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House Okays Money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today formally passed and sent to the Senate a bill appropriating \$750,000 for expenses of the Civil Rights Commission for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Talk Border Trouble

CAIRO (AP) — Foreign Minister Mammoud Fawzi today arranged to fly to Switzerland to meet U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. It was reported Fawzi would take up what the United Arab Republic calls Israeli aggression on its Syrian border.

80 Rebels Killed

ALGIERS (AP) — The French reported putting 80 rebels out of action in two clashes today near the electric barbed wire barrier separating Algeria from Tunisia. The French use the expression "put out of action" for rebels killed or captured.

Cyriot Shot

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An uneasy peace was broken today with explosions and the shooting of a Greek Cypriot merchant. The extremist underground called for "total war for freedom or death." An incendiary bomb damaged records at Famagusta. Christos Kleantith Englezos, 35, was killed by a gunshot.

43 Escape Injury

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Thirty-nine passengers and four crew members escaped injury today when a trans-Australia airliner overshot the runway and crashed into a cement machine. The collision kept the aircraft from falling onto an 8-foot ditch.

Million Walk Out

PARIS (AP) — A nationwide 24-hour transport strike today left an estimated four million French workers off the job. A million transport and allied workers went on strike. Lack of transportation kept the others from their work.

Drivers Strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Thousands of Birmingham area commuters were without rides today. Bus drivers and mechanics of the Birmingham Transit Co. struck at midnight when company and union were unable to agree on a new contract after months of protracted negotiations.

Last Witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate racks probers called today two final witnesses to wind up today hearings into conflicting charges of violence in a 1955 strike at Perfect Circle Corp. plants. They are Paul Carper, a striker shot in both legs during a gun battle, and Kenneth Griffin, a company supervisor at New Castle, Ind., whose house and auto were damaged.

Beeping 'Satellite' Lands Here

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

A Great Day For Gambling

If you were as young as you feel today—the tonic being supplied by balmy breezes and soft sun—you'd know this is a great day for gambling. These uninhibited children, Jimmie and Jessie Glasgow, did just what comes naturally on a fine spring day—they ran and ran and ran. They're the spring-ferver-riden children of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Glasgow.

'Nurses' Praised

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — William Pope rescued by helicopter after four delirious nights on a snow piled Sierra ledge, remained in critical condition today suffering from pneumonia. Margaret Meyer, 21, of Seattle, one of three Stanford University students who took care of the 22-year-old San Francisco architect's son in a small tent, remarked after the rescue yesterday.

"Bill was delirious most of the time but he improved some after Friday." "We had a first aid kit and I gave him antibiotics every four hours. Then when it looked like we might be up there for a while, I stretched the doses out to six hours. Saturday the plane dropped more."

DID FINE JOB
Michael Roberts, 21, of Neneah, Wis., said, "The girls did a fine job. They took care of Bill and never panicked."

The other girl who stayed with Pope was Lenore Lamb, 21, of Orinda, Calif.

They and Bert Hooley, 22, of Reno, Nev., and Max Allen, 22, of Paradise, Calif., had started March 22 on what was so weak that an eight-day cross-country ski trip through the high mountains from June Lake reservoir to Yosemite. The ski, all members of the Stanford Alpine Club, had expected to arrive at Yosemite Saturday.

Pope became sick Wednesday and by Thursday was so weak that Roberts and the girls pitched a camp at 11,500 feet—more than 10,000 feet higher than the covered Lyle Peak and Hooley and Allen hiked out for help.

They were married 12 years ago and now live in Canton, Minn.

—CLERK SEES WIFE DIE—

Couple Shot After Robbery

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — A young father, from his hospital bed after surgery, told police today two bandits broke into his apartment, shot his wife to death and wounded him. Dead was Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman, 22. He is in good condition. Their 3-month-old child just undisturbed through the shooting. Zimmerman told police that two men last night forced their way into their apartment, which is over a large surplus store in which Zimmerman is a clerk. He gave this version of what happened.

President May Rule By Decree

HAVANA (AP) — The Cuban Congress armed President Fulgencio Batista today with sweeping powers to do "whatever necessary" to crush rising rebellion and smash any general strike.

It declared a state of emergency, effective immediately, throughout Cuba. Congress said it acted because "the security of the state is in danger."

The declaration handed dictatorial powers to Batista and his Council of Ministers. He now can rule by decree the next 45 days without asking the approval of Congress.

Under the extraordinary powers Batista may declare martial law and impose curfews.

OTHER POWERS

The state of emergency also authorizes Batista to: Reorganize the nation's armed forces and enlist thousands of new men to tighten his rule throughout the republic.

Impose new taxes, boost existing ones and modify all laws now in effect.

Reorganize all judicial and government administrative functions. Decree new and more severe punishments for all attempts to disturb public order or to wreck commerce and industry.

All of these powers ordinarily are exercised by Congress. A permanent committee of 12 senators and 12 representatives will keep check on Batista's moves and report to the Congress.

Congress could, under the constitution, at any time revoke the extraordinary powers.

REVIEW SCHEDULED

At the end of 45 days Congress will review what Batista has done and approve or reject his laws the decree issued.

Constitutional guarantees were suspended before the state of emergency was declared. All public assemblies are barred. Right of censorship of press, radio and television is enforced.

Cubans can be arrested by the thousands if necessary and imprisoned indefinitely without being charged or brought to trial. Homes can be raided without a warrant.

ATTACKS LAUNCHED

Meanwhile rebel leader Fidel Castro launched shooting attacks on highway and railway transport in Oriente Province.

