

PWs Roll Behind Bamboo Curtain

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PANMUNJOM (U) - Twenty-one Americans, singing lustily and waving "peace dove" banners, rolled in a truck convoy Thursday into the Communist hinterland

Solons Free Farm Price Support Cash

WASHINGTON (U) - The House of Representatives and a Senate committee acted in different ways Wednesday to make more money available for farm price supports.

The House voted \$741,848,788 in appropriations to write off the Commodity Credit Corp. loss for the fiscal year. The Senate Agriculture Committee sent to the Senate a bill to raise the agency's borrowing power from 6 1/2 to 8 1/2 billion dollars to finance crop loans and commodity purchases.

Other highlights:
Taxes—House Speaker Martin proposed that Congress act this year to cut 10 per cent the many excise taxes now higher than that amount. He expected only tobacco and liquor. Among other things, he would cut in half the taxes on furs, jewelry, cosmetics and entertainment.

Bricker Amendment—Sen. George (D-Ga.) entered the battle over the Bricker Amendment with a substitute which he said would make no change in the present division of state and federal powers but would invalidate any international agreement conflicting with the Constitution.

Investigations—The Senate voted \$228,000 to finance investigations by its Internal Security Subcommittee, and the Rules Committee approved \$216,000 more for the Investigations subcommittee. This would mean nearly a half-million dollars for work of the groups headed by Sens. Jenner (R-Ind) and McCarthy (R-Wis).

Statehood—A bill to grant statehood to Hawaii was approved by the Senate Interior Committee, which agreed to vote by Feb. 4 on a similar bill for Alaska.
Coffee—Two Senate committees indicated they may look into the cause of rising coffee prices, which already are being probed by the Federal Trade Commission.

2 Air Force Men Hanged

GUAM (U) - Two Air Force enlisted men were hanged here Thursday for the 1948 jungle rape-murder of pretty Ruth Farnsworth of San Francisco.

The pair, Herman T. Dennis, 25, of Indianapolis, and Robert W. Burns, 36, of Spokane, Wash., walked separately to their deaths up the 17 steps to a 10-foot-high gallows.

Neither knew which went first. A court-martial convicted them of the slaying after a specialist flown out from the United States with lie detecting equipment had solved the baffling case.

The Farnsworth girl, a civilian employee of the Navy, was found battered and unconscious in dense jungle back of the curio shop where she worked nights. She had been dragged there Dec. 11 and died two days later in a hospital. She was 27, engaged to a Marine serving then on Guam and had planned to leave in two months for a wedding at home.

Marines Gun Team Competes

Salem's U. S. Marine Reserve Third 155mm Gun Battery won a pistol match and lost a rifle match according to results received through the mail Wednesday.

Final score in a pistol match with the 65th Special Infantry Company at Shelby, Mont., was 866 for Salem to 649. High scorer was 2nd Lt. W. T. Baldwin with 234. Other members of the team are T. Sgt. T. R. White, Sgt. D. J. Ditter and Sgt. S. R. Thompson.

In a rifle match with the Second Engineers Field Maintenance Company at Portland, the local team lost 1,708 to 1,673. High man on the Salem team was Pvt. G. W. Wagner with a score of 372. Other men on this team include Sgt. Ditter, T. Sgt. White, 2nd Lt. Baldwin and Sgt. R. L. Melton.

Martin Asks Excise, Sales Taxes Sliced

WASHINGTON (U) - House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., diverging from President Eisenhower's tax policy, called Wednesday for slashes in a score or more of excise or sales taxes.

The Republican leader, in a surprise proposal, said all excises above 10 per cent should be brought down to that level, except for liquor and tobacco. Many rates now range from 15 to 25 per cent.

His comments at a news conference promptly drew support from some Democrats and Republicans on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Congressional authorities estimated the proposed cuts would reduce revenue by about 942 million dollars a year at current sales levels. But Martin said increases in sales and employment under the spur of such a tax reduction probably would prevent any actual revenue loss.

The declared excise rates above 10 per cent are "exorbitant" and are injuring many industries.

Martin said he didn't expect the Eisenhower administration to propose any excise cuts, but he hoped the financial situation would not fight such a move by Congress "when the time comes."

His proposal would lower to 10 per cent the present 20 per cent on furs, jewelry, cosmetics, luggage, women's handbags, movie and other admissions, photographic equipment, light bulbs, safe deposit boxes and club dues.

It also would apply to pens and pencils, lighters, local telephone calls, domestic telegrams and leased wires, and personal transportation, all taxed now at 15 per cent.

It would slash the long-distance telephone rate from the present level of 25 per cent.

Sec. Stevens Praises PWs On Formosa

TAIPEH, Formosa (U) - Army Secretary Stevens told a trainload of Chinese former war prisoners Wednesday that "your return represents a big victory for the free world and a major defeat for the Communists."

Stevens, now on a visit to Formosa, made an impromptu speech to the soldiers at the central railway station.

"Hereafter," he said, "let us cooperate for the free world's victory."

