



TROUBLED TANKER—Aerial view shows Finnish tanker Aruba plying through Indian Ocean off south coast of Ceylon. The Aruba, carrying 13,000 tons of jet fuel, was bound for Communist China, but crewmen, fearful of being involved with Nationalist Chinese naval units, have refused to take the vessel beyond Singapore. Monday, Red China reportedly refused to send another tanker to pick up the Aruba's cargo.

Peiping Won't Send Tanker For Jet Fuel

HELSINKI, Finland—Red China has refused to send another tanker to pick up the Finnish vessel Aruba's disrupted jet fuel cargo, informed shipping sources said Monday.

Peiping reacted "very negatively" to the proposal for fear that Chinese Nationalist warships already lying in wait for the Aruba would capture the relief vessel, these sources said.

The Aruba's crew, in a new statement from the Finnish Seamen's Union, stood by its refusal to sail any further toward Red China than the Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal northwest of Singapore.

With the crew standing pat and the Communists refusing to come after the fuel, shipping sources said the Aruba probably would have to return to Red Rumania and hand back its cargo.

Sunday it was reported the Aruba might pump the fuel over its side into another tanker if the Communists would send one.

Rhee Gets U.S. Medal

SEOUL—South Korea's President Syngman Rhee Monday received the United States Medal of Freedom with Gold Palm from Gen. John E. Hull, retiring U. S. Far East Commander.

The citation praised the 79-year-old Rhee for "conspicuous determination and self-subjugation in the interest of his homeland."

"He has aided the cause of universal democracy and has advanced the date when a united Korea will take its rightful place among the free nations of the world."

Tuesday Hull will receive South Korea's highest military award from Rhee. Hull will be succeeded April 1 by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. 8th Army commander.

Stassen Asks Public For Suggestions

WASHINGTON—Harold E. Stassen wants the public to send him suggestions on how he could approach his new job as President Eisenhower's special assistant for disarmament.

Stassen, named to the new post created Saturday by Eisenhower, invited the public's ideas, suggestions and comments in an ABC radio-TV interview Sunday. Of his Cabinet-level job, Stassen said:

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House Committee Cuts Interior Funds

WASHINGTON—The House Appropriations Committee Monday cut more than 15 million dollars from appropriations asked for the Interior Department and related agencies. That was nearly 5 per cent under President Eisenhower's budget requests.

The committee recommended to the House a bill carrying \$298,271,246 to run the agencies for the year beginning July 1. That amount was \$15,081,810 below requests and \$3,203,380 less than current year appropriations.

BPA NOT INVOLVED

Annual funds for the Bureau of Reclamation and for Bonneville, Southeastern and Southwestern Power Administrations were not included but will be in another bill.

Heaviest cuts in requests included 5 million dollars for Alaska public works, 3 million for Alaskan road construction, 5 million for construction by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and 1 million for construction by the National Park Service.

The committee explained it approved the construction programs submitted but that there is money left over to carry out this work from previous appropriations.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

A \$400,000 administration request was recommended by the committee for a research program for development of low-cost processes for converting saline water to fresh water in sufficient quantities for municipal, industrial and agricultural uses.

Also approved was \$250,000—\$50,000 less than asked—for a new office of minerals mobilization being organized in the Interior Department to provide coordination and advice to the government on metals and minerals.

Other agencies, appropriations recommended for 1955-56, current year appropriations, budget estimates and amounts of decreases or increases for the next year include:

Land Management Bureau—\$15,700,000; \$12,263,000; \$14,763,000; decrease \$200,000.
Bureau of Indian Affairs—\$68,510,856; \$65,250,146; \$71,710,856; decrease \$5,200,000.

SURVEY FUNDS
Geological Survey—\$26,285,000; \$25,735,000; \$26,285,000; none.
Bureau of Mines—\$18,863,000; \$25,500,000; \$18,863,000; none.
National Park Service—\$43,650,000; \$32,825,000; \$44,650,000; decrease \$1,000,000. Of the total, \$3,725,000 plus unobligated funds would be for construction.

Fish and Wildlife Service—\$11,387,000; \$11,453,000; \$11,605,500; decrease \$218,500.
Office of Territories—\$19,000,000; \$32,300,000; \$28,024,000; decrease \$9,024,000.
Indian Claims Commission—\$119,500; \$117,000; \$119,500; none.

New York Model Drops 'Torso' Suit
NEW YORK—Lyn Jones, a blonde model from Queens, has dropped her \$100,000 suit against RKO Pictures, the studio announced Monday.

The buxom, 21-year-old model had claimed that RKO used without her consent a picture of her body with the head of Jane Russell to promote the film "Underwater."

The studio announcement said no settlement was involved in the withdrawal and that Miss Jones admitted it was "all a mistake."

There was no immediate comment by Miss Jones.

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Nations Okay Soviet Offer

Red Technicians To Help Natives

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Russia finally has found takers for 2 million dollars in aid she has offered for the last 2 years through the U. N. technical assistance program.

Six countries were reported Monday to have accepted Soviet help this year in improving their economies. They will be sent Russian technicians or equipment, or will send their own experts to Russia for training.

3 IDENTIFIED

Three of the nations were identified as Burma, India and Indonesia. Two others were understood to be in the Middle East and the third in Latin America.

Some 10 projects were reported involved. They include machine tools and technicians for an electronic calculating machine factory in India, equipment for water development in the same country and a low-cost housing exhibit in Latin America.

Russia gave the technical assistance program 4 million rubles for 1954—the equivalent, at the official rate, of 2 million dollars all told.

RUBLES GOING FAST

She first attached strings to the money. Then they were untied, and she waited for somebody to show interest. Now the leftover 1953-54 rubles are going fast, and the Soviet government has pledged another 4 million for this year.

Half the rubles on hand already have been allocated for projects to be carried out by the Technical Assistance Administration and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The rest is expected to be used in projects of the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization, for which allocations still are pending.

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I have been advised that you are one of the principal stockholders of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, which controls 65.44% of the Shell Oil Company of the United States. Since you are known as a very benevolent ruler, I am sure that you are not familiar with the deplorable conditions existing with the small independent Gasoline Service Station Operator in this country.

It seems that Shell Oil Company of this country has decided to eliminate the Independent Operator of this country. Certainly, we, the small operators, would not object if the oil companies would lower the wholesale prices on gasoline so that we could still make the profit necessary to operate a business. But the method they are now using is to lower the retail price of gasoline below wholesale; and in many cases below our costs, which is a very simple means of eliminating us from business.

One of our larger independents advised the public that if this condition continued he would close up and go fishing. He is one of the better-off operators in our business. With me it's different. I can't afford to go fishing because I have a large family to support and would have to try to obtain some other means of livelihood.

We, the people of the United States, have given, and are giving extensive financial aid to your country; which we do not regret, because we feel that the Netherlands has a very vital position in world affairs today.

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