

Burma's Prime Minister U Nu Resigns Position

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — U Nu, Burma's Prime Minister for eight years, resigned Tuesday to devote all his time to reorganization of his party, the Socialist Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (APFPL).

His successor as head of the government is U Ba Swe, former defense minister and vice president of the APFPL.

U Nu told a news conference he had accepted appointment to lead the government after the 1947 assassination of Gen. Aung San, chairman of the Executive Council, only to prevent the murderers from seizing the post.

Even then, he recalled, he had asked that his term be limited to six months, but local and Communist rebellions in 1948 after he had negotiated Burma's independence from Britain obliged him to remain in office.

At 49, U Nu has almost the status of Burma's elder statesman. He often has said that his ambition was a life of writing and contemplation.

Plumber Apprentice Champion Wins Trip

SALEM (AP) — Donald Timmins, Portland, is the champion plumber apprentice of Oregon, and wins a trip to Lafayette, Ind., to compete in a national contest.

Timmins won his state championship here Saturday in an all-day examination. The other contestants were Ralph Kinsey, Eugene, and Albert Hall, Salem. Timmins will compete for the national first prize of \$1,000.

Weapon Said Worked Out In Principal To Defend Against Russian Missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Gen. Earle C. Partridge says American scientists have worked out, in principle, a weapon to defend this country against a still-unperfected Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

But, he added, this counter-weapon "has not yet been translated into any hardware and until we can figure out a way to make the thing work operationally, I do not rest very easy."

Partridge is chief of both the Continental Defense Command and the Air Defense Command. He discussed the potential Russian air threat to the United States during secret testimony April 30 and May 1 before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee studying relative U. S.-Soviet air strength.

The general's testimony was made public by the subcommittee Tuesday night, but in a heavily censored form, but in a heavily censored form, but in a heavily censored form.

Partridge said both American and Russian scientists are striving to develop an accurate missile capable of speeding a hydrogen warhead thousands of miles in a matter of minutes.

The general did not give a published estimate of which side is ahead in the vital missile race, but he pictured the threat of a Soviet ICBM attack as "so frightening to me that we just can not afford to put less effort into the defense than we can into the offense."

To him, Partridge said, this seems an "almost insoluble problem." But he said "our scientists say it can be done and we should be getting along with it."

The general said studies of the problem are under way and that "we are making preliminary estimates on what is required in the way of hardware and locations, communications, and anti-missiles and so on, but we still do not have a workable solution."

It was at this point he mentioned the development of a counter-missile weapon in principle.

Although he said at a later public hearing that the most advanced Soviet bombers could fly higher and faster than American interceptors, his closed-door testimony showed he feels confident his defense units could "take care of the Soviet threat up through the manned bomber."

30,000 HOMES DESTROYED

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Cyclonic winds and floods have destroyed more than 30,000 homes and inundated thousands of acres in eastern India, reports reaching here Tuesday said. A half million people were affected with more than 20,000 homeless in the Midnapore district of West Bengal.



OFFICIAL VISITORS from the Grand Court Order of the Amaranth, State of Oregon, Mrs. William C. Pritchard of Portland (left), grand royal matron, and Orva B. Cole of Cannon Beach (right), grand royal patron, payed a visit to Douglas Court 18 of Roseburg last week. The purpose of their visit was to inspect ritualistic work.

Lumber Firms Awarded Settlement In Dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Court of Claims Tuesday awarded two lumber firms \$69,896 in settlement of a 28-year-old dispute with the government over Klamath Indian timber prices.

The award gives \$44,772 to the Forest Lumber Co., Kansas City, Mo., and \$25,094 to trustees of the Algoma Lumber Liquidation Trust, Los Angeles.

The court held that a price increase invoked by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1928 was in violation of terms of contracts held by the two companies to cut timber on the Oregon land.

Tuesday's decision reaffirms a 1927 award of a like amount to the two companies which had been overturned by the Supreme Court on the ground that the Court of Claims was without jurisdiction to hear the case. Congress since has passed legislation authorizing the court to dispose of the case.

Methodists Told Church Needs 2,000 Ministers

TACOMA (AP) — Some 500 ministers and lay leaders attending the Northwest conference of the Methodist Church were told by Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland Tuesday night that the church needs 2,000 new ministers a year.

Bishop Grant also told the delegates that ministers should use the freedom of the pulpit to strike against the denial of freedom. He warned against "soft-pedaling the truth."

In 1955, 2,158,000 persons were injured in motor vehicle accidents.

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