

Senate Passes Foreign Aid Bill By 64 to 10 Vote

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate has overwhelmingly passed a \$6,700,000,000 foreign aid bill but the mutual security program is almost sure to be cut further before any money actually becomes available.

The final Senate vote on passage Wednesday night was 64 to 10 with 39 Democrats and 25 Republicans joining in support of the measure to aid America's friends all over the world. Nine Republicans and one Democrat, Olin Johnston (SC), said "no."

Reds Capable of Big Drive

TOKYO—(AP)—United Nations officers in a position to know said Thursday a Communist force just under 1,000,000 men is capable of mounting a spring offensive in Korea without warning.

The figure is nearly 250,000 greater than the estimate of Red forces given by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway April 27 shortly before he turned the Far East United Nations command over to Gen. Mark Clark.

The latest estimate is shy of the 1,000,000 men British Prime Minister Winston Churchill told parliament the Reds had in Korea. It was assumed Churchill was talking in round numbers.

A year ago the Red armies in Korea totaled fewer than 600,000 men.

The rapid growth in enemy strength has been brought about in the past two months as armistice talks grow more bitter almost daily.

Clark would not evaluate the situation.

Officers who should know said the enemy's current ground strength includes 80 infantry divisions, backed up by a number of Chinese Communist artillery divisions, each containing approximately 100 big guns.

A Chinese division is made up of about 10,000 men.

Half of these combat divisions are in the forward areas.

U. N. officers say the Communist force in Korea today is capable of greater offensive action than any heretofore attempted.

Anti-Seizure Act Proposed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A proposed amendment to the Constitution forbidding a President to seize private property—except under specific laws passed by Congress—won unanimous approval Wednesday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The proposal was introduced two days ago by the committee's chairman, Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), in the congressional uproar over President Truman's seizure of the steel industry to head off a strike.

To become effective, a constitutional amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority in both the Senate and House and must also be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

McCarran said this amendment would remove all doubt "if doubt there be," and also remove all argument, as to the President's power to seize an industry or other private property without being authorized by Congress to do so.

Truman contends he has this power under the "inherent" authority of a president to act in an emergency for the welfare of the nation. He told a news conference last week that nobody can take this power away from the president.

At the same time he said he would abide by the decision of the Supreme Court in the present dispute over his steel seizure.

GI Bill Up in House

WASHINGTON—(AP)—House leaders decided Wednesday to consider on Monday a new GI Bill of Rights for veterans who joined the armed forces since the Korean war broke out. It calls for educational benefits of \$110 a month for single veterans and \$150 for married.

Harrison Hits Enemy Stand

Truce Teams Hold Futile Conference

MUNSAN, Korea—(AP)—The chief United Nations truce delegate Thursday accused the Communists of blocking a Korean armistice out of disappointment that so few Red prisoners want to go home.

In another futile session at Panmunjom, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., reminded the Communists they had agreed to the screening—which determined that nearly 100,000 of 169,000 Red POWs and civilian internees are unwilling to be repatriated.

He suggested another recess to give the Communists time to reconsider their demand for the return of all prisoners. But the Reds insisted on another meeting at 11 a.m. Friday (6 p.m. PST Thursday).

"THE FACTOR which prevents an armistice today," Harrison said, "is not your objection to the screening process itself but rather your chagrin at the small number of persons who stated that they would not forcibly resist repatriation—a number which was obtained by the fairest means possible and by a device which had your full acquiescence."

Harrison told the Reds again at the 65-minute session that the Allied offer to repatriate only those POWs willing is final.

It brought this irritated rejoinder from the chief Communist negotiator, North Korean Gen Nam Il:

"I ADVISE you to pack up from now on such words as final and irrevocable which are not worth a penny."

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, U. N. spokesman, said the firm Allied stand "seems to be getting under his (Nam's) skin a little bit."

Nam launched into another bitter attack on Allied treatment of prisoners. But he did not renew his Tuesday and Wednesday warnings of stepped up military action.

