

Bonn Vice Chancellor Offers Resignation Over Arms Treaties

Red Guns Co' Quemoy Isle

Adenauer Cabinet Divided on Issue Of Saar Agreement

Arms Decision Left To France

Bonn, Germany—(U.P.)—Vice Chancellor Franz Blucher offered his resignation to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today in an open cabinet split over passage last night of the Paris arms treaties, a spokesman for Blucher announced.

The West German lower house (Bundestag) passed the arms treaties by resounding margins and thus put the future of Germany's promised new 12 division army squarely in the hands of the temperamental National Assembly of France.

Blucher is leader of the right wing of the Free Democrats which voted against the Saar agreement. He voted for it himself, but two other FDP ministers abstained and one voted against it in open rebellion against Adenauer.

The tension between Adenauer and the FDP reached a new high yesterday when FDP Chairman Thomas Dehler launched a bitter personal attack against Adenauer and accused him of "lying" on the Saar question.

Blucher, who doubles as minister for economic cooperation and Marshall Plan matters in the Adenauer cabinet, sent his resignation in a memorandum to the Chancellor last night, the spokesman said.

Adenauer himself had not yet replied.

Soil Reclamation Eyed in Lake County

Fort Rock—(U.P.)—A new land rush, or at least a "pump rush" appears to be in the making in the northwestern Lake county region near here.

Pumping companies have announced they are planning to get water for the dry region from an underground lake. Juice to pump the water onto the dry land will come from a new 191-mile line the Lapine Rural Electric co-operative is building into the basin with a \$1,000,000 loan from the U.S. government.

Boosters of the project say the basin can be converted into a garden spot growing grain, potatoes and sugar beets.

Dulles in Saigon To Discuss Defenses

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived here today to attempt to strengthen, in talks with officials of Communist threatened South Viet Nam, Southeast Asia's defenses against Red aggression.

Dulles arrived here by air from Phnom Penh, the capital of neighboring Cambodia, where he discussed with King Norodom Sihanouk the training of a 55,000-man army for that nation's defense.

Dulles, showing the fatigue and strain of his whirlwind tour of Southeast Asia was scheduled to confer here with Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and other high Viet Nam and French officials.

Oregon Jr. Chamber Favors Talent Project

Coo's Bay—(U.P.)—Oregon Jaycees are on record as favoring federal completion of the Talent Irrigation District in southern Oregon today.

A resolution to Congress was passed over the week end here at the annual spring board meeting of Oregon Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Ira Kaye, vice president of the U. S. Jaycee group, addressed the more than 400 persons attending the three-day meeting, which ended yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST—Occasional rain and gusty breeze tonight. Considerable cloudiness with a few snow flurries Tuesday. Continued cold. Low tonight 28. High Tuesday 40.

Highest yesterday 43
Lowest this morning 29
To 4:30 a.m. today trace



THE AMERICAN WAY—The United States plans to return twelve Chinese fishermen to Communist China while at the same time broadly hinting that Peiping should follow its example and return 15 imprisoned American flyers to the U. S. Six of the fishermen, rescued by the U. S. Air Force last May from a reef in the Parcel Islands, are shown at U. S. airbase in the Philippines where they have been cared for since rescue. The seventh is still hospitalized with injury received while stranded.

200 Skiers Trapped, Highways Blocked By Raging Blizzard

The Far West's worst blizzard of the year trapped more than 200 skiers in mountain lodges today and blocked two transcontinental highways with mounting snow drifts.

The storm raged through much of California, swept across the Rocky Mountains, and was still belting parts of Utah and Nevada today.

The storm did surprisingly little damage in California even though it lashed parts of the state with 65 mile per hour gusts packing driving rain and snow.

In Utah, heavily drifted roads and a threat of death dealing avalanches made it impossible for an estimated 215 skiing enthusiasts to make their way down from four ski lodges high in the Wasatch Mountain range.

Three of the lodges, housing 175 of the skiers, were in the Alta region. Forty more skiers found refuge in a lodge in the Brighton area, where 30 inches of new snow was reported.

Forest Rangers said the avalanche danger was so acute around Alta that road equipment could not run the risk of trying to clear the highway.

Meanwhile, rescue crews temporarily gave up their flight to reach the Brighton lodge.

