

U. S., Friends Talk In Secret on Asia

By JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is secretly sounding out friendly United Nations countries to determine whether they would support some form of collective action to protect southeast Asia against Communist aggression.

Diplomatic officials who reported this Thursday night said Secretary of State Dulles is anxious to learn if they would vote in the U.N. Assembly for one or both of these moves:

1. Sending a peace mission to Indochina to make an on-the-spot survey to determine whether the present Communist attacks are a threat to world peace and security.
2. A resolution empowering the United Nations members to adopt united action, including use of force if necessary, to check further Communist advances in southeast Asia.

Highly Informal
Informants stressed that talks so far are highly informal and do not necessarily mean Dulles definitely will favor bringing the Indochina crisis before the United Nations.

A two-thirds majority would be needed to sponsor such United Nations intervention under the "United for Peace" Resolution adopted in 1950 after the Korean War had started.

Dulles would be extremely reluctant to risk a rebuff in the Assembly unless he was fairly certain in advance that enough votes were assured to approve such resolutions in the face of certain bitter Communist opposition.

Top American officials, however, are known to believe the U.N. clarification of the moral issues involved in the Indochina War would facilitate creation of the united front Dulles has been urging since last March 29.

WASHINGTON (AP)—New Zealand's foreign minister, T. Clifton Webb, said Thursday he "can't conceive of a satisfactory alliance" to block communism in southeast Asia without Britain as a member.

Webb declined to answer reporters' questions as to whether New Zealand would join such an alliance if Britain stays out. President Eisenhower said Wednesday it might be possible to establish a workable arrangement without British participation, although it might not be as satisfactory as might be desired.

Talks With Dulles
"We can't see Britain not wanting to be in," Webb told newsmen at the State Department. "You are asking me to speculate on a situation which we don't believe will arise."

Webb conferred with Secretary of State Dulles for nearly an hour on Indochina developments. He also spent half an hour with President Eisenhower, with Dulles and New Zealand Ambassador Leslie Kinnear sitting in.

Webb said the White House call was "purely social."

The external affairs minister said his government wants military staff talks on Indochina to begin soon among representatives of his country, the United States, France, Australia and Britain.

Six Arrested In Boston for 'Conspiracy'

