

Nixon signs bill limiting campaign spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hailing it as "realistic and enforceable," President Nixon signed legislation Monday to limit political advertising expenses and seal campaign finance-reporting loopholes.

The law goes into effect in 60 days, so it won't apply to early presidential primaries but it will cover later primaries, and will limit to \$8.4 million the amount a presidential candidate can spend for radio and television advertising this fall.

Nixon signed the legislation—the most comprehensive change

of campaign practices law in a half century — without the public ceremony which often accompanies presidential approval of major measures.

In a three-paragraph statement, Nixon called the bill "an important step forward in an area which has been of great public concern."

He noted that the measure stiffens reporting requirements for the source and use of campaign funds.

The new law repeals the loophole-ridden and little-enforced

Corrupt Practices Act of 1925. Asked whether the administration would enforce the new provisions, White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler responded, "Yes."

The law limits for the first time in history categories of spending by White House candidates.

Spending limits are calculated on a formula of 10 cents per potential voter, or \$50,000, whichever is larger. They apply to all candidates for president, vice president, Senate and House and

cover their spending on television, radio, newspaper, magazine and outdoor advertising, and paid-telephone campaigns.

No more than 6 cents of each dime can be spent on broadcast ads, meaning the ceiling on a presidential nominee's radio-TV budget this fall will be \$8.4 million. The Republicans spent an estimated \$12.1 million in 1968 while the Democrats spent about \$6.1 million.

The law sets no over-all campaign spending limit, but does limit to \$50,000 the amount a

candidate for president or vice president can contribute to his own campaign. Likewise, Senate candidates can contribute no more than \$35,000 to their own campaigns, and House candidates \$25,000.

Periodic reports must be filed by candidates after spending reaches \$1,000. The reports to the Senate secretary, House clerk, comptroller general or appropriate state election officials must identify each person contributing \$100 or more.

The law also requires broadcast stations selling air time to federal candidates to charge the lowest unit rate during 45 days before a primary and 60 days before a general election. At other times, the stations can charge the same rates charged for comparable use by commercial advertisers.

Further, the bill specifies that newspapers and magazines cannot charge political candidates more for campaign advertising than they charge for comparable use of the space by other advertisers.

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Nothing new found which may indicate missing ship's fate

GALVESTON (AP) — Nothing new was found by searchers Monday looking for the missing tanker V. A. Fogg and the Coast Guard said the effort would be reduced today by 50 per cent.

"We're reducing the search to one cutter and three aircraft and concentrating on the area where the life jacket, life ring and other debris has been found," a spokesman for the Coast Guard's search

Tickets are profitable to university

Last fall \$13,994 was paid for campus parking and moving violations, according to University Police.

During that time 4,688 tickets were paid compared to 4,190 paid tickets in the spring of 1971 amounting to \$12,086.

In the fall of 1970 only \$11,846 was collected for 4,250 violations. Beginning in January the University Police will begin to keep track of all excused tickets. According to UP almost every other ticket issued is excused.

N. Ireland's oppositions meet in unofficial rival parliaments

BELFAST (AP)—Northern Ireland opposition leaders met in their unofficial rival parliament Monday night with the prospect that they soon may find themselves in jail.

Police said they have taken out court summonses against 26 leaders of Sunday's 20,000 strong anti-merchment march in Newry. The march, like all processions in Northern Ireland, was illegal under the government's Special Powers Act.

Bernadette Devlin, the 24-year-old civil rights activist and member of British Parliament, said she too had received a summons. She supports Roman Catholic aspirations toward a united Ireland.

Francis McGuigan, a 24-year-old Belfast man, made an anti-internment protest of his own and escaped from Long Kesh camp, where around 400 suspected members of the Irish Republican Army are held without trial.

McGuigan, according to IRA contacts, was a high officer of the Belfast Provisionals, the IRA's militant wing. Police said troops threw up road blocks around Belfast but contacts said McGuigan was clear of the city.

He was the first to escape from Long Kesh, a former airfield near British army headquarters at Lisburn, southwest of the capital.

Though the Newry march passed peacefully, the weekend produced four more dead, bringing the toll of violence since August 1969 to 239.

