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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

CUBA - Events take place so rapidly that anything reported becomes outdated the next minute these days. The U.S. and the Russian leaders have each been depending upon the other to act with enough restraint and sanity to safeguard them from the consequences of their own rashness.

On 10/28/62 Mr. Khrushchev ordered the missile bases dismantled. The President then gave him "assurances against an invasion of Cuba" and agreed to lift the naval blockade, while Russia dismantled the bases and shipped the missiles back to the U.S.S.R. WPTH 10/29/62. The President in another letter said that we must now "devote urgent attention to the problem of disarmament as it relates to the whole world", giving priority to the question of "the proliferation of nuclear weapons, on earth and in outer space..." NYT 10/29/62.

The greatest hope is for negotiation through the United Nations.

ACTION: WRITE THE PRESIDENT, U THANT, UN SECRETARY GENERAL, AMBASSADOR STEVENSON, AND NEWSPAPER EDITORS. TALK TO CONGRESSMEN WHILE HOME. URGE UN SETTLEMENT, OPPOSE INVASION AND ANY BLOCKADE. SEE ENCLOSURES AND ACTION CARD 10/30/62.

EVALUATION OF CONGRESS

This session has been rather discouraging since all opportunities to examine U.S. foreign policy have seemingly been ignored. The policy on Berlin, Southeast Asia, Mainland China and Cuba has remained unchanged except for greater military efforts in pro-

PEACE AND FREEDOM ACTION ALERT

CALL ON YOUR CONGRESSMEN NOW WHILE THEY ARE HOME FOR THE RECESS. Focus attention on:

1. CUBA - See Action Column I
2. CHANGE OF SENATE RULE 22 to provide cloture by majority vote. Ask your SENATORS to vote for this on opening day of 88th Congress.
3. D. C. HOME RULE BILL - crucial vote on H.Res. 789. Ask your REPRESENTATIVE to vote for this on opening day of 88th Congress.
4. ABOLITION OF HUAC. Ask your REPRESENTATIVE to vote against HUAC opening day of 88th Congress.

moting U.S. aims. When the U.S. acted in one area, it seemed to be merely a reaction to an initiative by another country.

DISARMAMENT - Congress approved \$48.1 billion for the defense budget this year, \$7.8 billion more than was appropriated during the last year of the Eisenhower Administration. Aside from this \$130 million was appropriated for civil defense. On the other hand the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) was given \$6.3 million, a small figure by comparison. Eighteen Congressmen sent a letter to President Kennedy asking that the ACDA expand its operations and exert more leadership, especially in disarmament.

Much discussion on the hazards of fallout resulted from the Fallout Hearings in July. Sen. Proxmire (D-Wis) and Reps. John V. Lindsay and Seymour Halpern (R-NY) expressed concern about lack of adequate safeguards against radiation. The program is being reviewed. But no one questioned seriously the necessity of testing, and little was done to correct the inadequate safeguard system.

In a policy change last month, the U.S. decided to supply Israel with missiles.



Originally the U.S. policy held that the U.S. would not be a major source of nuclear weapons for the Middle East. The short range defensive missiles being sold to Israel are to "offset Soviet-bloc weapons recently acquired by her Arab neighbors." NYT 9/27/62. This move will make more difficult the efforts to get Arab and Israeli cooperation in solving refugee problems in Palestine. It strains U.S.-U.A.R. relations which were reported improved recently. There has also been some talk of selling a Nautilus type submarine to France which would advance her nuclear fleet considerably and provide her with much nuclear information she does not have. Such a sale will require approval by Congress. Rep. Holifield opposes it.

As the U.S. moves toward a counterforce nuclear strategy, there emerge certain instances in which the Administration would probably use nuclear weapons against Russia before she uses them against us, as in an attack on Western Europe or if Europe were losing a war of conventional weapons. See Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Oct. 1962.

