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Ariz. Senate Passes Bill Repealing Auto Inspections Law

Next Move Is Left To Gov. Fannin

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PHOENIX, Feb. 18.—With but six dissenting votes, the Arizona Senate Tuesday passed the House bill repealing the motor vehicle inspection law. It was returned to the House for transmittal to Gov. Paul Fannin Wednesday. The vote was 21-6.

Fannin has declined to commit himself but is expected to veto the measure. An attempt to override the veto probably will be made.

While the Senate was acting on this measure — considered by many to be one of the most important of the session — the House Public Institutions Committee held the bill that would prohibit Communists or known subversives from using facilities at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona State University, Tempe, and Arizona State College, Flagstaff.

Action came during one of the liveliest committee meetings of the session.

Opponents contended that the bill would place unnecessary pressure on the Board of Regents and that it would interfere with academic freedom.

The bill was definitely postponed during a meeting of the committee last week but was revived Tuesday.

It was followed by a motion by Rep. Pat Vippamann.

Cyprus Not Agreeable To Plan

Key Proposal By Thanet Rejected

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 18.—Gloom swept over the United Nations Tuesday night after Cyprus rejected a key provision in a proposal by U. Thant, the secretary general, for the establishment of a peace-keeping force.

According to reliable sources, Spyros Kyprianou, the Cypriot foreign minister, told the secretary general that Cyprus would not accept his proposal that Thanet or the president of the Security Council make a statement upholding the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus.

In his talk with Thanet Tuesday Kyprianou said by the Cypriot demand that the Security Council first give such a commitment against alleged Turkish plans to annex part of Cyprus.

Later, in a lengthy statement to the council, Kyprianou declared that a council commitment in this sense would be "the greatest contribution" it could make toward keeping peace in Cyprus.

Some tremors were felt in other islands of the mountainous Aegean chain, a Portuguese possession in the Atlantic Ocean, 1,000 miles west of Lisbon.

The radio at Angra on Terceira Island said the British cable ship Mirror had arrived at Sao Jorge and was picking up refugees.

An American ship, the 29 Defections Listed During Olympic Games

VIENNA, Feb. 18 (AP)—Twenty-nine men persons from Communist — ruled Eastern Europe defected to the West during the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck.

All except an East German tobogganist were spectators who came in Austria to travel. The tobogganist was a 25-year-old Pole.

Police said the defectors were 14 Hungarians, 12 Czechs, 2 Poles and 1 East German girl.

Miss Gaebler did not ask for political asylum in Austria. She is reported to be in Geneva.

The other defectors are being processed by Austrian authorities.

Most American Troops To Leave S. Viet Soon, Even if Drive Falters

Tremors Jolt Axes Hundreds Fly Quaking Isle

SHIPS RUSHING TO EVACUATE ISLANDERS AS HOMES COLLAPSE, EARTH TREMBLES

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 18.—A British ship was reported evacuating hundreds of terror-stricken inhabitants from the volcanic Azores island of Sao Jorge amid worsening waves of earthquakes. Some reports said that at least 47 island homes had crumbled and that hundreds more were in danger of collapse.

Most of the island's 20,000 people were reported gathered in a village at the eastern tip awaiting rescue by ships urgently summoned from the Eastern Atlantic.

The U.S. Air Force base at Lajes, 20 miles away on Terceira Island, said the tremors on Sao Jorge "have quaked a good way."

The Mirror left Horta, on Pico Island, earlier in the day carrying aboard two doctors, nurses, supplies, tents and food and a veterinarian.

The Portuguese Navy sent two 400-ton patrol boats, but naval officers feared that waves rising to a height of 27 feet may delay them considerably.

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2 Men Hijack Private Plane, Fly To Cuba

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 18.—A two-engine private plane, chartered in Miami by two Spanish-speaking men, was hijacked and flown to Cuba Tuesday.

Jets from Boca Chico Naval Air Station at Key West scrambled but failed to intercept the plane, when the pilot said he was being forced to fly to Havana.

There was no immediate confirmation that the hijacked plane was in Cuba. But a Federal Aviation Agency spokesman said "Our best information is that the plane went to Cuba."

The pilot, 23-year-old Richard Wright of Miami, filed a flight plan before he left with the hijacked plane. One of the men signed papers as Ray Lima. The other did not identify himself.

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Bloodless Coup Military Takes Over In Gabon

LIBREVILLE, Gabon, Feb. 18 (AP)—A revolutionary military committee seized power in Gabon in a bloodless coup Tuesday, arrested President Leon M'ba and forced him to resign.

Soldiers from Gabon's 450-man army, supported by gendarmes and police, occupied strategic points in Libreville during the night.

Not a shot was fired and life in the capital went on normally Tuesday. Statements were read every half hour over the radio calling on residents of Libreville to remain calm and promising that "public liberties will be restored and all political prisoners will be freed."

The airport was closed and communications were cut in the early stages of the coup, but messages started filtering out during the evening.

Under arrest with the 62-year-old president were his ministers and the president of the National Assembly. Only about a month ago, the army had pledged its loyalty to the president.

A spokesman for the revolutionary committee said the coup was designed "to avoid bloody troubles that might be provoked by the opposition, but he did not elaborate. He said Gabon's foreign policy, which has been pro-French in this former French colony, would be unchanged.

The spokesman said Daniel Mboze, said the committee was working to set up a provisional government that would not include any holdovers from M'ba's cabinet. He said Lt. Jacques Mbongo, an officer of the gendarmes, would supervise the government.

In Washington, there were reports that all American living in Gabon were safe. State Department Press Officer Richard L. Phillips said

Concrete Seals Atomic Wastes Deep In Earth

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Feb. 18 (AP)—Atomic scientists are testing a new method for disposing of radioactive waste, the Atomic Energy Commission reported Tuesday.

The method involves mixing atomic waste materials with concrete and pumping it into man-made fissures hundreds of feet underground.

Once the mix is pumped into the fissures, it hardens and permanently holds the wastes in place.

Be In The Know From the Colorful Fiesta Parade to the Thrills of the 39th Annual Mid-Winter Rodeo

Full details, facts and pictures in Thursday morning's The Arizona Daily Star

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