

Draft likely to overcome opposition

WASHINGTON - Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield predicted an extension of the military draft eventually would be approved by Congress despite efforts either to kill the bill or to rewrite it.

Mansfield made the statement during debate Thursday on a proposal to table the draft bill. A vote had been set for some time Thursday but there was discussion late in the morning of a possible postponement.

The move by Senator Gordon Allott, R-Colorado, was aimed at ordering renegotiation of the bill in order to give higher salary increases to lower rank servicemen.

Some backers of the move wanted to restore to original language of an end-the-war amendment by Mansfield that was diluted in a House-Senate conference committee.

Backers of the bill said in advance of the voting a Senate vote to table the bill would delay passage by weeks or months, and would hurt the U.S. defense posture.

But Mansfield said the draft bill would almost certainly pass eventually.

Losses force Look to fold

NEW YORK - Look, a picture magazine giant which found survival difficult in the television age, will cease publication October 19 as a result of more than \$10 million in losses in less than three years, it was announced Thursday.

The demise of the 34-year old publication was announced by Gardner Cowles, who founded Look with his brother John and is editor-in-chief and Chairman of Cowles Communications, Inc., publisher of Look. Cowles said his heart said, "Keep it going," but his head said, "Suspend it."



Dealers promise

Tax repeal to mean savings to consumer

WASHINGTON - Car manufacturers and dealers promised Congress Thursday they would pass directly to consumers the average \$200 savings from repeal of the 7 per cent federal auto excise tax. They urged repeal be extended to light trucks and spare parts.

President Nixon consulted governors, mayors and county executives on his post-freeze policy, the National Education Association announced plans to file a lawsuit seeking an exemption from the current wage-price freeze for public school teachers who have been denied scheduled pay raises.

Medina denies killings

FT. McPHERSON, Ga. - Capt. Ernest L. Medina took the witness stand in his own defense Thursday and told the court-martial jury he specifically instructed his troops not to kill women and children at My Lai.

The 34-year old professional soldier from Montrose, Colorado, charged with 102 murders in the South Vietnamese village, also categorized Lt. William L. Calley, one of his platoon leaders at My Lai, as lacking in leadership ability and in the ability to quickly grasp instructions.

Retention act repealed

WASHINGTON - The Senate swiftly completed Thursday congressional repeal of a 1950 law authorizing the government to operate detention camps for suspected spies and saboteurs in times of national emergency.

The legislation, identical to that passed by the House Tuesday on a 356-49 vote, not only repealed the never-used Emergency Detention Act, but included language requiring an act of Congress before anyone can be imprisoned or detained except under existing criminal laws.

No deaths

Edith damage widespread

CAMERON, La. - Hurricane Edith slammed into Louisiana's swampy coast Thursday with 100-mile-an-hour winds and generated at least 12 tornadoes, torrential rain, and tides.

Damage was widespread but there were no deaths and only few injuries as the storm headed toward Mississippi and Alabama.

Edith's dash into Louisiana followed a 2,000 mile trip of death and destruction that began 11 days ago when she was born as a tropical storm in the Caribbean. She blew into a hurricane, slammed 175-mile-an-hour gales into Nicaragua, bounced into Honduras and the Yucatan peninsula and emerged as a weak tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico.

After killing at least 35 persons-and possibly scores more in isolated areas of Central America-the storm regained hurricane power off the Texas coast and headed for Louisiana. Thousands of coastal dwellers who have lived with the fear of such storms for most of their lives fled inland.

So, when Edith arrived, the shores of Louisiana were almost deserted.

The storm spun off three tornadoes 150 miles inland at Baton Rouge, the state capital. Three more twisters battered the New Iberia area and others struck near Crowley, St. Martinville, Arnaudville, Broussard, Youngsville and Lafayette.

Several children and a teacher were injured by shattered glass and flying boards at a Baton Rouge elementary school damaged by one of the twisters. A shopping center also was struck.

Nixon affirms Viet aid

WASHINGTON - President Nixon said Thursday South Vietnam is a long way from achieving a U.S. style democracy, but he rejected ideas American foreign aid should be cut off because of its one-man presidential race.

He rejected the proposed aid cut off, endorsed-by Senator Henry M. Jackson, D-Washington, as well as many critics of the war, in an informal news conference in the White House.

Although he acknowledged the shortcomings of the South Vietnamese political system, the President said only

about 30 of the 91 nations that receive U.S. aid are headed by freely elected leaders.

"We would have to cut off aid to two-thirds of the countries in the world ... if we were to apply the standards that some propose for South Vietnam," Nixon declared.

As for the draft extension bill that faces serious trouble in the Senate, Nixon said failure to approve it would be disastrous. He said it "would be one of the most irresponsible acts of the U.S. Senate that I can think of."

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