

Rigid Farm Proposals Voted

Democratic House Would Kill Ike's Flexible Price Program

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON (AP)—The House voted yesterday to restore high rigid farm price supports in a second display of the Democratic leadership's ability to flex its political muscles in defiance of the Eisenhower administration.

As proved to be the case earlier when it voted to cut everybody's taxes by \$20, nothing seemed likely to come to this new move—at least this year.

The vote was 206-201 to scrap the flexible system of price supports which Congress approved last year at the urging of the administration. Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) and other Democratic leaders mustered 185 Democrats and 21 Republicans for the bill; voting for the administration were 29 Democrats and 172 Republicans.

SEVERAL SWITCH
At the tense windup, several members switched their votes to provide the winning margin. Aside from Rayburn's support, there were other parallels to the Feb. 25 vote to cut income taxes. In both cases, there was obvious Senate reluctance to go along. It scuttled the tax cut. And in both cases there was the likelihood of a veto, which probably could not be overridden, by President Eisenhower.

The farm bill will carry over into next year's session of Congress, and the Senate may act on it then. It seemed likely to be piecemeal for 1955. Basic farm laws set up a standard, called parity, for measuring farm prices. Parity, which fluctuates, is based on the price of a commodity in 1910-1914.

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FLOPHOUSE FIRE FATAL

TO 9 MEN

Chicago Skid Row Hotel Is Scene Of Tragic Flash Blaze

CHICAGO (AP)—Fire flashed through a Skid Row flophouse early today killing nine men and injuring at least 12 others.

The blaze at the Comfort Hotel at 519 W. Madison St., was the second tragic fire in a Skid Row hotbed this year. A flash fire in the Barton Hotel at 644-46 W. Madison St. on Feb. 12 took the lives of 29 men.

About 117 men were sleeping in tiny cubicles in the two-story Comfort when the first alarm was sounded shortly after 1 a.m. An estimated 55 got out of the building safely.

TRAPPED IN CUBICLES
Bodies of the dead were found on the upper floor of the hotel. Most of the men were trapped in 6x7-foot cubicles walled with corrugated iron with chicken wire ceilings for which they paid 65 cents a night.

The blaze, brought under control in about an hour, was confined mainly to the second and third floors.

At 8:50, night clerk at the hotel, told police he first saw smoke coming from a second floor cubicle but was unable to arouse the occupant. He said he sounded the hotel's fire alarm system and "banged on doors" until he was rescued from the building by smoke.

POLICEMEN CREDITED
Two policemen were credited with saving the lives of many of the sleeping men. Patrolmen Eugene Reynolds and Robert Becker rushed into the building and helped about 45 men to the street.

The officers said some of the men were in drunken stupors and had to be taken out by force.

About 20 other occupants of the hotel were carried down ladders by firemen. Two others jumped from windows and were injured.

Another man was rescued from a ledge on the fourth floor.

4TH FLOOR OF 1965
Today's fire was the fourth disastrous hotel fire in Chicago this year with a total death toll of 51. In addition to the Barton Hotel fire, five persons died in a blaze at the Humboldt Park Hotel Oct. 23.

On April 28, a fire captain and seven residents of the Green Mill Hotel, a mile north of today's fire, were seen, died in a flash fire.

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Bar To Ask Claims Court On Monday

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The president of the Mecklenburg Bar Association today said his organization will officially request that the state commissioners Monday to set up a small claims court in Mecklenburg.

"If the present commissioners refuse us the rights to have this court," President Warren C. Stack said, "we shall continue with unremitting effort until such time as we do get a court, either through the present commissioners or new commissioners."

At the request of the Mecklenburg Bar Association, Sen. F. J. Blythe of Mecklenburg introduced a statewide enabling act providing for the establishment of a County Claims Court by the County Commissioners.

\$100 LIMIT
The small claims court would have jurisdiction in civil matters up to \$100. The cases would be presided over by a full time judge, appointed to a four-year term by the governor. His salary would be \$10,000 a year.

In addition to having jurisdiction over matters up to \$100, the court would handle divorce, alimony and maintenance of minor children matters.

It would serve as an appeal court from justices of the peace. Appeals also to be made from it to Civil Superior Court.

Local commissioners in most of the cases would be heard without a jury, but upon request of parties involved, the case would be heard by a 12-man jury.

PUBLIC NEED
Mr. Stack said his organization would like to see a civil court "a need of the public."

"A person should not be required to wait 12 and 15 months to get cases tried," he said. "We as lawyers don't care where we try our cases. It's the fact that trying to fill an anticipated need for the people of this county."

Mr. Stack said the attorneys "have not attempted to add a wing to the courthouse, nor do we ask for large quarters for this courthouse."

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REAL DAVY CROCKETT FINDS LIFE CHANGED

DALLAS (AP)—Life just isn't the same for Davy Crockett, great-grandson of the "King of the Wild Frontier."

"My children now gang up on him when he comes home. 'You Davy Crockett, really?' they ask. 'Sure am,' he answers. 'Singing the song,' they chant. 'I try,' said the 55-year-old drug company accountant. 'And I seem to make them happy.'"

Adults and older children who ring his telephone off the hook want to know if he really is related to bearkiller Crockett.

He is. And right proud of it, although life has gotten more hectic since those TV shows and that song, "The Ballad of Davy Crockett."

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Survival City, N. C. Wiped Out

In Atomic-Battered Test Town

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE and BILL BECKER
SURVIVAL CITY, N. C.—The Darlings of Dooomsday Drive are no more, but a preliminary survey of the atomic-battered test town indicates today that you can survive nuclear attack if you have the right kind of home.

