

Taft Harmony Offers Rejected

REDS GIVEN FACE-SAVING OUT ON PRISONER ISSUE

Enemy Suggests Secret Sessions To Seek Solution

Lone Paragraph Awaits Decision

Panmunjon, Korea—(UP)—The United Nations told the Communists at resumption of armistice talks Tuesday there is a "face-saving" way out of the prisoner exchange deadlock.

A Red propagandist at the same time suggested secret sessions to work out a solution.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief Allied negotiator, spent 20 minutes of today's 29-minute meeting—the first in four days—in a carefully prepared exposition pointing out both sides actually are close to agreement. One solution waited.

Harrison noted the armistice document has 63 paragraphs. Agreement has been reached on 62, except for minor details, he said. The one paragraph awaiting solution is No. 51, covering prisoner exchange.

"It seems clear that if the prisoner of war issue is settled, an armistice will result without delay," he said.

However, he said, "We have in our custody prisoners of war whom we cannot return to you without repudiating our basic principles."

Refers To UN Stand

He was referring to the U. N. stand on voluntary repatriation—allowing prisoners to return to the Communist side only if they are willing to go.

The "face-saving" part of the U. N. final offer of April 28, he said, provided that prisoners who do not wish to return to Communism be reclassified. He suggested new lists to be handed over when an armistice is agreed upon exclude their names.

No Direct Reply

Thus, the Reds in effect would get back all "prisoners of war." North Korean Gen. Nam Il did not reply directly to Harrison's statement. He simply repeated that the Communists want the return of all 170,000 prisoners now held. All but 70,000 have told the U. N. they would forcibly resist repatriation.

Grocers Association Secretary Dies Here

Val Truax, 64, secretary of the Southern Oregon Grocers Association for the past 12 years, died at a local hospital Monday. Mr. Truax had been a resident of Oregon for approximately 60 years and had lived at the Medford hotel for the past 14 years.

Mr. Truax was born Sept. 8, 1887, in Boston, Mass. He operated the Truax Grocery store in Grants Pass for about 30 years before moving to Medford. As secretary of the grocers association, he was well known in the Grants Pass and Medford areas.

Mr. Truax is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Coleman, El Segundo, Calif. Perfunctory home is in charge of private services.

Police Will Enforce Ban on Fireworks

The state law and city ordinance against fireworks will be enforced by the city police during the Independence day week, Police Chief Clatous McCredie said this morning.

Chief McCredie said children possessing outlawed fireworks will be picked up. Caps and sparklers are not included in the state ban on fireworks.

The police haven't yet received any fireworks complaints, McCredie said. He added that he doesn't expect many fireworks to be used here this year.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 50, high Wednesday 80 to 85.

TEMPERATURE: Highest Yesterday 78, Lowest This Morning 48.

BULLETINS

Houston, Tex.—(UP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York Tuesday demanded that press, radio and television be admitted to all Republican National Convention hearings on Taft-Eisenhower delegation contests.

Washington—(UP)—Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall said Tuesday he intends to turn down a request for a \$5.50-a-ton price increase asked by the Weirton Steel Co., Weirton, W. Va. Arnall said he still sticks to his position that all the steel industry is entitled to is \$3 a ton, whether or not it settles the steel wage dispute.

Police Set Up Base Camp in Search For Murder Suspect

A detachment of state police officers has set up a base camp in the rugged wilds of northern Jackson county in their search for 67-year-old George Baker Dunkin, wanted for the murder of a Medford state police officer.

Capt. Paul Parson, commanding officer of the police district here, said that Sgt. Mark O. Sullivan is in charge of the party of six men, who are "assigned to hunt for Dunkin until they find him."

Supplies for the semi-permanent camp have been brought in, the captain said, and the men are on 24-hour assignment to continue a dogged hunt of the forest and brushland near the Jackson-Douglas county border where Dunkin is still believed to be hiding out.

No New Developments

Sullivan, an experienced game law enforcement officer, has reported by radio that there have been no new developments in the search for Dunkin.

The search for the elderly prospector-trapper began a week ago today, when Officer Phil Lowd was shot and killed when he and a forest service man were near Dunkin's mountain cabin to investigate reports that a forest service trail repair crew had been fired upon.

State Officer Austin Murry flew over the 50-square-mile area yesterday morning and afternoon, in hopes of sighting some sign of the wanted man, and was in the air in a light plane again this morning.

