

LBJ Set To Sign Bill Assuring Dickey Dam Project

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—Maine's controversial \$27 million Dickey-Lincoln School project on the St. John River was virtually assured of authorization Tuesday.

The White House prematurely tipped off President Johnson's intention of signing the \$2 billion rivers and harbors authorization bill containing the St. John Project with an strenuous announcement that he had signed it.

Actually, Johnson hadn't signed the bill because he hadn't seen it. It still was in

Washington, Senate officials said, awaiting the signature of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey as the Senate's presiding officer.

So, said White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers, the bill was tumbled in the LBJ ranch via courier plane so the President could see it and sign it Tuesday night.

There wasn't any question that Johnson would sign the \$2-billion bill or that he would balk at enforcing a provision he said would erode presidential powers—a provision Moyers said is "a

kind of hidden veto." Congress evidently intended it as a legislative shortcut for future projects.

There was another complication. Humphrey couldn't sign the bill because he was on the way from Bismarck, N.D., to make a speech in New York City.

But the President pro tem of the Senate, Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., had been tapped to perform any necessary signing chores for Humphrey. So Hayden had to be tracked down. By the time he had signed it, it was

more than three hours after the original announcement that the rivers and harbors measure had become law.

Embarrassed White House officials blamed the confusion on "a minor clerical error."

When the President signs bills, they are checked off from a list. Moyers said he had checked the wrong number.

The White House staff released a statement in which the president announced his objections to language in the bill, but said he is signing it.

An \$800,000 loan to finance in-

itial surveys and plans for the St. John hydroelectric project is included in a separate supplemental appropriation bill yet to be acted upon by the President.

The comedy of errors was the high point of another day at the LBJ Ranch for Johnson—a day with a light agenda that left the convalescing President with considerable time for rest and exercise.

The President is using the ranch as a base for rebuilding his strength and stamina after his Oct. 9 gallbladder-kidney stone operation.

With Mrs. Johnson and a secretary he waited for more than an hour along a country road near the ranch.

The action of the rivers and harbors bill at which the President expressed dislike says that no appropriation shall be made for future projects costing less than \$10 million, unless approved by the House and Senate Public Works Committee.

Johnson called this "regrettable to the Constitution."

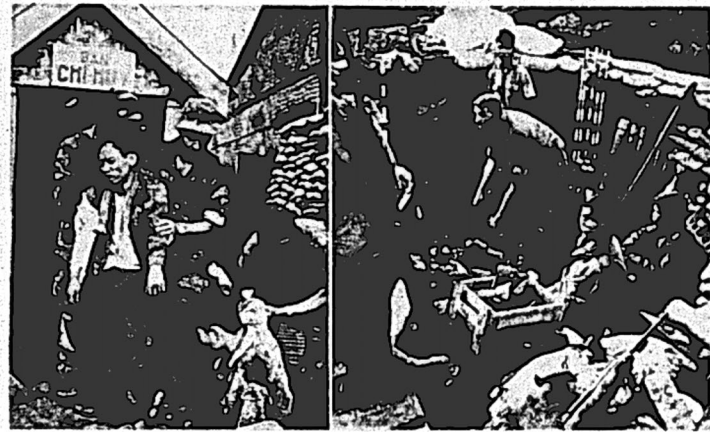
"It would abridge and diminish the authority and powers of the presidency," he said.

Johnson said he did not intend to carry out the provision.

Under its terms, the \$10-million provision of the future would have been authorized by Congress if Army Engineers persuaded the congressional committees that were needed and the committees approved them by unanimous vote. There would have been no bills and no opportunity for a presidential veto.

Under existing law—and

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The Beleguered Of Plei Me

An American adviser prepares a mortar position at the beleaguered post of Plei Me, 210 miles north of Saigon, just before a furious Viet Cong attack, in photo at left. American soldiers in right

photo help wounded Vietnamese Rangers who battled their way through Viet Cong ambushes to help the defenders.

Rep. Tupper Leads Fight To Save \$51 Million Ship Contract For BIW

By WALDO E. PRAY Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — The petition of American Export Isbrandtsen Lines to cancel plans for a \$51 million contract with Bath Iron Works for construction of four cargo ships is headed for rough seas.

Rep. Stanley R. Tupper, in whose district the historic Bath shipbuilding firm is located, will be leading the fight to see that the firm's low bid is honored.

