

# Ethiopia Willing to Grant U.S. Bases Flanking Egypt

## Selassie Requests More Aid From Nixon

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—Emperor Haile Selassie is reported favorable to a U.S. request for Ethiopian bases flanking Egypt—provided Ethiopia gets more American aid.

Vice President Nixon during his current visit has pressed the American request for an Air Force communications base and anchorage facilities at the Red Sea port of Massawa. Word of the American aims brought immediate reaction from Moscow and Cairo.

Warned by Russia  
Russia was said to have warned Ethiopia it might get embroiled in a major war, alerting the United States wants to store atomic and hydrogen bombs on Ethiopian soil.

Egypt's President Nasser sent a special envoy to Addis Ababa before Nixon arrived, reportedly with an urgent request for the Emperor to visit Cairo. Nasser views the vice president's African tour as part of a concentrated U.S. attempt to isolate Egypt from her neighbors.

The American request, according to well-informed sources, included the right to anchor three warships at Massawa in peacetime and more in any common war effort. Warships there would be in a strategic position to back up American and Israeli claims to navigation rights in the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba, some 600 miles to the north.

May Force Showdown  
There has been considerable speculation that the United States would force a showdown by trying to send ships through the gulf after Egypt reoccupied the Gulf of Aqaba coast. The closest other bunkering port open to the Americans is the British colony of Aden 300 miles south of Massawa and just outside the Red Sea.

Nixon and Haile Selassie conferred for almost two hours yesterday, and the vice president was understood to have gone over the question of American bases.

Nixon told newsmen he and the Emperor had discussed increased "United States activity." He declined to go further on security grounds.

The vice president lauded Ethiopia as "one of the United States' most stalwart and consistent allies." He expressed confidence the country would not succumb to Red blandishments, even though it was a "major target of Communist influence."

Nixon left by plane Wednesday for a one-day visit to Sudan, sixth country on his tour. After the three-hour flight to Khartoum, he was to confer with Sudanese leaders on the Suez Canal, development of the Nile River and other problems.

**Taxers Seize Property From Medford Pair**  
MEDFORD (UP)—More than one million dollars worth of property owned by Walter and Evelyn Leverette was seized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue here yesterday in one of the largest tax seizures ever recorded in Oregon.

Federal agents nailed notices of seizure on the Leverette buildings in downtown Medford and on the buildings of Orchard Park farms and Table Top ranches in the Table Rock district. Included in the seizure was the large residence of the Leverettes south of Medford.

## Beck at Press Conference



SEATTLE—Teamsters President Dave Beck, under fire from congressional investigators looking into affairs of the sprawling union he heads, tells reporters he will appear before Senate committee inquiring into alleged rackets in labor unions but will not produce personal financial records without permission of his attorney. Beck said he "might" take the Fifth amendment if inquiry turns to personal finances. (AP Wirephoto)

### TELLS OF BIG DEALS

## Is Dave Beck Millionaire? He Won't Say, But Boasts

By JAMES HUTCHESON

SEATTLE (AP)—Is Dave Beck a millionaire, as he oftentimes has been described?

The Teamsters Union president wouldn't say yes and he wouldn't say no to newsmen here last night.

"It's as easy to say Beck is a millionaire as it is to say he has \$200," said the volatile onetime truck driver in answering questions about his financial status as head of the nation's largest labor union.

Then, at his first news conference since his hurried flight from Europe under the pressure of Senate investigators, he listed some of the real estate deals that he said had brought him a tidy fortune.

He did it while asserting that if the special Senate committee for investigating alleged labor union rackets tries to pry into his personal financial affairs, he is prepared to invoke the Fifth Amendment unless his attorneys advise him otherwise.

As to union affairs, including the union's purchase of his swank lakeside home for \$163,000, Beck said he will be ready to testify freely "the minute they tell me of a date" to appear in Washington.

He insisted his record as head of the union and as a financier is clean.

But, he declared, any probing into his personal finances would affect other people—his associates and his wife—and "it is far removed from union affairs."

Of his good fortune in real estate, he said:

"I sold one tract at a profit of \$130,000. The teamsters had nothing to do with that."

"I actually am working for nothing," because, at 62, he qualified last June for retirement at full salary.

He declared he "positively" intends to seek another term.

The Senate committee has indicated a desire to quiz him on reports that unions funds may have helped pay for building the home which the union bought from him and now provides rent-free and tax-free.