Chiang Kai-Shek's elder son said Communist agents may have infiltrated among the 14,000 men from Korea "but the problem is not a serious one."

Chiang Ching-Kuo, who is in charge of resettling liberated prisoners, told newsmen that "if there are Communists among the prisoners of war we shall take appropriate measures."

George Offers Bricker Plan Compromise

WASHINGTON (U) - Sen. George (D-Ga.) entered the battle over the Bricker amendment Wednesday with a substitute stating that any international agreement is invalid if it conflicts with the Constitution.

George made his unexpected move as the Senate plunged into debate on the controversial plan of Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to put a rein on the President's treaty-making powers by constitutional amendment.

The George substitute got in ahead of another being drafted by Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP floor leader, and may cause the Knowland proposal to be withheld.

President Eisenhower has declared his "unalterable opposition" to the Bricker amendment, which he contends would hamper seriously American relations with foreign nations.

Knowland told newsmen that he was going to submit George's proposal to the White House at once to see if it was acceptable to the administration, and also to ask the State and Justice Departments for an opinion.

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University Gets Research Fund

WASHINGTON (U) - The National Science Foundation announced Wednesday 100 grants for scientific research, principally in biological and physical fields.

The names of institutions at which the work will be conducted, the names of the person who will direct the project, and the amount of the grants include:
University of Oregon, I. Niven, \$15,000; University of Washington, C. D. Allendefer, \$10,000; Washington State College, Francis A. Young, \$11,400.

Teamsters Buy Seattle Mortgages

SEATTLE (U) - The AFL Teamsters' Union reported Wednesday it has invested 1 1/2 million dollars in first mortgages in the Seattle area as part of a program to increase returns from a 31 million dollar union fund.

Dave Beck, general president, told the Seattle Times in a telephone interview from Washington, D. C. that the union is making diversified investments not confined to any one area.

Beck told the Times the union must keep a million of its 31-million fund liquid for strike benefits and other purposes, but is investing the rest.

"We had about 8 million dollars scattered around in banks in checking accounts and places where it was earning little or no return," Beck said. "I'm seeing to it that money we do not need on hand for immediate use is put to use and bringing the union a good return."

It is the second disclosure of the week on interest-bearing ventures with Teamsters' Union funds. The Wall Street Journal reported earlier that the union had bought about a million dollars worth of Fruehauf Trailer Co. stock, "which Dave Beck views as a loan."

Later a spokesman for Beck in Washington, D. C., said flatly it was a straight-out loan and not a stock purchase.

Allies Discuss Red Plans for Korea Parley

WASHINGTON (U) - Communist demands for resumption of the preliminary Korean peace talks were discussed Wednesday by representatives of the 16 U.N. allies who sent troops there.

A State Department spokesman said the group also discussed India's proposal that the U.N. Assembly reconvene to consider Korean problems. He said there was "an exchange of views" on both, but declined to say whether a decision was reached on either.

Meeting with the group was U.S. special ambassador Arthur H. Dean, to whom the Communists Tuesday directed a letter demanding resumption of the talks at Panmunjom.

CHEMISTS TO MEET
TACOMA (U) - Leading chemists and chemical engineers of the Northwest will gather in Tacoma March 4 for a conference sponsored by the Tacoma Engineers Club, it was announced Wednesday by W. D. Smith, president of the local group.

BLAST IN TWIN FALLS
TWIN FALLS, Idaho (U) - A gas explosion rocked downtown Twin Falls Wednesday, wrecking a bakery, touching off a blaze which raced through an adjoining shoe shop, and caving in walls of a third business house.

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T-H Change Plans Opposed By Reuther

WASHINGTON (U) - Walter P. Reuther, CIO president, Wednesday denounced all but a small portion of President Eisenhower's Taft-Hartley revision program. He called Eisenhower's strike-vote proposal "the most vicious strike-breaking weapon ever devised."

Reuther challenged the Senate Labor Committee to invite "the president of General Motors, U.S. Steel and other big corporations" to testify on the strike vote plan. He said they dislike the proposal as much as he does because "they deal with the practical problems" of labor-management relations.

Sen. Cooper (R-Ky) all but killed administration hopes for getting any such proposal into the Taft-Hartley Law this year when he told Reuther he, too, was against it. Sen. Lever (R-NY) and committee Democrats already had expressed opposition.

The proposal would call for a government-supervised, secret poll on whether workers wanted to strike. Secretary of Labor Mitchell said Wednesday night, on a radio program, that the administration wants such polls taken before, not after, a strike started. President Eisenhower had not been specific on the point.

Reuther said the CIO Auto Workers Union, of which he is president, demands a two-thirds vote before its leaders can call a strike.

On Eisenhower's recommendations as a whole, Reuther said they are calculated to make the law "even worse than it is" in the eyes of union labor. He said it was not "a middle-of-the-road" approach, but essentially "the approach of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the anti-union employers whom they represent."