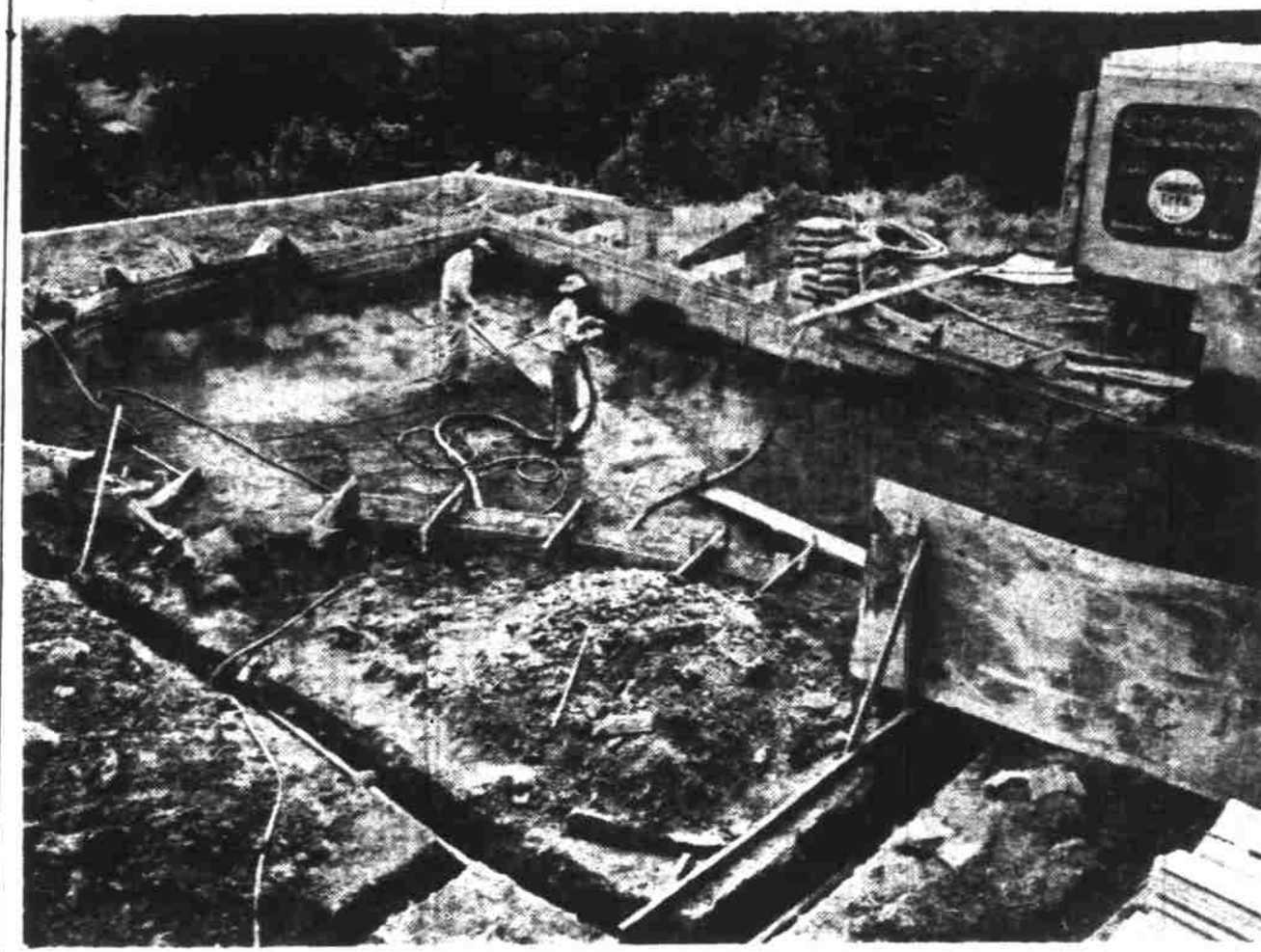
BOSTON (AP)—Six persons, including Otis Archer Hood, four times Communist Party candidate for governor, and Ann Burlak Timson, 43, known as the "Red Flame" of New England textile strikes some 20 years ago, were arrested Thursday night on Suffolk grand jury indictments charging "conspiracy."

All were rounded up in the Boston area with the exception of Mrs. Barbara S. Bennett Rosenkrantz, 31, who was arrested at her Springfield home by local detectives.

The three men and three women taken into custody were among seven named in secret indictments returned by the grand jury which investigated communism in Boston.

All were charged specifically with conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence since Jan. 1, 1949.

Swimming Pool Under Construction



There are 15 private swimming pools in the Salem area, a recent tabulation showed. Two more are under construction. Shown above with steel reinforcement over which concrete is being "blown" is one at the Donald Burkland residence, 2535 Bolton, in Candalaria Heights, and another is underway for Dr. L. M. Hammerstad, 710 Winding Way. They are built by Cascade Swimming Pools, only firm of its kind in Oregon, owned by John Medford, Salem, and Phil Tooroger, Portland. Pools are of plastered tile and have filter plants for continued use of the same heated water.

Action Stalled on NW Power Bills

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to authorize local participation in construction of two federally authorized dams in the Pacific Northwest may provide the basis for a full-scale review of administration power policy.

This was indicated Thursday before a Senate committee which recessed without action on either bill. The bills, passed Wednesday by the House, would authorize construction by local interests of the Priest Rapids power dam on the Columbia River in Washington and joint construction of Cougar Dam on Oregon's McKenzie River at the federal government and Eugene, Ore., Water and Electric Board.

At hearings before a Senate public works subcommittee Thursday, however, even Sens. Magnuson and Jackson (D-Wash.), sponsors of the Priest Rapids proposal, indicated only half-hearted support for their bill.