Beck's retort: "There is no iota of truth to it."

He added:

"I am not concerned about any inquiry into the house. The Teamsters' Union for 20 years has provided a residence for its general president. It provided two for Dan Tobin (Beck's predecessor) — one in Miami Beach and one in Massachusetts. I sold the Miami Beach house for the union recently for \$100,000. I refused to move to Miami Beach. That's why the union bought this one."

Beck denounced testimony against some Northwest Teamsters' Union leaders, in connection with the inquiry into Portland vice conditions, as "a stench in the nostrils of decent minded people."

He said the testimony from "prostitutes, gamblers and narcotics users" never would be allowed in court without more substantiation.

Approved a lease of space in the lone Plaza apartment building for Portland State administrative offices. The four-year lease would cost \$6,500 annually.

Welcomed new board member J. W. Forrester, Pendleton. He was appointed recently to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bernard Mainwaring.

## 'Fatal Candy' Mailed Negro Blues Singer

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Police said today that someone sent a box of chocolates to blues singer Dinah Washington that could have proved fatal had she eaten them. The chocolates contained slivers of glass.

The 32-year-old Negro singer, appearing at Zardi's here, only learned about the chocolates yesterday. Detective Sgt. Mark Nolan said.

She had received the 1 1/2-pound box through the mail two days ago and gave them to a friend, Mrs. Ann Moore. Mrs. Moore put into one of the chocolates, discovered the glass and returned the box to Miss Washington who called police.

Enclosed with the candy was a typewritten note:

"My tail is short as you can see, goodbye to you from me."

It was signed "Yasha."

Miss Washington said she had no idea who the sender could be. U.S. postal inspectors have been called into the case, police said.

Jack Gordon, Zardi's manager, said the nightclub features white and Negro jazz musicians and singers. Audiences also are mixed here. He scoffed at any idea that the plot was aimed at Miss Washington because of her race.

Adm. Byrd died Monday night in his home here after a lingering illness. He was 68.

## House to Ask President How To Cut Budget

### Demos to Make Byrd's Recommendations Their Target

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) said today Senate Democrats will make "least essential" spending their prime target in a drive for "substantial" cuts in President Eisenhower's \$71,800,000,000 budget.

Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, said forthcoming recommendations of Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) of the Senate House Committee on Nonessential Federal Expenditures will be made the basis for a Democratic economy campaign.

219 - 178 Vote  
Johnson disclosed this plan after the House voted 219-178 last night to ask Eisenhower to point out where "substantial" reductions could be made in his record peacetime budget.

Countering this, the Conference of All Republican Senators unanimously adopted at about the same time a resolution saying they were "in accord with the President's recommendation that Congress reduce the budget wherever possible."

As their House colleagues had contended in lining up almost solidly against the House-passed resolution, the GOP senators said that "the appropriation of funds for federal government activities is the constitutional responsibility of Congress."

Likely to Ignore Action  
Eisenhower has said that it is Congress' duty to cut his budget if it can, and he is expected to ignore yesterday's House action, which has no force of law.

The House resolution, supported by 209 Democrats and 10 Republicans, said cuts must be made "in the public interest." It requested Eisenhower to "indicate the places and amounts in his budget where he thinks reductions may best be made."

Against the measure were 3 Democrats and 175 Republicans. Some of the latter accused the Democrats of "buck passing."

Final passage came after 160-142 rejection of a Republican substitute by Rep. Gubser of California. He proposed commending Eisenhower and Budget Director Brundage for their request to government agencies to review their budgets and report where savings could be made.

Keith Cobo, chairman of the Oregon Motor Court Association legislative committee, favored the bill as efficient and enforceable and said that proper mufflers do not reduce truck power or raise trucking costs prohibitively.

Trucker representative Bob Knipe said the industry was very much aware of the noise problem, but would like to see an interim committee set up to study the whole noise picture before action was taken.

Rep. John Kerbow, Klamath Falls Democrat, said that 80 per cent of the trucking companies were making a good effort to reduce noise to acceptable levels.

Motor Vehicles Department official Don Neave testified that the department was not now equipped to set up standards and enforce them.

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## MEET THE LEGISLATORS



SEN. G. D. GLEASON

Senator Genard D. Gleason was one of the five Democrats sent to the Oregon senate from Multnomah county at the last election. He served in the House in 1951 and 1955.

