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Housing Bill Is Opposed

Real Estate Leader Hits Compulsion

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A spokesman for 65,000 real estate brokers today opposed a federal ban on housing discrimination as a blow at individual liberty and a setback for better race relations.

Alan L. Emlen of Philadelphia, representing the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), offered the first opposition testimony heard to date by a House Judiciary subcommittee considering President Johnson's civil rights proposals.

Emlen testified only against the President's request for legislation outlawing racial, religious and ethnic discrimination in the sale and rental of housing. He did not touch on other portions of the administration bill seeking to reform jury selection methods, strengthen laws against racial violence and give the government new legal weapons against school desegregation.

His testimony collided with that of the AFL-CIO, whose legislative director, Andrew Biemiller, called opposition to the open occupancy section either "outright race bias" or "ignorance of the facts."

Emlen strongly disclaimed anti-Negro feelings and made only one passing reference to the issue of race relations.

"We make this plea not in the interests of the segregationist but in the interests of the homeowner and the owners of rental property," he said. "We are convinced that the cause of improved race relations will be retarded, not enhanced, by the enactment of this measure.

"We are here to raise our voices against the injection of the element of legal compulsion into the relations of a homeowner or any other residential property owner and the one who seeks to buy or rent his property," Emlen said.

"We insist that nothing in the federal Constitution gives to one citizen the right to acquire property from another citizen who does not wish to sell to him, regardless of the reason," he said.

"Compelling the homeowner or rental owner of real estate to enter into a contract with one not of his choice is an affront to the American tradition of freedom of contract, the very underpinnings of which rest on the proposition no American, without his consent, need become an unwilling contractor with any other person."



HONORARY MEMBER—Statesville Lion Hugh Mitchell, left, presents a plaque to Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, North Carolina Adjutant General, center, which honors him as an honorary member of the Statesville Lions Club. The plaque was presented Monday night along with a certificate from Mayor J. Garner Bagnal recognizing the guest speaker as a distinguished visitor. Club President Ernest Stoehr assists in the presentation.

McNamara Criticized By Top Guard Official

Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, adjutant general of North Carolina, was highly critical of the policies of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara Monday night in an address before members of the Statesville Lions Club.

"McNamara is a brilliant man," the speaker said, "but he's stupid." General Bowers cited instances where the defense secretary has reported army units fully equipped, when their weapons were "junk."

The officer reported that several years ago, a certain type tank became outmoded and needed overhauling when it reached a certain mileage.

"When McNamara wanted to report that the Third Army was fully equipped they merely raised the mileage at which the tank was supposed to be overhauled so that the tank was still fit for service. Later, when the tanks again pushed past this set number, they raised the mileage again so that, according to the books, the tanks were still serviceable."

The speaker criticized constantly McNamara for cutting costs in an economy move "which in the long run costs us more than if we had General Motors build us new equipment."

In speaking of the war in Viet Nam, the speaker said the war

could be prevented from leaving their protective silos.

The guest speaker was introduced by Hugh Mitchell, club secretary, and Ernest Stoehr presided over the meeting.

Stoehr reminded members of a board of directors meeting will be held tonight at the office of Bill Walker, and members of the Fresh Air committee are urged to attend.

He also noted the annual awards banquet will be held June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Leonie Rhys College at Hickory.

Pullout Talk Is Deplored

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Johnson administration is moving to squelch the "destructive notion" that the United States might pull out of South Viet Nam because of continuing civil strife there.

At the same time, concern over the rising tide of domestic dissatisfaction with the complex Viet Nam situation is prompting renewed efforts to strengthen the confidence of the U.S. public in the administration's conduct of the war.

In an unusually well-publicized appearance after a routine weekly meeting of

Rebels In Hue Vow To Fight

SAIGON (UPI) — Anti-government leader Lt. Gen. Ton That Dinh vowed today in the rebel city of Hue that the rebellion against the government will continue. But he appeared discouraged and weary as he said Premier Nguyen Cao Ky had betrayed him.

Ky used force to crush a rebellion in Da Nang, 50 miles south of the old imperial city of Hue. Nine days of fighting in the streets of Da Nang killed at least 80 persons, 60 of them civilians. There have been no reports of a move against Hue.

Dinh was appointed military commander of the five northern rebellious provinces by Ky last month. He was ousted on May 15, the day the government flew reinforcements to Da Nang to crush the Buddhist-led uprising.

Militant students staged a noisy anti-American and anti-government demonstration in the heart of Saigon today while 400 Buddhist monks and nuns stood silently before the U.S. embassy in a mass protest against U.S. aid to Ky.

No violence developed but Buddhists called a giant rally for Wednesday of thousands of their followers. The Americans acknowledged today that a U.S. soldier shot and killed a Vietnamese soldier Monday during a riot and it was feared

Oregon Vote Termed Test Of War Policy

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — President Johnson's Viet Nam policies today drew their first test at the ballot box.

The test came in an Oregon primary at a time when presidential popularity was reported in a national sampling to be at its lowest mark since Johnson entered the White House 2½ years ago.

The test gave Oregon national attention in today's voting. A Kentucky primary and runoff elections in Oklahoma and Florida also were being held.

The Florida race showed signs of giving a fresh indication of whether federal pressure to break down the stranglehold of segregation has changed the balance of political power in that southern state.

But in Oregon the main issue was Viet Nam in the battle for the Democratic nomination for the seat being relinquished by Sen. Maurice Neuberger, D-Ore.

The contenders were U.S. Rep. Robert Duncan, 45, who gave up almost certain reelection to enter the Senate contest as a champion of President Johnson's policies, and former Federal Power Commissioner Howard Morgan, 62.

Morgan strongly opposed U.S. involvement in Viet Nam, and received vigorous support from Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., one of the nation's most outspoken critics of the war. Morgan also received the last-minute backing of Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., one of the state's most influential political figures. She previously had not endorsed a candidate.

The Oregon primary came a day after pollster Louis Harris said in a copyrighted public opinion survey that the President now has his lowest popularity rating among the nation's voters since he entered the White House. The polls said (See 2, Page 2)

Dirksen Pays Visit To Hill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen surprised Capitol Hill colleagues today by returning to his office on crutches — two weeks to the day after surgery on a broken thigh.

The 70-year-old Illinois Republican told UPI that, to escape what he called "hospitalities," he spent several hours Saturday at his rural Virginia home, with his doctor's permission.

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