Joint Statement
In a joint statement, they said they and a majority of Northwest residents would prefer to have the federal government build Priest Rapids.

"The primary reason that this legislation is before you," they said, "stems from the fact that there have been no new starts in the Pacific Northwest for two years and this year there are no funds in the budget to initiate construction on new dams."

Magnuson said he "thoroughly disagrees" with the administration's change of power policy "but because the Pacific Northwest needs power I feel the local people should have a chance to help themselves."

Merit Challenged
Jackson challenged the merit of a policy of water resource development in which the federal government assumes the cost of flood control, navigation and other non-revenue producing dam facilities and leaves the power or revenue-producing aspects to its "partner."

Doubts of the Washington senators were echoed by Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) who suggested the subcommittee "should be very careful" in approving legislation which might modify the national power policy. He said he felt it should not be acted upon without "hearings in the field."

Asserting that flood control and power development are "inseparable," Morse said he was "not ringing with enthusiasm in support of a proposal which seeks to postpone flood control."

Main Topic Priest Rapids
Although most of the 2 1/2 hour morning hearing was devoted to Priest Rapids, Morse and Magnuson indicated they would also have "something to say" about Cougar Dam legislation later.

Sen. Cordon (R-Ore), sponsor of the Cougar proposal, urged its approval by the subcommittee. He said the bill would enable the city to "provide for its own power needs and at the same time reduce the cost of flood control to the federal government."

Ivan Oakes of Salem, Ore., executive secretary of the Willamette River Basin Committee, said he has "yet to find anyone in the basin opposed to the project." He said flood control features of the project "are very badly needed" in the community.

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Forest Service Running O & C Lands Backed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Thursday approved a bill to leave administration of 472,000 acres of disputed Oregon timber land in the hands of the Forest Service.

It passed the bill on a voice vote after rejecting 52-18, an amendment by Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) to transfer control to the Department of Interior. The bill now goes to the House.

The acreage, now administered by the Forest Service, is part of the Oregon and California railroad land grant reclaimed by Congress in 1916. Jurisdiction has been claimed by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management which manages two million additional acres of O & C timber.

Cordon's Bill
The bill, by Sen. Cordon (R-Ore), would provide that receipts from sale of timber on the disputed land should be in accord with the O & C formula—75 per cent to Western Oregon counties and 25 per cent to the government—instead of the reverse which would be the case if receipts were distributed in line with Forest Service law.

It also would direct that the secretaries of Interior and Agriculture undertake an exchange of lands within two years to block up present intermingled holdings in the area to increase management efficiency.

If approved by the House and signed by the President, the bill would resolve a controversy which has existed since early in the century.

'More Sensible'
In seeking to place administration of the lands under the Interior Department, Morse asserted it would be "more sensible and efficient" to have the entire O & C acreage under one agency. He contended also that a recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals, declaring the lands to be O & C lands, had settled the question of administration.

Cordon differed, saying the court decision had not settled the administrative question and was subject to appeal. He said also that two additional areas of O & C lands now are being administered by the Forest Service.

STAMP ISSUE
WASHINGTON (INS)—The Interior department expects to sell 1,000,000 1954-55 migratory bird hunting stamps showing two ring-necked ducks in flight. The ring-necked duck is also known as "ring-bill" or "black-jack."

Flood Threat To 40,000 Idaho Acres

(Story also on Page 1)
BONNERS FERRY (AP)—Flood waters from the rising Kootenai River may roll over 15 of 17 diking districts protecting some 40,000 acres of wheat land near here if the river reaches a predicted 35.8 feet crest.

Gilbert Bean, an information officer for the engineers, said all the districts but two might be flooded at 35.8.

Farmers in lowland areas have moved out. Army trucks, tractors and bulldozers were rushing in wherever weak spots appeared in the dikes.

Most stores in town have closed but residents who see the Kootenai threaten them every spring have shown no excessive alarm.

More than 2,870 acres were flooded by breaks in the dikes Thursday.

