

Senate Vote Reverses Stand On Bus Issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate reversed itself today and voted to defeat an amendment of Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., seeking to eliminate power of the federal courts to issue busing orders in school desegregation cases.

The outcome was a victory for Senate Leaders Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and Hugh Scott, R-Pa., who had worked hard to get as many senators as possible back to Washington to get the Griffin proposal rejected.

There were only three absentees on the crucial vote—Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., who has been away more than two years because of a stroke, and two Democratic presidential contenders who declined to return, Henry M. Jackson, Wash., and Vance Hartke, Ind.

The vote to defeat the Griffin amendment did not mean that it was finally rejected as a part of the pending higher education-school desegregation bill. Another version of it or other stringent anti-busing amendments still could be offered and voted on later today or Wednesday up to 2 p.m. The Senate has agreed to finish work on the legislation at that hour.

The second vote on Griffin's proposal was only one roll call in a complex series required because of a highly involved parliamentary situation.

In a preceding vote, the Senate by a 49 to 48 margin killed an amendment of Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn., which had served last week as the vehicle for adoption of both the Griffin amendment and a much milder Scott-Mansfield compromise plan.

The effect of that vote was to sidetrack both Griffin and Scott-Mansfield temporarily. Then followed the 50 to 47 vote to reject Griffin, thus defeating that plan for the time being.

Next the Senate wrote into the bill the compromise plan sponsored by Mansfield and Scott which contains much softer restrictions on busing. The vote was 63 to 34.

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Details Of China Trip

Leaders In Congress Briefed By President

BULLETIN
WASHINGTON (AP) Premier Chou En-lai has invited Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield and his Republican counterpart, Hugh Scott, to visit China at a mutually convenient time, the White House said today.

President Nixon personally relayed Chou's invitation to the two Senate leaders before he briefed congressional leaders today on his just-concluded historic mission to China.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon gave congressional leaders a report on his historic journey to China today after telling the nation his talks with Communist leaders sowed the seeds for "a more-enduring structure for peace" without secret deals undercutting any ally.

The chief executive followed the 90-minute meeting with 21 Republican and Democratic House and Senate leaders with a separate session for his Cabinet.

Can't Forgive Nixon

Taiwan Calls It 'Sellout'

TAIPEI (AP) — Nationalist China's premier and its National Assembly accused President Nixon today of selling out old friends and said Chiang Kai-shek's government cannot forgive him for negotiating with Communist China.

The assembly was elected in 1946, before Chiang was expelled from the mainland, and meets every six years to re-elect him president.

The resolution joined the Foreign Ministry in warning that Chiang's government will consider "null and void" any agreement reached between Nixon and the Communists concerning the Nationalists.

Premier C. K. Yen—without mentioning Nixon by name—accused the President of betraying his own principles and his Nationalist friends by bargaining with the regime in Peking.

Pace Is Slowed

Growth Of City Through Annexation Is Kept Alive

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"Since the city has the right to reject any (annexations), we would look carefully at single annexations," he said. The Napa Sanitation District, which is faced with a \$30 plus 50 cents an acre fee from the same ruling, has maintained the policy of passing the fees to those requesting annexation to the district. Annexation here, however, can be on a patch-work type basis and there is usually no opposition to annexing. In the city, however, some opposition is usually present to an annexation—it requires 51 per cent approval—and the city fears that a fee could discourage the majority.

City Attorney Frank Dunlap informed the council that it could pass the annexation fees on to those petitioning for inclusion into the city.

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Feb. 29 Costs Uncle Sam \$115 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) — For their own glorification, Julius Caesar and the emperor Augustus each swiped a day from February. Now if someone had heisted Feb. 29, Uncle Sam would have saved \$115 million today.

That's how much the government pays its employees for working one extra day every four years.