American Export informed the Maritime Administration Monday it wanted to throw out all bids and ask for a rebid for eight ships. The firm said it felt a contract for a larger number of ships would result in savings for the company, the government which sub-

dizes merchant marine construction, and the shipyard that gets the contract.

BIW's bid for the four ships was about \$37,500 less a ship than the next bidder, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Tupper is a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee which handles all bills pertaining to merchant marine affairs passing through the House.

Tupper said he told Nicholas Johnson, head of the Maritime Administration the committee would look with a jaundiced eye on maritime policies should approval be given American Export's request.

"If this type of thing is allowed, it will make the entire construction subsidy program meaningless," Tupper said.

Tupper said he hoped that Johnson would reject the petition which he called "ridiculous."

"Approval would make a mockery of the whole idea of competitive bidding," Tupper added.

Mothers Favor Sunday For Trick-Or-Treating

By WILLIAM A. LANGLEY Staff Reporter

"You celebrate your birthday even if it falls on Sunday, and I think the same should go for Halloween," said a local mother Tuesday night.

She was one of several parents queried by the Press Herald as to how they feel about the "trick-or-treat" controversy.

Halloween last fell on a Sunday in 1954. No special arrangements were made that year.

"For Heaven's sakes, let the children have their Halloween," said Mrs. H. H. Roerden, of 33 Philip Road, Cape Elizabeth.

"I'm surprised there is any controversy about this at all. There are too many other important things to worry about."

Mrs. Roerden said she sees nothing wrong with trick-or-treating on Sunday night.

"I favor Sunday night for the same reason I favor all other holidays falling on their own days," she said.

Mrs. Roberta M. Kinsbury, 10 Avers Court, Palmouth Foreside, said, "I don't feel that trick-or-treating on Sunday night is offensive to anyone. Perhaps it would be better for the children to be collecting pennies for UNICEF than it would be stuffing themselves with gum-drops," she said.

Mrs. Henry D. Fuller, 15 Bluff Road, South Portland, said she would prefer trick-or-treating on Sunday night because many adults have their own plans for Saturday night, and the children would have no supervision.

Other than that, "I don't see what possible difference it can make," she said.

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After Hijack Attempt
Cuban exile Luis Medina Perez, 20, left, talks with a sheriff's deputy at Key West, Fla., Tuesday.

Cong Open Furious Attack On Battered Plei Me Camp

SAIGON, South Viet. (AP)—The Viet Cong attacked the battered Plei Me special forces camp Tuesday and kept it under pressure from one side to the other for a week-end siege lines by a strong U.S. and Vietnamese relief force.

Military authorities said the Red guerrillas opened up with mortars and rocket fire shortly after noon and penetrated from the southwest to within 20 yards of the outer perimeter

of the camp, a heavily channeled area of ground 210 miles northeast of Saigon.

U.S. jets swarmed in and helped with bombs and cannon fire to repulse the attack. But the Viet Cong continued to push forward, developing later with a U.S. artillery and troops of the 1st Cavalry. Artillery Division were in the vicinity.

At Plei Me, near U.S. Marine P4 Phantoms first crashed into a heavily wooded hill in their attempt for a landing at the De Bang base, 140 miles northeast

of Saigon, and a spokesman said there was no word of survivors.

Each carried two men.

Heliicopters scouting a four-mile perimeter were led by Sgt. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., drove Viet Cong over the Mazing River delta but no word was his. Plans responded by firing rockets into the guerrilla position. Brazils were undetermined.

A U.S. Marine platoon reported it killed two Viet Cong of an 11-man party that opened fire on it north of Chu Lai, a beachhead 140 miles northeast of Saigon. The Marines would said to have suffered light casualties.

Vietnam's government troops said they killed 13 guerrillas and captured two in a series of scattered actions.

The Viet Cong ambushed troops Monday night from a

grouped to the southwest after the attack, which started Tuesday night and continued for a mile northeast of the camp and launched parallel Viet Cong battalions, a battalion of U.S. artillery and troops of the 1st Cavalry. Artillery Division were in the vicinity.

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Plane Crew Defies, Subdues Gun-Waving Cuban Exile

By BOB CLARK MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The unarmed crew of a National Airlines plane Tuesday defied the orders of a gun-waving Cuban exile who wanted to go to Havana, overpowered the man and landed safely at the original destination of Key West, Fla.

