



MOST CRITICAL—The fireball of the AEC's most critical test climbs from Yucca Flat, Nevada, after being set off atop a 500 foot tower. The rockets on right are used for test purposes. The picture was made with a 36-inch lens from the top of Mr. Charleston, 55 miles from the test site. The exposure was made 5 seconds after the blast.

Water Fighting Flares In Central Viet Nam

Nationalists Rush Heavy Artillery To Matsu Island All-Out Attack Appears Imminent

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Official quarters said today the Chinese Nationalists were rushing heavy American artillery and reserve ammunition to Matsu Island where an all-out Communist attack appeared imminent.

Naval sources reported yesterday the Nationalists were increasing the size of the garrison on the tiny rocky outpost barely 20 miles off the mainland to some 40,000 men to counter a major Communist buildup along the "invasion coast."

There was no report of fighting in the tense Formosa Strait today. Military sources reported only routine patrol action to check Communist troop movements and threats. The Reds fired 18 rounds of artillery at Quemoy yesterday.

Despite the lull on the 150 mile off shore island line from Matsu south to Quemoy both sides gave all indications a major battle for Matsu was in the making. Each took to huge air-sea maneuvers carried out by the other and of massive reinforcements.

Neither the U. S. Navy nor the Nationalists would comment on reports by Radio Peiping that the Nationalists joined with the United States to stage impressive exercises in the Formosa Straits. The broadcast said U.S. carriers from the Philippines took part and that Adm. Felix Stump, U.S. naval chief in the Pacific, watched.

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The Nationalists reported the Communists carried out their greatest yet combined maneuvers off Hainan Island near Hong Kong. The Nationalists said more than 80 Red ships and a good portion of the Chinese Communist Air Force took part.

Military sources here emphasized almost daily the size of the Communist buildup opposite Matsu. The reports said new airfields were being constructed in Fukien province just across the strait from Formosa and that the Reds were moving their naval strength southward from recently occupied Tachen and Nanchi islands.

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Dulles Outlines No Appeasement Policy on China

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the United States must show willingness to use its strength in defense of Southeast Asian freedom or see that area fall to Communism by default.

"The Communists portray us as weak," Dulles was quoted officially as telling the Senate Foreign Relations committee, "and unless the free people get a clear sense of our strength and our willingness to use it, they may conclude that Communism is going to win and they had better join up."

Dulles also was understood to have outlined U.S. plans to retaliate on three fronts if Communist China commits aggression in the troubled Asian area. The reprisals, possibly with atomic weapons, would be aimed against the Reds from Formosa, Korea and Southeast Asia.

Foreign policy experts of the Senate and House also asked Dulles, just back from the Far East, to tell them specifically how far the United States is committed to defend Quemoy and the Matsu islands off the Red China coast. They also wanted to know whether the administration's policy in the Far East has caused a U.S.-British split.

Dulles outlined administration policy on these and other touchy problems involving the tense Far East in appearances first before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and then the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

He also prepared to make a public radio-television report to the nation tonight.

Dulles returned Sunday from two weeks in Asia where he helped organize the Southeast Asia defense of the eight-nation Manila Pact and set in motion the U.S.-Nationalist China Defense Treaty.

Dispatches from London said British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who also attended the eight-nation defense meeting held in Bangkok, returned greatly disturbed over U.S.-British disagreement on ways to meet Red aggression in Asia and to obtain a cease fire on Formosa.

But Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he talked with Dulles Monday and that the secretary indicated that there was no basic misunderstanding, although the British have slightly different interests in that area.

He said Dulles "seemed to think that there was some exaggeration about differences in viewpoint" between the U.S. and Britain.

Many congressmen have been concerned about Quemoy and the Matsu because Dulles has steered away from making any public commitment on defense of the two island groups. While the United States does not want to guarantee safety of all the Nationalist-held offshore islands, it is known that American forces will defend against any island attack it feels is aimed at eventual conquest of Formosa.

