

Ike Quoted as Saying U.S. Must Never Again Agree To Curb Striking Power

Speculation on Possible Trade Appears Deflated

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has declared emphatically that the United States must never again agree to curbs on its striking power like those imposed during the Korean war, a congressional informant said today.

The informant, a Republican leader who asked not to be identified, said the President made this clear in a table pounding discussion on his need for a completely free hand in the Far East.

The informant said this insistence on preserving every possible military advantage apparently deflates speculation that the United States might be willing to trade off the Chinese Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and the Matsus in return for a cease fire. The islands are valuable for neutralizing the harbors of Foochow and Amoy on the Red China mainland.

Chiang Opposes Withdrawal
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek also was understood to object strongly to surrendering Quemoy and the Matsus. He was reported to be balking at evacuating the Tachen islands, immediate scene of conflict between his forces and the Chinese Reds, while he jockeys for a guarantee that he won't be asked to leave Quemoy and the Matsus.

Quemoy and the Matsus have figured prominently in Senate debate on the Far East crisis and the administration resolution passed last week. The resolution gave Mr. Eisenhower unlimited power to fight the Chinese Communists, if necessary, to defend the Nationalist stronghold of Formosa and the nearby Pescadores.

Some senators believed the administration passed ruling Quemoy and the Matsus outside the Formosan defense zone because it wanted them for bargaining purposes in the cease fire negotiations launched this week by the United Nations.

In the Korean war, the United States, as part of a UN force, refrained from bombing Red China military installations or troop concentrations above the Yalu river boundary of Korea.

Under terms of the congressional resolution passed last week, U.S. forces would be free to bomb the Chinese mainland or to help the Nationalists defend the Quemoy and Matsus islands near the mainland.

The same islands are now involved in a dispute about whether the Senate should go ahead with a resolution declaring Senate support of UN cease fire efforts.

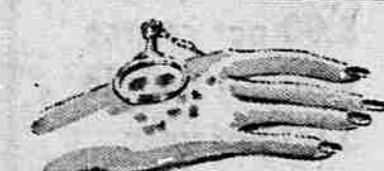
The Foreign Relations committee voted Tuesday to delay action after Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland argued that it would have to be amended so it could not be interpreted as "a blank check for appeasement."

Oregon Traffic Deaths Number 421 in 1954

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon recorded 421 traffic fatalities in 1954, according to the Highway Lifesavers committee of Oregon, an increase of 31 over 1953. The figure was 10 per cent below the 460 deaths recorded in 1952, before the committee launched its safety program.

TAX LIENS FILED

Tacoma — (U.P.) — The U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue said today it had filed income tax liens totaling \$558,007 against William Thomas Corbett, Seattle hotel operator, and his wife.



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Crews Work Around Clock To Evaluate Effectiveness of Anti-Polio Vaccine

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — A hardy crew of statisticians, decoders, tabulators and clerks worked around the clock today to meet their spring deadline in evaluating the effectiveness of the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

The vaccine was given to thousands of school children in 217 "test areas" across the country last summer in the biggest medical experiment of all time. Researchers already know that under laboratory conditions Salk boosts the level of antibodies, the disease-fighting bodies in the blood stream.

The biggest question is whether the vaccine raises the antibodies to a "protective level" under actual conditions of exposure—in crowds, in classrooms or at play.

Looking for Answers.
Seeking the answers to the

\$64 polio question is the University of Michigan's Poliomyelitis Vaccine Evaluation Center headed by Dr. Thomas Francis Jr.

Francis and his 100 assistants, who often receive as much as a half a carload of mail in the morning, have been keeping their tabulating machines humming 24 hours a day to keep up with the flow of medical data they must process. It comes from 27 laboratories which are keeping tabs on the 1,800,000 children included in the mass Salk tests.

Of the nearly 2,000,000 children, 650,000 received "shots" last summer. About 440,000 of them got the real vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk of the University of Pittsburgh. The other 210,000 got a harmless control substance.

Mass of Information
The case of each child is stud-

ied and recorded at the center in such terms as the size of his home town, age, medical history, previous polio record, dates of inoculations and possible reactions.

Before they finish their mammoth evaluation job, Francis and his team expect to have processed 144,000,000 separate items of information.

Evaluation of the historic Salk experiment is expected to be completed "in the spring," possibly the so-called polio season. It has not yet been decided whether the results will be announced here or forwarded to New York for release by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Three Possible Conclusions
There are three possible conclusions to be drawn from the Salk tests—the vaccine is effective

in combatting paralytic polio, it is ineffective or it is only partially effective.

If the vaccine is declared a success, polio will be relegated to the class of smallpox and other diseases for which preventives or cures have been found.

If it is adjudged not effective or only partly so, it will mean more years of anxiety for parents and more years of labor for researchers.

INCONSISTENT

Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — Paul B. Wilcox of the Associated Property Owners charged before the City Council that Civil Service employees were spending too much time at coffee breaks. After Wilcox's long and blistering protest, Mayor George Vermillion banged his gavel and announced, "Council will now recess . . . for a coffee break."

New Witnesses in Rubenstein Death

New York — (U.P.) — An entirely new group of witnesses will be rounded up today for questioning in the strangulation slaying of multi-millionaire draft dodger Serge Rubenstein.

Police disclosed that Tuesday's interrogation of 11 members of the slain man's household disclosed new leads to the financier's death.

"We learned something new today," Assistant Dist. Atty. Alexander Heman said. "Something we did not know before. We hope it will be very valuable."

As a result, he said, "new witnesses will be questioned immediately."

Heman refused to disclose the nature of the new developments or to name any of today's new witnesses.

Auto Knocks Down Pole Causing Power Outage

Portland — (U.P.) — A wide area in northeast Portland suffered a power outage early today when an automobile knocked down a power pole.

The car was driven by Harold D. Bone, 21. He and a passenger, Edith Simmons, 45, received minor injuries.

Firemen were called to extinguish a minor blaze caused by the accident.

Upper Rogue Grange
A March of Dimes dance was held at Upper Rogue Grange hall Jan. 29 sponsored by the Lumber Jacks and Jills of Prospect and the Upper Rogue Grange. Sixty-two dollars and twenty-five cents was donated for the cause.

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