The Darling family—smashed mannequins, fortunately—were buried in the explosion of their two-story brick and cinder block house in yesterday's huge blast. A neighbor, five persons died in a blaze at the Humboldt Park Hotel Oct. 23.

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Suspect Goes To Minister

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif.—An ex-convict wanted for questioning in the knife slaying of an attractive divorcee, walked into a church today and surrendered to the minister.

Indey Shipman, 32, had been sought since Wednesday night when Mrs. Maye Pratt, 32, was fatally stabbed with a hunting knife in her home in the presence of her 12-year-old daughter.

Before dawn today Shipman appeared at the police station and talked at length with the Rev. F. Shilb Dignam, the clergyman. Shipman is the ex-convict.

Right behind Dooomsday Drive one high communications tower was blasted down and some power lines poles were toppled. Trailers were hurled like match boxes, but a few suffered only broken windows.

Split-second sequence pictures told the story of scorching heat and blast that doomed the Darlings' brick home and the adjacent cinder block house just blew out and the top floor came shattering down. Two girl mannequins in an up-down room were crushed under the debris, and the bedroom floor was jolted down at a 45-degree angle to the lower floor. Dummies downstairs were buried.

While the frame house burst apart, a special \$200 concrete vault room shelter came through all right. People in it would have been okay, Harold L. Goodwin, test director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, thinks.

While Survival City's 250-watt radio station was knocked off the air, its transmitter appeared to be in good shape. Besides the 150-foot tower that toppled, another 120-footer was left, however.

Goodwin's summary indicated that within a mile and a quarter your chances of survival depend largely on what type of structure you're in. Outside 14 miles, your chances are good in even a large atomic blast if you take modest shelter precautions. But blast effects were noticeable on structures as far away as three miles.

Scientists Study Situation

Release Of Polio Vaccine Halted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Surgeon Gen. Leonard Scheele said today federal release of any additional Salk polio vaccine has been halted pending a complete study of the situation by top medical scientists.

Scheele told the House Banking Committee that production of the vaccine is continuing but federal review and approval of additional supplies has been held off for several days.

Scheele, head of the U. S. Public Health Service, said the program of releasing vaccine this has been brought to a standstill for the time being.

Earlier he had said he feels confident that a conference of scientists now under way here will conclude that the vaccine is excellent and that nationwide inoculation should be continued.

INOCULATIONS GO ON
Scheele said there has been no effort to prevent vaccinations from supplies already released, or to slow down production. The only thing he emphasized, had been brought to a standstill for the time being.

Manufacturers send the government a sample from each batch of vaccine they prepare. The batch is not released until the government gives approval.

Scheele strongly backed the Eisenhower administration's stand that voluntary methods will be adequate to assure that the vaccine is distributed first to children in the age groups most susceptible to polio.

CONFIDENCE OF VACCINE
Scheele said he has great confidence the vaccine will help defeat polio despite the fact that 44 vaccinated children now have been struck by the disease.

Railway Violence

Striker Killed, Another Wounded

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Railroad strike violence broke out on two Southern fronts last night and today, with one strike shot to death in Tennessee and another seriously wounded in Kentucky.

Charles E. Wright, 32, a striking Louisville & Nashville Railroad worker, was killed last night in an altercation near Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. State and county officers said a Nashville man employed by the railroad signed a statement admitting he shot Wright in self defense.

At Louisville, Ky., police said John Kenneth Nichols, 36, was shot while he and another man were throwing chunks of bricks at the home of a non-striking L&N worker, Verl Braswell.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said Roy Van Brindley, an employee of the L&N, signed a statement today that he shot Wright near the middle Tennessee community of Mt. Pleasant. Three other men with Brindley were arrested for questioning, but no formal charge was placed immediately against either of the four.

BRINDLEY'S STORY
Tennessee Commissioner of Safety W. W. Lattrell said Brindley told officers he and three other men were riding in an L&N truck last night when they were overtaken by a man in an automobile.

The automobile rammed into the truck, Brindley said, causing both vehicles to crash. Lattrell said only one shot apparently

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Our Weather

Fair and not quite so warm to day and tonight. Fair and warmer tomorrow.

High yesterday — 91
High today — 85.
Low tomorrow — 59.
Low this morning — 56.
Low tonight — 54.
Sunrise 5:37 a.m.; sunset 7:11 p.m.

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Lonnie's Medicines OK, But . . .

He Needs Jail-Opening Oil

HIGH POINT — Lonnie Cunningham messed up his biggest charge at 8:00 a.m. this week.

When his mystic powers could have served him well, the Charlotte Negro got into either a poor mixture of "Uncle Ned's Black Bone Dust" or "Mother Duck's Holy No. 8 Oil" or just plain failed to see the vision of Officer O. H. Leak in time.

No matter what it was, Lonnie and his chauffeur, Robert Moore, south-sayer, junior grade, landed in jail here.

Officer Leak and B. A. Steele of the High Point Police Dept., put the whammy on the whammy boys and sent 'em to the clink for obtaining money under false pretenses. But the case proved mighty enlightening to Officer Leak before he made the arrest.

Here's how Lonnie got caught with his cures down.

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou art faithful to answer the prayers of every humble and contrite heart. Cleanse and keep our hearts in the power of Thy Spirit that they may be as small sanctuaries, ready at all times as places for prayer and sweet communion with Thee. In the name of our Lord, Amen.



EFFECTS OF A BOMB blast on Survival City are checked by two industry representatives who participated in program designed to determine survival chances. (AP)

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