Negotiations on a test ban continue in the Political Committee of the U.N. General Assembly. The neutrals have been desperately trying to persuade Russia and the U.S. to sign an agreement. Resolution after resolution has been presented to make the treaty more acceptable. The 8-nation memorandum asking mainly for the use of already existing monitoring systems to detect and identify tests, and for an international commission of scientists to be responsible for receiving and obtaining data in suspicious events, has been endorsed in another 30-nation resolution. This latter calls for a January 1, 1963 cut-off date after which no tests would be conducted. In the first proposal mentioned, the International Commission would be able to request an on-site inspection if this is necessary. Soviet officials have generally affirmed that the U.S.S.R. would open its doors to on-site inspection if requested by such a commission. In spite of the fact that refusal to open doors to inspection\* would count as evidence of guilt and that this would release other nations from their agreement not to test, the U.S. declares it will not agree to invitational inspection\* if requested

tion and insists that this must be obligatory. This hair splitting is the main obstacle to a test ban at present. Other nations have added suggestions to the 8-nation proposal to make it even more acceptable: 1. that during the moratorium a conference of scientists be convened to discuss new inspection techniques, 2. that the nuclear nations remain in readiness to test at the end of the interim of trial, and 3. that the interim would end after one or two years with provision for extension if adequate detection is developed. Still the U.S. says, "No."

ACTION: SEND LETTERS URGING ACCEPTANCE OF ANY OR A COMBINATION OF THESE PROPOSALS TO THE PRESIDENT; ACDA DIRECTOR MR. WILLIAM C. FOSTER; U.S. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR DEAN, U.S. MISSION TO THE U.N., 799 U.N. PLAZA, NEW YORK 17, N.Y. COPIES TO SENATORS AND EDITORS.

#### WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Foreign Aid - Congressional fears that foreign aid helps Communists had its effect on the Administration's request. Although a billion less than the President asked for, the final \$3.9 billion appropriation was \$14,300,000 more than last year's. The bill grants the President discretion to extend economic aid to Communist countries if he determines such action in the national interest, but prohibits aid to countries shipping arms to Cuba.

World Food Pool - The U.S. has couched its contribution to this in such terms as to prohibit its use in most East European countries. Our aid is not allowed in areas the U.N. might designate unless the U.S. approves of the project. The U.S. is contributing \$40 million in commodities and \$10 million in cash. NYT 9/6. This is aside from U.S. contribution in the Food for Peace program through which it exported \$1.6 billion worth of commodities in the year ending June 1962. The main commodities shipped were wheat, flour, corn cotton, tobacco and powdered skim milk. Food shipments to Latin America have increased by almost 100% since early 1961. WPTH 8/21/62.

Alliance for Progress - In the first of the annual reviewing conferences recently



held, authorized at Punta del Este, for the Alliance for Progress many recommendations were made. The delegates concluded that "there were no prompt signs of improvement in Latin America." WPTH 10/22. Some reasons are that the countries have not presented enough specific projects for AID to begin work on and that the outflow of private capital and the stagnation of internal markets have continued. Recommendations from the Economic and Social Council gave hope of progress for the coming year. NYT 10/17.

The Administration is studying a memorandum by Chester Bowles, President's adviser on underdeveloped areas. His memorandum suggests aid be given only to those countries showing "competence and determination to put their financial houses in order." WPTH 10/10. It further suggests the classification of nations seeking foreign aid according to economic potential, liabilities and willingness to institute reforms. NYT 10/8.

Peace Corps - Its one year anniversary was celebrated last month, and Senator Humphrey pointed out some of the accomplishments. He said that the first roads, medical stations and schoolhouses were started in Columbia, Tanganyika and Nigeria. Educational opportunities for children have doubled in Ethiopia. There were 2,988 Peace Corpsmen in 38 overseas countries working in many fields of development. Many more volunteers are working in the D.C. Peace Corps offices or are in training for projects.

Trade Expansion Bill - This was one of the major accomplishments of this Congress. This gives the President general authority to reduce tariffs as much as 50% over the next five years.

World Food Congress - Just before it adjourned Congress appropriated \$300,000 for the organization and holding of this World Food Congress. Members of the Food and Agriculture Organization will participate and FAO and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign Committees will help sponsor it. The Congress will try to assess current

and future food and nutritional needs for the world as a whole and for certain regions and will recommend measures to meet these needs by international cooperation.