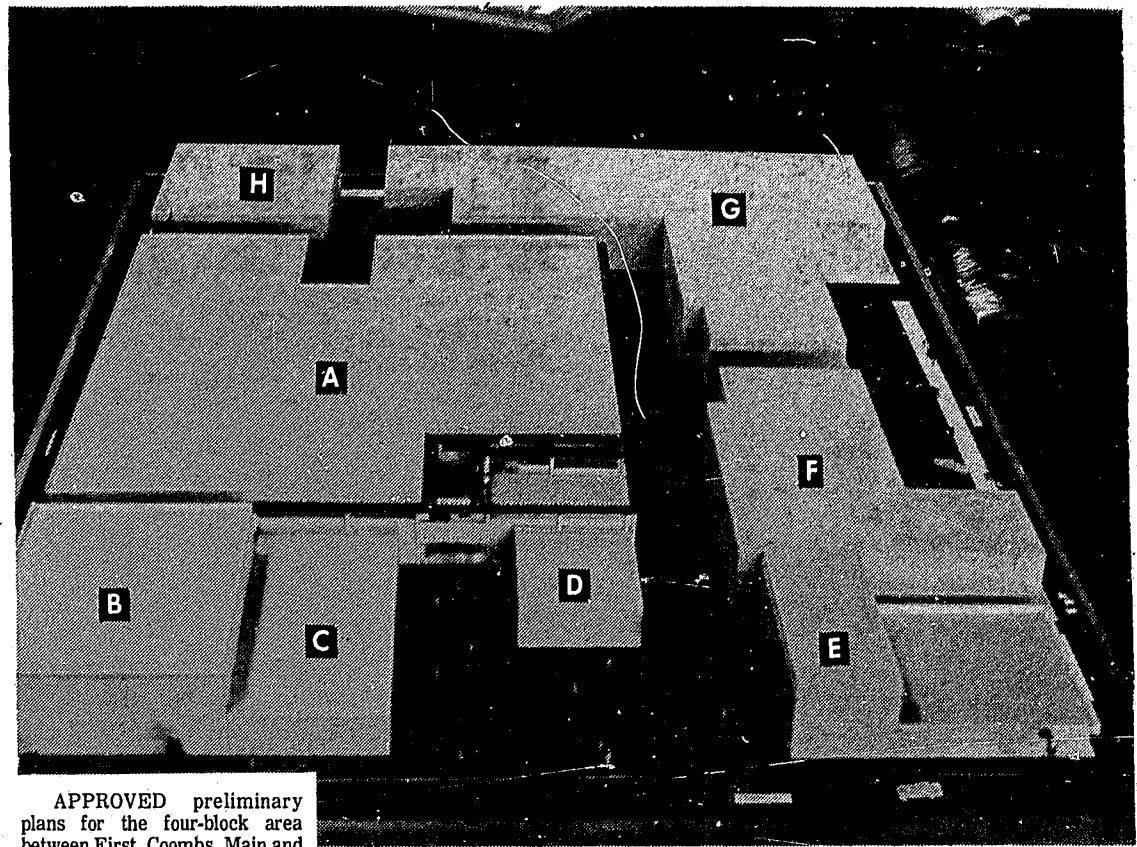
Now Caesar and Augustus didn't have savings in mind when they robbed February. When Romulus made the first Roman calendar he didn't even have February among his 10 months. His successor, Numa Pompilius, added two months but he tacked February onto the end of the year. The name Februarius came from a Latin word meaning "to purify" because it was then the Romans cleansed themselves to prepare for New Year festivals.

