

Senate Committee OK's More \$ For Viet Nam War

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee gave unanimous approval yesterday to a \$4.8 billion authorization for mounting Viet Nam war costs.

At the same time, Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., Chairman, said he would vigorously oppose any effort to attach any policy provisions to the legislation when it reaches the Senate floor.

Russell said the Senate committee tightened up somewhat broad powers which Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara had asked to shift millions of dollars of military money from one purpose to another.

Russell said Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana told him the Viet Nam funds authorization will become the pending business of the Senate Thursday if — as expected — the second effort to limit debate in the union shop filibuster fails.

That would permit Senate action Wednesday, Feb. 16, when Congress returns from a holiday recess for Lincoln Birthday speeches.

Russell said he expects Senate passage because this involves funds to "support our fighting men, some of whom are in Viet Nam against their wishes."

Although one Senator on the Committee sharply questioned U. S. policies in Viet Nam, Chairman Russell said all 17 were recorded for approval of the measure.

The authorization covers part of the \$12.8 billion of emergency Viet Nam funds asked by the President. Both the Senate and House must approve the authorization before the actual funds are approved in a separate money bill later.

Russell said the authorization for \$4,807,750,000 (B), included \$3.4 billion for aircraft, helicopters, missiles and similar military hardware; \$1.2

billion for construction of ports, airfields and other defense facilities; and \$152 million for research and development.

In another phase of Viet Nam action at the capitol, chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced that Secretary of State Dean Rusk has agreed to appear before that group for a second round of questioning in the investigation of administration policy in Asia.

Fulbright said Rusk will appear Feb. 17 following a public examination of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor the preceding day.

Rusk underwent four hours of hot grilling two weeks ago.

After a session today to hear from George Kennan, former Ambassador to Russia and will be recessed until next Wednesday.

Fulbright said questioning of Taylor, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and later Ambassador to South Viet Nam, had been put off from Monday at the request of Republicans who want to be out of Washington for Lincoln's Birthday affairs.

Before the Armed Services Committee Action, Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., spokesman for a group of 16 Senators who opposed resumption of bombing of North Viet Nam, predicted nearly unanimous Senate approval of the authorization.

Dominican Police Fire Into Crowd

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — National police broke up a student demonstration outside the national palace with gunfire and tear gas yesterday. Two brothers and a girl were killed and unofficial estimates of the wounded ranged to 43.

The incident touched off a wave of disorders in the downtown area that quieted at noon and started up again in the afternoon. The rioters set fire to a station wagon belonging to the U. S. representative here. The Dominican driver was reported beaten up.

One of the slain brothers was identified as Antonio Santos Mendes. The slain girl was Altigracia Amelia Richart Calventi. The National Press Office listed four other girls wounded.

Most of the estimated 600 demonstrators were high school and grammar school boys and girls. They had called the demonstration ostensibly to demand that the government restore financial assistance to the University of Santo Domingo. But the demonstration turned into an anti-U. S. protest. One large placard said, "Go Home, Yankees."

Capt. German Perez Montas, in charge of the police detail, said students provoked the shooting by throwing rocks at police. The shooting broke out as one group of youths unfurled an American flag, and began to burn it.

Montas claimed some of the students were armed and a military spokesman at the national palace said authorities had been tipped before the demonstration that some of the students were armed. One of the wounded was a police officer who was shot in the leg.

The spokesman said the Inter-American police force was alerted ahead of the demonstration but took no part in the action except to patrol streets around the palace after students dispersed.

Immediately after the shooting, youth gangs ranged the downtown street, shouting "Strike, strike," overturning garbage cans and trying to throw up street barricades. One auto, reportedly that of a diplomat, was set afire.

North Carolina News Roundup

Lumberton Bank Robbed

LUMBERTON, N. C. AP—The First Union National Bank's North Elm drive-in branch was robbed of \$11,273 yesterday morning and about an hour later a Winston-Salem man was arrested by two highway patrolmen and an FBI agent near St. Pauls.

Special Agent Robert M. Murphy of the Charlotte FBI office identified the man arrested as Jimmy Norwood Cranfill, 29, of Rt. 7, B St., Winston-Salem, an unemployed pipe fitter, who is separated from his wife, now living in Maryland with their three children.

