

Communists Call Indochina Truce 'Victory for Peace'

LONDON (AP)—Europe's Communists—and neutralist India—hailed the Indochina cease-fire agreement Wednesday as a "victory for peace." Spokesmen for the anti-Communist world generally agreed their side had taken a licking.

Moscow radio led the Red chorus, terming the Geneva agreement a "new victory of the forces of peace."

Indian Prime Minister Nehru issued a statement in New Delhi terming the Indochina settlement a "great step" and "one of the outstanding achievements of the post-war era."

Ignoring the United States, Nehru paid tribute specifically to the foreign ministers of Britain, the Soviet Union, France and Communist China as well as the representatives of the Vietminh, Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

Senator Dies Of Pneumonia

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Blair Moody, former U. S. senator and prominent Michigan newspaperman, died unexpectedly Tuesday at University Hospital of a virus pneumonia.

Dr. Cyrus C. Sturgis, head of the hospital's department of internal medicine, said the 52-year-old former Democratic senator had been undergoing treatment for an involvement of the lungs and had been doing very satisfactorily when he suffered a reversal and died.

Moody, appointed to the Senate in 1951 after the death of Republican Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, was in the midst of a campaign for the Democratic senatorial nomination next month.

His death left Patrick V. McNamara, former Detroit councilman, unopposed for the nomination in the Democratic primary.

Moody was stricken with the virus infection last month while campaigning in the Upper Peninsula. He was hospitalized in Hancock, Mich., until last Sunday.

He was believed nearing recovery and ready to resume his campaign when he entered University Hospital.

Moody had been Washington correspondent for the Detroit News for 18 years before his appointment to the Senate.

He was defeated in his bid for election in 1952 by Rep. Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.).

Moody is survived by his widow and three sons.

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Western governments had no immediate official comment. Western Europe's anti-Red press emphasized the West had little cause for self-congratulation.

UNANIMOUS PRAISE

The exception was France, whose people so long had hoped for peace in the Far Eastern war which they had sickened of. French papers from right to left were unanimous in their praise for French Premier Pierre Mendes-France for securing the peace agreement.

Members of the French National Assembly were about as divided as usual, however. Those on the right were bitter at the loss of north Viet Nam; those on the left cheered the end of the war.

"This is not a morning for rejoicing," said London's empire-minded Daily Express. Most British papers agreed with the Liberal News Chronicle that "the free world has lost a lot." The independent, influential London Times wrote: "The truth remains that a large part of Indochina is now lost to the Western world."

NEW EFFORTS

Occupied Germany and Austria hoped the removal of Indochina from the top of the critical agenda would mean new international efforts to solve some of their problems.

West Europe's Communist press was unanimous.

"A cease-fire has been possible because the Soviet Union and China have been ready to negotiate peace," said London's Daily Worker. "By their conduct at Geneva they have killed in the minds of thinking men and women the lie about 'Communist imperialism.'"

Governor to Test Foreign Aid Legality

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Gov. J. Bracken Lee said Tuesday he is going to test legality of the federal government's foreign aid program by bringing action before the U.S. Supreme Court.

He asked the Utah attorney general to find what legal steps a citizen or a public official must take to prove that "it is a violation of our U.S. Constitution when our government gives our hard-earned money to foreign nations."



SHAKE AND FORGET—Roger Schaaf, 14, center, who wounded his father, Robert, left, in a bow and arrow attack, shake hands on a "shake and forget" basis at a Lincoln, Neb., hospital. Police said Roger shot two arrows, the second hitting his father in the chest, following an argument after the elder Schaaf returned for a birthday celebration at a tavern. With them is Ronald, 12, a younger brother of Roger.

Raft 'Sneaky' Ends Cruise Ingloriously

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—Five wet and bedraggled beer drinkers Wednesday lamented giving up their "poor man's Kon-Tiki" voyage aboard an innertube raft after drifting to within 20 miles of their goal, Catalina Island, then being blown back 40 miles.

The young rollicking Ventura men were plucked off their odd raft, the "Rubber Bomb Sneaky," at sea Tuesday by the sport boat Hawk and the Coast Guard cutter Morris despite their vigorous protests that "We're doing fine."

Only when the young adventurers were picked up was it learned that five instead of six men had sailed. One man, who had planned to go aboard and was believed to have sailed, missed the gag expedition.

Johnny Strobel, 22, skipper of the raft and originator of the voyage, a burlesque of scientific raft expeditions on the Pacific, insisted, "We still could have made it. We were never in distress."

The raft was made of 100 innertubes lashed together and wired with a few boards. It had a mast, a tent "to keep the beer cool," an emergency motor and an automatic distress radio transmitter, which was not used.

Not only did one man miss the raft when it left here to the cheers of spectators, but the men were so engrossed in loading beer aboard they forgot half of their food supply, which had to be rushed out to them on a speedboat.

Those who sailed in addition to Strobel were Kenny Kiuinke, 21; Dick Davison, 21; Jimmy Mills, 20; and Jerry Straughan, 22, all of Ventura.

Bill Aims to Hike Hardboard Duty

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Rules Committee Wednesday cleared for House consideration legislation aimed at hiking the import duty on hardboards.

The bill, sponsored by Reps. Colmer (D-Miss.), Scudder (R-Calif) and Ut (R-Calif), would reclassify hardboards, as wood products rather than as paper products as now.

