

ROKs Say U.S. Will Withdraw Korean Divisions

SEOUL (AP)—South Korean national assemblymen said Wednesday night the United States plans to withdraw all but three U. S. divisions from Korea by the end of 1954. There are now six U. S. divisions in Korea.

The report was made during an emergency night session of the National Assembly which voted unanimously to oppose withdrawal.

An Army spokesman in Washington said he had heard nothing of plans for withdrawing part of the 8th Army from Korea.

Assembly Chairman Lee Ki Poong said South Korean representatives in Washington would discuss the matter with top U. S. officials Thursday.

Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Whang Sung So said the United States plans to pull out all but two U. S. divisions and one combined division of U. S. and other U.N. troops.

An informed source said President Syngman Rhee was advised by aides now in Washington that the U. S. National Security Council will make a decision "within two days."

ROK DEMANDS

Rhee and other ROK government officials long have demanded that three South Korean infantry divisions be formed for each U. S. division pulled out of South Korea.

Twenty South Korean divisions and seven divisions of U. S. and U.N. troops now are in South Korea.

Demonstrations against the reported withdrawal were being scheduled throughout South Korea tomorrow, official sources said.

An 8th Army spokesman refused to comment on the report.

BUILDING STRENGTH

"This is a time when South Korea must oppose any withdrawal of U.N. troops from Korea in view of the fact that the Communists are building their strength in the North," Lee said in a statement.

In Washington, an Army spokesman said he had heard nothing of any troop withdrawal from Korea.

Power Contract Books 'Open'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower says the books are open for inspection of a controversial power contract in the TVA area. Democratic National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell says he's glad Eisenhower is ready to disclose "the whole story behind the Dixon-Yates deal."

Mitchell's latest blast at the power contract came in a statement he issued in Chicago Tuesday night after Eisenhower had told his news conference he is astonished at Mitchell's criticism of the way the matter was handled.

The ruckus was stirred up on Monday when Mitchell—in a Chicago debate with Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall—charged that the President issued a personal order for award to the Dixon-Yates syndicate of a long term contract to sell power to the Atomic Energy Commission in the TVA area of the middle south.

Mitchell said Eisenhower did so over the protests of both the AEC and the Tennessee Valley Authority and without competitive bidding. And the Democratic Party leader mentioned in this connection the President's friendship with famed golfer Bobby Jones, an officer of one of the companies associated with the Dixon-Yates group.

The furor extended to capitol hill, where both Democrats and Republicans voiced doubt that the Eisenhower-Jones friendship had figured in the handling of the contract.

In Atlanta, Jones said he "resents the implication" that a company enjoyed presidential favor because he had stock in it.

The President said any of the newsmen present could go to the Budget Bureau or the AEC and get the complete record of the case.

Reporters were told at the two agencies that it would take a few days to get the material ready for publication.

Dr. Sheppard Re-Arrested, Returns to Jail

CLEVELAND (AP)—His freedom cut short by a first-degree murder indictment, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was back Wednesday in the jail cell he occupied from July 30 until Monday morning.

The 30-year-old osteopath was eating cherry pie in the kitchen of his father's home when sheriff's deputies came to re-arrest him. They let him finish eating.

He was there for supper after visiting with Chip, his 7-year-old son. The boy has been living with an uncle since the July 4 morning when his mother was clubbed to death in her bed.

The deputies arrived at the senior Sheppard's home an hour after six men and nine women grand jurors returned the indictment charging that the osteopath "unlawfully, purposely and of deliberate and premeditated malice, killed Marilyn Sheppard," his 31-year-old pregnant wife.

ARRAIGNMENT SET

Sheppard had been free on \$50,000 bail for 29 1/2 hours. During most of that time, the grand jury listened to a parade of 15 witnesses testifying on the case. They deliberated about 40 minutes.

Common Pleas Judge Arthur H. Day set 9:15 a.m. Friday for the arraignment of Sheppard, who will then enter a plea. Since his first arrest July 30, Sheppard has maintained his innocence and clung to his story that a prowler killed his wife and injured him in a fight.

The osteopath and his parents displayed no emotion as handcuffs were slipped over his wrists Tuesday night.

SHOPPING BAG

His mother rushed to fill a tan paper shopping bag with a red sweat shirt, blue hobby trousers and other clothing. She tucked in some oranges and bananas.

Sheppard kissed his mother as they stood in the front hall. His father grasped his hand and said: "Take care of yourself, son."

At the county jail, Sheppard showered, changed clothing and was returned to his old cell on the fourth floor.

