

RED CHINA VETOES UN INVITATION

Red China Masses Invasion Fleet Near Yikiangshan

US Pledges To Protect Evacuation Defied

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.)—The Chinese Communists, defying a U. S. pledge to protect the Nationalist evacuation of Tachen islands, have massed an invasion fleet near Yikiangshan, barely eight miles away, it was disclosed today.

Nationalist sources said Nationalist planes flew through increasingly heavy anti-aircraft fire to attack the Red ships. Two Communist ships were reported destroyed.

Accurate Count Prevented
The center of the Communist buildup was reported to be at Yikiangshan from which heavy Red siege guns have shelled Tachen island repeatedly. Nationalist sources said "many" Communist ships had gathered there and to the north.

Darkness and bad weather prevented an accurate count of the force.

Agreement Reached
Informed sources in Taipei said the United States and Nationalist China had reached an agreement on evacuation of the Tachens under cover of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and that an announcement could be expected within 48 hours.

The mighty Seventh Fleet was ready to go into action with air cover for Tachen at a moment's notice. A security blackout covered much of the American and Nationalist action, however.

Lausmann Claims Overhaul Needed By GOP in Oregon

Salem — (U.P.) — A. A. Lausmann, president of Oregon Republican Clubs, said today the Republican party of Oregon needed "a face lifting and an overhaul job."

Lausmann told the GOP State Central committee meeting here that Republicans should study the last election "to discover where the mistakes were made so we may correct them."

The GOP official said "we need to close ranks, retire a score or so of generals and enlist more privates and buck sergeants."

"Above all else," he said, "we need organization."

Lausmann praised the record of Oregon Republican officials and said tens of thousands of Oregonians "believe in the Republican party and they would like to help, but they have never been asked to work, or they don't know what to do."

He said these people should be encouraged, contacted and enlisted.

Defeat May Be Best Thing
Lausmann said the GOP defeat last November may "turn out to be the best thing that ever happened to the Republican party in Oregon. I have seen more evidence of concrete work by hundreds of party workers than ever before."

"I believe we must stand or fall in this fight of private and free enterprise against federal socialism right here in Oregon," he said.

SUFFOCATION DEATH CAUSE

Harold Sliger, Jr., 20-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sliger, 766 Agate st., who died Tuesday afternoon, suffocated, it was revealed by an autopsy performed this morning. Apparently contents of the baby's stomach were inhaled into the windpipe, cutting off his supply of air.

Portland Chief of Police Has Close Call; Pair Held

Portland — (U.P.) — Two Los Angeles men were arrested here last night after a gun battle which nearly proved fatal to Police Chief Jim W. Purcell.

Booked on multiple charges ranging from assault with intent to kill to robbery was a man tentatively identified as George H. O'Connor, 35, of Los Angeles. A companion, Franklin Charles Blenkner Jr., 25, also of Los Angeles, faced lesser charges.

Traced To Rooming House

The pair, suspects in a holdup of a supermarket a few hours earlier, were traced to an east side rooming house. Police said that when Purcell knocked on the door, Blenkner opened it and O'Connor opened fire from inside the room.

One bullet from O'Connor's gun tore through Purcell's coat. Another missed a detective by a

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Committee Approves Extension of Draft



STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN—And these motorists couldn't believe their eyes as they waited at crossing near Shelburne, Vt., for the old sidewheeler Ticonderoga to pass. The 49-year-old Lake Champlain pleasure craft will take 45 days to cover a two-mile trip on her way to the Shelburne Museum.

Oregon Servicemen Would Have Voting Right in New Bill

Salem — (U.P.) — A move to put on a permanent basis the right of Oregonians serving in the Armed Forces to register and vote by mail when stationed away from home was before the Oregon House today.

The measure, presented to the Legislature by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, also would extend the right to register and vote by mail to spouses of members of the Armed Forces, and to civilians officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces away from home—such as Red Cross and U.S.O. workers. The measure also applies to members of the merchant marine.

"It appears that we are going

Oregon Scout To Be Honored by President

Washington — (U.P.) — An Oregon boy is one of 12 boy scouts and explorers who will be paid special honor by President Eisenhower Tuesday for outstanding service in conservation work, it was announced today.

The Oregon scout is Robbie Langley of Milton-Freewater.

The president will present the youths signed certificates of merit in a White House ceremony. The boys, in turn, will present him with their "report to the nation," marking the 45th anniversary of scouting in this country.

The White House ceremony is included in a full week of activities for the 12 scouts in Washington and New York.

Portland Fair Plans Dealt Another Blow

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon's plans for a world fair in 1959, already shaken by announcement of similar plans by Houston, Tex., got another blow today.

A bill creating a commission to investigate feasibility of holding a world fair in Seattle in 1959 was introduced in the Washington state Senate today. It was pointed out that 1959 would be the 50th anniversary year of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition held in Seattle.

