

Senate Draft Bill Faces New Hurdle as Racial Ban Is Killed, 42-29

By John A. Giles
A draft extension bill stripped of a controversial segregation amendment faced new obstacles today as the Senate raced to complete action on the measure before Saturday.

However, Senator Russell, Democrat, of Georgia, who sponsored the defeated segregation amendment, had a modified version of the same provision today. Under it all future enlistees and all youths who register for the draft for a period of six months after passage of the extension will be asked to express their preference of serving in segregated or mixed units. It would be effective only if the majority of those expressing preference in 36 of the 48 States favored it—the same number that can call a constitutional convention or ratify a constitutional change.

Another amendment, by Senator Watkins, Republican, of Utah, provided that no person should be inducted until Congress by concurrent resolution found that it was necessary to supplement enlistments in the armed forces in order to maintain strengths and levels provided for in appropriations.

Amendment Beaten, 42-29.
The Senate bill provides that the President order inductions when he deems them necessary, but the House bill would prohibit inductions until Congress declared a national emergency.

The original Russell amendment to allow servicemen to join units of their own race if they so desired was defeated last night by a vote of 42 to 29.

Another hurdle came up in debate yesterday when Minority Leader Wherry asked Senator Cain, Republican, of Washington, who was supporting the bill, why the Senate had not gone along with the House in extending the act until 1952—a presidential election year. The Senate version extends the act for three years.

The administration originally had asked for a three-year extension and Senator Cain, a member of the Armed Services Committee, referred to the group's report that it had "received no evidence which would warrant any recommendation to the Senate that this three-year extension should be reduced to two years."

Lucas Pleads for Speed.
Majority Leader Lucas tried in vain late yesterday to get unanimous agreement for a final vote early today so that Selective Service can be kept in operation.

He finally told the Senate that unless some sort of act gets through on time it would be necessary to pass a concurrent resolution keeping the present law active for 30 days while the lawmakers settle their differences.

Pinkney Cross, 75, Dies; Was Retired Fire Captain
Pinkney Cross, 75, retired District Fire Department captain, died Tuesday in his home, 4343 Thirty-ninth street N. W.

Decorated and cited for heroism during a fire-fighting career of 33 years, Capt. Cross retired from the department in 1937.

He was awarded a decoration for his work in the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater on January 28, 1922, and received commendation by the Commissioners for the part he played in the Kann's warehouse fire in January, 1925.

Born in Washington, Capt. Cross had served with Engine Co. No. 20 and Truck Co. No. 3 and No. 1. He was with No. 1 when he retired. He became a lieutenant in 1914, and a captain in 1924.

Surviving are three sons, J. Porter, M. Pinkney and J. Barnard Cross; two daughters, Miss Kathleen L. Cross, and Mrs. Mary Engbertson; a brother, Hayward Cross, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N. W. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

