

Nehru Affirms Border Pledge

NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru assured Parliament Wednesday that his government remains determined to drive the Chinese Communists from "the sacred soil" of India.

His statement came as Parliament considered the proposals of six nonaligned nations trying to mediate the border war. Some Indian legislators have feared Nehru might make concessions.

Nehru said that Peking has not accepted in full the proposals drafted at a Colombo, Ceylon, meeting and India will never agree to talks with Communist China until they are accepted.

The prime minister emphasized that Parliament's resolution of last November pledging to drive out the Chinese aggressors remains the basis of government policy.

"We are determined to carry it out no matter how long it may take," he said.

Nehru said any preliminary talks agreed to would not touch on the merits of the border dispute with the Chinese.

Nehru told Parliament he had just received from the Ceylonese prime minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, a message that the Chinese had accepted the proposals in principle but had said some point should be settled in direct talks with India.

"We are clear there can be no talks between officials of the two governments unless China accepts in total the Colombo Conference proposals with their clarifications," Nehru said.

The Colombo proposals, formulated at a meeting of six non-aligned nations in the Ceylonese capital, called for a stabilization of the disputed border territories to be followed by talks between the Chinese and Indians to work out a border settlement.

Republican Wins Race

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—Republican Don Clausen, who lost to a dead Democratic congressman last November, easily won a special election in California's 1st Congressional District Tuesday over the late congressman's aide.

Unofficial returns gave Clausen 79,340 to 65,817 for Democrat William F. Grader, field representative for the late Rep. Clem Miller. John C. Stuart, a Democrat the party tried to keep off the ballot, got 1,651.

Miller was killed in a campaign plane crash last fall but his name remained on the Nov. 6 ballot and he was re-elected posthumously by 3,817 votes over Clausen.

Clausen carried all six counties Tuesday in the district which stretches up California's north coast from the Golden Gate to the Oregon border.

By winning the nation's first congressional race since November, Clausen becomes the 14th Republican in California's 38-man delegation in the House. Clausen's victory makes the House lineup 258 Democrats, 177 Republicans.



(AP Wirephoto)

Irr-eggular

A letter carrier discovered this egg inside a deposit box in Louisville, Ky. The egg had been mailed from Louisville to Pvt. Peter H. Wright, Fort Knox, Ky., which is 30 miles from Louisville. Postal officials said they wouldn't move the egg any closer to the addressee but that they would hold it for Wright who planned to pick it up this weekend, if he can get a pass.

Tito Receives Bid

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Tito has been invited to visit Algeria "as soon as possible" by that nation's premier, Ahmed Ben Bella, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

OSU Awarded Grant

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad, R-Ore., said Wednesday the Atomic Energy Commission has awarded a \$48,242 grant to Oregon State University for biological studies.

School Board Refuses To Ban 'Filthy' Books

EDGERTON, Wis. (AP)—The school board denied parents' demands Tuesday night to stop high school classes from reading such "filthy" books as "The Ugly American" and "1984."

"We are no longer living in the age of Longfellow," a board member said.

The parents, led by Mrs. Edwin Thacker, had attempted to get the school board to ban class readings of "filthy" and "vulgar" books. They named such books as J. D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye," Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," George Orwell's "1984," John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," Fyodor Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment," and "The Ugly American" by William Lederer and Eugene Burdick.

About 450 persons attended a two-hour meeting which ended with a terse statement by board President Thomas Houle in support of the continued use of the books.

"We are 100 per cent behind the teachers and staff

of the high school," Houle said. "We are no longer living in the age of Longfellow," said

attorney John Rothe. "We can't keep a fence around our children."

The Rev. Wayne Turner, a Roman Catholic priest, disagreed.

"Parents have the right to put a fence around their children," he said, "and I will back them in this right!"

"The parents definitely have a right to object to what their children are being taught," Father Turner said.

"I, a priest, must object to three books on moral grounds—'The Catcher in the Rye,' '1984,' and 'Brave New World.'"

One woman said the books in question were "demoralizing literature inspired by the Communists." She said everyone ought to read J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" to learn what she was talking about.

School authorities said the six books were on a reading list approved for college preparatory study by the National Council of English Teachers. The books are used in advanced senior literature classes.

They said Frost, 88, who underwent surgery Dec. 10 for a urinary tract obstruction and then suffered a heart attack, said of Soviet Premier Khrushchev: "We were charmed with each other. I'm very fond of him. He's a lovable man. I could talk out to him and he could talk out to me."

The three are Mme. Frida Lurye, novelist Valentin Katayev, and playwright Viktor Rozov.

Hardware Assn. Elects Officers

PORTLAND (AP)—The Pacific Northwest Hardware and Implement Assn. elected officers Tuesday and called for a Sunday closing law in both Oregon and Washington.

Elected president was Dale M. Bergh, Gresham, Ore.

Named vice presidents were John Weber, Odell, Ore., and Harry F. Higgins, Moses Lake, Wash.

In other resolutions, the organization favored repeal of the Oregon inventory tax and strengthening of the Washington unfair trade practices act.

Mother Waits Decision On Deportation

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP)—A former Englishwoman and her American husband took their baby home from a hospital Tuesday as prospects brightened for her to avoid threatened deportation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brown have faced an uncertain future since the Immigration Service ruled last year that she didn't get American citizenship automatically by marrying Brown after she came here as an exchange teacher from England.

Mrs. Brown was first ordered to return to England by last Dec. 9. The deadline was lifted when it was learned the baby was on the way but was set again tentatively for Feb. 15.

While the Browns were going home Tuesday with the new daughter, Alisa Anne, the Immigration Service director in Seattle was taking a sympathetic view.

John P. Boyd Jr., the service's regional director, said arrangements are being made so Mrs. Brown can ask for reconsideration.

He said this would get "sympathetic consideration" and perhaps a waiver of the deportation order.

Anyway, Mrs. Brown said her doctor wouldn't permit her to travel for at least six weeks.

Utilities Assigned Service Areas

SALEM (AP)—Applications for exclusive utility service areas have been granted to Portland General Electric Co. and to Consumers Power Inc., of Corvallis, Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill announced.

PGE was given areas in northern Marion and Polk counties, most of Yamhill and Washington counties, southern Columbia County, and Multnomah and Clackamas counties, except for cities served either by city systems or by two distributors.

PGE also was given a remote area territory along the west side of the Cascades.

Consumers—a federally financed cooperative—was given exclusive service areas in Benton, Linn, eastern Lincoln, northern Lane, and southern Marion counties, as well as 750 square miles along the Cascades that presently are unserved.

Excavation Team Discovers Scraper

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Scientists announced Tuesday the discovery of a man-made stone scraper in earth strata known to be 11,000 years old.

Richard Shutler, curator of anthropology at the Nevada State Museum and leader of the excavation team, said the discovery was made at Tule Springs in an excavation 10 feet deep.

He said the quartz rock scraper was used by prehistoric man as a tool, probably to scrape animal hides.

Projects Planned

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Wednesday that six projects representing a total investment of some \$2,125,000 were started or planned in Oregon in December.



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