

ON CAPTURED AIRMEN?

President, Senator Exchange Views

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) exchanged views over the breakfast table Wednesday on "various problems" but the Senate Republican leader declined to say whether the matter of the American fliers imprisoned in Red China came up.

Knowland has called the United Nations mission to Peiping to seek release of the fliers a failure, and has declared he sees no conflict between that assertion and Eisenhower's counsel against "impetuous words" regarding the situation.

On leaving the White House Knowland told newsmen that he and the President "had an exchange of views on various problems, both domestic and foreign affairs."

He replied he would "have to let it stand at that" when a reporter asked whether efforts to win release of the airmen had been discussed.

"I am not at liberty to discuss details," Knowland said.

AN OPPORTUNITY

The visit did offer Knowland an opportunity, if he chose to use it, to try to win Eisenhower's support in his opposition to any major concessions to the Chinese Reds for the airmen's release. He suspects some such concessions may be implied in the negotiations carried on in the Communist capital by Dag Hammarskjöld, U.N. secretary general.

Hammarskjöld confers later in the morning with Secretary of State Dulles at a meeting credited in some quarters to Knowland's insistence that the administration look further into details of the U.N. official's recent conversations with Chou En-lai, Red China's Premier and foreign minister.

Previously, Hammarskjöld reported on his Peiping visit to Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., American ambassador to the U.N., who said he was "confident" of eventual release of the fliers.

On the basis of a second-hand briefing on Chou's statements, Dulles told a news conference Tuesday it was too early to say whether Hammarskjöld's mission was a success or a failure.

CITES 'FAILURE'

Knowland, who has said the U.N. official's efforts failed, declared in a Chicago speech Monday that Hammarskjöld "favors the admission of Red China into the United Nations."

Eisenhower has not indicated any willingness to bargain with the Communists. But to combat what he obviously believes is likely to become a U.N. move for concessions to the Reds, Knowland was reported ready to tell the President he is convinced nothing short of the free world's abandonment of Asia would satisfy the Peiping regime.

Pistol Waved At Army Chief

SEOUL (AP)—A Korean army major has been officially identified as the would-be assailant who Tuesday threatened the life of American Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. Far East Army chief. Quick thinking by ROK Army Chief of Staff Gen. Chung Il Kwon and two other ROK officers prevented the berserk officer from firing a .45 caliber pistol at Taylor.

They jumped the assailant as he waved the loaded gun back and forth across the briefing room at ROK army headquarters in Taegu.

He was carried from the room and the briefing continued. The major, identified as Kim Ki Ok, a 34-year-old combat veteran, later insisted he intended no harm to Taylor.

Government Spokesman Hong Koo Karl said, "It is believed the shock which came with his (the major's) disappointment with the armistice and the failure to achieve unification of Korea affected his mind."

Maj. Kim reportedly climbed through the window of Gen. Chung's briefing room, unnoticed until he pulled his weapon.

Kim is undergoing sanity tests and U.S. and ROK army investigators are probing the entire case.

FANCY WORDAGE
WATERBURY, Conn. (AP)—The 1955 budget lists the operation of the city dump under the title, "Bureau of Restricted Waste Disposal."

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Blizzard Shuts Vale Schools

VALE, Ore. (AP)—Blizzard conditions in Eastern Oregon closed the elementary and high school here Tuesday because deep snow drifts prevented school buses from making their rounds.

Snow plows were clearing rural routes, but the job was not expected to be completed in time for morning classes Wednesday. The elementary school at Adrian to the south was also closed.

Snow fell continuously Tuesday in the Vale-Ontario area, to a depth of about seven inches. Some 19 inches were reported 19 miles north of here, and there was considerable drifting in rural areas.

Two wreckers spent Tuesday pulling motorists up grades and out of ditches on Highway 30, about 25 miles north of Ontario.

Sikorsky Honored

LONDON (AP)—The British Institution of Mechanical Engineers has awarded the 1955 James Watt International Medal to Igor I. Sikorsky in recognition of his pioneer work in the development of various types of aircraft, particularly helicopters.

Fill'er Up? Nixon Mans Gas Pumps

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Nixon Wednesday returned to his first job, a filling station attendant, to help kick off the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio.

While he was in high school, and in the summers during his first years in college, Nixon helped in his father's store and filling station. In no time at all Wednesday he proved he hadn't lost his touch.

The big government owned, chauffeur driven Cadillac pulled into the driveway. Nixon got out, shed his topcoat and suit coat, put on a filling station attendant's mackinaw, and announced that as soon as he understood these newfangled gas pumps, he was ready for business.

"Our pumps were different," he said. "They were tall, with the gas up at the top. You'd watch the gas, and cut it off when it had reached the right number of gallons. There was no automatic computing machine then either. You had to be able to add and subtract."

Well, an attendant explained what gadgets to punch, and three girls in a convertible, who had been waiting around for that purpose, pulled up for service.

Well, in spite of the fact it was cold and windy in Washington, Nixon spent almost 30 minutes at his job. During the time, he posed with a couple of polio victims, Carol Vitello, age 5, and Alice Diggs, 3.

Finally Nixon said, "I gotta meet some people," shook hands all around, climbed into his Cadillac and left.

The March of Dimes was on its way.

Church Union Plan Beaten

Presbyterian Sects To Remain Separate

ATLANTA (AP)—Southern Presbyterians have defeated a plan to merge the three branches of the Presbyterian Church into the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

The Southerners started the present move 17 years ago after considerable debate and then finally voted against it Tuesday.

Church leaders generally were disappointed but remaining firm in the conviction that union of the three branches with a membership of 3½ million was inevitable in the next few years.

Tuesday 23 Southern Presbyteries (districts) voted on the suggestion to end the split which originally developed over the slavery question in 1861. The results: 14 against, 7 for, 2 still to be heard from.

Twelve negative and four positive votes had been cast in earlier balloting.

The 26 negative votes were more than enough to kill the plan. Only 22 were needed, as approval of three fourths of the 88 presbyteries was required for acceptance. However, voting will continue into April.

Approval would have united the 757,000-member Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

New Color TV Set Developed by CBS

NEW YORK (AP)—The start of production of what was described as the first 22-inch rectangular color television picture tube designed for mass output has been announced by the CBS-Hytron Division of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

Charles F. Stromeyer, president, said his firm had discontinued manufacture of its 19-inch round color tube that had been used in sets by Motorola and by CBS Columbia, another division of CBS.

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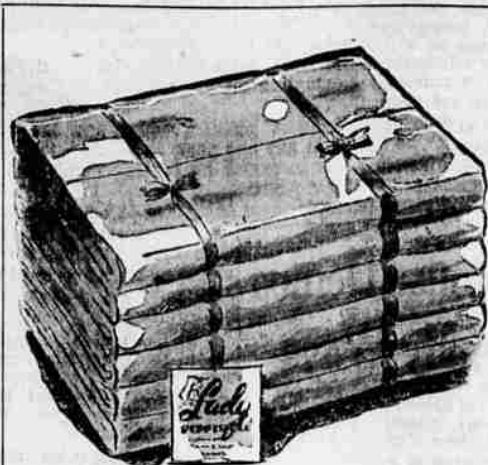
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