

BILL TO PREVENT 'PACKING' OF HIGH COURT DEBATED

Butler Opens Fight in Senate for Constitutional Amendment

Washington, May 10 (AP)—The Senate today began debate on a constitutional amendment designed to prevent any future attempts to "pack" the Supreme Court and to bar justices of the high court from leaving their posts to run for President.

No Partisanship
Sen. John M. Butler (R-Md.), author of the proposal, made the first speech for it.

He said the proposed change in the Constitution "was not born of partisanship, but solely from a desire to strengthen the independence and integrity of the court."

Butler said he could not speak for President Eisenhower but he believed the chief executive favored the proposal.

Senate leaders hope to bring it to a vote tomorrow. It will require a two-thirds vote of those present for passage. No one spoke against it today but Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.) and a few others have said they opposed it.

The amendment would: Fix the number of justices of the high tribunal at nine. At present, this number is set only by law. Compel the retirement of all justices and federal judges at 75, except for those serving for a specified number of years. Prevent Congress from ever withdrawing the authority of the Supreme Court to consider constitutional cases within its appellate jurisdiction.

Bar a present or future member of the Supreme Court from running for President or vice-president until five years after the termination of his service on the tribunal.

Dali Is 'Born Again'

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only four on the left, a little man hustled about distributing copies of the master's impromptu remarks.

His Biggest Show
Dali not only took the precaution of being reborn before the press, but did it on the eve of the biggest ever show of his works—30 paintings, 22 pieces of jewelry and 80 water colors.

His pride was "the first mechanical object of art—an exact replica of the British crown set in pearls surmounting a heart of gold nuggets containing an inner heart of rubies containing an electric motor. The heart beats. Honest."

"Queen Elizabeth's coronation inspired me," Dali beamed. Oils included a piece of bread surrounded by 290 billion cubes and a head with snakes coming out of the cheeks, with a skull inset in each eye and in the mouth, and three more skulls within each of these skulls.

Another, named "Gala," after his wife, resembled an explosion in a ping-pong ball factory.

Windsor Locks

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Kiser into custody during early stages of the investigation.

Police said tonight that no formal charge has yet been brought against the Hartford man. It was indicated, however, that a charge of negligent manslaughter probably will be pressed tomorrow.

Police Chief J. Henry Whitten joined Walton in the investigation tonight.

The body was at first removed to the Johnson funeral home and later transferred to Browne's funeral home in Thompsonville, where Mr. Lakstutis formerly resided.

Mr. Lakstutis was born in Lithuania and came to this section about 35 years ago. He formerly was engaged in general farming on Fletcher Rd. in Enfield. His nearest survivor is his niece, Miss Alice Lakstutis of Russell St., Thompsonville.

The funeral will be at Browne's funeral home at a time to be announced and burial will be in St. Patrick's King St. Cemetery.

Storms Lash

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porch off another and uprooting several trees.

Both of these violent windstorms were identified as tornadoes by the Hartford Weather Bureau.

Injured were Mrs. Bruno Rothe, 41, and her son, Robert Jezewski, 18, who were inside the house on the Rockville-Windsorville Rd. in Ellington when the tornado struck.

Found 175 Feet From House
Neighbors found Mrs. Rothe dazed in a field about 175 feet from the house. Her son landed in the roadway.

At Rockville Hospital last night, officials said the two victims were "very comfortable" although "pretty well bruised."

Mrs. Rothe told a nurse that all she could recall was "flying through the air."

The Rothe tobacco shed and garage were razed and debris was scattered over a wide area as the tornado apparently split, one section going north and the other south.

A neighbor, Joseph Palozaj, who also lost a tobacco shed, said he was outdoors with his son when the storm hit and he could see the tornado split and two new funnels form.

In Close Brush With Death
A migrant farm worker sleeping in the Palozaj tobacco shed escaped death when the fall of the barn timbers was broken by a chimney near his cot. Michael Thomas, 48, was pulled out of the debris by Palozaj and neighbors who found the man pinned in with a heavy beam about three inches above his head.

Palozaj said the tornado traveled less than a quarter mile along a path about 50 feet wide before it was spent.

The Hartland tornado blew off part of the roof of the home of Bruce Clark in Granville Rd. and drove an asphalt shingle about one-half inch into a clapboard. It also destroyed two large chicken coops, owned by Elliott Parmelee, carrying one off into a grove about 100 feet away. Many chimneys also were reported blown down.

Funnel Passes School
Principal Edward Perkins of the East Hartland Elementary School said he saw the funnel of the tornado pass a few hundred feet from the school. He estimated it was about 50 feet wide at the base.

The twister raged along for about 400 feet before it played out.

knocked eight feet of coping off a 160-foot smokestack.

George Johnson and two other employees dashed out of the room when the lightning struck. Seconds later, the debris crashed into the place, covering the chair where Johnson had been sitting. The concussion broke about 150 windows in the bicycle plant. Lightning rods on the chimney were fused to the sides.