Railway and bus line workers in the eastern section of Oriente went on strike without awaiting Castro's signal for a general walk-out. Telephone communications between Santiago and Havana were cut.

A group of rebels attacked the Army post at Moa on the northeastern coast of Oriente, killing three soldiers. Other soldiers were said to have fled to a Cuban ambush of the coast.

The Army's general staff announced 13 rebels were killed and a number wounded in clashes with troops in the Manzanilla and Bayamo areas of Oriente province yesterday.

SOCIAL SQUIRREL

DALLAS (AP) — Mrs. Roy Lowry, 38, was baffled by three thefts in eight weeks. Rare lace dresses on an overstuffed chair in her living room had been vanishing. Police could not find a trace of the thief. Then Mrs. Lowry caught the culprit in the act. She spotted a squirrel reaching a fourth daily and scurrying up the chimney.

Evening Prayer

Our Father God, cleanse our lives of the chaos which comes from wrong desires and ambitions. Let our good triumph over evil, our best triumph over our evil. Give us intelligent self-control, that we may be Thy free and responsible children. In Christ's name . . . Amen.

Today's Weather

Fair this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.	
Low this morning	42
Low tomorrow morning	38
High today	65
High tomorrow	63
High yesterday	63
Low tomorrow	48
Sunrise today 6 a.m.; sunset today 6:44 p.m.	

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Batista Given Power To Halt Cuban Revolt



Looking Over Their Claim Are Grice Ledford, Mrs. Ledford, Peggy Ledford, Pete White And Buddy Ledford

15 Hospitalized Following Fast

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP) — Twenty Cuban rebel sympathizers at the county jail here entered their sixth day of fasting today. The hunger strike has sent 15 of their companions to the hospital.

The men, arrested in pre-dawn action by the Coast Guard Thursday, are fasting in protest of U.S. shipments of arms to President Batista's forces in Cuba.

In New York, two members of a group of hunger strikers demonstrating their sympathy for the jailed rebels were taken to a hospital last night. They had been without food since Friday night. Twenty-four others continued their diet of water and cigarettes.

Officials said the men in jail here have not eaten since they were arrested.

The men have said they will continue their hunger strike until the United States assures them that arms shipments to Batista will cease.

Armando Barron, leader of the group, said they were en route to Cuba to fight with rebel forces. With them were a Mexican City resident described as a contact man and four members of the boat's crew. All were charged with conspiracy to violate the U.S. neutrality act.

Reports yesterday said the hospitalized rebels still refused all food. A hospital bulletin described them as in good condition and in good spirits.

Officer Arrives

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Families Present

Jet Damage Claims

By JULIAN SCHEER
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An Air Force claims officer was scheduled to arrive in Charlotte today to try to set things straight for two families full of miseries.

The Shaw Air Force Base claims officer will review claims by the White and Ledford families, nine people who saw their personal belongings go up in smoke when an Air Force jet leveled their home Saturday morning.

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Boys' Second Victim Dies

Store Employee Trapped Under Tons Of Debris

WOODWARD, Okla. (AP) — A 22-year-old grocery store clerk died in a hospital at midnight, the second fatality of a holiday and shooting staged by 12 and 10-year-old brothers March 23.

Adrian Wilson, who was critically wounded, succumbed after doctors had battled for more than a week to save his life.

His boss, Floyd Blair, 49, was shot down when the two young boys went into the open air grocery store and then began firing guns they had stolen earlier from a sporting goods store. A customer was nicked by a bullet. They were captured soon after the shooting.

Robert Smith, 12, has been charged with murder in the death of Blair. He is awaiting arraignment.

His brother, David Smith, 10, was made a ward of the juvenile court by Judge James Young and sent to a private boys' ranch for rehabilitation.

The boys told officers they were going to rob the grocery store. County attorney H. B. King said that they could never give a plausible reason for starting to fire but apparently they became frightened.

CLEANUP TIME

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — It appears Mobile's traditional showers of conflict at Mardi Gras parades will become a thing of the past. The City Commission directed that the city attorney draw up an ordinance making it illegal to sell or throw confetti on Mobile streets. It creates a health hazard, they said.

Firemen were able to talk to the woman, but were proceeding cautiously for fear they might topple the mass of wreckage and crush her.

—BUS DRIVER FOUND DRUNK—

Children Given Wild Ride

IRONTON, Ohio (AP) — Twenty-five frightened children jumped from a moving school bus during a wild ride through the steep, winding hills of the southern Ohio area yesterday.

The bus driver, James V. McConnell, 55, of Rt. 2, Chesapeake, was given a six-month jail term and fined \$500 and costs after he pleaded guilty in court to driving while intoxicated.

When Ohio highway patrolmen halted the bus, they found Elmer Floyd at Chesapeake — and McConnell — at the wheel. Floyd told patrolmen he found the bus in a ditch on Grayson Ridge road with McConnell still at the wheel. Floyd was trying to get the bus back where it belonged when the patrolmen caught up with him.

Floyd said there were no children in the bus when he found it.

The terrified children, they told patrolmen later, jumped from the weaving bus — by ones and by twos — whenever the vehicle slowed down on hills and curves.

BRAKES BURNED

They said they first noticed McConnell's condition after they smelled the bus brakes burning and discovered he was driving with the emergency brake with one of the older boys reported to be the brake off, an act which, he said, caused McConnell to become belligerent.

Then the bus started to weave madly, they said, and the screaming youngsters begged the driver to stop and let them off.

All of the children managed to escape before McConnell arrived at an elementary school to pick up a load of younger children.

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But before anyone could catch the bus, the young children escaped and the bus wound up in the ditch where Floyd found it. In the whole affair, there were no injuries, patrolmen said.