

Solon Urges GOP Clique in Senate Split

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—An open challenge to plans of top ranking republican leaders for organizing the next senate date today from Senator Clyde Reed (R-Kas).

Reed told a reporter that these plans would set up "something like an oligarchy" by "splitting up the plums among too few people."

He said he would ask all 51 republican members of the next senate to pass upon the issues involved.

Reed referred to a tentative agreement under which: 1. Senator White (R-Me), present senate republican leader, would become majority leader and chairman of the new combined interstate and foreign commerce committee.

2. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) would become senate presiding officer as well as chairman of the foreign relations committee.

3. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) would retain his chairmanship of the republican steering committee while becoming chairman of the labor committee.

Reed said he had made a tentative check among republicans who will sit in the next senate and had been promised a "lot of support" for his demand that no senator hold two important places.

'Ultimatum' Discounted by U. S. Officials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The state department said today latest information indicated that no official Soviet "ultimatum" was involved in last week's enforced departure of an American naval vessel from the Russia-held port of Dairen, Manchuria.

A despatch from William H. Newton, Scripps-Howard writer representing the combined world press, reported the refusal of Russian military authorities to permit an American business man and two correspondents to land at Dairen from an American vessel which hurriedly left port two hours after the expiration of its authorized 48-hour stay.

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After obtaining clarification of a "garbled" portion of a report from Consul General H. Merrell Benninghoff at Dairen, a state department spokesman expressed belief that the Russian "ultimatum" which sped the vessel's departure was not "in any sense a fist shaking affair."

The spokesman, Lincoln White, department press officer, told reporters that Benninghoff had advised that the Soviet official in charge of the docks had granted a two-hour extension of stay to the ship on his own authority.

Became Nervous. Then, becoming nervous, this official told the ship's officer that the vessel must leave or he could not be responsible for the consequences.

White explained that this apparently meant that he simply didn't know what the reaction of his superiors might be.

The vessel, the LC-3 1090, went to Dairen on a routine courier mission carrying diplomatic mail and supplies to the U. S. consulate there.

Today's explanation appeared to close the Dairen incident so far as the state department is concerned.

Yenan, China's communist capital, had 10,000 residents 10 years ago, but grew to 50,000 during World War II.

Portal-Portal Pay Suits Total \$665,125,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Additional portal-to-portal retro-active pay suits seeking a total of \$665,125,000 were filed in federal courts in five cities Thursday, bringing the total amount sought in actions already filed to more than \$665,125,000.

U. S., French Split on Saar Issue Grows

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (AP)—A French-American dispute over French initiative in the rich Saarland widened today, the Americans declaring that the French already regarded the Saar as a unit apart from their German occupation zone and demanding again an explanation of recent actions there.

Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clary, deputy U. S. military governor, asked the French about a report that the big Robert Bosch electrical parts plant was removed from southern Wuerttemberg into the Saar.

This was the second time the Americans had asked about the plant. In a meeting of the Allied control authority's coordinating committee, Maj. Gen. Robert Noiret, Clary's opposite number, replied that the French did not feel obliged to report to the other occupying powers on "removal of a factory from one place to another within our zone."

The dispute political parties here charged that this, in effect, was a change of frontiers and an "amputation of the Saar from the German economy."

German leaders said it was a step by the French toward annexing a German territory rich in natural resources.

Said Stripping Industries. The dispute over reports that the French were stripping industries in other parts of their zone for the benefit of the Saar first arose a month ago when the Americans asked the French about the Bosch plant which produces magnets, dynamos and electrical equipment.

When the French delayed in replying, the matter was brought up by the Americans again in the coordinating committee.

Cigarette 'Currency' Upsetting Economy in Occupied Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (AP)—U. S. occupation authorities had under study tonight a directive to prohibit the private importation of cigarettes into Germany by American personnel as a means of stamping out the "cigarette standard" on the black market and safeguarding the German economy.

A recommendation made to Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clary, deputy military governor, by a special investigating board, would forbid the importations, now running at a rate of about \$100,000 a month.

The committee reported that the sale and barter by Americans of cigarettes at inflated values ranging up to 1200 marks (\$120) per carton of 200 was setting up "a currency competitive to the legal currency," discrediting the legal currency, resulting in "maladjustment of ration goods and legal processes."

but most of the personal cigarette imports have been going to Berlin where the market has been biggest. The investigating committee estimated that 90 percent of the cigarettes traded by Americans at the barter center eventually reached the black market, where Germans exchanged them for articles otherwise unobtainable.

AVC District Conclave Set For Portland

An Oregon and Southern Washington convention of the American Veterans' Committee, World War II veterans group, will be held at the Benson hotel in Portland, January 19 and 18, it was announced by Phil Dreyer, Portland, provisional chairman.

Invitations to speak have been sent to Charles Bolte, national chairman of AVC and author of the New Veterans; to Brig. Gen. Evans Carlson, marine hero in the Pacific and an AVC member, and to Norris Helford, Los Angeles, Calif., regional director.

More than 100 delegates from the 12 chapters in the area are expected to participate in the two-day session which will include formulation of a state constitution and election of state officers as well as the drawing up of a statewide program.

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Quake Casualty Total at 3,251 TOKYO, Friday, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Japanese home ministry spokesman said today a final check of Saturday's disastrous quake would be made and might increase the current casualty total of 3251 by at least 100. The home ministry's last figures were 1289 persons killed, 1800 injured and 162 missing. The U. S. army's last count reported 1108 killed and 2542 injured. Only two points remained isolated, Katsuura on the south coast of Wakayama peninsula, and Hata, in southeastern Skikoku.

Christmas Tree Fire Causes Scare in Hotel CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Flames originating from Christmas tree wiring caused elevator evacuation of 25 guests from the top three floors of the Blackstone hotel on Michigan avenue tonight, but damage was confined to one room. Richard Jacobson, 51, a publisher, suffered burns on one hand in attempting to extinguish flames in his 14th floor suite of the fashionable hotel.

Fined for Driving While Intoxicated Milton Larson of Silverton, who had the misfortune to drive his auto into a parked police car on Portland road early Christmas day, was fined \$100, given a 30 days suspended sentence and his driver's license was suspended for one year in Alfred Mundt's city court yesterday, when found guilty of a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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