agenda today the 21-nation treaty to reserve Antarctica for peaceful uses, a constitutional amendment to guarantee women's rights, and a debate—probably heated—on a cut in road building funds for depressed areas.

Johnson reported that more than 50 bills, mostly minor, had been cleared for floor action. He said he hoped to dispose of many of them before recessing.

The House schedule called for consideration of mostly minor legislation. But the House had to keep itself ready to concur in Senate actions and to hold compromise conferences on legislation passed in differing forms by the two chambers.

The major last-day fight was over the sugar bill, which would give Eisenhower a powerful economic club to use on Castro's anti-American regime.

The Senate Finance Committee shelved a house-passed bill Friday and voted instead to give Eisenhower stop-gap authority to curtail Cuban sugar sales to this country for only the next six months.

The House measure, approved unanimously Thursday, would give Eisenhower the power for 18 months and extend the sugar import quota system for one year beyond its scheduled expiration next Dec. 31.

The Senate committee decided

to put off consideration of the House bill until after the conventions despite warnings from House leaders that this would make it impossible for Congress to wind up its business before Labor Day.

Sen. Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.) led the criticism of a Senate-House conference committee decision to chop \$200 million for road building in depressed areas from a \$1.8 billion highway construction measure.

**Street Department Asks Cooperation**

Adolph Kolter, city street commissioner, today issued an appeal to Decatur residents not to throw grass or weeds in the streets.

These may be placed in containers and the city street department will dispose of the grass and weeds during their regular pickups.

Kolter also asked property owners who wish to have lots mowed that they call his office, giving the address or the lot number of lots to be mowed. The department is now completing its first mowing and asks cooperation of local citizens.

**10,000 Demonstrate Against Jap Leader**

TOKYO (UPI) — About 10,000 demonstrators marched on the parliament building today demanding the immediate resignation of Premier Nobusuke Kishi, dissolution of the legislature and new parliamentary elections.

The demonstrators also demanded renunciation of the U.S.-Japanese security treaty.

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## Pay Hike Veto Is Overridden

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Mailmen and government workers reigned today as a potent bloc of voters with power to persuade Republicans as well as Democrats to slap down President Eisenhower's veto and grant an election-year pay raise.

With blue-shirted postmen cheering in the galleries, the Senate and House Friday overrode the veto of a \$740 million salary hike for 1,570,000 federal employees despite Eisenhower's charge that it represented "fiscal and legislative irresponsibility."

Immediately after the vote, the White House accused backers of jamming through the raise by "pressure and pork barrel tactics."

The House overrode the veto first, 345-69, and then the Senate followed suit, 74-24. Many Republicans in both chambers joined Democrats in toppling Eisenhower's veto. The margins were well above the needed two-thirds majority.

It was only the second time Congress has passed a bill over Eisenhower objections in his 7½ years in the White House. The Democratic Congress last September overrode the President's veto of a public works money bill.

The bill will give a 7 to 7½ per cent raise to 1,170,000 white collar workers in the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government, including employees on the staffs of congressmen and higher grade postal workers.

An additional 400,000 postal employees in the six lower wage brackets will get increases averaging 8.6 per cent.

**Unpaid Light Bills To Indiana-Michigan**

Many people of the Decatur area are erroneously under the impression that since the electric utility has been sold that they will not have to pay this month's light bill. This, however, is not true.

In the contract between Decatur and I&M, it states that any accounts that are unpaid by I&M from the city and I&M will then be responsible to see that the bills are collected. J. Calvin Hill, division manager of I&M, stated that his company is not strict about the paying of bills, but if they are not paid after a period of time, the company will probably be forced to cut off the power of the debtor. The meters were read today and the city's final bill will soon be received by the customers.

## To Correct Error In Minimum Wage Law

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A congressman's mistake in scribbling an amendment in long-hand has resulted in inadvertent House passage of legislation that would deprive 14 million workers of minimum wage protection.

The error, committed in the hurry-burry rush toward a recess before the political conventions, threw into confusion chances for approval of a minimum wage increase this year.

"It got written wrong, that's all," Rep. Frank E. Smith (D-Miss.) explained today.

When the error was discovered Friday, Smith moved quickly to make sure it wouldn't become law. Everyone agreed that would not happen. Smith said he had received assurances that the mistake would be corrected by the Senate.

Smith's amendment containing the drafting error was attached on the House floor to a bill to expand coverage of the minimum wage law to 1,400,000 additional workers and boost the \$1-an-hour minimum to \$1.15.

