

U. S., So. Korean Pact Gives Rhee Aid Assurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) said Wednesday the newly approved mutual defense pact with South Korea gives assurance to President Syngman Rhee he would not be abandoned if the United Nations Command there ends.

The Senate voted 81-4 Tuesday to ratify the treaty. A few members expressed sharp misgivings. Smith, head of the Far Eastern Relations Committee, said in an interview that the pact constitutes a different obligation than the one this country already has under the United Nations Charter to resist aggression.

It was under this obligation that former President Truman rushed troops into Korea when the Communists launched their sudden attack in June 1950.

Smith said that Rhee, the South Korean president, felt the time would come when United Nations troops would be pulled out of his country, leaving him open to another possible attack.

The mutual security treaty between his country and the United States gives Rhee assurance that "we do not intend to forget him," the senator explained.

The Senate voted approval of language, along with the ratification, which makes clear that this country has no obligation to support any aggressive move by Rhee. The pact becomes operative only in event of an attack against either country.

Atomic Weapons Defense Maneuver Training Set

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army announced Wednesday a big field maneuver in North Carolina this spring to train troops in defenses against atomic weapons, guided missiles and other new warfare devices.

The Army said it will use its 280 mm cannon, capable of firing both atomic and conventional explosives, but there was no indication that actual atomic shells would be utilized.

About 60,000 soldiers will take part in the exercises to be held in April and May in the Ft. Bragg-Camp MacKall area of North Carolina. The figure does not include air units to be supplied by the tactical air command.

Highlight of the exercise, named "flash burn," will be the parachute landing of the 82nd Airborne Division followed by the air landing of the 37th Infantry Division in "aggressor" territory.

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Shipment Of Oregon Fruit, Vegetables Down

SALEM (AP) — Shipments of Oregon fruit and vegetables to other states dropped in the last half of 1953, the State Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The shipments totaled 21,558 cars, or 1,204 fewer than in the last half of 1952.

The department's grain inspection division said that in the same period, it inspected 15,700,000 bushels of incoming wheat and 10,330,000 bushels of export wheat at Portland terminals.

The exports were the smallest since 1950, being 2,500,000 bushels less than in the last half of 1952.

Molotov Invites Dulles To Caviar And Vodka

BERLIN (AP) — Despite all his harsh words about the United States, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov isn't going to deny U. S. Secretary of State Dulles his turn at the caviar and vodka. American officials disclosed Wednesday that Molotov has invited Dulles to dine with him Friday night at the Russian Embassy in East Berlin.

Dulles will return the courtesy next week, they added.

NAME DIRECTORS
PORTLAND (AP) — The M and M Wood Working Co. Tuesday announced election of two new directors. They are Neil Malarkey and E. J. Kolar, both of Portland.

Speaker Martin Hopes Congress To Act On Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.) said Wednesday he hopes Congress can act this year to cut all excise or sales taxes now above 10 per cent down to that level, except for liquor and tobacco.

Congressional staff authorities have estimated such a move would reduce revenues about \$43 million dollars a year.

But Martin said he believes increases in sales and employment under the spur of such a tax reduction probably would prevent any actual revenue loss.

Martin said he didn't expect the Eisenhower administration to propose any excise tax changes. But he said he hopes the economic situation will be such that the administration will not fight such a move by Congress "when the time comes."

The proposed cuts would apply to furs, jewelry, cosmetics, luggage, women's handbags, movie and other admissions, photographic equipment, light bulbs and tubes, safe deposit boxes, and club dues, now all taxed at 20 per cent.

Barney Said Russians Better Off Than Expected

PORTLAND (AP) — Back in Portland after a 5,000-mile tour of Soviet Russia, David Barney reported Tuesday that the people of that country are better off than he expected they would be.

Barney, editor of the Quest, Reed College newspaper, was one of several college editors permitted to visit Russia.

He said the people appear generally healthy despite a shortage of meat and dairy products. They have a high carbohydrate diet, he added.

Barney plans to write a series of articles on his trip.

N. Roseburg Church Young Adults Set Sale

The Young Adult Sunday School Class of the North Roseburg Church will meet at the Church parsonage 7:30 p.m. Friday for a class party.

