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Atlanta Mayor Backs JFK's Bill On Rights

Passage Of Accommodations Bill Urged; Voluntary Action Is Termed Not Enough

By JACK CLAIBORNE
Observer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. told the Senate Commerce Committee Friday that voluntary action was not enough to solve the nation's racial problems.

He urged Congress to enact a federal law outlawing racial discrimination in places of public accommodation.

Not to do so, he said, would mean turning back the clock and reversing the uneasy progress that has been made recently by men of good will.

"Even now, the knowledge that this bill might not pass has caused some business men who agreed to desegregate their businesses to question whether they made the right move," he said.

The graying mayor pleaded with the Congress to "give us some direction, give us some definition."

As he talked he leaned forward toward the microphone on the desk before him and his words came out softly, distinctly.

The committee and the small ceilinged hearing room were hushed by the drama and the eloquence of his statement.

"As the mayor of the southeast's largest city, I can say to you out of first-hand experience and first-hand knowledge that nowhere does the problem of eliminating discrimination between the races strike so closely home as it does to the local elected public official. He is the man who cannot pass the buck."

"From this viewpoint," he said, "I speak of the problem as having been brought into sharp focus by decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States and then generally ig-



ATLANTA MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR.
... Asks Public Accommodations Law

AP Wirephoto



'Your Truth Is Not My Truth'

Pastore, Thurmond Shout Angrily At Each Other



TEST-BAN TREATY JFK Calls Pact Vital 'First Step'

AROUND BASES

McNamara OKs Off-Limits Areas

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara authorized the armed services Friday to declare off-limits areas where "relentless discrimination persists against Negro servicemen and their families."

McNamara hemmed in this authority, however, requiring that such sanction be applied by base commanders only with prior approval from the secretary of the service involved.

At the same time, McNamara rejected a proposal that the Pentagon close military bases near communities where discrimination is particularly prevalent and where persuasion by military authorities fails.

McNamara disclosed these moves in reporting to President Kennedy on actions taken in response to recommendations more than a month ago by the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces.

That committee, headed by Washington attorney Gerhard A. Gesell, had recommended a wide range of actions to eliminate housing, school and other discriminations against Negro servicemen stationed at bases in areas practicing racial segregation.



ROBERT S. McNAMARA
... "Off Limits"

All World To Benefit, He Asserts

Senate May Give Early Approval

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — President Kennedy said Friday night that the nuclear test-ban agreement with the Soviet Union was "a step toward peace, a step toward reason, a step away from war."

But he warned that "it is not the millenium" in solving East-West differences.

In a radio-television report to the nation on what the agreement "can mean to you and your children and your neighbors," the President called on the world's four nuclear powers—including France — to try to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to other nations.

The President did not mention Communist China by name, but said "a small but significant number of nations" would have the intellectual, physical and financial resources to produce and deliver nuclear weapons in the next several years.

"Neither the United States, nor the Soviet Union, nor the United Kingdom, nor France

Quake Kills Hundreds, Levels City

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — (AP) — A violent earthquake hit the heart of Skopje at dawn Friday, badly damaged or destroyed 90 per cent of the city's buildings and killed possibly 1,000 persons, the official Tanjug News Agency reported.

Strom Rebuked For 'Brow-Beating'

By JACK CLAIBORNE
Observer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Pastore, acting chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, publicly rebuked South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond for "brow-beating" Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. on Friday.

When Thurmond objected to the rebuke, the two senators engaged in an angry shouting match, their second in the recent round of hearings on the President's civil rights bill.

Mayor Allen and the sparse crowd in the hearing room looked on in astonishment as the two senators exchanged insults over the big hearing room's public address system.

Pastore's feelings arose during Thurmond's questioning of Allen about the mayor's endorsement of the President's public accommodations bill.

But when Pastore tried to regain the floor "to make a comment" Thurmond refused to yield.

When Thurmond did yield, Pastore in a calm voice that belied his rising feelings delivered a lecture "to the members of this committee" about the station of many of the witnesses. He said they were "distinguished men in their own right" and "entitled to the courtesy of this committee."