What Smith's amendment was supposed to do—as he explained in a one-minute speech before its hasty adoption Thursday—was to exempt from the wage and hours law workers in agricultural processing plants located outside cities of more than 250,000 population.

Because of the language in his hasty draft, the actual effect would be to exempt all persons who don't work in such cities—or 14 million of the 24 million persons covered by the present law.

The House approved the bill—along with Smith's mistake—late Thursday.

**Reports Untrue On Investing Of Funds**

City attorney Robert Anderson assured the Daily Democrat today that reports that the city can't invest the money from the sale of the electric utility are not true. There are certain conditions for investing the money, but the state board of accounts has not told Decatur officials that they will be unable to invest the money at all, but must leave it in the general fund.

## U.S. Bomber Is Missing On Norway Flight

WIESBADEN, Germany (UPI). — A U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane missing more than 12 hours on a mapping mission over northern Europe was believed today to have crash landed in the North Sea. Radio signals indicated its six-man crew was afloat in a rubber dinghy.

It was first feared the six-jet RB47 might have gone down near Russia's northwest frontiers.

But the Scheveningen marine radio in Holland reported this afternoon that it had picked up signals from six men in a dinghy off southern Norway. The station alerted all shipping in the area between Stavanger, Norway, and the Orkney Islands off Scotland to be on the lookout for the dinghy and the men.

The marine radio station at Wick, Scotland, also was reported to have picked up the signals but officials there declined to confirm the report.

There was no immediate official comment from the Wiesbaden headquarters of the U.S. Air Force in Europe.

American Air Force spokesmen in Britain, where the missing plane was based, also refused to comment.

The RP47 took off from Brize Norton, England, Friday on what was described as an electromagnetic survey flight—a mapping mission combined with a study of the earth's magnetic field.

It was last heard from at 11 p.m. (5 p.m. e.d.t.) Friday. Air Force spokesmen at Wiesbaden this morning refused to say how close the plane was to the Russian border when it last reported or to speculate on the possibility that it might have strayed over Soviet territory.

Three C54s from the big U.S. transport base at Prestwick, Scotland, and a Norwegian Catalina amphibian fanned out from Norway's Bodoe airbase, 600 miles from Russia. Additional U.S. search planes were dispatched from bases in Britain and the Azores.

Reconnaissance planes of this type—an adaptation of the swept-wing, 600-m.p.h. B47 bomber—are normally equipped for both photographic and weather-survey missions.

The Air Force is known to have made survey flights along the Russian border in the past, but so far as is known no RB47 has been used for a flight over Russia like that carried out by the U2 the Russians shot down on May 1.



SALE OF THE DECATUR electric utility to Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. was officially completed Friday afternoon in the office of Mayor Donald E. Gage. Pictured above are: Mrs. Laura Bosse, city clerk; J. Calvin Hill, I&M division manager; J. M. second row, left to right, Von Livingston, I&M counsel; Robert Anderson, Decatur city attorney; T. F. Grallier, president of the First State Bank; and city councilmen Lawrence Kohne, Frank Braun, Clyde Drake, Carl Gerber and Norbert Aumann.

## Millions Take To Highways Over Nation

United Press International. Millions of fourth of July vacationers jumped into the family car today and raced for the open road where an estimated 370 of them were expected to die.

As the first traffic fatalities of the 78-hour, three-day weekend were reported, the National Safety Council warned that bright sunlight blessing most of the nation could turn to a curse for drivers tempted to put on too much speed.

At 9 a. m. e.d.t., United Press International figures showed 49 persons dead in traffic accidents since the start of the holiday weekend at 6 p. m. local time Friday.

Another person drowned and four died in miscellaneous accidents for a total of 54 deaths.

Ohio led in the nation in highway deaths with nine. New York state reported five—California four and Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina and Utah three each.

This would be far more than the 288 persons killed during last year's two-day weekend, and close to the record for a three-day holiday of 391, set in 1955.

The last three-day Fourth of July weekend, in 1958, claimed 375 traffic victims.

Almost as serious was the threat to swimmers. Drownings in past years have averaged more than 170 during the gala weekend.

The danger was compounded by the record crush of cars, trucks and buses expected to hit the highways. The council estimated almost all of the nation's 73 million vehicles would drive a total 7.2 billion miles before Monday night.

But one Fourth of July pitfall of past years appeared to be under control. A National Fire Protection Association official in Boston predicted tight state control of firecrackers would cut fireworks casualties to 10 or less this year.

## Card Game Raided, One Man Is Killed

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Three hooded bandits broke up a card game in the community house at suburban Maywood late Friday night, shot an elderly man to death and rifled their wallets.

