

Cautious Optimism Shown by Officials On Vote by French

Washington—(U.P.)—The State Department, the President and senators were cautiously optimistic today over French Premier Mendes-France's latest victories in the French debate over West European defense plans.

British Papers Play Up Churchill Visit

London—(U.P.)—British newspapers front paged reports from Washington today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill may fly to the U. S. capital next month to confer with President Eisenhower.

The Daily Telegraph and Daily Express said the meeting is a "possibility" whether or not France approves German rearmament.

Other newspapers said the meeting hinged on the French Assembly vote. The News speculated that Mr. Eisenhower might fly to London.

The only immediate official comment was the statement by a Foreign Office spokesman who said he had "not heard" plans for any such trip.

Pope Pius Given Blood Transfusion

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII received another blood transfusion today as part of his "regular cure," then left his bed to resume work on his Christmas message, a high Vatican source reported. This Christmas message was delayed by the Pope's illness. He hopes to broadcast part of it in person some time this week. The source said the 78-year-old pontiff, who suffered a near-fatal collapse Dec. 2, was still improving.

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—James G. Thimmes, 60, international vice-president of the CIO United Steelworkers union, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Christmas day in his suburban Los Angeles home, union headquarters disclosed here today.

Committee of the Senate. But the key provision of the defense program—German rearmament—still has not been approved, spokesmen cautioned, and there can be little jubilation here until it is.

At his Augusta, Ga., holiday retreat, President Eisenhower was reported by his press secretary, James Hagerty, to be "gratified" over the vote to admit Germany to NATO. But Hagerty said the President will make no formal statement on the French debate "until action has been completed on all the measures."

State Department sources said French indecision over rearming Germany has left a "bad taste" in other West European nations because it indicates France is "playing politics with a matter of life or death to the Western alliance."

Impact on Germany Bad But department sources said they have received no evidence that the indecision will affect the willingness of other members, particularly Germany, to ratify the defense agreements.

The impact on Germany has been bad, they said, but not to the extent of endangering ratification.

Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the vote to admit Germany to NATO was "welcome news... to all the free world."

But he added: "We can be sure that the Soviet Union is not going idly to accept the assembly's decision," he said. "The Reds will continue to use every sort of stratagem in order to try to sabotage the pacts. We may expect a new Soviet diplomatic offensive."

New Guided Missile May Be Under Test

Washington—(U.P.)—Northrop Aircraft, Inc., hints that its inter-continental guided missile may be in early test stages at the Air Force's Missile Test center at Cocoa, Fla.

The missile, being developed for the Air Force, is the B62 Snark. A pilotless bomber with sharply swept-back wings and jet engine, the Snark is unofficially reported to be able to fly 5000 miles with an atomic warhead.

The Air Force never has given official information on the B62.

Martha Raye Showing 'Great' Improvement

New York—(U.P.)—Comedienne Martha Raye, who collapsed in Miami just before she was to appear as a holiday headliner, was reported today "coming along great" in her recovery. The energetic Miss Raye was recuperating at the home of friends in Cincinnati, her press agent, Jack Tirman, said.

He said Miss Raye would do her TV show Jan. 18, but was considering giving up club dates because they were too much of a strain.

Pilots Identified In Crash of Jets

San Jose, Calif.—(U.P.)—Navy officials have identified two enlisted pilots who were killed yesterday when their F9F Panther jets collided at a height of 30,000 feet, scattering wreckage over a two-mile area.

They were identified as Chief Air Controlman Willard D. Reese, 31, Los Angeles, and Chief Aviation Mechanic Robert E. Messer, 37, Hayward, Calif.

The planes were attached to the overhaul and repair depot at Alameda Naval Air Station.

Witnesses to the crash said the planes were looping at about 30,000 feet when they suddenly met head on.

"Then there was a blinding flash," one witness said. "I saw a speck falling to earth. I imagine it was an engine."

Reese is survived by his widow, Doris Jean, and three small children residing in Alameda.

Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Messer of Birmingham, Ala., is survived by his widow, Marie Janet, and four children living in Hayward.

Reed Praises Ike's World Peace Efforts

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-N.Y.) congratulated President Eisenhower today for promoting world peace and predicted that attacks on the President's foreign policy will be "overwhelmingly repudiated by the next Congress."

Reed at the same time warned Mr. Eisenhower against trying to push a liberalized foreign trade program through the next Congress. The President already has announced that this will be an early objective.

Reed, senior GOP member of Congress and outgoing chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, said in a statement he will oppose any trade program "which does not protect the interests of our American workers and producers."

Five Damage Suits Filed; Accidents Cited as Cause

Five personal damage suits totalling more than \$65,000 were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday.

Named as defendant in three of the suits which total more than \$50,000 is Jess Wade McCormick, driver of a truck which collided Jan. 7, 1953, near Siskiyou summit with a vehicle driven by Alberta E. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson asks \$20,000 general damages and \$500 special damages for injuries which the complaint says she received in the accident. The complaint charges that McCormick's truck collided with the rear of the vehicle Mrs. Johnson was driving.

Two passengers in the Johnson car also seek damages for injuries allegedly received in the collision. August E. Johnson asks \$15,000 general damages and \$300 special damages, and Jane Edtl seeks \$5,000 general damages and \$250 general damages.