When Pastore had completed his lecture, Thurmond

leaned into the microphone to ask if the acting chairman was implying that Thurmond had been discourteous to Allen.

Pastore leaned back in his chair and laughed. "Well to be perfectly frank about it, yes. You asked a 'when did you stop beating your wife question; and I won't tolerate that kind of question from this committee.'"

His temper still rising, he said, "If it's necessary we'll go into executive session and talk about it."

Thurmond was furious. He denied asking any 'loaded' questions and said he resented Pastore's accusations.

Pastore shouted that Thurmond had asked a question that went something like, 'Mr. Mayor, since the enactment of this bill would close many businesses in small towns throughout the South, don't you think that would mean a taking of property by the federal government without due process of the law?'

Thurmond angrily denied asking such a question.

Pastore then asked, "Will the reporter (a stenographer who takes down everything said during a hearing) read the question back?"

Thurmond interrupted, shouting, "Well, all right, suppose I did ask the question. I reserve the right to cross-examine these witnesses any way I see fit."

Pastore, a short, mustached man, was bristling.

"What do you mean, 'cross-examine,'" he shouted. "This is not a court room. These

are distinguished people whose presence before this committee is a service."

"I'm only trying to get at the truth," Thurmond said.

"Your truth is not my truth," replied Pastore.

At that the crowd laughed and broke into applause.

Thurmond quickly accused Pastore of not maintaining the proper decorum in the hearing room and said Pastore should have stopped the laughter.

"How can I stop it when

it's already happened," Pastore said. "I didn't know they were going to laugh."

The crowd laughed again.

Thurmond accused Pastore of being an improper chairman, of condoning outbursts from an audience "full of left-wingers and sympathizers for this bill."

"Mr. Thurmond," roared Pastore, "I've been around here a long time, and that question you asked was a loaded question."

He then banged the gavel and told the crowd it would have to control itself.

Fidel Tells Americans He'd Like Talk In U.S.

By DONALD GRANT
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

HAVANA — (AP) — Premier Fidel Castro told a group of Americans Friday that he would like to talk to the people of the United States "but you must invite me to your house."

Otherwise, Castro said, "it is difficult."

Cubans in Castro's entourage declined to interpret the premier's informal remark made at the close of a garden party for international visitors to the tenth anniversary celebration of the attack on Ft. Moncada, which marked Castro's rise to power.

A Cuban official suggested that Castro could have meant he might attend the September session of the U.N. General Assembly at which Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has indicated a meeting of himself, Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and President John F. Kennedy.

Castro's manner was extremely friendly as he greeted the Americans. Cuba's seizure of the American Embassy in Havana in reprisal for a U.S. freeze of Cuban funds was not mentioned by the Cuban premier.

The garden party, in the grounds of a mansion formerly belonging to one of Cuba's sugar barons, was attended by about 500 persons. These included a delegation of Communist Chinese naval officers in impeccable white uniforms.

"Socialism in our country is a little less informal," one of the officers remarked.

In addition to the Chinese there were Russians, a delegation from Japan, a man who said he represented the Buddhists of the world, a group of Indonesians, a gay pair of young Algerians, a number of Africans, Canadians, British, and Latin Americans from all over the hemisphere.

Snow-Blowers Sell Out Fast Despite Heat

WATERTOWN, N.Y. — (AP) — Winter is never too far from mind in this northern New York snow center — even when the temperature soars to a sizzling 90, as it did Friday.

A store put three snow-blowers on sale this morning and sold them soon after the store opened.

Last Feb. 22, the store sold eight lawnmowers in a sale held when the temperature hit 11 below zero, and snow lay in drifts of 10 feet or higher.

Chuckle

By the time a boy gets old enough to know how much he owes his parents, some girl usually comes along and gets most of the interest.

committee report to McNamara, Kennedy said "a serious morale problem is created for Negro military personnel when various forms of segregation and discrimination exist in communities neighboring military bases."

McNamara's memorandum to Kennedy, and an accompanying directive, contained few specific actions against discrimination.

Instead, McNamara ordered the services to outline plans and to report to him by Aug. 15.

He authorized creation of a new position — that of deputy assistant secretary of defense for civil rights — to carry out an anti-discrimination program.

