

Dallas Loses in Midway Battle; House Reverses Stand on Funds

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WASHINGTON, June 1.—Dallas lost its fight Monday against appropriations for Fort Worth's Midway Airport.

The House voted, 129 to 37, to back down on its objections to Midway. The Senate had held firm for the project despite an earlier House vote of 72 to 31 against it. As a result, funds for the project stand approved by both houses, and can be spent at the pleasure of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Rep. J. Frank Wilson of Dallas charged the setback was the work of "the Taft machine."

SWITCH SIDES

Republicans who had voted nearly solidly against the Midway project on March 5 switched sides in droves to vote better than 3 to 1 for Fort Worth after:

1. Wilson charged R. B. Creager of Brownsville had "represented" air lines in behalf of Midway Airport; Creager is Republican National Committeeman from Texas and a leading supporter of Sen. Robert A. Taft for the Republican presidential nomination. Creager was responsible for thirty of Texas' thirty-three GOP convention votes going to Taft.

2. Rep. Clarence J. Brown (Rep.) of Ohio, Taft's national campaign manager, made the principal pro-Midway speech. Before doing so, he was observed busily conferring with Republican members on the House floor.

Immediately after the vote, Rep. Wingate Lucas of Grapevine, who represents Fort Worth, rushed to Brown's side in a Capitol corridor and said:

"You'll never know how much I appreciate what you did."

Brown, his nearly 300 pounds in good humor, slapped Lucas on the back and said: "Oh, that's all right, boy. I knew we had the votes."

Rep. Fred Crawford (Rep.) of Michigan pointed up the Creager issue when he stopped Wilson's plea against Midway Monday to ask:

"With the gentleman's familiarity with the particular case, what in his opinion is the reason for this motion coming back here in this form?"

Wilson: "I have no idea what the reason is. We had the matter on the floor of the House before, and the House threw this item out."

QUESTION RAISED

Crawford: "Can the gentleman inform the House who represented the air lines on the other side of the case?"

Wilson: "I do not know who represented the air lines. There has been a good bit of pressure brought all around."

Crawford: "Does the gentleman know what particular gentleman in Texas represented them?"

Wilson: "Yes, I do. Mr. Creager represented them. I understand."

Rep. John Jennings (Rep.) of Tennessee, speaking for Dallas, told the House he had been "approached by a lawyer in Memphis representing the Great Transcontinental Air-

lines, not the public transportation interest, and wanted the Midway port to "save themselves some money."

He bitterly assailed the idea that the Civil Aeronautics Administration should not be subject to congressional review on expenditure of its funds.

JUST BEGINNING

"They'll put \$800,000 into Midway next year, \$2,608,000 in the next three years, and that is just getting the foot in the door. They will dump money into that cow pas-

ture like a drunken sailor," Wilson charged.

Lucas answered that Fort Worth didn't have an airport that could accommodate transcontinental passenger plans and that "it came with very poor grace for Dallas to try to keep us from getting an airport."

Wilson said he would turn next to consideration of what new steps could be taken to stop Midway. He was not sure of what the next move would be, pending conference with Dallas officials on strategy to be used.

BELL COUNTY CHILD DIES

Polio in Central Texas Spurs Clean-Up Drives

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TEMPLE, Texas, June 1.—Polio has leap-frogged from the Rio Grande Valley to Central Texas.

A 4-year-old Latin-American girl at Rogers, in southeastern Bell County, died last week.

Four Temple children, also Latin Americans, have been stricken. They are now in Parkland Hospital at Dallas.

Temple and Belton have started clean-up campaigns, and their counterattack apparently has at least stalled the malady.

Waco, next big town northward, is mapping plans for a DDT clean-up drive. A petition signed by eighty Waco citizens, urging the city-wide campaign, already has been handed to the city council.

GETTING BUSY

Temple, hardest hit by the disease, lost no time in getting a room-to-room spraying program under way. Ironically, polio beat the city to its sanitation drive by just three hours.

Monday, May 24, City Health Officer Dr. A. E. Wiedman of Temple, planned a meeting of the city's civic and governmental leaders for 5:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. the first polio patient was found.

The appearance of the disease did one good service, Dr. Wiedman admits ruefully. It snapped Temple citizens out of the lethargy that usually greets sanitation plans. He expected the usual six to eight persons at his meeting. Instead he had twenty. The next day hundreds contacted him. When the campaign swung into action, there were more than 1,000 volunteer workers.

Temple people, frankly scared, borrowed sixty portable DDT sprayers from the army at San Antonio. Housewives dug out their small hand sprayers and filled them with DDT.

Garage men hoisted their filling station air compressors onto trucks and turned them into sprayers. In forty-eight hours more than 100 trucks were volunteered for the drive. The American Legion and other groups called out their entire membership.

Temple was divided into four sections. Leaders were picked to see

headed the preparations, but he was aided by chamber of commerce men, business and civic leaders and just plain citizens.

Monday of this week, Temple stopped all business from 1 to 6 p.m., for the clean-up. Alleys, vacant lots, homes, parks and business buildings were sprayed. Any sanitation defects found were listed. One record of them was given to the owner, one goes to the city and one to the chamber of commerce.

If the violations are not cured by June 9 the city will crack down.

SIMILAR IN BELTON

Belton is following the same procedure Temple used, except that it plans to make the clean-up county-wide. Farmers are being asked to spray milk houses, barns, yards and all their screens.

Mayor T. E. Sanderford and City Manager Frank Hamner called mass meetings at which health officials bluntly outlined the danger and told the community leaders how to go about the spraying work.

Waco is expected to buy a huge for-spray machine which the city started to purchase last year. It will be used to spray vacant lots and any place that might attract flies or rodents.

Early Revelation On Elizabeth Due

LONDON, June 1 (UP).— Buckingham Palace is expected to announce within a fortnight that Princess Elizabeth will have a baby this fall, reliable court sources said Tuesday.

They understood that royal physicians had set Oct. 15 as the probable birth date. The 21-year-old heiress presumptive to the greatest throne on earth and her handsome, 26-year-old husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, were married Nov. 20, 1947.

The announcement probably will

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