

SO ... This Is Washington

The perennial violet of home rule came up again last week, with chances of its getting to full bloom very little better than in other years when the Southerners on both the House and Senate District committees have killed it.

Nevertheless, the noise made over the Administration proposed bill got perferred news treatment after Sen. Wayne Morse, the intrepid Oregon maverick made a slashing attack on the bill as "unworkable."

He was in complete disagreement with his colleague, Sen. Joseph Clark, chairman of the Senate District committee, who favored the measure as "half a loaf being better than none."

Under the provisions, there would be a territorial form of government with a governor appointed by the President and an elected legislative assembly. The President would have veto right over legislation passed by the assembly if he felt it affected Federal interests.

Morse's principal contention against the present bill is its failure to provide for an elected mayor. In the past three Congresses, the Senate has passed a bill with a mayor provision, but this has been blocked in the House where the District Committee is loaded with Southerners. Morse submitted his own proposal which would have a mayor, a city council, and no presidential veto.

Said he, "There can be no home rule nor democracy in the Capital unless the supreme power of government is in the hands of the people. There is no justification either in principle, fact, or history for territorial rule of the District."

The committee will report out one or the other of the bills as soon as possible according to Senator Clark.

Robert Kitchen, who is in charge of the Near East and African desk at the International Cooperation Administration, will head a special US Mission to the Sudan very soon, it was learned this week. Personable quiet Kitchen has done a tour of duty in Pakistan where he made a tremendous impression with the people.

Kofi Busia, leader of the Opposition in the Parliament in Ghana, was a surprise visitor to Washington last week. The Friends of Ghana hastily arranged a cocktail party for him at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Humphries.

Scholarly, Oxford-educated Busia speaks the King's pure English and is a professor at the University College of Ghana. He is a protégé of Dr. J. B. Danquah, a relentless foe of Prime Minister Nkrumah, but Busia has a more moderate approach. He is here in this country for a series of speaking engagements, one of which was in Chicago.

Last March when Busia made a speech in Parliament the day before independence was proclaimed in which he praised the British for intelligent guidance of the country towards freedom, he received warm praise from Vice President Nixon for his analysis of enlightened colonialism.

Coincidentally, the Vice President mentioned this again at a press conference in Entebbe Uganda at the government house. Sitting silently by was the new British governor, General Sir Evelyn Crawford, who had only been assigned to his new post two weeks before. His last position was



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER poses with Dr. John H. Lyons, left, of Washington's emergency hospital, and Dr. I. S. Ravdin, processor of surgery, U. of Pa. hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., after a delegation of

prominent surgeons presented him with a cap and gown symbolizing the President's honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. The surgeons who took part in the

White House ceremony were closely associated with the President's ileitis operation at Walter Reed hospital on June 9, 1956. (INP photo by Jim Mahan)

at Kenya where he presided over the suppression of the Mau Mau.

Newest addition to Washington is pretty statuesque Mrs. Isaac Golden, the former Edine Levy of Chicago who was married three weeks ago. Golden is a program officer in the trade union program Division of the Office of International Labor Affairs. He meets and acts as guide and liaison for delegations of visiting foreign labor leaders under the department's exchange program

Handsome Gov. Robert Meyner of New Jersey who is looking more and more like a miler warming up for the presidential nominee handicap, despite his "demurrs" was the guest speaker before the National Press club last week.

Asked whether he approved the Supreme Court decision, Governor Meyner said he was "wholeheartedly in favor of it." Later, the governor listed five important posts he had named Negroes to including a judgeship and two commission posts. After the meeting he said to this columnist, "We'll show them how to do things."

Congressman Barrett O'Hara of Illinois has a 100 percent attendance record in the House.

Thomas Bomar's impersonation of Abraham Lincoln won him not only a \$25 prize at the Urbanites Mardi Gras ball, but his picture appeared twice in the Washington Post! Bomar who is retired from the Post Office Department staff is an official of the National Alliance of Postal Employees. His wife came dressed as Mrs. Mary Lincoln.

Some Capitol Hill lawmakers are complaining that as soon as they get a good secretary, some

committee or other solon pirates them away.

Chicago's Bob Miller and Russell DeBow are planning to attend the \$100 a plate Truman fund raising dinner on Feb. 22.

GOP Minorities Director V a l Washington hustled out to Indiana to do his bit for the party on the Lincoln Day speaking circuit.

The Embassy of Ceylon celebrated its country's Independence anniversary with an elaborate cocktail-buffet reception.

NCNW Director Elsie Austin is homesick for Morocco.

Democratic National Committee is compiling a list of volunteers to speak at any time the need arises, particularly on civil rights. The list includes, Congressmen John Dingell, James Roosevelt, Charles Diggs and Frank Thompson and Senators Paul Douglass and Hubert Humphrey.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. N. Y.) has introduced a bill to include a Powell type amendment written

into the body of the School Aid bill.

Adam Clayton Powell was the speaker for the bi-weekly Capital Press club dinner meeting last week.

Rumors are flying that the attractive widow who heads a national organization and that prominent wealthy real estate dealer are altar bound. He's been patiently waiting it out for 15 years so they say.

Kofi Busia the visiting leader of the Opposition Party in Ghana has been offered three teaching posts in this country, Johns Hopkins university, Northwestern university, and Howard university.

A sociologist, he is considered the only real native professor of African studies in the whole of West Africa. Some of his admirers even in the CPP of Nkrumah feel he either ought to concentrate entirely on politics and give up teaching but that he would be better at teaching.

Ambassador Daniel Chapman of

Ghana has sent out a letter of greetings and thanks to American Negroes on behalf of his government for their interest and support of Ghana Independence.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D. N. Y.) is very unhappy over the B'nai B'rith banquet scheduled for Mar. 3, in Washington when the organization will give Congress an award for passing a civil rights bill. Celler's particularly upset over the four horsemen named to accept the honors for steering the bill through—Sens. Lyndon Johnson, and William Knowland and House Speaker Rayburn and Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin, jr., of Massachusetts, none of whom really deserve praise.

Celler feels that it was he along with Rep. Kenneth Keating (R. N. Y.) who did all the spadework in the House, authored the original bill, guided it through the maze of committee hearings and nursed it on the floor of the House against opposition from some of the very quartet to the honored until the bill was passed by the House intact only to be gutted in the Senate.

Lt. Col. Bernice Hughes of the WAC retired from duty last week and was given ceremonial honors in the office of Lt. Gen. Carter B. Magruder deputy chief of logistics for the Army. Colonel Hughes who was in the first group selected for the old auxiliary corps will return to teaching in her native home of Columbus, Ohio.

Rumored that Eugene Sawyer, former public affairs officer at the United States Information Agency in Ghana was married three weeks ago to the white secretary of the deputy high commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ghana, who flew to New York for the wedding. Sawyer is now on duty at headquarters in Washington.