Two members of the outlawed IRA were blown to pieces while planting bombs in a sabotage operation on Lough Neagh, an inland sea west of Belfast. The

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

coordination headquarters in New Orleans said.

The spokesman added, "I have never been on a search as massive as this one without finding something."

The Fogg, with 39 persons aboard, vanished last Tuesday after leaving from Freeport, Tex., to Galveston on a short voyage which included a detour to 50 miles offshore to clean the ship's tanks of the residue of a highly volatile chemical. Nothing has been heard from the ship since she left port.

Seven aircraft and three cutters combed an 8,400 square mile area about 50 miles south of Freeport Monday. Searchers found a life jacket and a life ring, both with the tanker's name imprinted on them, in the same general area Sunday.

A door found in the same area Saturday has been identified as one from the Fogg by Cherry C. Mapes, an engineer who worked on the tanker for 10 years but missed this trip because of vacation.

However, the Coast Guard spokesman in New Orleans said Monday that the Coast Guard is still not convinced that the door found was off the missing tanker.

bodies were found in a sunken barge.

The opposition politicians, meeting in their "alternative assembly" in Dungannon, said they would prepare contingency plans against prospective jailing of prominent members. Illegal marching carries a mandatory penalty of six months jail, although the sentence can be suspended at the magistrate's discretion.

West Coast strikers seek settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Negotiators in the West Coast dock strike worked Monday to achieve agreement before Congress votes on a new plan for a 60-day in-



TEMPTATION appears in the strangest ways, except to Higby, and oversized billy goat. Higby is owned by Lion Country Safari and is retired from their petting zoo because of his size. The temptation belongs to one of the African wildlife preserve's maintenance men who has adopted him as a mascot. (AP Wirephoto)

Moon in jeopardy

Cambodians attack spook

PHNOM PENH (AP)—Premier Lon Nol says Cambodian soldiers who shot up a mythical monster they believed was devouring the moon during a recent eclipse wasted so much ammunition the army might have run short in case of attack.

The marshal, who doubles as commander in chief of the Cambodian army, navy and air force, described the hour-long shootout on Jan. 30 as an ill-considered action and threatened to court-martial officers and men who go on such shooting sprees.

In an angry radio speech to troops over the weekend, Lon Nol said the fusillade—which lit up the night sky over Phnom Penh with tracer bullets—took 2 lives and wounded 85.

It cost Cambodia millions of riels worth of ammunition, the marshal said, and was "a serious blot on the honor of the Khmer Republic."

The soldiers were trying to drive away Reahou, a legendary monster who is a malevolent brother to the sun and the moon. Tradition teaches that only by making great noise could they prevent Reahou from gobbling up the moon during the eclipse, darkening their nights forever.

For the average Cambodian soldier, Reahou surpasses myth. Fabulous beasts and monsters from ancient Khmer folk legends are as real to him as the cattle wandering placidly through downtown Phnom Penh.

Omens and oracles play an important part in decision making for many Cambodians. Marshal Lon Nol himself frequently seeks the advice of seers.

Lon Nol once used an oracle to incite Cambodians to overcome their ingrained Buddhist respect for sanctity of human life to fight the enemy from North Vietnam.

"According to an oracle, the current was in Cambodia is a religious war," Lon Nol told the Cambodians in a broadcast on May 11, 1970. "I wish to inform my fellow countrymen who are Buddhist believers that an oracle has predicted that everybody will enjoy equal rights. Everybody will be happy and good when this religious war ends."

junction to partially end the record 122-day walkout.

The shipper and union bargainers appeared near a contract agreement in the sixth day of

talks directed by Sam Kagel, veteran private mediator.

They resumed talks less than an hour after a House Labor Subcommittee in Washington approved the injunction plan drafted by Chairman Frank Thompson, D.-N.J. The vote was 5 to 1.

At the White House, Secretary of Labor James D. Hodgson described the legislation as clearly unsatisfactory. He said the measure "leaves everything up in the air" for at least another 60 days.

Thompson said Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, told him the union would continue the San Francisco negotiations through Wednesday.

Bridges was quoted as saying the ILWU then would propose submitting all unresolved issues to Kagel for binding arbitration.