Cloud Seeding Ban Will Go on Ballot

The Jackson county clerk's office reported today that enough signatures had been obtained on a petition to place before the voters in November the question of cloud-seeding in the county.

The measure would make it against the law for independent interests to engage in cloud-seeding for weather control within the county. It was proposed by the Moisture Conservation League, composed chiefly of dry land farmers and stockmen.

The clerk's office reported a total of 2,357 signatures. The number required to place the issue on the ballot was 2,000.

Steelworkers Union Schedules Meeting

New York—(UP)—Reliable sources said Tuesday that CIO United Steelworkers representatives will meet here this week with officials of at least two major steel companies in a new effort to settle the month-old steel strike.

The report was neither confirmed nor denied by spokesmen for the union, which has lowered a curtain of secrecy over its negotiating activities.

However, the executive committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which represents the "Big Six" of the steel industry, is scheduled to meet in New York Wednesday. This might be the occasion for a new effort toward agreement in the dispute which has idled 600,000 steel workers.

Taft Completely Disavows Attacks On Eisenhower

Candidate Sees Attempt To Hurt Him

Chicago—(UP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft Tuesday strongly denounced and completely disavowed the so-called "hate monger" attacks on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, his chief rival for the Republican presidential nomination.

The Ohio senator said in a news conference some of it seems to be "a deliberate attempt to try to hurt me."

Not By Taft Supporters

"Certainly this spreading of prejudice is not being done by Taft supporters," he said.

"I disavow it and completely denounce it."

He said persons who are spreading prejudice should be thrown out of the party.

Taft said he believes everything is running smoothly and he was highly pleased over his prospects of victory when the convention gets around to making its presidential nomination next week.

Similar Defeat Seen

He noted that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is here Wednesday night, presumably to take charge of the Eisenhower campaign, and it increased his fear that the general's nomination would lead to the same kind of defeat Dewey suffered in 1949.

The senator said he had talked to Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, the platform drafting chairman, about ideas on both domestic and foreign policy, but has not submitted any specific recommendations.

Fire Regulations In Effect Today

Forest fire control regulations went into effect today throughout the Rogue River National Forest, according to Fire Control Officer Verus Dahlin. Under the regulations, no smoking is permitted while traveling except on paved or surfaced highways; campfire permits are required except at posted camps, and axe, bucket and shovel are required equipment for camping at non-posted camps.

Campfire permits are required for campers this year for the first time since 1949. No campfire permits will be required at regular camping spots on national forest land. Signs designating such camp spots will be posted soon, according to Dahlin.

Campfire permits may be obtained at the forest service headquarters in the Medford post office building, or at any of the rangers' headquarters which are located throughout the national forest.

Lodge Announces Campaign To Grab Convention Control

Organization Block Hope of Ike Leader

Chicago—(UP)—Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge rejected all Taft harmony proposals Tuesday and planned a blitz campaign to seize control of the Republican National Convention at its opening session.

Lodge is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's pre-convention campaign manager. He hopes to block routine organization of the convention by offering a resolution challenging adoption of rules. That would take place within the first few minutes of the opening session July 7 with National Committee Chairman Guy George Gabrielson presiding.

Hallanan Seen Target

If Eisenhower's backers can muster votes to sustain Lodge's challenge, they may move immediately to prevent election of Walter S. Hallanan, West Virginia, as temporary chairman.

The odds against Lodge are big but the payoff would be terrific.

As these plans leaked, early arriving politicians were jolted with word that Gabrielson had invited Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, Wisconsin, to address the convention during the afternoon of July 9.

McCarthy was among numerous Republicans, including Herbert Hoover, asked to speak here. He is the most controversial figure in the Republican party, denounced by some, applauded by others, but universally regarded as a tough man in a fight.

Never Consulted

"They never consult us about anything," snapped Lodge when asked whether Ike had okayed the McCarthy invitation. But he said the Eisenhower high command "was not finding fault" with the list of speakers.

The speaking schedule announced by Gabrielson indicated that nominating speeches might begin the afternoon of Thursday, July 10, and balloting that night. There was puzzlement at Eisenhower's failure so far to name a nominating speaker and a floor manager.

Hallanan Said Biased

"A tremendously biased man," is Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge's description of Hallanan. Lodge plans to move at the opening session that convention rules shall not permit contested delegates to vote on any matters relating to temporary convention organization.