Police said Edward Turner was slain by three shots from a revolver.

Jake Chenoweth, 64, and Lawrence Kelson, 62, were not harmed, but the gunmen took an estimated \$1,000 in cash from all three.

Chenoweth said one man held a shotgun or rifle, the second a revolver and the third had what appeared to be a tire tool. All were masked.

Sheriff's deputies said the three men were ordered to get up from a table and stand against a wall in police method fashion when three shots rang out and Turner sprawled dead to the floor.

The only clue to the identity of the bandits was that one of them was believed to be suffering from a bullet wound or a bad cut. A trail of blood was found leading from the clubhouse.

## Indiana-Michigan Buys Office Site

Friday afternoon at 2:55 o'clock, J. Calvin Hill, division manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., presented to Mayor Donald Gage, two checks which were for a total of \$2,035,580 for the purchase of the municipal electric utility.

Present at the meeting were Gage, city attorney, Robert Anderson; clerk, treasurer, Mrs. Laura Bosse; city auditor, Ed Kauffman; the city councilmen, Norbert Aumann, Lawrence Kohne, Clyde Drake, Carl Gerber and Frank Braun; Ed Hagan, who will be the local I&M manager; Von E. Livingstone, counsel for I&M; T. F. Grallier, president of the First State Bank, and Hill.

After the checks were presented, Hill talked to the council, explaining that the district office will be where the present Decatur Super Service building is and that the office will be under the management of Ed Hagan, who has been manager of the Bluffton district, which is being moved to Decatur.

He explained that work of remodeling the building would begin very soon and I&M hoped to have it done about the first of the year. He also stated that they hope to have full operations underway by November.

Hill explained that he had talked to the plant employees and they were fairly well satisfied with the arrangements. I&M will try to find jobs for them and they will be given notice in advance if they are to be let go. One man terminated his job today. He said that the company was doing the best possible for the men.

Hill said that the company hopes to build friendships in Decatur and to prove to the people who didn't want to sell that they were wrong. But he said "only time will tell."

Hill went on to say that he believed his company had the ability to make Decatur a better city and because it is the second largest city in the division, he knows that I&M will do the best job possible. "But," he said, "I&M will be judged by the way they act."

Mayor Gage stated that the council hopes that sale is in the best interests of the city of Decatur and he hopes that the relationship will be friendly. After Hill had thanked the council for being so cooperative, Gage said he would like to welcome I&M to the city of Decatur.

The remaining \$26,042 of the price of \$2,061,622, was left out of the checks because I&M is giving Decatur 18 months of paid street lighting for this price. Mayor Gage reported that this is a fine deal as the light bill for the city runs about \$18,000 a year, barring any major repairs.

**Fear Next Move By Castro Government**

HAVANA, Cuba (UPI) — Worried American businessmen in Cuba today wondered where Premier Fidel Castro would strike next.

The revolutionary government Friday confiscated the giant American-owned Standard Oil and the Anglo-Dutch-owned Shell refineries for refusing to refine Russian crude oil.

The seizure of the properties under Castro's "intervention" laws made Cuba almost entirely dependent on the Soviet Union for oil.

Although the Cuban government immediately sent a tanker to Havana with 80,000 barrels of crude oil from its reserves, a shortage was expected.

Members of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and other businessmen felt that Castro's next target would be either the American-owned sugar mills of the Cuban Electric Co., a subsidiary of American and Foreign Power.

Castro has threatened to confiscate the 36 American sugar mills one-by-one if the sugar quota is cut. Mill owners interpreted this to mean that they are safe until President Eisenhower acts, provided the sugar quota cut is passed by the U. S. Senate.

**INDIANA WEATHER**  
Generally fair and a little warmer today and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy, warm and humid with scattered showers likely. Low tonight low 60s. High Sunday in the mid 80s. Outlook for Monday: Partly cloudy and cooler.

## U.S. Answers Act By Red Delegation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States was expected to hand the Russians today a coolly formal note charging Communist delegates walked out of the Geneva disarmament conference to prevent introduction of a new Western plan to halt the arms race.

Authoritative sources said the U.S. note has been sent to Moscow and will be delivered to the Soviet foreign office by Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson. The State Department arranged to release the text here.

The American note was described as a point-by-point rejection of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's claims that the West was stalling the Geneva talks and that the Western nations, the United States in particular, "do not sincerely want to negotiate disarmament."

The U.S. reply points out that the Soviet government knew when the five Communist nations—Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania—walked out of the Geneva meeting on Monday that the Western powers were preparing to submit new proposals aimed at meeting some Russian objections, officials said.