A committee studying possibility of holding a big centennial observance in Oregon in 1959 is continuing its work.

Picket Line Installed At The Dalles Dam

Portland — (U.P.) — A picket line was set up at The Dalles dam today over a jurisdictional dispute between AFL iron workers and AFL boilermakers over assignment of iron workers on a job to weld "skins" on spillway gates.

Lattimore Witness Declared Planted By Commie Party

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee charged today that turn-about witness Harvey Matusow was "planted" by the Communist party to pose as an ex-Communist informer.

The Pennsylvania Democrat said in a House speech he is "thoroughly convinced" that Matusow "has always been a Communist," instead of having left the party in 1951 as he claims.

Walter said Matusow was placed in a position of a "professional witness" by the Communists to discredit congressional investigating committees.

Deliberate Lies
Matusow, who has labeled more than 180 persons as Communists, now claims he deliberately lied in some cases.

Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.) asked Walter if Matusow was "planted" by the Communists to discredit Communist investigations.

"There is no question about it," Walter replied.

Walter said he had read part of Matusow's book which will be published soon. He said it follows the "Communist line."

Matusow began his career as a professional witness in 1952 before the House committee in testimony about Red activities in youth groups.

Lattimore Testimony Denied
Matusow claims testimony he gave that led to perjury charges against Far East expert Owen Lattimore was false.

He said he accused Lattimore in testimony before the Senate Internal Security Committee of writing books that carried the official Communist party line.

"Actually I had no knowledge of that," Matusow said in an interview with United Press.

False Data to McCarthy
He said he had also given false information to Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy at the time McCarthy's Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee was checking into alleged Communist writings in U. S. overseas libraries.

Matusow said he told McCar-

'Jaywalkers' Held At Fault If Struck

Salem — (U.P.) — A pedestrian who is struck by a motor vehicle cannot collect damages for injuries if he was "jaywalking," the Oregon Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The case on which the court ruled involved Raymond C. Leap, a taxi driver, against Barney Royce, operator of a fleet of cabs in Portland. Leap was struck by a cab while he was "jaywalking" across Front street in Portland on a dark night.

The opinion written by Justice William C. Perry, reversed an order of Multnomah County Circuit Judge James R. Bain, which set aside a non-suit and granted Leap a new trial. The Supreme Court directed that the involuntary non-suit be reinstated.

Mendes-France Fights For Political Life

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France fought today for his political life in a parliamentary battle that may stall the crucial drive to rearm Western Germany.

Former Premier Rene Mayer, Mendes-France's principal rival for leadership of the radical Socialist Party, controls the 30 votes that may make the difference between victory and defeat. A speech by Mayer later today is awaited as a clue to France's future.

Mendes-France himself is expected tonight to demand a confidence vote in an all-or-nothing showdown with his opponents.

One of Triplets Goes Home; Others Too Small

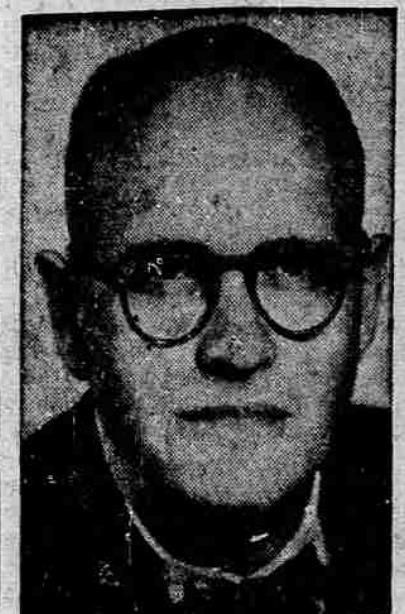
James Thomas Rolis, the second of the triplet sons born Dec. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rolis, 512 Summit st., was taken home yesterday afternoon from Sacred Heart hospital where he has been with his two brothers since their birth.

He weighed 6 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces when dismissed. His birth weight was 4 pounds 6 ounces. His brother, Robert Jonathan, first born, and William David, are progressing satisfactorily but will need to put on a little more weight before they too can go home. All have been in incubators in the hospital nursery.

Weather

FORECAST: Morning fog in valleys. Otherwise fair through Friday. Low tonight 22-24. High Friday 45.

Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest this Morning 23



SEN. RICHARD NEUBERGER
Discredit Attempt Seen

Neuberger Says Anonymous Attacks Mailed From State

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) says "anonymous personal attacks" are being made upon him in an attempt to "discredit" him with his Senate colleagues.

During the past week, Neuberger said, "Many members of the Senate have been receiving in plain envelopes, mailed without identification from Portland, (Ore.) photostatic copies of columns and editorials unfavorable to me and my views on public affairs."

Tactics Said 'Shameful'
Neuberger condemned such tactics as "treacherous and shameful" and said they are "in direct violation of the corrupt practices law" of Oregon.