If Lodge's strategy worked, Eisenhower's first ballot nomination would be likely because control of the convention organization would be shifted to the general's managers and they would expect to be able to bar contested Taft delegates and seat their own.

Sawyer Sees Record Slaughter on Highways

Washington—(UP)—Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer Tuesday predicted record-breaking slaughter on the highways this Fourth of July week-end, with a toll of more than 400, unless motorists drive more carefully "than ever before."



YOUTHFUL SUPPORTER—Senator Robert A. Taft receives hat from a youthful supporter as he arrives in Chicago to take personal command of his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Guy Corliss Elected Democratic Chairman

Guy D. Corliss, Medford, was elected Jackson County Democratic chairman in a close contest for the party top post at the bi-annual election meeting of the central committee held at the Medford YMCA Monday night.

He was opposed by L. Peers Wilmet, Ashland, retiring vice-chairman. Corliss succeeds Mrs. Edward C. Kelly who did not seek reelection.

Other officers elected by Democratic precinct committees and women were Mrs. Albert Strauss, Sams Valley, vice-chairman; Mrs. Clair P. Gilbertson, Medford, secretary; Frank DeSouza, Medford, treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott Hamilton, Central Point, alternates to the chairman and vice-chairman and

Annexation Hearings Due Before Council

Hearings on the annexation of two units of the Verde Hills addition and on seven paving projects are expected to be the major business of the city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in city hall, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff.

Paving projects to be considered are Bennett avenue, Crater Lake avenue to the end of the street; Crown avenue, Oregon Terrace to Berkeley Way; Welch street, Jackson street to the railroad tracks; Haven street, Oak to Woodstock streets and Woodstock to Grape street; Taylor street, Myrtle street to the end of the street, and Keene Way drive, Main street to Woodlawn drive.

3,890 Persons Visit Museum During June

Jacksonville—A total of 3,890 persons visited the Jacksonville Museum during June, it was reported today by Mrs. Myrtle P. Lee, museum curator.

Mrs. Lee said that the figure represents 1,046 more persons than visited the historic landmark during the same month in 1951.

Army Takes Wraps Off New Patton Tank



ARMY'S PATTON 48 TANK Government Places Orders

Newark, Del.—(UP)—The Army Tuesday took the wraps off America's newest tank, the Patton 48, for which it has placed nearly \$2,000,000,000 worth of orders with the Big Three auto companies.

Boasting a score of improvements, the fighting monster is now in production by Chrysler Corp. at its arsenal here, Fisher Body Division of General Motors at Grand Blanc, Mich., and Ford Motor Co. at a still-to-be-completed plant at Livonia, outside of Detroit.

All three firms have mass production orders for the 45-ton class Patton. Chrysler's calls for more than \$1,000,000 worth, Fisher Body for nearly \$475,000,000 and Ford for \$426,000,000.

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace and a dozen top generals looked on while Mrs. George S. Patton Jr., widow of the World War II hero, christened the T-48 the Patton 48.

Biggest feature of the new weapon is the one-piece cast hull, with an elliptical shape and low silhouette presenting no flat surfaces to enemy shells.

The Patton 48 mounts a high-velocity 90-millimeter gun with a "quick-change" gun tube permitting ordnance crews in the field to take out the huge rifle and insert a new one in a matter of minutes.

Jacksonville Budget Election Due Tomorrow

Jacksonville—A city budget election to raise \$6,103 over the six per cent increase limitation will be held in the Jacksonville city hall Wednesday from 12 noon to 7 p.m., according to Mrs. Lois Fretwell, city recorder.

This amount will need a 15 mill cut to cover it in property taxation, only 9.3 of which will be new taxation.

All registered voters, renters as well as property owners, within the city limits are eligible to vote, Mrs. Fretwell pointed out.

NEW CONTROLS LAW DANGEROUS, TRUMAN BELIEVES

Washington—(UP)—President Truman said Tuesday Congress opened "a dangerous gap in the mobilization program" by passing a weak economic controls program.

Mr. Truman signed the bill Monday. He explained Tuesday his reluctant action was due only to the fact that the control powers would have otherwise expired last midnight.

The President said Congress must provide adequate appropriations for the stabilization agencies, or even the limited control program would collapse completely.