Sen. Gleason is employed by the Pacific Telephone company. He was born in Seneca, Kan., Jan. 17, 1907. His family moved to Corvallis in 1909 and Sen. Gleason attended schools at Corvallis, Salem and Gresham, where he won his high school diploma.

In 1927 he was married to Alta Collins, registered nurse of Lebanon. They have daughter and son, who served three years in the navy. He finished law studies at Northwestern College of Law but never took bar examinations.

Sen. Gleason is a member of communications local, AFL-CIO, past president of Kansas state society, past regional vice president Samuel F. B. Morse club and member of Telephone Pioneers, Sigma Nu Phi fraternity.

**Quake in New Zealand**  
AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—An earthquake shook a wide area between Christchurch and Wellington Wednesday.

## House Group Hears Truck Noise Views

By DICK HUMPHREY  
United Press Staff Correspondent

House bill 599 requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to set minimum noise levels for trucks and other motor vehicles and prohibiting vehicles from running with "cut out" or deficient mufflers was thrashed over by the House Highways Committee yesterday.

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## 5 Bomb Scares Stir Search of 36 Planes On Nation's Airlines

NEW YORK (AP)—Five bomb scares Tuesday and Tuesday night caused five major airlines to search 36 planes in 10 cities in the East, Midwest and South. No bomb was found but some 1,000 passengers encountered delays of up to an hour.

Trans World Airlines had 28 planes searched in a four-hour period after receiving a hoax call at its Manhattan ticket office in early afternoon.

Twenty-two of the planes were searched at New York's two airports, Idlewild and LaGuardia, and at Newark, N.J.

Another six planes were ordered out of the air and told to land at their nearest airports. These planes set down at Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Cleveland.

TWA officials swung into action after an anonymous young male caller telephoned this threat:

"There's a bomb on your plane. You better get it off." Then the caller hung up.

Since no particular plane was singled out as the bomb target, TWA officials took all precautions. American Airlines, on the basis of a telephoned threat received by its Philadelphia office, had one of its twin-engine Convairs searched as it landed here last night on a flight from Boston. A woman caller said 12 sticks of dynamite had been placed on an American Convair flying from Boston to New York.

Three Delta Airlines planes were searched last night at Newark, Houston, Tex., and Charlotte, N.C. The airline reported it had received a telephoned bomb threat at its Philadelphia office, saying that a bomb was aboard a plane bound for Newark.

Investigators combed through 300 pieces of luggage taken off three United Air Lines planes in Philadelphia without finding anything after a man called the company's office Tuesday night and said: "There's a bomb in the cargo pit of your next plane coming into International Airport."

Shortly before midnight while FBI and police investigators were at the Philadelphia airport, Eastern Airlines received a call. An Eastern plane bound for Miami was delayed a half-hour while it was searched.

Women Drivers Get 1st Chance In Economy Run  
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Women drivers finally get a chance to prove—officially—that the males who have maligned their driving ability for years are wrong.

For the first time in the history of the Mobilgas Economy Run, women drivers will be allowed to compete against the men this year.

Art Pillsbury, U.S. Auto Club official, said:

"There's hardly a woman driver in the country who doesn't think she can outdrive many men. The 1957 run will give them a chance."

The contest will be held April 14-18. The course is from Los Angeles to Sun Valley, Idaho, with three overnight stops. (a22 1blyl) bu 12

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## Airmen 'War' On Juveniles

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—A police report that more than 75 airmen were cruising central Marin County roads last night seeking revenge on juvenile gangs brought out a riot squad of some 25 Air Police from Hamilton Air Force Base.

The Air Police stopped 12 carloads of airmen and sent them back to the base. Four men from the field were arrested.

The bad feeling between airmen and juveniles grew from a drive-in melee early Sunday in which 40 teenagers roughed up three soldiers.

## Roseburg Man Electrocutted

ROSEBURG (AP)—A 33-year-old Roseburg man was killed by electric shock Tuesday morning while showing a new employee through the Roseburg Lumber Co., Dillard, where the victim was a master electrician.

Coroner L. L. Powers said David H. Hutson was demonstrating an electronic glue in the company's plywood plant. He reached inside the machine, and 5,000 volts of electricity passed through his body when he touched the case.

Other plant employees applied artificial respiration unsuccessfully.

The widow and a son survive Hutson.

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