

Mid-East Tension Eased, But Watch Far East, Says Sen. Aiken After Briefing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) said Friday the situation in the Middle East appears a little better but "we must keep a watchful eye on the Far East."

Aiken, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made this observation after attending a 40-minute secret briefing of senators by William Macomber, assistant secretary of state for consular relations.

Such briefings started after the overthrow of the pro-West regime in Iraq. Apparently Friday's discussion touched on the Far East as well as the Middle East, but Aiken did not elaborate.

Increases Tension

Right on the heels of Aiken's guarded comment, the State Department said a build-up of Chinese Communist air power opposite Formosa is "clearly designed to increase tensions and raise the specter of war."

The Department set forth that

Actor's Wife Wants Him Jailed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former actress Tita Purdom wants her ex-husband, actor Edmund Purdom, jailed. She says he's \$24,000 behind in alimony payments and she is destitute.

In an affidavit filed here supporting her charge, she said Purdom has lavished money on other women since their divorce in 1956, but paid only sporadically the \$1,050 a month ordered for alimony and child support payments.

Among the other women, Mrs. Purdom named actress Linda Christian, and said Purdom secretly married her in 1956. No such marriage has ever been publicly announced.

Mrs. Purdom said she is so poor she and her three children have been evicted eight times in a year for nonpayment of rent.

Mrs. Purdom said she knows of no divorce between Purdom and Linda Christian. Her affidavit said he has since married Alicia Darr who, Mrs. Purdom said, is "reputed to be a wealthy heiress."

She said she understands Purdom and Miss Darr now are separated.

The actor has been doing film work in his native England.

Yoncalla Council Meets, Views Old Ordinances

Yoncalla City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, with all members except Louie Gratz, Mayor Delbert Dickey and Recorder Van Krevelin present.

Due to some controversy on outdated ordinances, the council decided to re-schedule the city ordinances. Four special meetings will be held in the near future, the first one being next Tuesday.

The recorder, Van Krevelin, was ordered to report to the local power utility about the inefficiency in street lights.

Harmon Farmer, new proprietor of the Farmers Meat Market was present, and asked for a package class A beer license. The request was granted.

All bills were ordered paid.

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Officers Without Clue In Search For Murder Suspect

PENNINGTON, B. C. (AP)—Police were left without a definite lead to follow Friday as the intense hunt for a gunman-murder suspect in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley entered its fourth day.

Despite numerous reports and a three-hour search just outside Pennington, the whereabouts of the man who shot one policeman, indirectly caused the death of three others, and is wanted in connection with the murder of a young woman, remained unknown.

For a time Thursday night, it seemed that police and hundreds of citizens in this city of 11,000 on the shores of Lake Okanagan had him cornered.

Suspect Seen

At 10 p.m., a man answering to the description of the suspect walked into a small store just outside the city limits and purchased a can of sardines and a bottle of pop.

The department's comment bolstered a growing belief that the Reds may be planning some diversionary show of force in Far East.

These reports gained strength after Soviet Premier Khrushchev's secret three-day meeting in Pennington with Chinese Communist Boss Mao Tse-Tung.

The increase in emphasis on Far East affairs came as Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) undertook a personal assignment to provide the State Department with ammunition for the United Nations session on the Middle East.

Congress May Be Prodded Into Farm Legislation Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson and leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation reportedly are counting on grass roots pressure to prod Congress into enacting farm legislation before adjournment.

This word came from Agriculture Department and Farm Bureau spokesmen Friday as Benson called a midday news conference.

At that news conference, Benson was expected to renew his demands that Congress act to ease planting restrictions on cotton and rice. He also was likely to call for renewal of a farm surplus disposal program that died June 30, and for extension of a wool subsidy program.

The House on Wednesday rejected a farm bill that did not go as far as a Senate bill toward lowering price supports. The Senate bill was favored by Benson and Republican leaders in the House. The Farm Bureau also backed the Senate version.

After the House action Wednesday, Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said that as far as he is concerned, that ends any prospect of farm legislation at this waning session.

There was no indication Friday of any change in the situation in the House. But some senators talked of a possible special session if Congress doesn't pass farm legislation.

Distortion Charged

Edward J. Hawes, Public Employees Council, Portland, opposed the minority report and charged Williams with distorting the picture. Williams had called the CCC program regimentation and HCCS denied this, saying, "Regimentation means compulsion to me."

He went on to say their was nothing compulsory in such a program and cited the accomplishments made by the CCC during the depression.

Umpqua Park Site Of Wiener Roast

Umpqua Park will be the site of a wiener roast scheduled for August 25, by the Umpqua Grove 31, Woodmen Circle, Friends and families of members are to bring wieners, buns and table service. The Grove will furnish home made ice cream and coffee.

At a recent meeting of the club, a nominating committee was appointed to report at the next regular meeting, which will be Sept. 8 instead of the first Monday of the month, due to Labor Day. Those selected for the committee are: Mozelle Welch, Lucy Benson, and Bella Holm. Election of new officers will be held at the Sept. 8 meeting.

Next Wednesday, members of the week basket committee will meet at the home of Lucy Benson to complete caps for members.

2 Reformatory Escapees Taken Following Crash

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP)—Two escapees from the State Reformatory were caught late Thursday night after their car crashed as they attempted to elude pursuing officers.

Elvin D. Gilroy, 19, was knocked unconscious in the crash, the State Patrol reported. His companion, Jon Emmet, 22, ran off into the fields but surrendered himself a short time later.

"All I could see were men with flashlights," the patrol quoted Emmet as saying, "so I figured I might as well give up."

The capture came a short time after officers spotted the car, stolen in Everett, on the western edge of the city. The vehicle spun out of control in the ensuing chase and crashed about five miles out on the Memorial Highway, leading to Anacortes.