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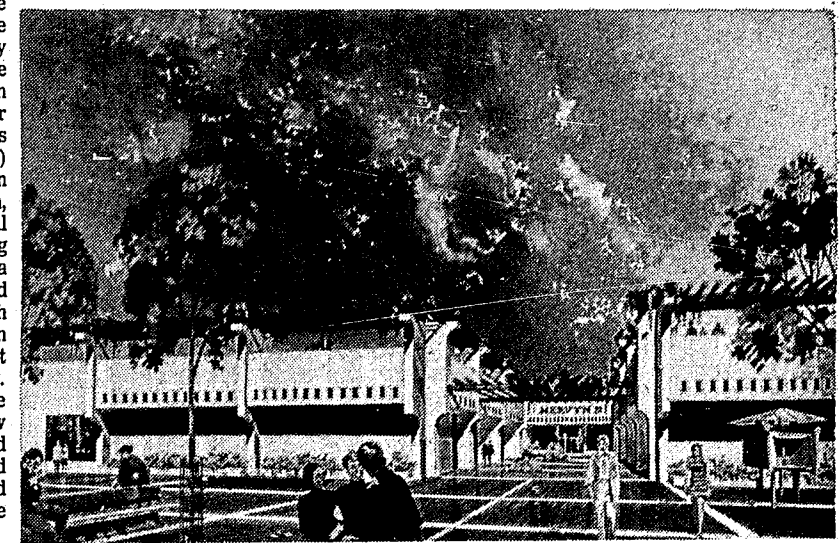
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APPROVED preliminary plans for the four-block area between First, Coombs, Main and Pearl Streets is shown above. The new Mervyn's building (A) is the center of the complex. The only buildings that will remain where they exist today are the Gordon Building (B) and Gibraltar Savings (E). New satellite stores surround the mall (C,D,F,G,H) and replace existing buildings on Pearl, Coombs, Brown, Main, Clay and First Streets. The mall between the Mervyn's building and the satellite stores (F,G) is a replacement to Brown Street and may become a covered mall with air-conditioning. To the right is an artist's concept of the Pearl Street entrance to Mervyn's building. The new Mervyn's store will be built mainly on a site now occupied by the old Allen and Benedict store, the mall and satellite stores in the foreground will be located on the site of the existing Migliavacca building.



'Middle Of Pearl Street?'

Agency Scans Store Locations

By HARRY V. MARTIN
Register Assistant Editor
Pressured by a deadline to complete the new Mervyn's Department Store and avoid the problems which led to long delays in construction of the Carithers' building the Napa Community Redevelopment Agency has begun to question some of its own decisions it doesn't remember making.

The agency members again challenged their staff on a matter of placement of proposed satellite stores adjacent to the Mervyn's building. "When did satellite stores get out in the middle of Pearl Street," Chairman Ralph Trower asked.

When informed that the agency had approved the plan he said he doesn't remember it.

Commissioner Paul Gore said, "Many things we thought were conceptual have become final. Maybe we haven't done our homework."

The agency, which has established a fixed stage-by-stage plan for approval and construction of the Mervyn's building after experiencing multiple delays with the Carithers' building, began Monday night to challenge many points in the entire concept of the building and the plaza and questioned what exactly its various actions really accomplished.

A main point covered in the discussion was whether or not the proposed Brown Street mall would be covered and air conditioned. Commissioner Bill Chew said he thought the original concept was to have a covered

mall and that if something else is proposed he wouldn't be satisfied. Asked to approve a model of the construction site the agency was reluctant until certain guarantees were incorporated into the plan, including reinforced structures to hold a roof structure and possibly a second deck for pedestrian traffic.

Carson Bowler, the architect, said, originally, that such construction could not be done until the agency determined what type of mall covering—if any—would be used. The contractor, Gust Nichandros, does not have a contract to construct the mall or any covering, only the building itself.

Judiciary OKs Women's Rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee approved 14-1 today a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee women equal rights with men under federal and state law.

A substitute proposal by Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., unacceptable to women's rights organizations, and other modifications were rejected by one-sided votes.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., chief Senate sponsor of the approved amendment, said a hard battle still lies ahead in the Senate itself.

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Allegations Set Aside

Ad Hoc Committee Offers Mental Health Proposals

By L. PIERCE CARSON
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Who's going to run the show at the county's mental health clinic?

Will it be a program chief trained in psychotherapy, a public health officer or possibly a lay fiscal administrator who works at the direction of the county administrator?

This is the decision that will face the Napa County Board of Supervisors in a few weeks and it will have a wealth of data, opinion and emotion laid or spent before it in helping it make that decision.

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The Napa County Mental Health Advisory Board two weeks ago appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate Wilson's charges and to come up with some recommendations about the program's future.

Monday night that committee issued its recommendations and will forward them to the full MHAB for discussion and action at its March 13 meeting.