## Nikita Reaffirms Desires For Talks

VIENNA, Austria (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was reported today to have reaffirmed his desires for a summit conference after the U.S. presidential election in November.

Informed sources here said the visiting Soviet chief confirmed this position to Austrian officials. The sources said he would not push for a change of the status quo of Berlin before the elections.

Other sources predicted that Khrushchev may cover this theme and other problems of world politics in a speech he is scheduled to deliver tonight before a meeting of the Austro-Soviet Society in the former Hapsburg imperial palace.

Austrian sources reported the premier as having spoken frankly and optimistically about the prospects of eventual East-West understanding and the preservation of world peace.

At a gala state reception held Friday night at Schoenbrunn Castle, Foreign Minister Andrej Gromyko said the forthcoming U.N. Assembly might succeed in making progress towards disarmament although the Geneva conference failed.

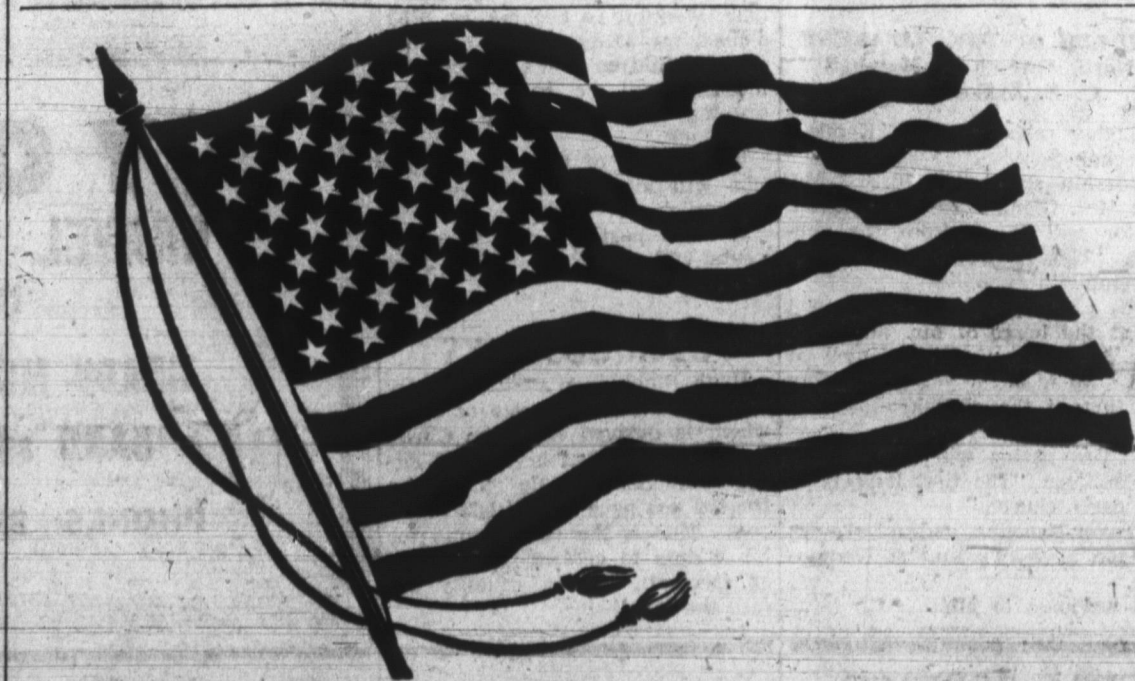
Gromyko told correspondents that the Soviet government will stand firm on its latest disarmament proposals and will present no new plans until the General Assembly meets.

The Soviet official said, "We are for stopping all atomic tests immediately and will agree to definite controls to insure fulfillment of such agreement."

Gromyko told newsmen that Khrushchev was enjoying his Vienna trip and that he "likes everything—the city, the people and the realistic position of the Austrian leadership on international affairs."

However, it is no secret that the Soviet delegation has been highly displeased with the chilly, if not hostile, attitude of many of Vienna's newspapers.

Chancellor Julius Raab Friday informally expressed his regrets to Khrushchev that the Austrian press has not displayed more friendliness.



THE NEW 50-STAR AMERICAN FLAG, pictured here, becomes official Monday, July 4. This is the second consecutive Independence Day that Americans will pay their respects to a brand-new Old Glory. The flag has had many changes since first authorized by Congress in 1777, with 13 stripes and 13 stars. The stripes, symbolizing the original 13 states, are not changed, but the field of stars numbers 50.

# Rural Letter Carriers--Welcome to Decatur