Spud Supplies Begin Upswing

CORVALLIS—(AP)—Oregon State College in its weekly crop review compiled from Department of Agriculture and other reports, said Thursday that potato supplies were increasing slightly but it was hard to say what price is being charged.

Prices are either listed at ceiling or "are being reported sold in combination with other vegetables, making it impossible to determine price," the report said.



GI AND THE GENERAL—General Matthew B. Ridgway (left) shakes hands with French Korea war veteran, Sgt. Pierre Zein at the Arch of Triumph in Paris as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower looks on. Gen. Ridgway arrived in Paris to take over from Gen. Eisenhower as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe.

Swarms of Wash. Workmen Transform Desert Into Farm

MOSES LAKE, Wash.—(AP)—An army of workers swarmed over a rough and dusty piece of land near here at 12:01 Thursday morning to turn it into a going farm in less than 17 hours.

Their \$75,000 farm-in-a-day symbolizes the coming of irrigation water to the first of a million acres of fertile sagebrush land in the Columbia River basin.

At 12:01, a rocket bomb signaled the start of the operation.

FLOODLIGHTS went on and workmen with center beams and studding for a modern seven-room farmhouse moved into action.

If everything goes on schedule, Donald Dunn, his wife and two daughters will receive the keys to their new farm home, equipped with sprinkler irrigation, cows, chickens, barns and even a full icebox, at 4:30 p. m. Thursday afternoon.

At the same time, Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus will preside over the ceremony of turning the irrigation water from a lateral of the huge Columbia Basin irrigation network onto Dunn's farm.

DUNN WON'T have to pay a penny for the farm. A war veteran, he was flooded out of his Marion, Kan., farm last summer and was chosen by the Veterans

of Foreign Wars as the most worthy to receive the 110-acre farm.

All the materials and labor were donated. Fifty-five building contractors sent men to build the house, machine shed, cattle shed and chicken house.

Working at top speed under bright floodlights, the contractors' crews erected the frame of the pre-fabricated house, installed wiring and plumbing and shortly after daybreak were ready to go to work on the roof.

W. C. Bell, coordinator on the project, said the crews were ahead of schedule and barring unforeseen hitches would have the farm completed before the 4:30 deadline.

While carpenters, electricians and plumbers worked on the home the Dunns will occupy, other crews were busy on cattle sheds and other outbuildings. And volunteer farmhands were leveling the land and preparing it for the flow of irrigation water.

BELL SAID so many farm rigs of all kinds were in use it "sounds like a tank corps going into action."

In addition to minute planning, some groundwork was done ahead of time.

For instance, 50 Moses Lake businessmen turned out at 4 a.m. Monday to clear the rocks from the land. Also, foundations for the buildings were done ahead of time.

There's just one possible hitch in all the plans. Mrs. Dunn might not be able to spend the first night in their new home because she is expecting a baby any day, perhaps Thursday.

FORMER SLAVE DIES AT 114

INWOOD, N. Y.—(AP)—Death of Mrs. Nettie Jenkins, one-time Negro slave, at the age of 114 was announced Wednesday by Nassau County health officials.

She died April 27. Officials said they deferred the announcement until family records convinced them that Mrs. Jenkins' age was given correctly.

She was born a slave at Edgemont, N. C., Aug. 20, 1837, the records showed. She was the widow of Jake Jenkins.

3 Boys Want To Get Back 'Pond' Money

PORTLAND—(AP)—A suit was filed here Wednesday, seeking for three boys the \$2,180 they fished from a pond a week ago.

Lynn Edwin Hill, Myron Ward Whitcomb and Melvin LeRoy Weaver found an odd-looking package floating in an old fish pond, pulled it ashore and found the money inside in \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

They turned the money over to sheriff's deputies who believed it belonged to James Stevens, 71, a recluse who lived in a nearby house until his death last February.

In the suit, Atty. William J. Crawford said the original owner and loser was unknown and that the boys should have the money.

Coroner F. Floyd South, administrator of Stevens' estate, has demanded the money from Sheriff Terry Schunk. The sheriff said he would wait for a court to determine what to do with it.

Meantime, he planned to give certificates of merit to the three boys for their honesty.

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