Identified By Woman

Gilroy was identified by Mrs. Dorothy Bain, wife of a reformatory guard, as the man who broke into her Arlington home late Wednesday night demanding weapons. Mrs. Bain said he struck her when she refused his request. Ernst Timpani, reported no further word Friday concerning the seven other escapees still at large. He said all law enforcement agencies in the Northwest are on the lookout for the men who have been described as potentially dangerous. None of the inmates was believed armed when the escape was made Wednesday night.

The missing men are: Roland Osterman, 21, committed for second degree burglary; and E. L. Spurgeon, 23, convicted of robbery, both from King County; DeWayne Dunlap, 19, committed from Clallam County for second degree burglary; Robert Jacques, 23, committed from Spokane County for second degree burglary;

Donald Fowler, 27, committed from Yakima County for auto theft; William Brown, 18, committed from Cowlitz County for grand larceny; and Harry Harris, 20, committed from Pierce County for grand larceny.

Gilroy was committed from King County for second degree assault and Emmet from Chelan County on the same charge.

Narcotics Dealer Arrested By FBI

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—A 40-year-old Missourian described by federal narcotics agents as a million-dollar dealer in high-grade heroin was arrested last night near here.

Jack R. Clayton of Blue Springs was jailed on a federal complaint charging him with peddling heroin in Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee and Texas. The complaint was filed at Tyler, Tex.

Sutherland Timber Days Scheduled This Weekend

The 6-horsepower and under category.

A pair of dances will round out the Saturday program of events. A western dance will be staged in the Veterans Memorial Building and a street dance is slated for the area in front of the post office. Both affairs begin at 9 p.m.

Breakfast Slated

A loggers' breakfast, featuring an appearance by "Aunt Jemima" of the Quaker Oats Co., will be had immediately following the western dance.

Dulles Returns Home Critical Of Khrushchev

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles returned Thursday from a flying visit to Brazil and promptly criticized Soviet Premier Khrushchev for following what Dulles called an erratic course in negotiations for a summit conference.

"First, he's on again, off again, Finnegan," as we used to say," Dulles wisecracked.

Dulles spent three days conferring with Brazilian leaders. He said he would meet promptly with President Eisenhower to discuss American strategy at a proposed emergency General Assembly meeting on the Middle East.

Dulles hailed his Brazil visit as having strengthened Brazilian-American friendship. Brazilian President Kubitschek was among those Dulles talked with.

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Air Force Plans Sending Manned Balloon Into Space

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Air Force Friday went ahead with plans to send a manned balloon to the fringe of space after one carrying a monkey failed to make the grade.

Capt. Grover J. Schock of the Air Force's space biology branch will take a stratosphere ride next week in the same tiny gondola in which the world's record balloon altitude record was set.

A female monkey, along with some frogs, goldfish, fruit flies and other small organisms, went aloft Thursday from an open pit iron mine near Crosby, Minn.

Slung beneath the biggest balloon ever built, the animals traveled about 60,000 feet, but the huge, helium-filled bag ripped open and settled back to earth near Pine City, Minn., 75 miles southeast of the iron mine.

A waterbag holding the goldfish burst on landing and the fish died. The monkey and other animals survived.

The big balloon, 233 feet in diameter, was to have gone to 135,000 feet for cosmic ray tests. It was the second five million cubic foot balloon to burst in slightly more than a week. On July 30 the first balloon broke apart in a jet stream.

When Capt. Schock goes aloft next week, he will be carried by a substantially smaller balloon. He will be enclosed in the same aluminum capsule that carried Lt. Col. David G. Simons to a record altitude of 102,600 feet last fall.

Singing Star's Father Drowns

CAMAS, Wash. (AP)—The father of singing star Jimmy Rodgers drowned in a lake near here Thursday when his rubber fishing raft split a seam and sank.

The father, Archie Rodgers, Sr., 57, had gone to Dead Lake, just north of this Columbia River town, early in the morning and was seen on his raft at 5:30 a. m. His wife became alarmed when night came on and he had not returned but she delayed asking the sheriff's office for help until 1:45 a. m. Friday.

Train Service Restored After Trestle Repaired

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP)—Train service on the Seattle-Portland mainline returned to normal Friday after fire had damaged a 180-foot-long trestle over Salzer Creek Thursday.

Service was halted for about 10 hours early Thursday.

Several rails will have to be replaced and trestle timbers repaired, Union Pacific Agent Joe Daly said.

200-Acre Fire Near Silverton Controlled

SILVERTON (AP)—Smoke drifted up from smoldering snags, but a 200-acre forest fire was under control here Friday.

The blaze leaped into timber late Wednesday after a farmer burned stubble in his field.

Pushed by brisk winds, the flames ate through 200 acres of green timber before a crew of 100 volunteers cut trails around it.

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Hoffa On Call

Hoffa was called in the hearing room awaiting more quizzing. (The Chicago gangster Paul (The Waiter) Ricca also was on call for questioning but was not in the hearing room.)

The committee said Brennan is not related to Owen J. (Berg) Brennan, international vice president of the Teamsters and a pal of Hoffa.

William Brennan said the racketeer group revolved about Philadelphia teamster official Sam (Shorty) Feldman. He said it got a charter in 1956 to run Local 410 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

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Moments later came the balloons—two of them, one leaking an odd-smelling gas. They floated down from the sky and landed southeast of Salt Lake City as Henry Engh, 45, and his family stood in their yard discussing the blast noise.

The boom thunderclapped over some 30 miles of the valley, and many residents ran outside to see what caused it. Many reported seeing the craft overhead—two tiny jets high in the sky following a larger, black craft. No damage was reported.

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