All three plaintiffs are represented by the Medford law firm of McAllister, Brophy and Duncan.

In another complaint filed yesterday, Andrew J. Tkach seeks \$10,000 general damages and \$401 special damages for injuries which the complaint says he received Aug. 12, 1954, when the car in which he was riding was forced from Highway 62 by a lumber truck driven by David R. Clement near the intersection with East Wood Park driveway.

Plaintiff in the fifth lawsuit is Ben H. Schmidt, route 3, box 375A, Medford, who seeks damages from Leo Edwin Osborn, 441 Ray lane, Ashland. Schmidt's complaint charges that he was injured the morning of Dec. 18, 1953 in an accident on Highway 99 three miles south of Medford. Schmidt asks \$15,000 general damages and \$792.05 special damages.

Klamath Reservation Woman Hurt by Gunshot

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Mrs. Doris Lugo, 38, was hospitalized here today for treatment of a gunshot wound in the leg and juvenile authorities were questioning her 16-year-old son, Leonard. Police said the shooting occurred last night on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Quito, Ecuador—(U.P.)—President Jose M. Velasco Ibarra says the army officers accused of trying to overthrow him last week are "traitors" who will be dealt with by the military courts.

Stronger Japanese Economy Needed

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Japan may be lost to the free world if the United States fails to take the lead in strengthening the faltering Japanese economy, according to a church leader.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, warned of possible "revolt to communism" in Japan when he arrived here yesterday from a trip to the Far East.

"In all the Communist propaganda, Japan's economy is always exhibit A," Dr. Blake said. "I was told in Tokyo that only 40 per cent of all next year's college graduates will be able to find jobs."

"This is just like asking a big intellectual group to revolt to communism," he said. As partial solutions, he recommended a cut in American tariffs and a general freeing of world-wide trade.

Social Security for Teachers Suggested

Portland—(U.P.)—Possible legislation to permit teachers to share in social security benefits was suggested last night by the Portland school board.

The board authorized drafting of such a bill for submission to the 1955 Legislature. If approved in final form by the board and passed by the Legislature, the measure would allow teachers to retain membership in the local Teachers Retirement Fund Association and, if they so voted, permit them to obtain social security benefits.

However, the board added it wanted to investigate possibilities of integrating the TRFA plan with the state program for public employees—State Public Employees Retirement System.

Air Force Instructors Die in Jet Collision

Valdosta, Ga.—(U.P.)—Three Air Force instructors, two of them decorated Korean veterans, were killed yesterday when two jet planes collided while approaching Moody Air Force Base.

The air base, where the men were stationed, identified the victims as 1st Lt. Albert Dickey Jr., 24, Booneville, Ark., Rex Allen Van Camp, Kearney, Neb., and Henry George Keene, Collinsville, Ill.

A T33, piloted by Dickey, and an F89 all-weather interceptor, piloted by Van Camp, smashed together about four miles west of Moody as they neared the entry leg to the base traffic pattern. Keene, a radar instructor, was in the F89 with Van Camp.

British Union Plans National Rail Strike

London—(U.P.)—Britain's biggest railroad union rejected a government plea for delay to-night and decided to go ahead with plans for a nationwide rail strike of 400,000 men Jan. 9.

But the 24-man Executive Committee of railwaymen also decided to cooperate with a fact finding board set up by Labor Minister Walter Monckton.

Ceylon Official Raps Aid Program of U. S.

Singapore—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon today criticized the U.S. giveaway aid program because he said it made the country receiving it "look like a stooge" of the United States.

He urged instead that the United States join the Colombia plan.

Sir John made the statement at a news conference shortly before leaving for Bogor, Indonesia, for a two-day meeting of the five Colombo powers, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia.

The Prime Minister, who just concluded a round the world trip, said "giving away aid is making it worse because it makes the country receiving it look like a stooge of the United States." He said he thought the best formula to save Asia for the free world is to help underdeveloped countries raise their standards of living.

SNOW IN PORTLAND

Portland—(U.P.)—A sudden snow storm blanketed the Portland area late last night, piling more than two inches of the white stuff in higher elevations. The snow later turned to rain in lower areas.

Hopeless fatty now a model

She's blond, blue-eyed and beautiful. See how Diane Macom turned herself from a dowdy fatty (160 lbs.) into a tiny-waisted beauty (110 lbs.) and gained an active modeling career.

Here is inspiration for reducing... twenty-one tasty, low-calorie, varied, low-cost menus, plus tips on good grooming. Don't miss "I Was a Hopeless Fatty... Now I'm a Model"... another popular Beauty Biography. In the January Ladies' Home Journal. Out today—on all newsstands.

Chest X-Ray Clinic Scheduled Tomorrow

Valley residents were reminded today of the outpatient chest x-ray clinic to be held tomorrow at Community hospital from 4 to 6 p.m.

The clinic, conducted each Wednesday through the cooperative efforts of the Jackson County Public Health association, the Jackson County Medical society, the hospital and the county health department, is designed to find an estimated 100 unreported cases of tuberculosis, plus other chest conditions.

The only charge is \$1.75 for film and processing. Appointments are not necessary. Mrs. Chester Guches, president of the Health association, said this morning that several cases of tuberculosis and other internal conditions requiring

medical treatment have been found in the weeks the program has been operating.

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