A bridge over a creek between Troy, Mont. and the Yaak, Mont., Air Force radar station was washed out Wednesday and it left 100 men stranded at the station. The creek eventually runs into the Kootenai.

The men weren't in any danger but Capt. Robert Rice, the commander, said it may be three days before they can get out. Plans were made to bring in a helicopter to drop supplies.

Col. Lloyd L. Rall, who is in charge of military flood-fighting operations, had men throwing sandbags on railroad tracks near Bonners to keep the river away.

The Great Northern Railway suspended operations through here just before eight miles of its main line track was inundated.

Every available man in the area, and many school children, joined in the long operation of sandbagging the dikes. Some have been at it 48 hours without a rest.

Four housewives assembled a mobile restaurant to keep the workers fed. They pack a small truck with food and make several trips a day up and down the dikes. They also set up a trailer cooker to serve the men hot food.

The schoolhouse, which let classes out two days ago, is crammed with the household belongings of people from evacuated areas.

The main stems of the Columbia and Snake rivers will continue to rise the next five or six days, Elmer Fisher, Weather Bureau river forecaster, said at Portland.

The Columbia went over flood stage of 15 feet at Vancouver, Wash., Thursday, and began lapping into undiked pasture land. The river is expected to push water in the Portland harbor past flood stage of 18 feet by Sunday and be up to 21 feet by Tuesday.

Some docks and undiked lowlands are flooded at that level, but damage normally is minor.

FOOD SERVER
GALLUP, N. M. (INS)—Albuquerque businesswoman Peggy Leach will spend half her summer vacation this year—for the 21st time—cooking 5,500 servings of food for the 500 Indian dancers participating in the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian ceremony. Peggy estimates she has cooked over 100,000 separate meals for the hungry Indians since she undertook her unusual project in 1933.

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LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II has that "good-to-get-home" look as she and the Duke of Edinburgh smile at cheering crowds from royal carriage bearing them to Buckingham Palace. The royal couple returned to London after a six-month tour of the Commonwealth. (AP Wirephoto)

Shop Center Hinted for Portland Area

PORTLAND (AP)—Plans for a multi-million-dollar shopping center in East Portland are expected to be announced here Friday night.

Officials of the Lloyd Corp., which owns large tract of land east of the Willamette River, sent invitations to a group of civic and business leaders for a dinner at which "plans for development of a project of major importance" will be announced.

Portland newspapers reported the project will be a 22-block shopping center with the major merchant to be Allied Stores, Inc., a department store chain not now in Portland.

Allied Stores operates the Bon Marche stores in Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane. The firm helped develop the big Northgate shopping center at Seattle. It also is building a store at Eugene.

The Lloyd tract is several blocks east of the river near the city center. Newspapers here said the shopping center would be just north of the new Bonneville Administration building.

Logger Dies In 185-Ft. Fall From Tree

ROSEBURG (AP)—The E. G. Nelson Logging Co. operation 20 miles southwest of here Thursday morning had its second fatality within two days.

The victim was William Joseph Berg, 26, Cottage Grove. Fellow workers said he was atop a 185-foot spar tree putting up new rigging when he swung his axe at a knot, missed and cut his safety belt. He fell to his death.

Wednesday Donald Benson, 27, Winston, was fatally crushed by logs rolling from a truck at the Nelson operation.

The Thursday accident increased Douglas County's logging death toll for the year to six.

Board Backs Construction At Tillamook

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bureau of the Budget has approved a proposal for construction of the Tillamook Bayocean peninsula and bar project on the Oregon coast, Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) said Thursday.

The project, estimated to cost 1 1/2 million dollars, involves construction of a sand dike made necessary by an ocean breakthrough at Bay ocean.

Tillamook County will vote Friday on a proposed bond issue to finance the local share of the project. The local share is to be 15 per cent of the total cost.

Best Western Novel Brings Writer Award

DENVER (AP)—The Silver Spur award for the best western novel of 1953 went Thursday night to Colorado author Wayne D. Overholser at a Western Writers of America banquet here.

