

# Nixon Signs Legislation Changing Narcotic Laws

WASHINGTON—President Nixon, hoping to "save the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people who would otherwise be hooked on drugs," Tuesday signed legislation providing stiffer penalties for narcotics pushers, but lighter ones for users.

Nixon signed the measure, a key part of his anticrime package, amid tight security at ceremonies at the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell expressed hope that all 50 states would adopt similar legislation, using the federal law as a model.

"I hope at the time the federal government is moving, the whole nation is moving with us," said Nixon, "to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of our

young people who otherwise would be hooked on drugs and physically, mentally, morally destroyed."

Besides providing 300 additional federal narcotics agents, the President noted that the new law broadens the attorney general's jurisdiction far beyond heroin, barbiturates and amphetamines and "provides a very forward-looking program" to treat drug addiction.

Approved earlier this month by a Democrat-controlled Congress anxious not to be accused of being soft on crime, the bill lowers all federal first offense penalties for narcotic users from felonies to misdemeanors. But it gives federal judges power to impose additional sentences up to 25 years on pushers convicted a third time.

Nixon stressed that the government must have public support to cope with the "major crisis" in the increasing use of drugs among youth.

In the ceremony, Nixon said, "In every house in America, in every school in America, in every church in America, this nation faces a major crisis in increasing use of drugs among our young people."

Nixon signed the bill in a small conference room of the narcotics bureau headquarters at a table set up beside a heady table.

The larger table was covered with cash seized in drug raids plus piles of cellophane-wrapped bundles containing drugs. The money and drugs represented \$4.1 million worth of illicit narcotics taken in a Detroit raid.

## President Begins Final Campaigning

WASHINGTON—President Nixon left the capital late Tuesday for a final week-long campaign blitz to boost Republican candidates in key states from Florida to California.

Investing more of his personal prestige than most previous Presidents have in off-year elections, Nixon believes that the switch of just one or two seats in the Senate would change the ideological make-up of Congress and improve chances for his programs.

Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President wanted changes "regardless of party lines," a clear reference to administration hopes that Sen. Charles Goodell, a Republican who has frequently opposed Nixon, will lose in New York.

White House political strategists consider the President's personal campaigning to be vital to GOP hopes in the Nov. 3 election because they say polls show that in most areas Nixon is personally more popular than local Republican candidates.

After appearances Tuesday night in Palm Beach and Miami Beach, Fla., Nixon is scheduled to campaign Wednesday in St. Petersburg and Tallahassee, Fla., Longview and Dallas, Tex. Later stops are scheduled for Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico before Nixon casts his own ballot next Tuesday at San Clemente, Calif.

Ziegler said the White House would not join Vice President Spiro Agnew in endorsing the Republican Senate candidate in Virginia, Ray L. Garland, who is opposing Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., D-Va., who is running for re-election as an independent.

"We are not getting involved in the Virginia campaign," Ziegler said when asked about Agnew's endorsement Monday of Garland.

## General Loses Combat Medals

SAIGON—American headquarters Tuesday reported "administrative irregularities" in the awarding of two bravery medals to Brig. Gen. Eugene P. Forrester and announced that the decorations were being rescinded. A terse three-paragraph statement issued Tuesday also said Forrester was not aware of the irregularities.

Five enlisted men brought the embarrassing incident to light last week in a letter to Rep. H. Mendel Rivers, charging that they had been ordered by superior officers to "create recommendations" for the award of the medals to Forrester.



## Kent President Defends Prof

KENT, Ohio—Kent State University President Robert I. White said Tuesday a faculty member defied a court order to criticize a grand jury report of last spring's campus disorders because he "felt obligated" to defend the school.

White made his comment in defense of Glen Frank, a Kent geology professor who was cited for contempt of court in speaking out against a special state grand jury report.

The report, issued after a month long investigation, said the "permissive" attitude of the Kent administration led to the May 4 shooting deaths of four students by Ohio National Guardsmen.

Seabury H. Ford, a special state prosecutor who helped guide the grand jury investigation into the students' deaths, also was cited for contempt of court.