Living Costs Rose Again Last Month

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The cost of living rose to new heights last month and a Labor Department spokesman said "this is primarily a story of sugar, cigarettes and taxes."

The department said its consumer price index increased by four-tenths of 1 per cent in June. It was the biggest one-month increase in nine months.

The index stood at 106.6 per cent of average 1957-59 prices.

The reason for the June jump was attributed primarily to these factors:

—**Sugar.** In May and June, because of a complicated world market situation that included involvement by speculators and some crop failures, the price of sugar skyrocketed. Sugar prices in June were 32 per cent higher over the month. The average housewife paid 84 cents for five pounds of sugar, which is 42 per cent more than she did a year ago.

—**Cigarettes.** Manufacturers raised prices about 3 per cent in June for the first general increase since 1957. This raised the cost of a carton of non-filter cigarettes by seven cents and pushed up the single-pack price by a penny.

—**Taxes.** Real estate taxes increased in Minneapolis, Seattle, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Kansas City. This raised homeowners' costs and pushed up rents. Also, sales taxes in New York City climbed from 3 to 4 per cent and in Pennsylvania from 4 to 5 per cent. This raised costs of clothing, house furnishings, new cars and other items.

Fires broke out. Great clouds of dust rose over the city of 270,000 as buildings came crashing down. Thousands fled to streets and squares in panic, clad only in night clothes.

Radio Belgrade said there were "thousands of injured" but it was impossible to say yet how many died, although the number "must be very great."

Some Americans, tourists or other visitors, were reported in the city when the first shattering quake struck. There was no word whether any had been killed or injured.

President Tito decreed Friday and today days of national mourning.

Rescue squads rushed to Skopje, a city of minarets and mosques 210 miles southeast of Belgrade. From all over Yugoslavia trucks and buses were pressed into service to evacuate victims.

Tanjug reported a mercy airlift was operating between Skopje and Ljubljana in northern Yugoslavia to ferry rescue teams and medical supplies.

By noon (6 a.m. EST) about 200 bodies had been identified. Rescuers still were digging through the rubble from which screams and calls for help could be heard. Aftershocks were recorded as rescuers toiled in the ruins.

Tens of thousands of persons stood in the ruined streets, some weeping, others just staring blankly at the wreckage of their homes.

As a safety precaution, all

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Wirtz Calls New Huddle Of RR, Union Delegates

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Stung by charges that the government was trying to dictate a settlement of the railroad crisis, Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz announced Friday that union and management negotiators would make another attempt to settle the work-rules dispute themselves.

Wirtz made the unexpected disclosure during an appearance before a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on President Kennedy's proposal to put the four-year-old hassle into the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

His announcement came a few hours before the union-management session was scheduled.

Wirtz' disclosure of the new collective bargaining effort came after AFL-CIO Presi-

dent George Meany in effect rejected the Kennedy plan and suggested that Congress set up a special committee to oversee a fresh try at a negotiated settlement.

Authoritative sources in Paris predict French President Charles de Gaulle will refuse to sign the limited test-ban agreement initialed in Moscow Thursday and will proceed with plans for an independent French nuclear force.

Communist China already has declared it would ignore any agreement reached in Moscow. The President, speaking "in a spirit of hope," said the agreement outlawing nuclear tests in the atmosphere, outer space and under water, had its limitations. But, he added, it "can be a step toward reduced world tensions on a broader area of agreement."

He gave this grim alternative: "A war today or tomorrow, if it led to nuclear war, would not be like any war in history. A full-scale nuclear exchange, lasting less than 60 minutes, could wipe out more than 300 million Americans, Europeans and Russians, as well as untold numbers elsewhere."

Even without a war, Kennedy said unlimited testing in the future would mean unnatural increases "in the number of children and grandchildren with cancer in their bones, with leukemia of all its horrors."

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Inside-Washington Report Explains Capitol Standstill

Whatever happened to Congress?

What hapened to the President's proposals? Is the legislative branch of our government breaking down?

To get the answers to these questions, reporters in The Observer's Washington Bureau talked with key insiders at the White House and in Congress. These insiders told the story, speaking frankly when assured that they would not be named.

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