A similar attack was made during the last election campaign, Neuberger said, but he chose to ignore it "until it turned into the present effort to discredit me with my colleagues in the Senate and to impair my effectiveness in serving the people of the State of Oregon here in the capital."

Reaction Encouraging
Neuberger said the reaction of his colleagues to what they describe as a "sneak attack" has been "most encouraging."

"Regardless of whether they agree with me politically, they condemn it as unworthy of Americans," he said.

Neuberger said he is calling the attack to public attention now "because I believe the people of Oregon should know that the spiteful and vindictive political forces which used the same methods during the last campaign have resumed their activities, even though the attacks represent more of a disservice to the people of Oregon than to me personally."

Building Permit Total Said High Yesterday

Seven building permits with valuations totalling \$72,600 were issued by the city of Medford yesterday, and city officials said it was one of the biggest single days, without a big project, on their records.

Largest of the seven permits was for remodeling of the United States National bank building, 131 East Main st. It amounted to \$32,000.

Other large permits were taken by H. H. Breese, \$17,000 for a residence at 516 Berkeley way; Sandy Cleve, \$12,000 for a residence at 1503 Lenora dr.; and W. E. Brooks, \$10,000 for a residence at 441 Lynwood ave.

Building department officials said present prospects indicate that 1955 will be one of the largest new construction years in history for the city.

Derelict Leaves \$13,000 To Charwoman He Never Met

Joliet, Ill. — (U.P.) — A lawyer searched today for three truck drivers who can verify a skid row derelict's will leaving \$13,000 to a warmhearted charwoman he never met.

The six-foot blonde told Lt. A. R. Trout he would come down to the station and reclaim her convertible after they were unable to locate her early this morning.

Voluptua, fired from her television job only two days ago, said she had been "upset" and left her car and spent the night with a friend.

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DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 405.85 off 1.26; 20 railroads 143.02 up 0.05; 15 utilities 62.43 up 0.20, and 65 stocks 149.67 off 0.15. Sales today were about 2,890,000 shares, compared with 3,210,000 shares traded yesterday.

Communists Only Want Discussion Of Soviet Scheme

Hopes Appear Dashed For Cease Fire Plan

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Red China today refused to send a representative to the U. N. Security Council to debate a New Zealand proposal for a Formosan cease fire.

Communist Premier Chou En-lai informed U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold that Red China would take part only in debate of a Soviet resolution which would brand the United States an aggressor in Formosa.

Even then, the Red Chinese Premier said, Red China would agree to be represented only if the Nationalist Chinese, who now occupy China's seat in the United Nations, are "driven out."

The blunt Red China reply shattered virtually all hopes that a formula to end the Formosan shooting and eliminate the danger of a general war can be worked out through the United Nations.

London Conference

Even before the Peiping reply was made public, the major efforts to end the Formosan crisis had shifted to London where India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was attempting to arrange a "side street" conference of principals, outside the United Nations, to end the shooting.

The Red Chinese rejection of the U. N. invitation was announced by the Communist New China News Agency and broadcast by Radio Peiping.

The broadcast said Chou sent his reply on Jan. 31, but Hammarskjold's office here said the message had not yet been received.

U. S. delegates to the United Nations refused to comment on the gloomy turn of events until they have had an opportunity to see the official text of Chou's reply.

Back Russian Plan

The Communist Premier said Red China "fully supports" the Soviet resolution, introduced in the Security Council and scheduled for consideration after the New Zealand plan had been debated.

The Soviet plan called for withdrawal of all American and Chinese Nationalist forces from Formosa and the other offshore islands along the China coast.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Western spokesmen have described the Soviet plan as a demand for "complete surrender."

The hard, defiant tone of Chou's message raised doubts that even a "Geneva-type" conference, suggested by Nehru, could bring a cease fire. There was hope, however, that such a conference might result in an informal agreement to call off the shooting until tempers cooled and a more wholesome atmosphere for a settlement exists.

Patterson 'Glad To See Cooperation'

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul I. Patterson said today he was "glad to see the spirit of co-operation" expressed in the four-point tax program proposed by the Democratic state legislative policy committee, but took issue with several points.

He said "the main difference between their program and my suggestion is that they raise the bulk of the money by a surtax, which is a flat 30 per cent increase in everyone's income taxes, instead of the repeal of the federal offset, which amounts to a graduated increase of everyone's income taxes."

An accompanying letter, Gallo's last to his pen pal of 15 years, said "your few dollars you sent me sure showed your friendship."

"You always wrote me such nice letters. So therefore I make my stocks and bonds and what little money I have to you."

Assumed Penpals

When Gallo died at the age of 58, neighbors assumed he was as penniless as any other skid row habitue. They said he occasionally earned money as a junk dealer and was sometimes seen searching through garbage cans for something to eat.

But a search of his dusty room revealed bank accounts totalling \$6000 and stocks and bonds with a face value of \$50,000. However, officials estimated the estate's worth at only \$13,000, apparently because of a decline in the value of the securities.