"Regardless of their accuracy, statements attributed to attorney Seabury Ford in Saturday's Akron Beacon Journal article, one in which he

claims he was misquoted, caused considerable upset," White said.

"As a result, Professor Glenn Frank felt obligated to speak in defense of the university and its students. No one holds a greater commitment to Kent State University and to justice. Any university would be fortunate to hold his allegiance."

Ford and Frank both pleaded guilty to the contempt charges and were freed on \$500 bonds.

Ford contended he was misquoted in the article which reported him saying: "I think the whole damn country is not going to be quiet until the police are ordered to shoot to kill."

Frank said he thought the grand jury investigation was a "farce" on the part of the judge, jury and prosecutor.

Both Ford and Frank allegedly violated a Portage County court order prohibiting discussion of the investigation by those involved. Frank appeared twice before the panel as a witness.

## 100 Fans Robbed At Party

ATLANTA—More than 100 boxing fans, in town for the Jerry Quarry-Cassius Clay fight, lost their dignity and about \$200,000 in valuables Tuesday when they turned up at a freeloader party hosted by shotgun-wielding bandits.

The men and women, most of them blacks, were forced to peel off their clothes and belongings while one of the bandits used a broom to sweep the discarded wallets, necklaces, watches and rings into a neat pile in the middle of the floor.

The "party" was held at a private home in a predominantly black neighborhood of \$20,000 to \$35,000 homes.

"Guests" were greeted at the door by a young woman, then herded into the basement where they were told to strip and lie on the floor.

One police officer said there were so many victims that the robbers stacked some of them like cordwood to conserve space.

Two women hostages were taken by the band of six or eight gunmen, but one was released. Police said she was hysterical and refused to give her name or details of the robbery.

Nearly all of the embarrassed victims were out-of-towners and rather than press charges and turn the publicity spotlight on themselves, most of them simply put on their clothes and disappeared.

Atlanta police said that since most of the victims refused to press charges, it was impossible to determine exactly how much was taken, but said the haul apparently amounted to at least \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Invitations to the "party" were handed out by blacks on downtown streets following the Monday night fight.

## Strategists Favor GOP

WASHINGTON—With the midterm elections only a week away, knowledgeable political strategists of both parties agreed Tuesday that the Republicans stand a good chance of coming close to President Nixon's goal of seizing control of the Senate.

A highly placed Democrat who has traveled extensively this fall concedes the possibility the GOP might actually come within two seats of taking command of the Senate, figuring a net Democratic loss of five seats.

Coming close, of course, is not winning, at least numerically. The Republicans will need to pick up seven seats to manage a tie with Democrats of 50 seats, enabling Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to cast the deciding vote in the GOP's favor when the Senate is reorganized in January.

But Nixon's overriding aim in making the Senate the political battleground of

the year is to achieve a majority of Senators, not necessarily all of them Republicans, who will vote his way and thus build a conservative power base in Congress for the 1972 presidential election.

In this campaign, Nixon has a better chance of succeeding.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Tuesday that Nixon believes the elections "would be a success if there were one or two changes in certain seats and if...the person chosen...would generally support the administration's objectives."

The President, he stressed, wants a change "on ideological lines" even more than on party lines.

Nixon's concern for ideology rather than numerical party strength is reflected in his refusal to endorse Sen. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., for reelection against Conservative party challenger, James L. Buckley, and his lack of announced support for GOP Senate candidate Ray Garland of Virginia.

The Democrats figure Sen. Harry F.

Byrd, Jr., D-Va., will be re-elected but count him as an ideological loss. Byrd is running as an independent, and Nixon's political operatives regard him as a conservative friend who has voted with the administration in the past.

The latest Republican reading says the GOP has an even or better chance of capturing six seats now held by Democratic senators in Tennessee, Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Utah, and North Dakota, and possibly gaining three more—in New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida.

If the GOP could win eight of the nine Democratic seats regarded as most vulnerable, they would have to hold their losses to one seat to control the Senate.

## Officer Taken

QUITO, Ecuador—Ecuador's air force chief, Gen. Cesar Rohon Sandoval, 40, was kidnaped early Tuesday, official sources reported.

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