Elsewhere in the storm-battered area, wind whipped drifts forced the closing of highways 40 and 50 across the Sierra Nevada. The Feather River route, the only other east-west highway in the region, was closed to cars without chains along a 25-mile stretch.

Skiers poured helter-skelter along these highways as the storm hit, causing such a traffic jam on a 65 mile stretch of Highway 40 in California that it

had to be closed so snow-removing equipment could get through. In Nevada, meanwhile, the snow was so deep that three ski tournaments were cancelled because roads were blocked.

And in California's Feather River region the Western Pacific's west-bound Western Zephyr from Chicago was delayed for two and a half hours.

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Two deputy premiers, M. Z. Saburov and M. G. Pervukhin, also were promoted with Mokoyan to the rank of first deputy premiers.

The promotions placed them along with two existing first deputies, V. M. Molotov and L. M. Kaganovich, in a broadened top-level presidium.

Counting Premier Nikolai Bulganin as a part of it, this new presidium become a six-man group, replacing the narrow governing team of Bulganin, Molotov and Kaganovich.

Party secretary Nikita Khrushchev still is considered by observers to be the real power behind the new Russian government.

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Parrish, whose car apparently skidded on the snowy highway, was Cook county's first traffic fatality since Oct. 4, 1953.

Atomic Explosion Planned Tuesday

Las Vegas—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission said today at a weather briefing that present conditions may permit detonation of an atomic device tomorrow at 5:35 a.m. (PST).

The commission said, however, that the must postponed "granddaddy" shot originally slated to open the test series will not be fired.

Artillery Aimed At Every Corner Of Chiang Bastion

Only Airstrip No Longer Immune

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The Chinese Communists have ringed Quemoy Island with Soviet-built artillery of the type that shattered the French defenses at Dien Bien Phu, military sources said today.

The artillery can reach every corner of the heavily-defended island outpost with devastating fire for the first time, the sources said. They called the threat a critical one and pointed out Quemoy's only airstrip had been "immune" to Red guns in the past.

Chiang's Largest Base

Quemoy is Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's largest off-shore island base. It is about four miles from the big port of Amoy which it blocks and at one place is only 2,000 yards across open water from a Red-held island.

Quemoy, with a peace-time population of 50,000, is roughly seven miles across but in the past the Communists could shell only about half of it with their small artillery.

Now they have been equipped with Russian 122 millimeter guns firing from new positions, the military sources said.

Red Landings Beaten Off

The island, about 140 miles west of Formosa, is believed to be garrisoned by 40,000 to 50,000 crack troops. The garrison beat off several Communist landing attempts soon after the Nationalists moved their headquarters to Formosa.

Chiang summoned members of the Kuomintang (government ruling party) to a full-dress session Tuesday and it was understood the critical situation in the Formosa Strait would be discussed.

The government faced two major problems—the Communist menace to Quemoy and Matsuo and a critical financial situation on Formosa itself, with controls already clamped on some commodities in an effort to halt inflation.

Musa Fails To Take Bills From Committee

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Katherine Musa (D-The Dalles) failed today in an attempt to take three bills embodying her tax program away from the House Taxation committee where she said they had been killed without her knowledge.

Mrs. Musa's motion to take the bills away from the committee and bring them to the floor for consideration of the full House was overwhelmingly defeated, with only four of her colleagues supporting her maneuver.

The freshman Wasco county lawmaker told the House she considered the Tax committee's action unfair to a member of the House. She said Rep. Loran L. Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) chairman of the Taxation committee, had offered her a hearing on the bills but that he had added the hearing would do no good since the three bills were already dead.

The three bills at issue would repeal the so-called skyscraper clause, eliminate the property tax offset in the corporation excise tax law and remove the utility exemption in the excise tax law.

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Western Oregon Buffeted by Wind; Power Lines Down

Coast Area Spared Usual Heavy Blow

By UNITED PRESS

Oregon was hit with blustery winds up to 70 miles an hour today in a forerunner to what the weather bureau said was "one of the strongest storms" of the season in the Pacific Northwest.

The weatherman, however, played turnabout, aiming the heaviest blows at interior western Oregon, particularly in the Portland area where high winds caused widespread power outages and a variety of other accidents. Along the coast, where the winter's storms generally hit the hardest, it was "business as usual" weather. The gusty winds were felt inland as far east as Ontario.