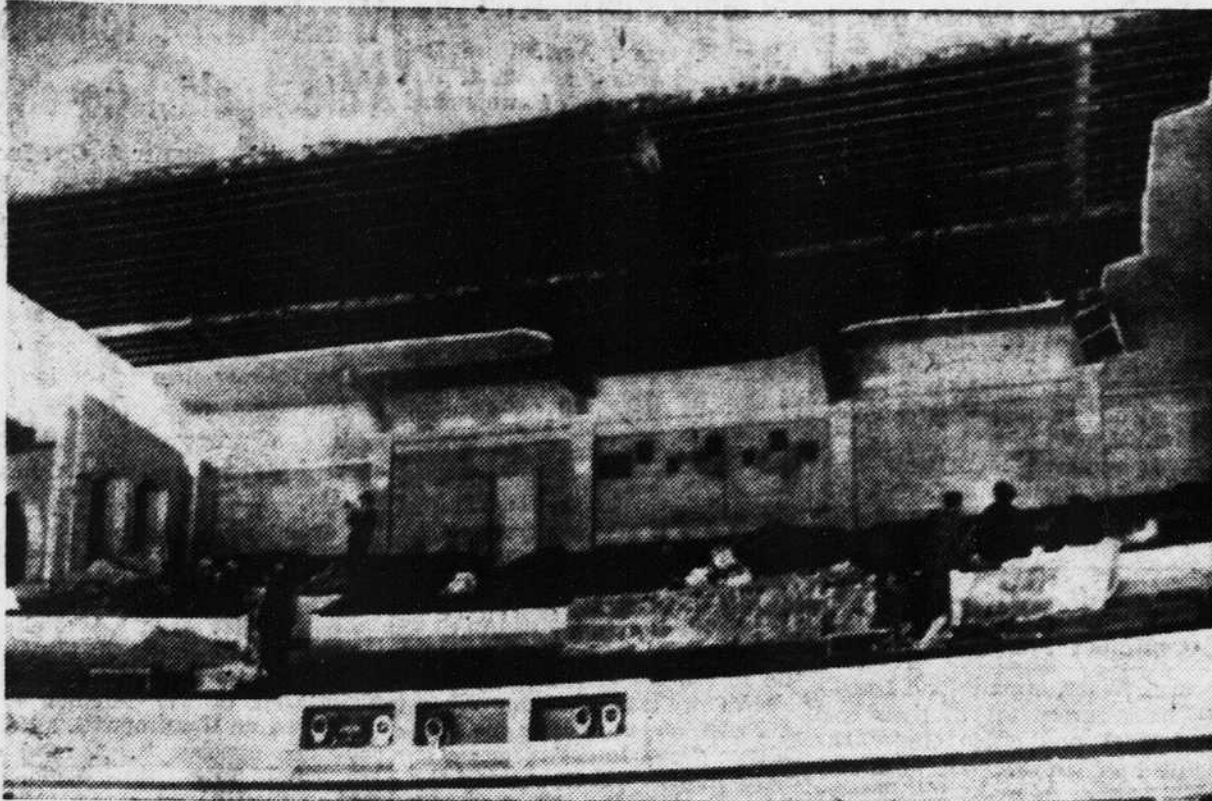
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THEATER CEILING FALLS DURING SHOW—Redwood City, Calif.—Scene after an estimated 10 tons of plaster and reinforcing fell from the ceiling of the Sequoia movie theater during the last show last night.

30 Injured as Plaster Falls From Ceiling of California Theater

By the Associated Press
REDWOOD CITY, Calif., June 22.—Thirty persons were hurt in a freak accident which dumped tons of ornamental plaster on movie-goers in the balcony of the Sequoia Theater here last night.

Fifteen were injured enough to need hospitalization, but only one was in serious condition early today. The others required only first aid.

Mrs. Vangie Case, 34, of Redwood City was still unconscious in Palo Alto Hospital several hours after the accident. She either jumped or fell from the upstairs loge seats in front of the balcony. She was not in the area where the plaster fell.

Her husband, Dr. Robert Case, a staff member of the Palo Alto Hospital, said her injuries consisted of a possible concussion, possible internal injuries and a broken finger. First report that her legs were broken in the 30-foot drop to the main floor were not borne out by hospital examination.

Six other persons were taken to the Palo Alto Hospital and eight to the San Mateo Community Hospital. None of the injuries, besides those of Mrs. Case, was considered serious.

The accident occurred about 15 minutes before midnight, when most of the patrons had already left.

The crash of the ornamental plaster and wire lath reinforcing came suddenly with a roar like thunder and seemingly dropped in a single sheet, said Police Officer William Goldsmith, who was attending the show at the time. Another policeman, Phil Bray, said the collapse was "like an earthquake."

A brief panic among patrons immediately died down. Redwood City Fire Chief Joseph Lodi said the ceiling seemed to have given away in the center and just "peeled off" to the sides. He estimated that about 10 tons of plaster and reinforcing fell.

Apparently only two persons heard anything resembling a warning of the crash. Dr. Case said he heard what he thought was a cracking about three to five minutes before the ceiling came down. He looked around, saw nothing and decided he was mistaken, he said.

Robert MacGregor, 26, of Palo Alto, who left the theater half an hour before the drop, said he had heard a "cracking and creaking" while he was in the balcony.

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are now converting their milk surplus to butter. He said farmers then sell butter to the Government under a support price program, which keeps it off the market.

The witness was asked by Committee Counsel Paul Hadlick, whether producers in his area used steam sterilization.

"Back in the ancient days we had steam sterilization but discarded it in 1928," Mr. Punderson declared.

He added that the steam method was a difficult one and "isn't always done on hot days regardless of the regulation."

Seeking Approves Chemicals.
District Health Officer Daniel L. Seckinger, has recommended that the chemical sterilization provision be adopted. He said today he would put his inspectors to work immediately checking farms in this area using the chemical method to see if they qualify otherwise.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Edward A. Beard, advised the city heads there was no legal objection to the provision but they would to decide as a matter of policy whether to take the action now in view of the pending public hearing on the subject.

