

Loan Shark Bill Nets GOP Support

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The Hughes administration has won the support of Republican Senate leaders for an anti-loan shark bill which carries the same prison term as second degree murder. The bill, introduced yesterday, makes it a special crime for a loan shark to kidnap, injure or threaten harm to anyone to collect a debt. The penalty is a \$100,000 fine and up to 30 years in prison.

The attorney general's office had been working on a loan shark bill for more than two years, ever since New York enacted one into law. Gov. Richard J. Hughes said in his annual message that he would propose legislation this year.

New York's law also makes assault to collect a debt a more serious crime, but the penalty is not as great.

The New York law makes usury and possession of records that "reflect criminal usurious loans" a crime but the Hughes administration bill incorporates neither of these features.

In other law enforcement matters, the Assembly approved a bill increasing the penalty for possessing a loaded firearm during the commission of a crime.

The penalty for a first offense now, whether or not the gun is loaded, is one to 10 years. The bill sent to the Senate fixes it a straight 10 years.

A Burlington delegation bill, approved by the Assembly and sent to the Senate, makes it illegal to offer poisoned or harmful food to a person under 18.

The legislation stems from two Halloween incidents in which children were given candy containing tranquilizers and razor blades in apples.

Police Recruiting

The offender could receive one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for disorderly conduct.

Two Assembly bills aimed at easing police recruitment problems were sent to the

Senate despite appeals from the Democrats for a public hearing.

One bill permits departments to hire an unlimited number of temporary officers with law enforcement experience, including pensioners, for up to four years.

The other raises the Civil Service entrance age for permanent employment from 30 to 35.

Essex senators introduced a bill permitting the state to operate county police academies and advanced training centers on the request of boards of freeholders.

But Beach Bill Vetoed

GOP Cuts Purse Strings

The Republican Legislature, faced with a proposed budget containing a surplus of only \$5.4 million, is getting ready to spend \$1 billion of it.

Gov. Richard J. Hughes yesterday vetoed a Republican bill appropriating \$1,390,000 for beach protection work in Cape May and said he could accept only \$495,000 because of the tight budget. The Assembly quickly approved the reduced appropriation and sent it to the Senate.

Meanwhile, the Senate released from committee for a vote Monday an administration bill appropriating \$331,000 to the State Police and National Guard for riot control equipment — guns, search lights and radio equipment.

A bill on which the budget balancing depends — giving state employees the option of overtime compensation in cash or time off — was introduced yesterday by Senator Harry Sears, Republican appropriations committee chairman. This will save \$1 million.

Other new legislation, sponsored by Mercer Senators Sido Ridolfi and Richard Coffee, exempts religious articles, symbols and pictures used in religious rites from the sales tax.

Also introduced were bills which:

- Prohibit sheriffs from engaging in partisan politics (by the Middlesex Assembly Republicans).
- Provide state scholarships for summer school tuition.

(Senate Assistant Majority Leader Raymond Bateman of Somerset).

- Increase legal advertising rates newspapers may charge government by 13 to 22 percent in most instances, and as much as 46 percent.

Conklin Named Full Patrolman

MORRISVILLE — Ernest L. Conklin Jr., 22, was promoted to full patrolman this week, bringing the borough's force to 10 full time men.

Conklin is the son of Ernest L. Conklin Sr., borough building inspector. The appointment by borough council was effective from March 1.

Young Conklin and his wife, Christine, have two children. They live at 418 Washington Street.

Migrant Labor Curbs May Ease

Senate Republican leaders are predicting that the Legislature will pass and Gov. Richard J. Hughes will accept bills relaxing state requirements imposed on migrant labor camps.

Senate President Edwin Forsythe, a co-sponsor of legislation drafted by the New Jersey Farm Bureau, predicted passage of the bills by Easter.

"I think the governor will take a reasonable attitude and will not veto the legislation," Forsythe said yesterday.

Hughes pressed vigorously for the tougher requirements last December after a summer of controversy about conditions in some camps.

In addition to revising that law, the legislation also permits farm operators to pay their migrant laborers by piece rates instead of the \$1.40-an-hour minimum wage now in effect.

It also provides for mandatory workmen's compensation coverage and reduces the maximum work day for a migrant laborer under age 14 from 10 to eight hours.

Another 3 Years

The prime legislation, however, grants the farmers an additional three years — until the 1973 growing season — to meet the administration's housing requirements of double the present sleeping space.

An equivalent grace period is allowed in replacing privies, and farmers are permitted the option of installing combustion or chemical toilets. The law required flush toilets unless privies were proven superior because of soil conditions.

In addition, a requirement that bathing facilities be in-

stalled by 1970 was dropped. The labor commissioner is empowered to require such facilities by regulation.

Instead of daily garbage collections, camps would be required to collect garbage "as often as necessary."

In addition to permitting the state to make hardship exceptions, as the law does already, the bill permits the commissioner to grant exceptions when "necessary to obtain a beneficial use of an existing camp" or "prevent a practical difficulty."

It requires the commissioner to classify violations as to "seriousness" and set deadlines for compliance accordingly.

A \$500-a-day fine permitted by the law would be cut to \$200, with an additional \$25 per day thereafter.