The new version of the Defense Production Act destroyed the existing wage stabilization system without providing a workable substitute, Mr. Truman said.

"Thus, the Congress has opened a dangerous gap in the mobilization program," he said.

The President conceded the new law has some virtues, particularly in its continuation of production and allocation provisions, and he noted some improvement in an amendment to ease limitations on foreign trade.

"Unfortunately, however, the new law weakens our ability to hold down prices and stabilize our economy," he said.

Serious Gamble Said

Taken With Inflation

"At a time when our defense production is still expanding and necessarily contributing to inflationary pressures, the Congress has weakened price controls, has limited the effectiveness of wage controls, has invited widespread abandonment of rent control, and virtually cancelled selective credit controls."

Germany Pact, 'Fair Trade' Bill Awaiting Senate

Washington—(UP)—The Senate Tuesday ratified the West German Peace contract.

Washington—(UP)—The Senate started work Tuesday and planned to stay on the job Tuesday night in hopes of winding up action on the German peace agreements and the so-called "fair trade" bill.

Driving toward adjournment Saturday night, the Senate began debate on the German peace agreements with Sen. Tom Connally, (D-Tex.), urging approval without change.

Collegues Assured

Connally, chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, assured his colleagues that letting West Germany into the Atlantic Pact defense setup and signing a peace contract with her would not expand U. S. military commitments in Europe.

Democratic Leader Ernest W. McFarland

McFarland said he would call for a night session in hopes of finishing work on the German agreements and also on the "fair trade" legislation.

Bills Wait Action

In both House and Senate lawmakers worked to complete action on almost \$70,000,000 worth of appropriations bills before the Saturday night adjournment deadline.

While the Senate plowed away on the German agreements, the House took up only routine bills. House members agreed to consider no important legislation because of the Oklahoma primary.

Southwest Scorched By Record Drought

By United Press

The worst drought on record parched portions of the Southwest Tuesday while hot, humid weather stretched from the southeastern seaboard to Texas.

A relatively cool mass of air extended from the Great Lakes to the East Coast and southward along the coast to its central portion. Thunderstorms hit Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The drought caused critical water shortages and retarded crops in southwestern Missouri and portions of Oklahoma and Kansas.

For many sections it was the driest June on record, surpassing the drought of 15 years ago.

The present annual rate of new housing starts is estimated at 1,200,000. Officials said no change would be made for the time being.

Wage Board to Close

The present Wage Stabilization Board will be abolished at the close of business July 29. A new board will be created on which labor, management and the public will continue to have equal representation, but appointments of all members will be subject to Senate confirmation and the board won't be permitted to intervene in negotiations for settlement of any labor disputes.

CIO Asks GOP for Civil Rights Plank

Chicago—(UP)—The CIO Tuesday called on the Republican party to write a strong civil rights plank into its platform, help abolish the Taft-Hartley Act and support a national health program.

The AFL, in a statement to be made public later Tuesday, was expected to make similar demands. The union demands are they related to Taft-Hartley were certain to be ignored.

CIO views were presented to the GOP resolutions committee in a statement prepared by CIO Vice-President Walter P. Reuther and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey.

Meals May Go Up

Price officials said hotel and restaurant meals probably will go up because the act provides higher ceiling prices for hotel supply houses.

Cigarette and milk prices also may rise in states where federal ceilings are lower than state minimum price laws.

Restrictions on real estate credit Regulation X, must be suspended whenever a survey, computed on a three-month basis, shows the annual rate of new starts has fallen below 1,200,000.

Churchill Defends American Policy

London—(UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill warned Britons Tuesday of the danger of finding fault with the United States during a presidential election campaign.

Addressing the House of Commons in a full-dress debate on Korea, he hotly defended American policy and warned against undue fault-finding.

"There might easily come a time, especially during a presidential election, when a very sharp reaction of emotion—even anger—might sweep large sections of the American people," he said. "And any candidate for the presidency who gave full vent to it would gain a considerable advantage."

BASEBALL

NATIONAL

Philadelphia 3 7 2

Brooklyn 4 9 2

Box, Konstanty, and Burgess; Brance, Labine 6, and Campanella.

Pittsburgh 3 3 3

Chicago 2 9 1

Main, Wilks 3, and McCullough; Ramadell, Leonard 9, and Atwell.

Home runs: For Pittsburgh—Frickland.