

# Knowland Sees Asian Decision

## Showdown Due In Indochina War

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Saturday the Free World has reached the "jumping off place" and if it does not force some kind of showdown with the Communists on Indochina in 30 days, all Asia may topple to the Reds.

The Senate Republican leader said it was not his decision to make, but the country ought to "face up to the fact" that it may have to fight in Indochina, just as it fought in Korea. He said Congress would have to participate in any such grave decision.

Knowland called in an interview for and end to what he described as the "fatal thinking" that the allies can go on talking at Geneva with the Communists while the Reds continue to gobble Indochina territory.

### SERVE NOTICE

The California senator made it clear, without putting it into specific words, that he believes the United States should take the leadership in an allied move to serve notice on the Communists that fighting must stop in Southeast Asia if the Geneva talks are to go on.

"The Communists are trying to seize Hanoi while their negotiators are talking at Geneva," the California senator declared. "The advantage is all on their side in that move."

"In my judgment the crucial period will be in the next 30 days. If there is no settlement and nothing is done to bolster the strength of the non-Communist areas, the Reds could well win control of Hanoi and the Delta area in 30 days."

"It is my opinion that any such victory for them would shatter not only the morale of the free nations in Southeast Asia but would have repercussions in the Middle East, Egypt, Africa and in Europe, including the captive peoples behind the Iron Curtain."

### TURNING POINT

"This is one of the decisive turning points in the history of the world and a decision in the next 30 days may determine whether communism is to be stopped or whether it takes over the balance of Asia."

Knowland, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and one of the GOP leaders who confers weekly with President Eisenhower, emphasized he was expressing his personal views.

There is no doubt, however, that he has been urging the executive branch toward action to end what he regards as a dangerous stalemate at Geneva.



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**TORNADO VICTIM ON LONG RECOVERY ROAD**—Diane De Fosse, then seven, was one of the most tragically injured by tornado that lashed Worcester, Mass., area June 9, 1953. Both her legs were amputated when crushed by refrigerator in wreckage of her home. At left, always smiling Diane holds doll in hospital June 19, 10 days after amputation. At right Diane sits in sun July 20 last year. In lower picture Diane demonstrates how well she can use her artificial limbs. Tornado killed 94 and injured 1,306.



# Pension Proposal Includes Farmers

WASHINGTON (AP)—An estimated 5 million farmers would be blanketed into the federal social security program if the Senate passes a bill in the form approved overwhelmingly last week by the House.

Farmers constitute half of the additional 10 million people in all walks of life who would become eligible for social security benefits for the first time if the bill becomes law.

### FARM OPERATORS

Largest of the farm groups which would be made eligible is an estimated 3,800,000 self-employed farm owners or operators whose net earnings from farm self-employment total \$400 or more a year.

The measure calls for a simplified income reporting procedure for low-income farm operators taking part in the social security program. Generally, if their gross income does not exceed \$1,800 a year, such farmers could report either their net actual earnings as determined in their income tax forms, or 50 per cent of the gross income.

Operators with gross income in excess of \$1,800 a year from farm

operations would have to compute net earnings for social security purposes. Rentals received in the form of crop shares would be excluded from gross income for this purpose.

### Hired Hands, Too

Under the social security program an individual's earnings—up to a certain point—determine what he pays into the system and what he gets out of it when he retires.

Farmers with net earnings of \$400 or less from self-employment would pay no social security taxes and receive no credit toward benefits.

The second group of farmers who would become eligible are hired hands who are paid at least \$200 by the same employer during a calendar year.

This group, an estimated 1,300,000, is in addition to 700,000 farm workers now covered because they receive at least \$50 pay during a calendar quarter from the same employer and are technically "regularly employed."

### EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

Actual benefits to the farm groups would be based on earnings and the individual's contribution to the social security fund. Contributions are made by employers and employees on the first \$3,600 of annual income—but this base would be boosted to \$4,200 by the proposed new law. A covered employe would receive, in any event, a minimum benefit of \$30 monthly after reaching the age of 65.

The bill's provisions affecting new beneficiary groups would not become effective until next January 1.

# Atomic Pace Under Query

WASHINGTON (AP)—Differences of opinion among members of the Atomic Energy Commission have not slowed either its weapons or peacetime power programs, Commissioner Eugene M. Zuckert said Saturday.

Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) asked the question as Zuckert appeared before the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee. The question of changing the law to designate the AEC chairman as the commission's "principal officer" has developed a sharp difference of opinion among the commissioners.

Van Zandt asked whether impressions from some news stories about violent disagreements among AEC members might not lead the public to believe the development program was suffering as a result.

### Editor Convicted

BERLIN (AP)—An East German newspaper editor was convicted of sabotage and sentenced to five years at hard labor recently for overlooking an "error" which made the late Joseph Stalin appear as a fighter for war instead of peace, the West Berlin League of Free Jurists reported Friday.

Scientists estimate there is about twice as much nickel in the earth's crust as copper, zinc and lead combined.

# Nations Sign Political Pact

LONDON (AP)—Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Saturday in a dispatch from Athens that Yugoslavia and Greece had agreed to a "formal alliance" binding the two nations and Turkey to a middle eastern political NATO.

The agreement was announced in a communique reporting on Yugoslav President Tito's negotiations with Greek Prime Minister Marshal Alexander Papagos.

They resolved to have the alliance established at the forthcoming meeting of Ankara pact foreign ministers in Belgrade, Tanjug said. The Ankara treaty, signed last year, set up a mutual defense program for the three countries guarding the Iron Curtain's gateway into the Middle East.

# Two Killed in Fight

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—A bitter two-week-old strike of Argentine metal workers drew blood Friday. Unofficial reports said two persons were killed and 30 injured in a fight that flared at a strikers' meeting.

# U.S., Red China Open Talks

By MAX HARRELSON

GENEVA (AP)—The United States entered into direct talks with Red China Saturday in an effort to win release of approximately 80 Americans who are being detained by the Peiping regime.

This was the first contact between the two delegations at the Geneva conference and the only time the United States and Communist China have had direct negotiations since the Panmunjom armistice talks.

The U. S. delegation has tried in vain to have the prisoner ques-

tion negotiated indirectly through the good offices of the British. The United States does not recognize the Peiping regime.

The direct talks were arranged when it became clear there was no other way to aid the estimated 54 civilians and 23 military personnel either under arrest or unable to obtain exit visas.

In a statement, announcing the decision, the U. S. delegation insisted that the negotiations should not be interpreted as indicating any change in the Eisenhower administration's attitude toward the Peiping regime.

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