Power Continued

The Farm Bureau measure would continue the state's power to certify camps before they can open each year, but removes its power to require submission of construction specifications.

The jurisdiction which the state received over the homes of migrant workers who stay in New Jersey for a full year would be eliminated.

That was part of the 1967 law which removed regulatory powers over migrant camps from the farmer-dominated migrant labor board. At that time, Hughes promised to name an advisory council to give farmers a voice, but he never did.

The bill creates a council of 18, including six agriculture representatives, six officials and six members of the public.

It also appropriates \$100,000 in state funds for a research and education program at Rutgers on migrant labor problems and operations.



PLAN TO WED — Miriam Makeba, South African singer, has announced she plans to be married to American Negro leader Stokely Carmichael. Miss Makeba is a recording star and sings popular and folk songs. Carmichael, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is a black power advocate whose fiery racial speeches have brought him considerable legal trouble.

GOP Holds Fire On Tax Plans

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Republicans in the New Jersey Legislature are withholding partisan fire on Gov. Richard J. Hughes' promise to risk proposing new taxes, but they are pressing ahead in their Congressional redistricting fight with the governor.

GOP Senate leaders took a "wait-and-see" position after the governor accepted the political risk of recommending new taxes to finance the social programs he will propose in mid-April, partly in response to his special riot commission's "Report for Action."

Senate President Edwin B. Forsythe (R-Burlington) said "the people have a long way to go" before accepting higher taxes. A "massive education job" would be required, added Majority Leader Frank X. McDermott (R-Union).

A fixed position against new or higher taxes would be irresponsible, observed Sen. Harry Sears (R-Morris), chairman of the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Republicans want to see the details of the tax proposals. Hughes gave no indication of how much or what kind of a tax rise he has in mind.

Vote Monday

On the redistricting front, the Assembly scheduled a vote Monday on Hughes' veto of a bill redistricting Bergen County.

The Senate overrode the veto, 29 to 9, two more than the two-thirds necessary. Sen. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-Union) joined the Democrats in opposition, and Sen. Frank Italiano (R-Camden) abstained. Both come from districts that would also like the lines redrawn.

If the Assembly also overrides the veto, Rep. Henry Helstoski (D-Bergen) is prepared to bring legal action in the state courts against the redistricting.

Hughes' veto message argued that the Legislature has no power to change a districting plan the courts have found constitutionally valid. The new GOP district violates the requirement of contiguity and compactness and is a clear gerrymander, the message said.

Assembly Approval

A redistricting bill bringing Madison Township back into Middlesex County and affecting Monmouth and Ocean counties as well was approved in the Assembly.

Some Service! The Longest Day For Inductees Will Be Brassy In Burlco

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Burlington County will begin sending inductees off in style, beginning next month.

"The longest and loneliest day" in a 19-year-old's life will be lived by an early morning reception, complete with brass band, refreshments and glad-handing officials.

Plans for the monthly event were made last night by 15 men representing veterans' organizations, the county draft board, the Red Cross, county and municipal governments.

Draftees normally leave Burlington at 7 a.m. for Newark. The receptions will begin at 6:30 a.m., according to Councilman Edward A. Kelly of Willingboro, temporary chairman. Mayor Herman Costello of Burlington City is handling arrangements for speakers.

The date of the first sendoff is not known yet, but the John F. Kennedy High School band will be on hand at the Burlington National Guard Armory when the day arrives. This assignment will rotate among county high schools. Two clergymen will be invited each month and various legislators, veterans' officials and decorated veterans.

Some 20 to 30 young men are drafted each month in Burlington County.

Elderly Grocer Shot To Death, Wife Wounded

PASSAIC — AP — Police are searching for two men today who shot an elderly grocery store owner to death and wounded his wife in an apparent holdup attempt Thursday night.

Isidore Herman, 82, and his wife Anna, 57, were gunned down in their apartment over the grocery store they have operated at Monroe and Grove Streets for many years.

Mrs. Herman was admitted to Passaic General Hospital with bullet wounds in the arms and hip. She was reported in serious condition.

Police said she described one of the gunmen as a white man about 25-year-old. The other was described as a dark-skinned man, about 20 years old, who wore a stocking over his face. Police said they fled in an old yellow Cadillac.

Police said the couple had closed the store for the night and Mrs. Herman was taking out the garbage when the two men forced their way into the second-floor apartment.

Candy Theft Suspects Go Behind Bars

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two men who offered some candy bars to an FBI undercover agent were arrested Thursday and charged with possessing stolen goods.

The FBI said the candy was part of a shipment of 350,000 chocolate bars hijacked Feb. 22 while enroute to Secaucus, N.J. from the Nestle Co.'s plant at White Plains, N.Y.

Arrested were Louis Zambrano, 32, of Verona and Orlando Cerminara, 46, of Pittsburgh.

Agents recovered \$7,500 worth of the shipment. The trailer, which also is still missing, contained a variety of candy bars.

Reservists Granted Toll-Free Rides

First the Legislature voted to give National Guardsmen on duty free rides on New Jersey toll roads.

Now, the plan is to confer the same privilege on reservists. The Assembly approved the bill yesterday and sent it to the Senate.

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