

# U.S. Proposal Backs Neutrality of Laos

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is ready to submit a future aid to the royal Laos government to the screening of a neutral nations' watchdog commission.

This evidence of full U.S. support for a genuinely neutral Laos was made known Tuesday by authoritative government sources.

They said the offer had been transmitted to King Savang Vatthana of Laos, the Soviet Union and neutral nations in Southeast Asia. The king has called for the neutrality of Laos.

If the neutral government of Laos decided to accept Communist aid, diplomatic sources said it would be expected that such aid also would be subject to screening by the Neutral Nations Commission.

# Morse Raps Colonialism

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said Monday "the United States branded itself as a supporter of colonialism" by its voting record at the United Nations General Assembly last fall.

He blamed this on the influence of the Pentagon and some U.S. allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), particularly Great Britain.

Morse, a member of the U.S. delegation, submitted a detailed report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his assignment to the trusteeship committee of the assembly.

He said he regretted to report that on the major issues involving colonialism, "the U.S. delegation was directed by our State Department to side with the colonial powers, and against the proposals to end colonialism."

"This opposition customarily took the form of an abstention from voting, which on these issues still amounts to placing the United States on the side of the colonial powers."

Morse called this very costly to U.S. standing and prestige within the U.N. He said it must be changed at the next General Assembly session "if we are to have any hope of winning the confidence and goodwill of the many non-Communist, neutral and uncommitted nations."

"This record was especially unfortunate because it contrasted sharply with our opposition to the Communist brand of colonialism," he added.

Morse said he suspects that "in the background of many wrong votes by the United States on anti-colonial resolutions there exists a supported military need for a base or a missile tracking station."

"There is a growing reaction in many parts of the world that American foreign policy is dictated too much by the military policies of the Pentagon," he said. "I share that fear."

# Projects OK'd At Willamette

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Willamette University Board of Trustees meeting at First Methodist Church here Monday approved campus projects totaling nearly \$100,000.

The board authorized development of a new intramural playing field and four new tennis courts in the new South Campus area.

The area is to be named for Dr. Frank Brown, first athletic director of the school. The improvements will be financed from the university's share in Dr. Brown's estate, estimated to be more than \$500,000.

Board charges will be raised \$20 per student a semester next year, the board said. The boost would meet increased charges in a new contract with Saga, a food service firm which handles all dormitory meals.

# Senate Approves Travel Service

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Monday passed an administration-supported bill to authorize a major effort to persuade more foreign tourists to visit the United States.

The measure, which would set up a top-level U. S. travel service under an assistant secretary of commerce, was approved by voice vote and sent to the House.

Its leading sponsor, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., urged its passage as one answer to the outflow of dollars which has been cutting steadily into U. S. gold reserves.

# Astoria Woman Killed in Mishap

ASTORIA (AP)—A car struck and killed Mrs. Susan Allen, 78, of Astoria, as she walked across a street in the rain here late Monday night.

The driver of the car, Earl Byron Stoner, 32, Astoria, was quoted by police as saying the woman loomed suddenly in front of him and that he tried to swerve the auto but was unable to avoid hitting her.

Police said Mrs. Allen, who was wearing dark clothing, was dead on arrival at a hospital.

It was Oregon's 53rd traffic fatality of the year, and the 19th in February, in the Associated Press tabulation.

# Season's Heaviest Snowfall Hits Southwest

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lubbock, a city of 128,691, was virtually paralyzed by a foot of snow and Lovington, N. M., was stranded by a 16-inch fall.

Visibility was reported near zero during the height of the storm.

Snow mixed with rain fell during the morning in Lubbock, with temperatures at freezing. Fifty students and 15 teachers were forced to spend the night in a school in nearby Woolforth. Roads were virtually impassable.

Two traffic deaths in the Lubbock area were blamed on the storm.

Other heavy snowfalls in Texas included 15 inches in Plains, 14 in Denver City and 10 in Morton. In Hobbs, N.M., the fall measured 9 inches.

Early thaws of heavy snows and recent heavy rains overflowed

many streams in the East, South and Midwest.

The swollen Allegheny River, carrying a 15-mile-long ice gorge, crested well below flood stage in Pittsburgh Monday night. The gorge appeared to be thinning out as it moved downstream. The Allegheny reached the 21.5-foot level and then began falling. Flood stage in Pittsburgh is 25 feet.

Ice jams also threatened flooding on the Des Moines River upstream from Ottumwa, Iowa. Thousands of acres of land were under water in Calhoun and Chickasaw counties in Mississippi, hit by 10 inches of rain in three days.

The lower Potomac River was near flood stage north of Washington, D.C., due to the melting of heavy snow in Virginia and Maryland. Minor overflows were reported on the James River near Richmond. Several streams in Alabama have risen as much as 30 feet in three days.

Rain and storms raked areas in the South Monday night. Small tornadoes damaged a few buildings and uprooted trees in scattered areas of Mississippi and Marengo County, Ala.

The rain belt spread into the Ohio Valley and middle Atlantic Coast states.

# Fund Bill Offered

SALEM (AP)—A bill introduced Monday in the House of Representatives would appropriate \$25,000 from the state highway fund for use in connection with the 150th anniversary of the founding of Astoria. The bill was introduced by Rep. William Holmstrom, D-Gearhart, and Sen. Dan Thiel, D-Astoria.

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