The matter is to be presented to a federal grand jury at Raleigh Friday.

When Cranfill was arrested on Highway 95, south of nearby St. Pauls, the FBI said he had \$7,754, a .32 caliber revolver and a small automatic in his possession. He offered no resistance.

The FBI said the search was continuing for the rest of the money.

State's Oldest Man Dies

BRISTOL (AP)—The nation's second oldest man, according to federal records, was buried yesterday in Bristol with only a handful of persons on hand to mourn him.

A light rain fell as Joe Simms, 118, was laid to rest. The white-haired Negro died at a Bristol nursing home this week from complications resulting from a two-week bout with pneumonia.

According to Social Security Administration records, Simms was the nation's second oldest centenarian. Records show that only Charlie Smith, 124, of Polk City, Fla., has outlived him.

Simms, a former slave, spent his entire life in Sullivan County, and had worked as a janitor for a combined 60 years at Steed College in Johnson City, Tenn., and Sullins College in Bristol. He said he was born April 1, 1847, while his parents were slaves on the farm of Isaac Devault near Bristol.

Sanford PO Under Inspection

SANFORD, N.C. AP—A team of postal investigators moved into Sanford yesterday to probe charges that a New Jersey firm was not following specifications in building a new Sanford Post Office.

The building permit was revoked by municipal officials who charged Schur-Lee Realty Corp. of Hackensack, N. J., had departed from the building specifications.

The officials alleged the company was using cinder blocks for the walls instead of concrete and had also used concrete pillars instead of steel.

The company is also involved in a controversy at Shelby, where its post office building permit was revoked.

Schur-Lee qualified Tuesday to do business in North Carolina when Secretary of State Thad Eure approved the company's application for a charter. The application had been returned because of two deficiencies.

Jones Wins Election

RALEIGH AP—Walter B. Jones of Farmville was certified yesterday as the winner of the Feb. 5 special election in North Carolina's 1st Congressional District.

Official tabulations by the State Board of Elections gave Democrat Jones 21,773 votes to 14,308 for Republican John P. East of Greenville. Six write-in votes were tallied, distributed among three other persons.

Mrs. Sara Small of Williamston received one write-in vote in Bertie County, Frederick H. LaGarde received two in Chowan County, Andrew Best received two in Pitt County and Richard Lee Humbles received one in Pitt.

After the 11 a.m. canvass was completed by the elections board, Jones' commission was prepared by Secretary of State Thad Eure for transmittal to Washington. The document was taken to Washington by Jones' son, Walter Jr., a student at North Carolina State.

Jones will be sworn-in at noon today in Washington.

State Has Shelters For 31%

RALEIGH AP—North Carolina could provide public shelters for 31.5 per cent of the state's 4,556,000 residents in event of a nuclear attack, a state Civil Defense official said yesterday.

James Denning, operations officer, said most of the fallout shelters are in cities and would offer "acceptable protection" against radiation from a nuclear explosion.

"From an operational standpoint, knowing what to do in case of an attack, North Carolina is as well prepared as any state in the nation," Denning told The Associated Press.

"We're not as well off as some Northern states in the number of public shelters available because they have bigger and more buildings in metropolitan areas," he said. "But we're on a par with Southern states."

The big problem in event of a sudden enemy attack, Denning noted, would be the movement of residents to areas containing public shelters.

"That problem is prevalent in all states," he said. "All we could do would be to try to save as many lives as possible."

Denning added, "Civil defense is actually a game you play before the whistle starts. It's like a coach preparing his attack for a game. Anything can happen after the whistle blows, but you hope for the best. Let's put it this way—Civil Defense is like insurance. It's good to have but you hope you never have to use it."

Denning released figures showing there are 1,752 public shelters through the state. Of these, 1,111 are stocked with water and other provisions for use in an emergency.

Of the total shelters, Mecklenburg County has 144, Wake 146, Forsyth 136, Guilford 131, Cumberland 107 and Buncombe 104.

Morse Blocks Committee OK Of Vaughn Nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate critic of U. S.-Latin American policy held up yesterday action on the nomination of Assistant Secretary of State Jack Hood Vaughn to be director of the Peace Corps.

As Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Vaughn was one of the top officials involved when President Johnson decided to rush troops to the bloody revolt in the Dominican Republic last year.

Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., told Vaughn at yesterday's hearing by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that his record "disqualifies you, and I'll vote against your nomination."

The slender 45-year-old Vaughn disputed Morse's argument that "when the chips of democracy are down we walk away."

But Morse said "There is no question that you, Mann and Rusk have given bad advice to our President."

In addition to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Morse was referring to Assistant Secretary of State Thomas C. Mann. Mann has been a special target of critics of the Dominican intervention who charge him with carrying out "a hard line" in Latin America.

Morse blocked a committee vote with a point of no quorum. But Committee Chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., expressed certainty that Vaughn and his successor as Assistant Secretary, Lincoln Gordon, would be approved.

The U. S. intervention in the Dominican Republic has also drawn some fire from Fulbright whose speech charging the administration "overreact-

ed" apparently led to some coolness between him and Johnson.

Vaughn had his supporters as well as detractors at yesterday's session. Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper, R-Iowa, told Vaughn, "I think you have rendered a great service to Latin America. . . I do have a feeling your record has been excellent."

Another critic of Latin American policy, Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., praised Vaughn's record as a Peace Corps official and Ambassador to Panama. "But," he added, "you can't hit every ball over the fence. . . I think in your present position you have been more sinned against than sinning."

One big question, said Clark, is "when are we going to get those generals out of the Dominican Republic? . . . You're familiar with the phrase hasta manana (until tomorrow). It's taking a long time isn't it?"

"I am also familiar with the phrase 'adios muchachos' (so long, boys) Vaughn replied.

He predicted the "generals" — military figures from both sides of the revolution ordered out of the country — would leave soon.

Humphrey Flies To Saigon With Vietnamese Officials

HONOLULU (AP) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey left for Saigon yesterday with South Viet Nam's top leaders to spur action on programs attacking hunger, disease and ignorance in that war-torn country.

"Our mutual struggle against the terror and tyranny of the aggressor will be matched by a vigorous war against the age-old enemies of disease, hunger, and social and economic deprivation," said the Vice President in a statement before his departure.

Flying with him were Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and Chief of State Nguyen Van Thieu, who concluded talks here Tuesday with President Johnson, and various U. S. officials, including Presidential envoy W. Averell Harriman.

Responding to Humphrey's remarks, Thieu expressed the gratitude of his country to American families who have served in Vietnam fighting in Viet Nam. He pledged his country's willingness "to pay the price to bring peace and democracy to Viet Nam."

Humphrey's mission will be to begin implementation of a political, social and economic program outlined Tuesday in the Declaration of Honolulu.

"We are determined to implement the aims of the declaration," said the Vice President, "and we shall take immediate and continuing action as partners with the government and the people of South Viet Nam to achieve these objectives."

Flanked by Ky and Thieu at a rostrum, Humphrey told a tiny airport crowd that Johnson was "most pleased" with the conference. He called the Declaration of Honolulu "one of the great documents of history."

At the same time, Humphrey said, the United States will continue "the special efforts" initiated by Johnson to achieve peace in Viet Nam.

Humphrey's plane left Honolulu International Airport at 8:11 a.m. (1:11 p.m. EST), about six hours after his arrival from Los Angeles where he met hurriedly with Johnson.