A bolt hit the Hampshire County Jail in Northampton and flashed into a cell block while the 20 prisoners usually locked there were at lunch. A second bolt knocked out a transformer near the jail, and several other places were struck in that city during the day, with no serious damage reported.

Rhine H. Thomas of Margaret St., Monson, was knocked to the floor when lightning struck his home while he was using a power tool in the basement at about 8:30 last night. He was taken to the home of his son, Robert, nearby where he was treated by a doctor. His wife also was knocked to the floor by the bolt and was stunned momentarily.

A landslide on Boston & Maine tracks at Zoar east of the Hoosac Tunnel blocked westbound trains for about an hour early last night.

There was continued danger of slides along the railroad and the Mohawk Trail highway.

Rapidly rising streams in the Northern Berkshires brought a period of alarm and National Guard units from North Adams and Adams were alerted at 4:50. They were dismissed at 6.

It was still raining heavily in the Northern Berkshires at midnight.

Radio and television stations were knocked off the air for varying periods and there was scattered interruption of electrical and telephone service.

Radio WHYX Twice Hit
Radio Station WHYX was off the air in the morning when lightning hit the transmitter in West Holyoke and after repairs, it was knocked off again at about 6:15 p. m.

Rain at 3.4 Inches
Week-end rain was as high as 3.4 inches in some sections of New England, the Associated Press reported, and damage to roads in New Hampshire may reach about \$3,000,000. In Maine, the Androscoggin and Saco Rivers had crested without flooding, but at Kennebunk serious damage was reported to a Mousam River dam

when high water broke flood gates for the balance of the day.

Fruit trees and early vegetables are in danger of contracting wet weather diseases, Hampden County Improvement League Agent James N. Putnam said.

Onion sets and potatoes are expected to suffer from the prolonged wet spell and tobacco planting has been delayed.

In a late broadcast the Weather Bureau said there appeared to be no further danger of any violent weather. The bureau said it will be somewhat cloudy and warmer in southern New England tomorrow.

Improving weather, the bureau added, will advance into northern New England late tomorrow with the outlook favoring fair weather Tuesday night and Wednesday.

MITCHELL GETS CHECKUP
Washington, May 10 (AP)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell today entered Walter Reed Hospital "for a complete medical checkup." The Labor Department said Mitchell's doctor "has ordered a period of rest before resuming his heavy schedule."

Nation-Wide Blood Banking System Is Started On Way

New York, May 10 (INS)—The first step in a transcontinental blood transfusion system that will enable a man in New York to give blood for a sick relative in San Francisco—or anywhere else in the nation—was announced today.

"Insurance On Blood"
Under the same new blood banking plan, a man can "deposit" one pint of blood in a community bank and be guaranteed up to four pints of blood, without cost, for himself and for each member of his family for the following year.

Since the average family has four persons, this "insurance in blood" would guarantee 16 or more pints a year for each family group.

It operated on limited power for the balance of the day.

Television Station WMGT on Mt. Greylock was hit at least five times by lightning, engineers reported.

The past nine days of constant rain has retarded spring farm work in Western Massachusetts and is causing anxiety to persons living along riverbank lowlands.

Cabot station of the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. at Turners Falls said there is no immediate high water threat.

However, one official said that effects of heavy rainfalls along the northern watersheds would not be apparent along the Massachusetts stretch of the river for two or three days.

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Bar-Bending Gorilla Refuses to Quit Cage In Columbia, O., Zoo

Columbus, O., May 10 (AP)—The Baron, a 200-pound gorilla at the Columbus Zoo, stoutly refused today to move from his cage.

Every time attendants bent the bars apart to tempt him into a box, the Baron simply squeezed the bars into proper place again.

The Baron squeezed with his muscle, the attendants pried with a winch.

The door to his cage is not large enough for the box, in which they planned to move him to a stouter cage.

Five times attendants pried the bars apart. So far the Baron is not inclined to step out.

The reason they want to move the Baron? Just because he can bend those bars so easily.

Woman's Body

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nearby Springfield Photo Mount Co. and it was taken from the canal by the combined efforts of a detachment of police and the members of Ladder Co. 2 from the South Holyoke Fire Station.

Medical Examiner Edmund J. Zielski said that death was by asphyxiation due to drowning. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Public Hearings Ended By Agricultural Unit
Washington, May 10 (AP)—After months of testimony the House Agriculture Committee today concluded public hearings on agricultural problems and expects to begin writing farm legislation Thursday.

However, a committee aide stressed that the early closed sessions will be devoted to discussion of the many ideas advanced by the 1,700 witnesses heard since last August. He indicated it may be some time before the committee members are ready to start actually writing a bill.

Pittsburgh People Still Get to Work

Pittsburgh, May 10 (AP)—This steel city's estimated 200,000 commuters crowded into the Golden Triangle today, most of them in time for

work, despite a strike of 2700 trolley and bus operators.

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