Nurses Class Plan Discussed

The possibility of an adult education vocational class for public nurses was discussed this week at a meeting of representatives of the medical profession, the registered nurses association and educators.

Two classes were discussed, one for pre-employed nurses and the other for working nurses, and both would lead to qualification for licensing of a practical nurse. It was decided that an advisory committee be formulated to determine policy and later to classify applicants and determine quality of testing.

Red Envoy Disappears In Tokyo Area

TOKYO (U) - A secretary of the defunct Russian diplomatic mission in Tokyo has disappeared and the mission has asked Japanese police to search for him, police officials reported Thursday.

The mission - which is not recognized by the Japanese government - told police that Yuri Alexandrovich Rastvorov, 34, was suffering from a "nervous breakdown."

But the newspaper Tokyo Shimbun said it had learned from a reliable source that Rastvorov disappeared last Monday because he feared for his life.

The paper reported the Russian was last seen at Tokyo International Airport trying to buy a plane ticket for an undisclosed location. It said he was turned down because he didn't have an exit visa.

Reds Launch New Drive In Indochina

SAIGON, Indochina (U) - Vietnamese rebels, seizing the initiative again in central Indochina, have launched a rough offensive on a 187-mile front and captured 20 French Union posts within 24 hours.

The Communist-led troops apparently are trying to slice Indochina in two again across the narrow waist extending from Vietnam's seacoast through Laos to the Thailand border. They already have seized 65 miles of strategic Colonial Highway No. 9 connecting Quang Tri, on the coast, with the French-held post of Seno in western Laos.

The French High Command announced Tuesday night that a Vietnamese battalion, perhaps 600 men, had captured Muong Pha Lane on the Colonial Highway 40 miles east of Seno.

A French spokesman said Wednesday the Vietnamese had overrun a long stretch of the highway and captured Muong Phine, French Union post 65 miles east of Seno. The garrison withdrew 25 miles farther east to Tchepone.

TURK PRESIDENT HERE
WASHINGTON (U) - President Celal Bayar, Turkey's 70-year-old leader, arrived aboard the White House plane Wednesday for a visit with President Eisenhower and a month-long tour of the United States.

Refinancing Plan Involves \$21 Billion

WASHINGTON (U) - The most gigantic refinancing operation in U.S. history was undertaken Wednesday. Under it the Treasury will seek to convert 21 billion dollars of five outstanding security issues into two new issues.

Three major aims were seen in the big transaction:
1. To take advantage of comparatively low interest rate. The demand for money has fallen off, as shown by a decrease in bank loans, and hence interest rates are lower than some experts figure they might be later.

2. To convert more of the government's securities into medium or long term obligations, if possible.
3. To reduce the number of maturities of government securities.

In connection with the last point, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and his special deputy for debt management, W. Randolph Burgess, have complained in many speeches that the penchant of the former administration for short-term debt had resulted in a multiplicity of Treasury securities. This meant that some security matured every few weeks and the officials said the money market was kept in a continual uproar.

It was apparent from Wednesday's package deal that Humphrey and Burgess are embarked on a program of merging securities to cut down the number of refinancings necessary in any one year and give the money market more breathing space between treasury operations.

League to Clear Property on River

The Isaac Walton League of Salem announced before the Marion County Court Wednesday its intention to clean up a tract of county owned property along the Santiam River near Niagara.

The plan of the club is to prepare the land for recreational purposes as well as fishermen. The court received the notice with pleasure and expressed their appreciation that the Walton leaguers would go ahead with the project.

ADM. WILSON SICK
NEW YORK (U) - Adm. Henry Braid Wilson, 83, U.S.N. retired, was reported in critical condition at St. Vincent's hospital Wednesday night.

Clark Lodges \$2,400 Suit

Suit for a total judgment of \$2,400 was filed with the Marion County clerk's office Wednesday by Fred Carrel Clark, Salem, against Shrock Motor Company, Inc.

In his complaint, Clark charges that he brought his car into the Shrock company for repairs last Thursday. He alleges that when he called for the car later that day employees of the defendant refused to return the auto to him in exchange for payment of the \$6.10 bill.

Clark seeks \$1,200 damages, or return of his car, \$200 special damages and \$1,000 punitive damages. Clarence R. Shrock said Wednesday evening that the car is being held by his company for payment of a previous larger bill.

Firemen Quell Laundry Blaze

Firemen were called to a self-service laundry at 345 Jefferson St. Wednesday night where a basket full of clothes had caught fire. The fire, which started from unknown causes, destroyed most of the clothes in the basket and scorched a counter.

The alarm was called in at 7:18 p. m.

Bitter Weather Covers Europe

LONDON (U) - Bitter weather swept much of Europe Wednesday night, snarling transportation. Several cities, including London, experienced their lowest temperatures in years.

In Berlin, thermometers dropped toward zero. Ice made travel on the city's streets hazardous. Denmark had its seventh consecutive cold day.

Home-going workers shivered in the coldest weather of the winter in Paris.
Cold weather and snow storms prevailed in Northern Italy.

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