Mr. Lynch said the Health Department would be furnished addresses of from 300 to 500 farms set up for chemical sterilization which he said met the District's regulations otherwise.

Hardship Is Predicted.
Mr. Lynch informed the Commissioners that it would work a substantial hardship on the three dairies for whom he spoke, if the procedure were not permitted, as well as on the milk producers now shipping to them.

The Commissioners, originally announced last December they would reimpose the milk ban on July 1. The milk producers' association requested the ban considering that its members could supply all of Washington's needs by mid-1950.

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Berlin Reds Planning Rally In U. S. Zone Wednesday

By the Associated Press
BERLIN, June 22.—The Communist "Committee of Peace Fighters" said last night it will stage a demonstration in the American sector of Berlin Wednesday. A theater near the United States air base at Tempelhof was named as the Communist rallying point.

West Berlin police officials said the committee would be denied a license for the demonstration and all necessary measures would be taken to preserve order.

The "Committee of Peace Fighters" was organized by Communists to collect signatures for the Stockholm resolution to ban atomic bombs. It has been forbidden to circulate the petition in West Berlin but claims 17 million signatures in the Soviet zone.

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7 Arab League Nations Agree to West's Plan To Arm Middle East

By the Associated Press
CAIRO, Egypt, June 22.—The seven Arab League Nations told the United States, Britain and France today that the Western Big Three plan to arm the Middle East against aggression is generally satisfactory to them.

Western diplomats were openly jubilant over the friendly tone of the joint reply from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Yemen. They had feared the governments might veer toward the line of the isolationist press which has charged the Big Three with interfering with national sovereignty.

Jordan is bound by the league reply although King Abdullah boycotted the League sessions because of the refusal of other Arab states to recognize his annexation of Eastern Palestine.

Copies of the reply were sent to the Ambassadors of the Big Three. Their governments had announced on May 25 a guarantee of the Middle East's national frontiers against forcible changes and said they would provide Arab nations and Israel with arms to be used only for defense and internal security.

Much of the nine-point reply became known before the League adjourned Saturday.

The Arab countries crisply noted that they "are not prepared to admit any action which might cause prejudice to their sovereignty or independence." But generally the reply was aimed to put into writing the interpretation of the Big Three plan that had been given by Western diplomats.

French to Try Peak.

Eight French mountaineers, led by Alpine veteran Maurice Herzog, are preparing to attempt to climb the 28,000-foot peak of Dhaulagiri in Nepal. The first French expedition in 1936, reached 23,000 feet.

Man, 81, and Wife, 75, Defy Gunmen, Save Store Cash

By the Associated Press
DETROIT, June 22.—In the 46 years they've been running their small grocery, Joseph and Herma Barron figure they've had their share of holdups.

So they acted quickly yesterday, Joseph's 81st birthday, when two armed thugs demanded the money in the cash register.

Herma, 75, just pushed the gun aside. Its holder fired at her, but the shot went wide. Then he tried again, but the gun jammed. The thugs ran off.

Police arrived a few minutes later, but Joseph insisted "it was nothing."

"We've had several upsets in this respect," he explained. "Perhaps 8 or 10 times they've tried to get us, and they've only gotten money once. We've been able to out-trick them most times."

BOSTON, June 22 (AP).—Driving holdup men from his liquor store empty-handed is becoming a habit with Arthur D. Bloom.

Police said he has carried off

Gunmen, Save Store Cash

all honors in four raids by holdup men in the last five years.

In the latest last night, he cracked a bottle over the knuckles of a gunman, knocking a pistol from the hand of the holdup man who fled without funds.

Cuban Busmen Call Off Strike Against Taxes

By the Associated Press
HAVANA, June 22.—Cuban bus operators have called off a nationwide strike set for today, on assurance from President Carlos Prío Socarras that he would solve their bitter dispute with taxicab drivers.

The bus operators demand that taxis be banned from picking up fares between cities. The government issued such a decree earlier this year, but never enforced it because of strong protests from the cab drivers.

A Sahara desert daytime temperature of 100 degrees may drop below freezing at night.

New Oil Fields Sought

In an effort to find oil fields in areas not heretofore exploited, Pemex, the government oil monopoly, will explore districts around Cordoba and Veracruz, Mexico City reports. There is hope of discovering parts of other fields or domes where oil already has been found.

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