The entertainment is being planned by Mrs. Gene Peck and Mrs. Marvin Smith. Each member is asked to bring a white elephant gift, wrapped or unwrapped, which will be auctioned off during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bodeen and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denny are the hosts.



Florist's Wife Denied Death Compensations

SALEM (AP) — The widow of a Prineville florist failed Wednesday to collect state compensation for her husband's death because the State Supreme Court ruled 4 to 3 that officers of corporations aren't entitled to workmen's compensation.

The suit was brought by Mrs. Carl Dean Allen, whose husband was killed by inhaling carbon tetrachloride spray applied to flowers on a float used in the Portland Rose Festival parade.

Allen was president of Gilbert and Allen Flowers Inc., Prineville. The State Industrial Accident Commission denied Mrs. Allen any compensation. She sued in Crook County Circuit Court, where Judge Ralph S. Hamilton ordered the commission to give her compensation.

The Supreme Court's majority opinion, by Justice Hall S. Lusk, overruled Judge Hamilton, holding that the Accident Commission was right in not granting her compensation in the first place.

Justices James T. Brand, W. C. Perry and Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette agreed with Lusk's majority opinion.

The dissenting justices were Harold J. Warner, George Rossman and Walter L. Toppe.

Justice Warner said that a corporation officer should be covered by the workmen's compensation law when he is performing the duties of a workman.

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Lebanon Woman Killed When Car Strikes Train

LEBANON (AP) — Mrs. Virgil Vansanter, also of Lebanon, was seriously injured. Vansanter, a dentist, and Mrs. Canoy, his nurse, were en route from Stayton where he recently had opened an office.

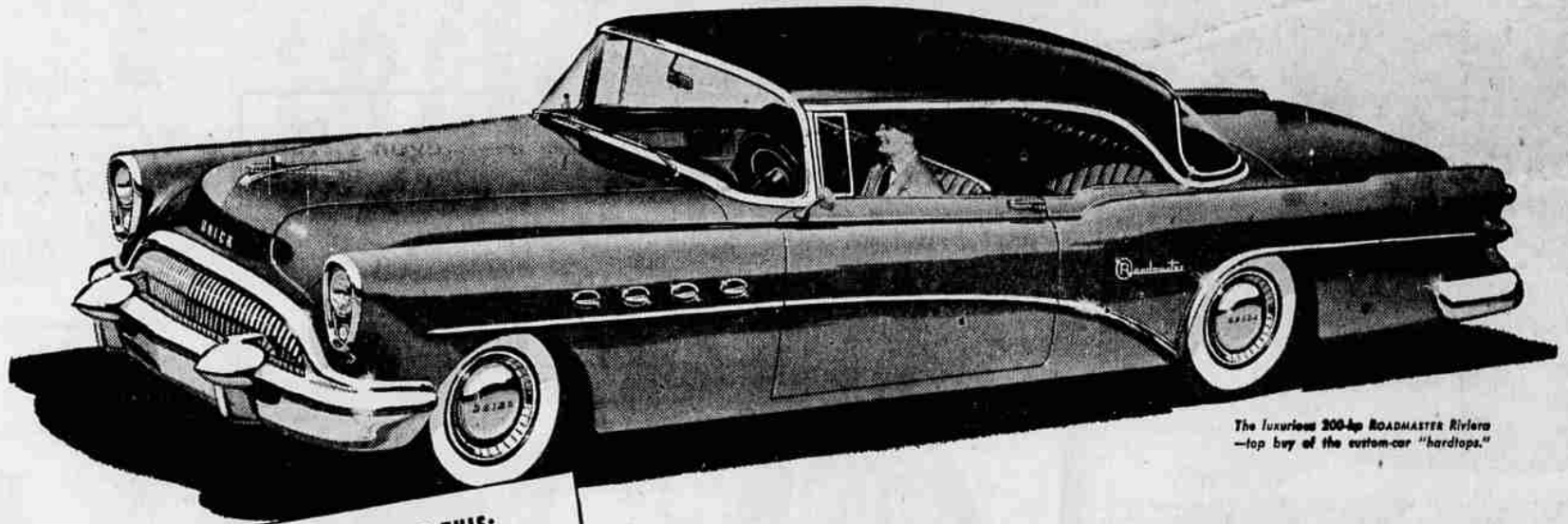


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