Import duties on wood products run up to 33 1/2 per cent compared with 16 1/2 per cent on paper products, Colmer told a reporter.

Cyd Charisse Has Minor Surgery

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Dancer-actress Cyd Charisse, wife of singer Tony Martin, was expected to be released from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital Wednesday following undisclosed minor surgery.

A hospital spokesman said the leggy dancer entered the hospital Monday, underwent surgery Tuesday, and made a "good" recovery.

Japanese Freed

TOKYO (AP)—Sixteen Japanese sentenced as World War II criminals by Allied military courts were paroled Wednesday after serving one-third of their terms.

Social Security Increase Moves Nearer Reality

WASHINGTON (AP)—An increase of at least \$5 a month in all social security payments moved a step nearer reality Wednesday as the result of Senate Finance Committee approval of the administration's big social security bill.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the committee said the measure probably will be called up on the floor next week.

Leaders in both parties said Congress would never adjourn without putting the increased benefits on the statute books.

MORE TAXES

The Finance Committee, in okaying the bill unanimously late Tuesday, approved not only bigger benefits but also more taxes to finance them and extension of coverage to nearly seven million additional persons.

President Eisenhower would achieve under the Senate version almost exactly what he asked for in benefits and taxes, but not on broadening coverage. He had suggested bringing 10 1/2 million more persons under the system. The bill as passed by the House came closer to meeting administration views on that score.

MAIN FEATURES

Here are the main features of the bill as it comes to the Senate floor:

• Benefits—A minimum boost of \$5 a month in all present and future checks. The five million aged now on the rolls would get an average \$6 raise; the new average payment would be about \$57 a month. The increases would begin in September or October.

Showers Ease Crop-Damaging Heat Wave in Corn Belt Areas

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Showers eased a crop-damaging heat wave in parts of the nation's parched corn belt Wednesday.

But a wide strip of torrid weather continued across the south and central plains and the number of heat deaths in the nation since the origin of the general heat wave July 7 rose to 298.

Cooler air from Canada poured into the Great Lakes region. The temperature at Chicago plunged from 98 degrees at 2 p.m. to 71 at 6 p.m.

Showers swept from Chicago southward across Illinois where drought and heat have damaged young corn seriously and killed thousands of chickens and pigs.

A farmer was crushed to death at Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday night when a rainstorm flattened his farm. Two persons were injured by trees falling on automobiles.

Two persons were killed by lightning in southeastern Ohio and a third was missing and feared drowned in the rain-swollen Scioto River as heavy rains doused most of that state.

Many Ohio communities still were repairing damage caused by a cloudburst that took four lives last Wednesday when the new storm struck.

Hurricane force winds lashed Findlay and Zanesville. The wind tore off roofs, uprooted trees and snapped power lines.

Thundershowers were quite general from eastern Iowa eastward to eastern Virginia.

The temperature touched 106 degrees in Kansas City, as the number of heat deaths in that state rose to 107. Twenty of the deaths occurred on Monday and Tuesday.

Attempted FHA Grab Claimed

Bovard Attorney Cites Administrator

WASHINGTON (AP)—The attorney for Burton O. Bovard said Wednesday Bovard and another government housing official lost their jobs because they opposed an attempted power grab by housing administrator Albert M. Cole.

Cole could not be reached immediately for comment.

Attorney Clayton L. Burwell has announced that Bovard will fight before the Civil Service Commission his ouster as general counsel of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), a post he had held since 1948. Burwell has attributed Bovard's ouster to "political manipulations" by Cole.

HOLLYDAY LETTER

The attorney made available a letter he said former housing commissioner Guy T. O. Hollyday had written Feb. 19 to White House chief of staff Sherman Adams saying Cole had proposed "abolishing" FHA and taking over its powers and those of other housing agencies.

Burwell said the ousters of both Hollyday and Bovard stemmed from their opposition to such a proposal by Cole.

Since Hollyday was dismissed, Burwell said in a statement, Cole has "accomplished all his objectives" through a reorganization provided in a housing agency money bill which became law June 24. Burwell said these powers were written into the bill "at the last moment and without hearings."

Hollyday and Bovard are among more than half a dozen key federal housing officials who have been eased out since the White House announced on April 12 the discovery of irregularities in the housing programs. Hollyday was dismissed April 12, Bovard on July 15.

KNEW OF ABUSES

Cole said at the time that Hollyday was asked to resign as FHA commissioner because he had known of abuses in the housing program and had not acted vigorously against them. Hollyday praised President Eisenhower and said he was switching his voting registration from Democratic to Republican.

His successor, Norman P. Mason, said in firing Bovard as FHA's general counsel that Bovard had not performed satisfactorily as chief legal officer of the agency which insures construction mortgages.

Actor's Son Free on Bail

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Edward G. Robinson Jr., 21, as if playing a scene from one of his father's tough guy movies, darkly hinted Wednesday that he had been framed on charges of holding up two taxicabs.

Young Robinson, who has had several scrapes with the law during the past two years, was released from jail Tuesday on \$10,000 bail posted by his father. He bitterly denied the two armed robbery counts against him.

Superior Judge Harold Schweitzer, who fixed bail, released young Robinson on a writ of habeas corpus, returnable Thursday morning in Superior Court. He was charged with armed robbery.

The young aspiring actor was arrested on a street in nearby Westwood earlier Tuesday. With him was N. Peter Dee, 38. Police said Dee was not involved in the robberies but was wanted on a bad check charge.

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