

Legislative Controversy Soft-Pedaled

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Middle East crisis has led Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex) quietly to soft-pedal Democratic controversy over President Eisenhower's legislative program.

Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, has made no attempt to influence the reaction of his party colleagues to Eisenhower's decision to send troops into Lebanon. Some influential Democrats have been critical of the move, although all have said they would support the President fully since the action has been taken.

While Johnson has refrained from endorsing the policy of using troops, he has worked closely with Eisenhower in an effort to remove some of the difficulties that have plagued the President in connection with his legislative requests.

A recent unpublished 90-minute White House conference between Eisenhower and Johnson brought agreement between the two men on two major measures, the President's defense reorganization plan and his proposal to set up a new space agency.

As a result of this conference, Johnson was able to work out a compromise space measure which Congress has sent to Eisenhower for his expected approval.

Johnson's report on what would be agreeable to the chief executive was instrumental in quieting the Senate uproar over defense reorganization plans and to bring an 80-9 passage of a revised measure in a few hours Friday night.

The Democratic leader also succeeded in arranging a debate agreement under which the Senate is expected to pass by mid-week, at the latest, a reciprocal trade agreements bill that Johnson insists will be acceptable to the President in its final congressional form.

A presidential veto has been forecast for the trade measure as it now stands before the Senate. But Johnson is confident he can supply enough Democratic votes which, combined with Republican ballots, will strip away the features most objectionable to Eisenhower.

How far the Senate goes in restoring \$97 million dollars which the House cut out of the foreign aid appropriation bill also depends in large part on Johnson's course.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, the 1956 Democratic vice-presidential nominee, said he continues to have grave misgivings about the move because he felt it would solidly the Arab world



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Anniversary At Hospital

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seriously ill patients, while those in better physical condition were cared for in the shacks. This main building served until two or three years ago, when it was condemned as a fire hazard because of its wooden construction and age.

It was gradually evacuated as beds were made available elsewhere, and finally closed completely on April 21, 1957. It was demolished during the winter of 1957-58, along with some of the other older buildings on the perimeter of the institution.

When the institution was built, it was felt that tuberculosis patients must be cared for at relatively high altitudes. This one is 1,500 feet above sea level. Other examples of this thinking are Saranac in the Adirondacks and Olean in the Blue Ridge of North Carolina.

It has since been found that patients do as well at lower altitudes. One of the sanatoria in Massachusetts is at sea level, and patients do as well there as those in mountainous areas.

Later thinking in the location of tuberculosis institutions is to keep the patient as near his home as possible, so the institution is located as close to the center of population as possible. Since surgery is now such an important part in the treatment of tuberculosis, authorities find it advisable to locate the tuberculosis hospital as close as practical to a medical center or university, so the patients may have the benefit of consultation with the specialists. This lowers the cost of hospital care, since all the specialties are not carried on a full-time basis of the hospital caring for the tuberculosis patient, but are called in for consultation as the need indicates in individual cases. But with all this, the importance of keeping the patient as close to home as possible is not overlooked, so one tuberculosis hospital is in Western Maryland, two are in the central part of the state and another on the Eastern Shore.

With the shift of the beds, the total number of beds has increased in recent years. In 1948, the four state hospitals had 912 beds in operation, while today the total stands at 1,144. Last year, Victor Cullen Hospital had an average daily census of 119, while the average daily census for all four state hospitals was over 1,000.

The patient turnover is much greater now than 50 years ago. With the present anti-tuberculosis drugs combined with surgery in certain cases, a bed serves more persons today than at any time in the treatment of tuberculosis.

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