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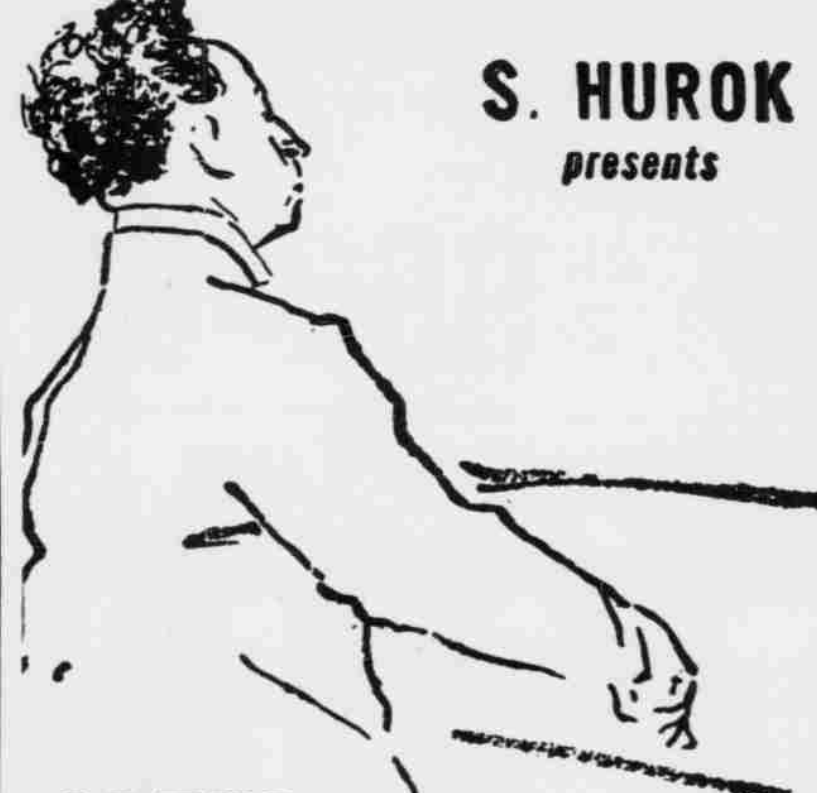
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N. Y. Supreme Court Halts Transit Settlement Raises

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge ruled yesterday that state law requires city subway and bus workers to wait three years to collect pay raises they won after a 12-day strike last month.

Supreme Court Justice Irving H. Saypol called the settlement that ended the crippling strike "ransom extorted from eight million citizens."

He said it was clear that the state law forbidding strikes by public employes requires that reinstated strikers must be refused a pay raise for three years.

Justice Saypol said it was "craven servility" to grant pay increases to illegal strikers, and "if responsible officials cannot stand up in firm resistance, the court will."

Leaders of the AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union promptly issued a statement saying they would insist that the Transit Authority and the mayor live up to the agreement.

The authority had no immediate comment. There is no doubt Saypol's opinion will be appealed. The Supreme Court in New York is a trial court.

The 34,400 workers were granted across-the-board increases of 4 per cent retroactive to Jan. 1, another 4 per cent next Jan. 1, and another 7 per cent on July 1, 1967. The total cost was estimated variously at \$52 to \$70 million over two years.

None of the increase has yet been paid, since the union members ratified the contract only last weekend.

President Johnson denounced the settlement as inflationary, but it was defended by Republican Mayor John V. Lindsay.

The strike, the first city-side transit shutdown in the city's history, was called a few hours after Lindsay took office on Jan. 1. Business losses were estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Transit Authority invoked the state Condon-Wadlin Act, which forbids strikes by public employes, to obtain an injunction against the strike.

Michael J. Quill, President of the Transport Workers Un-

ion, and eight other union leaders were jailed for ignoring the injunction. Quill collapsed in jail, was hospitalized, and later died of a heart ailment.

The other union leaders were released when the strike ended, and the Transit Authority dropped court efforts to assess fines against the union, and said it would not invoke the Condon-Wadlin Act.

Ground Action Slackens In Viet Nam

SAIGON (AP) — U. S. Marines, bombers and artillery killed 27 Viet Cong yesterday near a helicopter base of the leathernecks' Operation Double Eagle 20 miles south of Quang Ngai city. One Marine was wounded.

American air squadrons stepped up their attacks both north and south of the border as ground action generally slackened. Briefing officers claimed considerable success in the double-barreled operation and said all the scores of planes involved returned safely.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is due in today with Chief of State Nguyen Van Thieu and Premier Nguyen Cao Ky from Honolulu, where the Vietnamese leaders had a summit conference with President Johnson. Humphrey expected to make a two-day visit to Saigon as part of an Asian tour.

Bloody fighting last week in the offensive of American and Allied forces that swept North Vietnamese regulars and hard-core Viet Cong remnants from the central coast was reflected in casualties announced by the U. S. military command.

A spokesman said Communist losses soared to 1,541 killed and 245 captured, up from 408 killed and 56 captured in the previous week, and the kill ratio favored the Allied forces 5.2 to 1.

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