"Take this plane to Havana because I want to be with my family," the exile was quoted as demanding. "I have nothing to live for."

The FBI chased stocky blackhaired Luis Medina Perez, 20, with piracy of an airplane.

With approval of a jury, the maximum penalty is death.

Pilot K. I. Carlie, 46, and his four crew members returned here after the drama hit in the skies over the Florida Keys.

Carlie told newsmen the excited passenger threatened to destroy the aircraft unless his flight was diverted to Havana.

The man said he wanted to see Prime Minister Fidel Castro about getting his family out of Cuba.

West flight guarded the man until the landing at Key West. The plane reached its destination only nine minutes late.

Carlie said the altercation lasted almost 20 minutes. His flight was diverted to Key West.

The passenger was met by stewardess Gail Vonderhaden, told him on the intercom that a man was holding a gun on

her. He was demanding to see the pilot, Miss Vonderhaden said.

"I'm more scared now than I was then," Miss Vonderhaden told newsmen.

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Several States Speed Draft Of Childless Dads

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Married men without children will face the draft by January in many parts of the country. Selective Service System in Washington said restrictions have been lifted on drafting men married before Aug. 31, 1964.

27 states said plans are under way to start drafting married men without children in December. This will include the 19-26 age group with older men in the bracket to be inducted first.

A sampling of other state military officials' most anticipated calling married men by January as the supply of eligible single men shrinks.

"No doubt about it, we're going to have to induct some childless men by December and January," said Gen. R. Grandmaison, New Hampshire Selective Service Director.

Married men without children said they already have drafted a few men who were married after Aug. 31, and intend to call more next month.

In Minnesota authorities said nearly every eligible single man will have been called for induction by the end of the year.

Married men without children will be called in December.

Most of the state Selective Service directors say academic deferments and the number of single men rejected by the draft boards have cut into the pool of

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Bulletin 36 Feared Killed In Crash Of British Airliner

LONDON (AP)—A giant British Airways airliner with at least 34 passengers aboard crashed at London Airport Wednesday and officials said all aboard were feared killed.

The plane, a British European Airways airliner, was due to be on a domestic flight from Edinburgh, Scotland.

It was the first total crash of a Vanguard—a plane capable of carrying more than 100 passengers—in passenger service, and the airport's first passenger crash in a decade.

Mobile Ship Blasts Injure 15 Persons

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Three massive explosions that blew up a mobile ship shattered the forward portion of a ship undergoing repairs Tuesday. Fifteen persons were injured, three critically.

The first blast on the 430-foot Marine Davd sent up a mushroom of smoke, followed by flames. The fire was extinguished about 30 minutes later.

Hundreds of windows and a part of some walls at the Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. were smashed. The blasts were felt a mile away.

The explosions blew a 13-by-21-foot hole in the forward portion of the ship. The freighter is being converted for the Malaysian Navy.

A woman working in a nearby office said after the first explosion she was hurled against a bulkhead. She and a helper jumped to the deck and escaped injury.

Sheriff Admits Joining Klan To Check Activities

WASHINGTON (AP)—A North Carolina sheriff testified Tuesday that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan but he insisted it was merely to find out what the Klan was doing.

However, Sheriff Marion W. Mills of New Hanover County acknowledged that at least one of his deputies remained a Klansman long after he had told him to cut their ties with the Klan.

Investigators of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said this deputy, Charles Goodwin, had been elected to state office as a grand klaff officer president of the Klan.

Mills conceded he had heard that and said that when he asked Goodwin about it, Goodwin told him they had asked him to take the Klan office but that he did not want it and wouldn't be active.

Mills agreed with what U.S. Senator Donald T. Appell's assertion that Goodwin was an "ideological Klansman." The witness said he told Goodwin "I didn't want him to go to any more meetings, but to get completely out of it."

This apparently was in September 1964. Appell said Goodwin was elected in state office in January 1964, and remained a

Prayer For Today

Lord, love my thoughts, outward and inward, upward and downward. Help me to know your people and things. Keep me warm and friendly, not hostile, working out the good, not the bad, paying attention to things spiritual as well as things material. Thank You, I ask, knowing that what I think I shall become knowing that where my thoughts and feelings are, there is a chamber open for the communication of the word through neighboring: in Christ's name. Amen.

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