Thompson's bill would authorize the government to seek a 60-day injunction ordering the union and shippers to handle military and agricultural cargoes and shipments to and from Hawaii. The bill would allow other phases of the strike to run on while negotiations continued.

Thompson estimated his proposal would get 80 per cent of

Cold and clearing

Wednesday — Cloudy, easterly winds 10-15 mph, becoming northerly 10-15 mph. High 58°, low 41°.

Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Northerly winds 10-12 mph. High 37°, low 28°.

Academic, sport programs to be tops: Williams

The goal at A&M is to make the university's academic and athletic programs the finest in the nation, President Jack K. Williams told leaders of the 55,000-member Association of Former Students Sunday.

"We are the number one institution in this country in oceanography," he said. The A&M president reported the departments of chemistry, economics, sciences, civil engineering, veterinary medicine, meteorology, architecture, biochemistry and petroleum engineering are near the peak of excellence.

Dr. Williams spoke at the association's annual Winter Council Meeting and gave the leaders an overview of future plans for the university.

He said students participating in the administration have included interior furnishing of the new residence hall and that he'd match the Aggie girls with coeds from any college. Dr. Williams received a standing ovation from the 150 participants.

New head football coach and athletic director Emory Bellard also addressed the group.

Bellard said three for sure and possibly four of the 14 Blue Chip football players in the state are expected to sign letters of intent today to A&M.

The coach admitted the "most critical point, right now," is a

quarterback for the 1972 team. He said the Aggies have some real good talent returning and that he expected one or two of the new freshmen will be on the varsity team.

Directing the weekend meeting was J. R. (Bob) Latimer of Dallas, who came to A&M in 1940 on one of the first Opportunity Award scholarships. He is 1972 association president.

Latimer said he could not have attended college without the scholarship and it represented a very personal part of his life.

The 1972 Annual Fund goal was set at \$1.25 million.

Engraving tools available to mark articles of value

Identification of personal belongings — such as bicycles, tape decks and tools — has been made easier for A&M students through the donation of 10 electric engraving tools by the College Station Kiwanis Club to local police departments.

Students, faculty, staff and residents may borrow the engravers for a reasonable time to engrave personal belongings.

The tools will work on almost any hard surface.

Veteran legislator scheduled to speak Thursday at A&M

A veteran U. S. legislator who voted for the supersonic transport, supported the Mansfield Amendment and Senate Selective Service Bill of which it was a part will speak Thursday at A&M.

Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia will appear as the first major series speaker of Political Forum.

His talk, "Political Parties vs. the 'New Politics,'" will be presented at noon in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, announced Forum Chairman Paul Turner.

The Senate Democratic Whip since early last year, Senator Byrd is a legislative leader with 26 years elective service to West Virginia and the U. S.

The 64-year-old solon has been the Senate Democratic Confer-

ence secretary five years. He is a member of the Appropriations and Judiciary Committees and the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Byrd was elected to his third six-year Senate term in 1970 by the highest percentage of votes ever received by a candidate in a West Virginia statewide contested general election. He carried all 55 counties, also a state first.

The holder of more legislative elective offices than any other West Virginian served in both state houses from 1946 to 1952 when he was elected to the first of three U. S. House of Representatives terms.

Byrd was a cum laude graduate of American University. The senator and his wife, the former Erma Ora James, make their home in Sophia, W. Va.

Class schedule established for A&M Free University

The Free University classes have established meeting times and places.

Gourmet Cooking — Feb. 14, A&M Consolidated. For more information call Bill Fore at 845-3100.

Albert Schweitzer's Philosophy of Life — Feb. 9, 8:00 p.m., Lutheran Student Center.

Handicrafts — Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., room 100, Chemistry building.

Chemical Theology — Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., room 228, Chemistry building.

Reading Improvement—Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., room 100, Chemistry building.

Political Trends — Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., room 303, Fermier.

Sculpture and Creative Design — Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., 202 Francis.

Photography — Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., room 229, Chemistry building.

Self-defense — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., room 303, Fermier.

Revelations — Thursday, 7:00 p.m., room 127, Academic building (this week only); after this week there will be two sections — Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., room 127, Academic building and Mondays, 7:30 p.m., room 228, Chemistry building.

Philosophy Discussion — contact Randy Durham or the Philosophy Department for meeting times and places.