Overholser, who writes under the pen name "Lee Leighton," was awarded the group's highest honor for his book, "Law Man."

Other winners of Silver Spur awards included: Lucia Moore, Eugene, Ore., for "The Wheel and the Hearth," voted best western historical novel.

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Senator Asks U. S. Action In Guatemala

(Story also on page 1)
WASHINGTON (AP)—American nations are looking to the U.S. to take a stand against Red infiltration in Central America, Sen. Smathers of Florida asserted Thursday. And Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee called for consultation on the touchy issue.

"The countries of South America are looking to us for a position," Smathers said. "Mere statements of lofty purposes and high sounding phrases will not do."

Wiley said that so far as he has heard the cargo of Communist arms Guatemala got from Poland is the "greatest ever to arrive at any port anywhere in the Americas."

Sevilla Sacasa said the shipment—described by other diplomatic informants as including at least 30 carloads of fighting gear and ammunition—is "excessive" for Guatemalan needs and "threatens the peace of Central America and the security of the hemisphere." His view that the shipment is excessive coincides with that of some U.S. officials.

Nicaragua cut off diplomatic relations with Guatemala Wednesday charging that Guatemala used its Managua embassy to distribute Red propaganda and helped Communist infiltration in other ways.

"All of the grave occurrences which have taken place in the Central American region during recent weeks," Sevilla Sacasa said, "show a well conceived Communist-type plan."

Both the Nicaraguan ambassador and the U.S. State Department reportedly are feeling out the other American nations now on the idea of bringing into play the 1947 mutual defense treaty of Rio de Janeiro and the anti-Communist declaration adopted in an inter-American conference at Caracas, Venezuela, in March.

These provide not only for consultation but also for definite action, if the American republics wish to take it, against threats from overseas or from internal Communism.

Sevilla Sacasa conferred with Secretary of State Dulles for 20 minutes today and said the secretary was "not able to hide his pre-occupation and interest in events going on in Central America."

The ambassador told reporters he didn't refer to invoking the Rio pact or Caracas resolution but spoke in general of the Communist threat as a "very grave" menace to Central America and the entire hemisphere.

The State Department withheld comment on the break between Nicaragua and Guatemala. But it did ask the Swedish government to investigate use of the Swedish freighter Alheim to haul the arms cargo from Stettin in Communist dominated Poland to the Guatemalan port of Puerto Barrios.

POWER STEERING

DETROIT (INS)—With more than one million power steering units installed on automobiles in the last two years, and sales this year estimated at another million, power steering is proving to be the most popular auto accessory since the introduction of the car heater and radio.

There are about as many miles of elevator shafts as there are subway tracks in New York City.

McCarthy Ready to Resume Televised Capitol Hearing

By ED CREAGH
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Thursday night he will be on hand Monday when the Senate investigations subcommittee resumes its televised hearing on his row with Army officials.

"I will be there," McCarthy said. But he added that he could "make no promises" as to other steps he might take in protest against a presidential secrecy order which, the senator contends, "stacks the deck" against him.

There had been speculation that McCarthy might boycott the hearing in view of President Eisenhower's refusal to modify an order forbidding White House aides and other high officials to testify about a Jan. 21 meeting in which they discussed the Army's troubles with McCarthy and assistants.

McCarthy contends this forecloses him in an attempt to inquire into the genesis of Army charges against him and his aides.

"I don't see why the President should be afraid to let them tell the truth," McCarthy said. He likened Eisenhower's orders to invoking the Fifth Amendment, as some witnesses before his investigations subcommittee have done to avoid giving any self-incriminating testimony.

McCarthy told newsmen: "I don't like to have the executive branch taking the Fifth Amendment."

Amendment on a meeting at which there were prepared the charges against my staff and me, and then have to order my staff to testify."

Secretary of the Army Stevens has stated that he did not act on orders from any higher-ups, but on his own responsibility in bringing the charges.

Late Thursday Sen. Mundt (R-SD), acting chairman of the subcommittee, said Stevens would be called back to the witness stand Monday and invited to repeat this statement under oath.

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