UNITED NATIONS - The Bond issue brought discussion similar to that on the foreign aid issue. Concern for lack of support of the U.N. by other nations, especially Communist countries, raised grave questions about U.S. support. The result was that the President was given authority to purchase U.N. bonds in amounts matching those purchased by other nations. So far the amounts paid and pledged by other nations do not equal the President's original request for \$100 million, but is only a little over \$70 million.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

Poll Tax - The amendment to the Constitution prohibiting payment of poll taxes as a requirement for voting in Federal elections was approved and must now be passed by 3/4 of the state legislatures. Seven years is permitted for the completion of this process. This is the only piece of civil rights legislation passed in this Congress. A separate attempt to abolish the literacy test requirement for voting and to substitute for it, six years of elementary education was bogged down in a Senate filibuster. See WNL No. 92.

D.C. Home Rule - The failure to get enough signatures on the petition to discharge this bill from the Committee caused it to remain there.

D.C. Death Penalty - The bill to abolish the mandatory death penalty in the District of Columbia was passed. Instead of death, life imprisonment may now be ordered with court approval.

Immigration and Refugees - The continuation and centralization of authority to assist refugees was approved in the passage of the Migration and Refugee Act of 1962. The Act specifies assistance to Cuban refugees. Other legislation listed in the Box Score was not acted upon. Another bill S. 3361 was passed which



provides entry for certain relatives of U.S. citizens and for alien skilled specialists.

Wiretapping - The bill H.R. 10185 to legalize wiretapping was not reported out of Committee. Hearings were held, but no further action was taken.

Postal Bill - The form in which this was finally approved requires the Post Office to issue cards informing the would-be recipient of materials sent him in the mail and deemed by the Attorney General to be Communist propaganda. Then the recipient can only obtain these upon request. Universities, libraries and government agencies will still receive them without requesting. Also individuals receiving such mail on a subscription basis or through an international reciprocal program need not request it to receive it.

HUAC - Two bills sponsored by Francis Walter (D-Pa) were brought up under a suspension of the rules in the rush to end Congress. These bills would provide for the screening and discharging of employees in defense and National Security jobs, in some circumstances, on the basis of secret information. The passage of this Industrial Security Program was blocked by Reps. Lindsay (R-N.Y.), Roosevelt (D-Cal.) and Reuss (D-Wis.) the first two times it was brought up and failed of 2/3rds vote under the suspension of rules with 132 votes against it - the largest opposition shown in years to a HUAC measure.

WHENEVER ACTION IS SUGGESTED, WE ALSO ENCOURAGE WRITING TO EDITORS (LOCAL AND NATIONWIDE) USING IDEAS FROM THAT ACTION

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER IS NOW \$3.00 per year. Because of increase in cost of printing, paper and postage the WNL Subscription will be \$3.00 instead of \$2.00. Those who have already sent their renewals will not be affected until their next renewal. BULK RATE: 10 or more subscriptions to ONE Address, \$2.00 each.

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#### WILPF 15th TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn) spoke on the Senate floor, 9/20/62, about the WILPF International Congress at Asilomar, California, July 7-13, 1962. He called attention to his conversations with many WILPF delegates during which they "expressed amazement and great admiration for the way in which individual citizens and representatives of non-governmental organizations can have personal contact and two-way discussions with Members of Congress and other Government officials."

Sen. Humphrey inserted in the Congressional Record several of the major addresses by Dr. Dorothy Hutchinson, President of U.S. Section and E. Raymond Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, as well as information about our organization and theme - "Total and Universal Disarmament - NOW." Write your Congressman for a copy of this Congressional Record (9/20) and thank Sen. Humphrey for his speech.