Defense Atty. William J. Corrigan, waiting for him, complained that "it was unnecessary to pick him up now," since he was out on bond.

Corrigan, whose petition for bail won Sheppard's release Monday, said he would seek release on bail again at the arraignment.



WELCOME TO RED CHINA—Clement Attlee, left, former British prime minister and leader of a Labor Party delegation to Red China, gets a warm greeting from Communist China's Premier Chou En-lai at a reception in Peiping. In center is Chang Hsi-jo, president of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. High point in the exchange of "Chinese-British friendship" greetings at the reception was Chou's toast to the health of Queen Elizabeth II. This picture was originally from Peiping to Hong Kong for pro-Communist newspapers.

Lehi Skipper To Collect Equipment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Devere Baker, skipper of the ill-fated raft Lehi, prepared Wednesday to collect some \$7,000 worth of equipment salvaged from the abandoned raft by a generous fishing boat captain, Nils Farstad.

Farstad and his crew took off the raft equipment including a generator, lifeboat sextant, two compasses, a transmitter and other gear. Under maritime law he is entitled to keep whatever he found floating in the Pacific.

However, Farstad agreed Tuesday to return all the equipment and to charge Baker only a day's wages for his two crewmen who transferred the equipment from the raft off lower California.

Baker, who still hopes to sail his raft to Honolulu, if he can ever locate it, said Farstad's terms "were so fair — he charged me such a nominal price—that I hate to even mention it." He didn't.

Baker recently made a flying trip to one of the Guadalupe islands off the lower California coast but by the time he arrived the illusive raft had been swept out to sea again.

EXPLOSION KILLS CUBAN

HAVANA (AP)—Two bomb explosions in downtown Havana killed Enrique Martin Sanchez, 32-year-old member of the opposition Orthodox Party's executive committee, Tuesday night and wounded four other persons.

Senate Approves Hoover Jr. in Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Herbert Hoover Jr., 51, throwing aside an aversion to more desk work, has been appointed under secretary of state.

He was quickly approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after the White House announcement Tuesday night.

Senate confirmation was by unanimous consent shortly after it convened Wednesday.

Hoover would succeed Walter Bedell Smith as right-hand man to Secretary of State Dulles. Smith is retiring at 58 from the military — diplomatic career on which he embarked 43 years ago.

TO QUIT OCT. 1

He is due to quit about Oct. 1 to take an executive job in private industry.

In a letter to Dulles, he said of his reasons for resigning: "I am more overextended physically and financially than I had realized, and I cannot afford to give up the employment contract which I have been offered."

"I am very much honored," Hoover told reporters. But he would say no more pending final Senate action.

Hoover, a petroleum engineer, has been an adviser to Dulles for about a year. As a troubleshooter he recently won worldwide attention and praise for his part in settling the three-year-long British-Iranian oil dispute.

DISLIKES DESK WORK

His appointment caught many off guard. As recently as last

weekend—and for months before that—he had been saying he would not accept the position.

The under secretary's job involves a lot of paper work and associates said Hoover had a typical engineer's dislike of desk work.

Another factor was a basic disagreement over tariffs reported between Hoover, on the one hand, and Eisenhower and Dulles.

The President and the secretary have said that tariffs ought not to be allowed to hamper the flow of imports from trade-hungry nations lest those countries be forced to turn to the Soviet bloc to sell their goods. Hoover was understood to have felt duties should be high enough to reflect the difference between wage rates paid American workers and those paid foreign workers producing the same articles.

The tall and quietly affable Hoover was born in London in 1903. He is a 1925 graduate of Stanford and took his master's degree at Harvard in 1928. He has served for years as a special consultant to such oil-rich countries as Venezuela and Iran.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Smith became a private in the Indiana National Guard. He was then 15. In World War II, as a general, he served as chief of staff to Eisenhower.

He went to the State Department in 1953 after heading the Central Intelligence Agency.

He is going to be an executive vice president of American Machine Foundry Co.

Coffee Price Drop Expected

PORTLAND (AP)—Major coffee wholesalers and roasters here were expected to cut prices 10 cents per pound Wednesday as a result of the 5-cent drop in green coffee prices Monday.

A. V. Plumridge, plant manager for Folger Coffee Company, said his firm would cut wholesale prices from \$1.24 per pound to a list price of \$1.14 and a carload price of \$1.11. Hills Bros. and MJB announced similar cuts.

Many Portland retailers were selling coffee at \$1.15 per pound because of a competitive situation, and at least one grocery chain announced it would make the same cut at the retail level that it received from jobbers.

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