Shipping on Schedule

Coo's Bay reported stormy weather with offshore winds generally 20-40 miles an hour with gusts up to 50. No damage was reported and shipping was moving on schedule. The situation was much the same at Newport where the Coast Guard reported southerly winds 25-30 miles an hour.

It was gusty at Astoria but the only damage reported was a brief power outage on Pacific Power and Light Company's Knappa-Svensen line early Monday.

In Portland, two 57,000-volt Portland General Electric Company power lines were knocked out of service temporarily. One was between Portland and Oregon City and the other between Estacada and the Lents substation.

Other Power Failures

A rash of other power failures, especially in the suburban areas southwest of Portland, caused much inconvenience to householders at breakfast time.

The Portland fire dispatcher said 28 runs were made within a four-hour period to investigate reports of downed electric wires. Police were sent hurrying to several commercial establishments where crossed wires or broken windows set off burglar alarms.

A 60-foot tree was uprooted by heavy winds in northeast Portland, causing considerable damage to the side of a house. Another felled tree crushed a car. A huge tent housing the Portland Boat Show was blown down.

No Major Accidents

Although the high winds and rain made travel hazardous, Portland police reported no major accidents and no one was reported injured.

The weather bureau said the storm was centered off the northern British Columbia coast and was moving southeastward. It was expected to pass over the Pacific Northwest by tomorrow, bringing more strong winds and some snow.

Pierce Freight Stock Transfer Announced

A. C. Pierce, president and founder of Pierce Freight Lines, Inc., today announced a virtual completion of negotiations which will transfer stock control in the pioneer motor freight company to other southern Oregon interests.

To Continue with Firm

Pierce, who has long held the controlling stock in the company, said that he and his present associates would continue to hold substantial financial interest in the firm for several years and that he would continue to serve the company in an advisory capacity for at least a year.

Acquisition of the Pierce stock is being made by the United Development Corp., of which George P. Davis, Klamath Falls, is president, and George M. Roberts, Medford attorney, is secretary. Names of other stockholders of the development corporation were not disclosed.

Roberts has been a director of Pierce Freight Lines since it was incorporated in 1928 and will continue in this capacity. Davis was manager of the Lorenz company for many years, and for the past few years has conducted a business advisory service in Klamath Falls.

Both Pierce and Davis, spokesmen for the new interests, emphasized the fact that the stock transfer will have little if any effect on company operations or

Emergency Clause Ban Removal Given Committee Approval

The legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning went on record in favor of a proposed amendment to the Oregon state constitution, having to do with the so-called "emergency clause" for legislation. It urged the legislature to refer the proposal to a vote of the people.

The constitution now prohibits the use of the emergency clause on tax legislation. (The emergency clause can be placed on all other legislation only by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.)

Can Be Held Up

Without an emergency clause, which places legislation in effect immediately, any piece of legislation can be referred to a vote of the people by a referendum petition bearing the signatures of some 20,000 or so voters. In effect, this means that tax legislation can be (and, in practice, usually is) held up for 15 to 18 months until the next general election.

By removal of this ban, the committee felt the legislature would be permitted to pass whatever tax legislation it feels necessary, and the tax would go into effect immediately. It was pointed out that the people can still vote on the tax, through an initiative petition, but that the state would not suffer from a lack of revenue in the meantime.

Passes Unanimously

The motion passed unanimously, and members of Jackson county's delegation in the legislature will be urged to vote favorably on the proposal to refer the question to the voters in the general election of 1956.

The committee also voted to oppose a bill which would remove the existing limit of \$20,000 on damages awarded for the death of an individual.

The group discussed a number of other bills, but took no action on them.

April Draft Call Slashed To 8000 Men 44

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department today slashed April draft calls to 8000 men, all for the Army.

The April figure compares with 11,000 for March and February, and 23,000 for January.

The Defense Department said "this call represents a moderate decrease from the previous estimate because of a greater number of voluntary enlistments into the Army than had been forecast."

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 411.87 up 2.37; 20 Railroads 149.47 up 1.72; 15 Utilities 64.05 up 0.27 and 65 Stocks 153.54 up 1.09. Sales today were about 2,620,000 shares against 2,540,000 shares Friday.