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REGISTER EARLY TO INSURE ADEQUATE PLANS



LEGISLATIVE BOX SCORE ON WILPF PRIORITY MEASURES IN THE 87TH CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION

Key for Status of Bills: P-Passed, T-Tabled, C-Committee, PL-Public Law  
Key for WILPF Position: S-Supported, O-Opposed, \*-Testified or filed statement

Title and Subject of Bill	Enacted		Status in		WILPF Position
	Law No.	Month	House	Senate	

WORLD DISARMAMENT

H.R. 12580 Appropriations for Arms Control and Disarmament Agency - \$6.5 million.	PL 87-843	10/18	P	P	S*
H.R. 9897 Amending the National Housing Act enabling Federal National Mortgage Assn. to provide special assistance in financing fall-out shelters constructed with FHA insured loans.			C		O
S. 2652 Amending the Housing Amendments of 1955 authorizing financial assistance for construction of public facilities designed for use as fallout shelters.				C	O
Defense Appropriations	PL 87-577	8/9	P	P	O*
H.R. 9742 To establish a Peace College and provide greater coordination among depts. and agencies working for a lasting, just peace			C		S
H.R. 12945 Controlling human intake of radioactive food.			C		S

ECONOMIC AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

H.R. 11970 To promote the general welfare, foreign policy and security of the U.S. through international trade agreements.	PL 87-794	10/11	P	P	S*
S. 2996 To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. Authorizing \$2.4 billion for the Alliance of Progress for 4 years.	PL 87-565	8/1			S*
H.R. 13175 Economic Aid Appropriations	PL 87-872	10/23	P	P	S*

HUMAN RIGHTS

S. 2750 Protecting right to vote against arbitrary discrimination by literacy tests.				Sub-C	S*
H.R. 9732 Amending Part III of the 1957 Civil Rights Act.			C		S
H.R. 9731 Prohibiting discrimination in Employment because of race, color, etc.			C		S
H.R. 9730 and 10783 Providing for public school desegregation by 1963.			C		S
H.R. 7927 Raising Postal rates and denying the use of U.S. postal service for the carriage of Communist political propaganda.	PL 87-793	10/13	P	P	O*
H.R. 10144 Prohibiting discrimination in employment.			C		S



BOX SCORE Cont.

Title and Subject of Bill	Enacted		Status in		WILPF Position
	Law No.	Month	House	Senate	
H.R. 9986 Prohibiting unreasonable literacy requirements for voting.			C		S
H.R. 5143 Amending D.C. Code of Law to abolish mandatory death penalty and give allowance for life imprisonment as alternative.	PL 87-423	3/22	P	P	S*
H.R. 11417 & S. 2343 D.C.Home Rule				C	S*
S. 2979 Protecting voting rights, providing six years as sufficient schooling for voting requirements.			Sub-C.		S
S. 480 and H.R. 10483 & 10394 Preventing use of unreasonable literacy test requirements for voters.			Sub-C.		S
S.J.Res. 29 Amendment to Constitution prohibiting restriction on right to vote because of failure to pay poll tax.			P	P	S
S. 2980 Providing for financial and technical assistance for desegregating public schools and for adoption of plans for desegregation.					
H.R. 10783 and 10949 - Identical.			C	C	S
S. 2595 Withdrawing Federal support from apprenticeship programs denying individuals equal opportunity to participate.			C		S
S. 2981 Establishing a Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity. H.R. 10950 & 10784, Ident.			C	C	S
S. 2983 To establish greater justice in cases of unlawful official violence.				Sub-C.	S
S. 3043, S 551 and S. 2956 Liberalizing and updating the immigration law and quota system. More waiting refugees allowed entry to U.S.				Sub-C.	S
H.R. 10185 To legalize wiretapping.				C	O*
<u>UNITED NATIONS</u>					
H.R. 9645 To provide credit against the individual income tax for U. N. Contributors.			C		S
H.R. 9905 To rescind and revoke membership of the U.S. in the U.N. and specialized agencies thereof and for other purposes			C		O
S. 2768 To authorize the purchase of U.N. Bonds appropriating the funds for them.	PL 87-731	10/2	P	P	S*
H.R. 10097 To authorize the purchase of U.N. Bonds and allowing individuals to participate in their purchase.			C		S*
<u>THREATS TO THE PEACE</u>					
S.J.Res. 230 Cuba Resolution backing the President in any action on Cuba	PL 87-733		P	P	O
S.J.Res. 224 Authorizing the President to call up reserves in any crisis.	PL 87-736		P	P	O
H.Con.Res. 570 Berlin Resolution re Soviet violation of rights in Berlin			P	P	O