Speeding Mule Riders May Be Given Break By State Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—A group of horse and mule riders who like to gallop on muleback at high speeds through rural areas? If so, you will be heartened by a piece of legislation being readied for scrutiny by the Oregon Legislature.

At present it is unlawful to ride a mule at speeds in excess of six miles an hour, through unincorporated communities of the state.

But this law, and many others equally outmoded, would be corrected under proposals being prepared for introduction in the assembly this week by Sen. Gene Brown (R-Gant Pass), chairman of the Legislative Council Committee.

Brown's resolutions would set up two interim committees with authority to draw up legislation to eliminate outmoded and conflicting statutes and to streamline the military code.

Japan Swings Slightly To Left In General Voting

Alliance With West Confirmed by Ballots

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Japan shifted slightly to the left in Sunday's general elections, but confirmed by a nearly two to one vote its postwar alliance with the United States, final official returns showed today.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party, conservative but pledged to seek co-existence with all nations including Red China, won working control of parliament and the right to form a new government.

Merger Talk Rejected

He immediately rejected talk of merger or coalition with the other conservative bloc, the Liberal Party of former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, and said he would form a one-party cabinet.

The House of Representatives, elected in Sunday's record vote by more than 37,000,000 Japanese—76 per cent of those eligible—will elect the new prime minister about March 10.

Final unofficial returns gave the Democrats 186 seats, Liberals 111, Left-Socialists 89, Right-Socialists 67, Labor-Farmers four, Communists two and others six.

Revision Blocked

The Socialists won just enough seats to block a threatened conservative move to revise the "MacArthur" constitution which bans full-scale rearmament and makes the emperor a figurehead. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds vote in the house, and the Liberals and Democrats combined fell 15 votes short of this.

Judges Assigned To Circuit Court

Two judges have been assigned to Jackson county's circuit court for the next several days, according to court officials.

Judge E. H. Howell, Canyon City, has returned for a 10-day period, and Judge Pro Tem Louis E. Starr, Portland, will be here for six days.

It has been tentatively agreed that Starr will hear an equity case for Tuesday and Howell will consider motions and demurrers now pending before the court.

Judge H. K. Hanna, regular magistrate, is still resting at home after a recent illness.

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Morse Tells Views Against Pay Increase

By A. ROBERT SMITH Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington—When Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) was in Oregon last week to register as a Democrat, he was called up short by a constituent who was dead set against members of Congress increasing their own salaries.

It happened after Morse and his party ran out of gas en route to Eugene and limped into a small roadside filling station. Morse tells the story like this: "The station was one of those little family gas stations which husband and wife operate in conjunction with a small grocery store or a few tourist cabins. The proprietor, a man in his sixties, said, 'Well, senator, I see that you are about to vote yourself a nice, big, fat salary increase.' I said, 'That is very doubtful.'"

Gave Some Reasons

"Well," he said, "the bill just passed the House." I said, "Yes, but it has not passed the Senate yet. It may be that it will, but

not with my vote." I gave him some of my reasons why I shall vote against the increase.

"That gentleman said, 'I want you to know that in this community the people I have talked to, and many come through here during the course of a day, are very bitter about this proposal.' He said, 'I don't want to hurt your feelings, but we think the Congress as a whole just does not deserve higher pay.'"

Morse said he was inclined to agree with the man.

Earlier Views Changed

"There was a time when I leaned to the idea of a salary increase," Morse said. "I have completely changed my earlier point of view on this salary increase issue. I do not believe any substantial increase in salary can be justified at the present time."

Instead of backing a pay boost, Morse urged the Senate to increase its fixed allowances for office expenses—telegrams, long-distance calls, air mail

stamps, stenographic salaries. He said he was forced to dip into his own pocket to meet such expenses as these which now exceeded his allowance.

Funds Unchecked

Inasmuch as the salaries and expenses incurred by each Senator office are held confidential, reporters have never been able to check these funds. Whether they are adequate or not became a dramatic issue in the 1952 presidential campaign when it was first disclosed that Vice-President Nixon (who was then only the candidate for that office) had defrayed certain expenses as a senator through use of a special fund set up for him by California business men. Nixon explained in a national TV show that he couldn't meet all his obligations in serving his constituents with the small fixed allowances given each senator.

Morse immediately came out with an itemized accounting which showed that he had no