Rebel Auxiliary Troops Seek To Overthrow Premier Nationalists Ordered To Destroy Movement

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Bitter fighting has broken out between government forces and rebel auxiliary troops seeking to overthrow the government of free Viet Nam, informed sources said today.

The sources said the government dispatched seven crack battalions supported by armor and artillery to put down the uprising. A dozen rebels were reported killed and many wounded in the first clash.

The first battle was reported in the Quang Tri region of central Viet Nam.

Armored cars took up alert positions around the residence of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem whose regime is also threatened by a new coalition of religious sects.

Informed sources said National Army troops had been ordered to destroy the rebel movement made up of hundreds of deserters from hard pressed Viet Nam's auxiliary forces.

The rebels were centered in the Montague neighborhood of Belang, 12 miles west of Quang Tri.

The fighting was reported serious, but informed sources called the threat by the religious sect coalition the greatest to Diem since he weathered a crisis last fall over control of free Viet Nam's National Army.

Tension mounted in Saigon and the armored cars moved into alert positions in the gardens of Diem's residence. The atmosphere in the refugee swollen city reflected uneasiness in high quarters.

The religious sects, each with its own private army, were the Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen.

Last week they suddenly put an end to their private wars and united to demand the formation of a national union front to set up a "strong and honest democratic government."

The statement was regarded as a challenge to Diem who rules on a personal mandate from the Emperor Bao Dai, Viet Nam chief of state. South Viet Nam has no Parliament.

City and state police yesterday arrested Robert Edmund Brando, 28, of 1321 Locust st., on seven felony warrants concerning bad checks in the southern California area, according to city police.

Brando was arrested in Jacksonville and is being held for extradition. Sheriff Frank Bland, San Bernardino, filed the charges. The warrants include fictitious check cases in San Bernardino and Twenty-Nine Palms. Bail on six of the warrants is set at \$1,000 each and \$1,500 on the seventh.

Brando was removed from the city to the county jail to await extradition procedures, police said.

House Committee Votes To Restore Rigid Supports

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Agriculture committee voted today to junk the administration's flexible farm price support program and restore rigid high supports for basic crops. It also voted to boost minimum price support guarantees for dairy farmers.

But the measure faces tougher opposition on the House floor. And there is little, if any, chance that it will be brought to a Senate vote this year.

The bill would restore mandatory price supports of 90 per cent of parity for 1955, 1956 and 1957 crops of wheat, corn, peanuts, rice and cotton.

It would give wheat farmers a choice of a new program. The bill would call for a national referendum of wheat growers to determine whether a new two-price plan should be used for bolstering their income, starting with the 1956 crop.

It also would boost the minimum price support for dairy farmers to 80 per cent of parity. Under present law, the secretary of agriculture has discretionary authority to fix dairy supports anywhere from 75 to 90 per cent of parity.

Committee Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.), said boosting the minimum to 80 per cent would have little, if any, effect on consumer prices. Benson has set dairy crops close to 80 per cent for the coming year.

Control Board Votes To Pay Bill for Roof

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Control today voted to request the Legislature to pay a \$4429 bill for replacing a leaky roof on the new state garage building, then laid down a firm policy that thereafter no work not authorized by the board would be paid for.

The board had not been aware until after the new roof had been installed that the job was needed.

Both Secretary of State Earl T. Newby and State Treasurer Sig Underer said they had been told that the garage roof would be fixed without additional cost.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson said the faulty roof had been built according to specifications by E. E. Batterman, and the state had a moral obligation to pay the bill. But he said he, too, had been surprised when the bill for the new roof came in.

One Dead After Brothers Stranded 12 Days in Auto

Shelton, Wash.—(U.P.)—William Seymour, 31, Shelton, who was stranded for 12 days in a stalled car in the middle of a swamp northwest of here was being treated for frozen feet today, but the brother who was with him was dead.

A light airplane piloted by 2nd Lt. Kenneth R. Porter of Laramie, Wyo., spotted the stalled car yesterday in a swamp two miles from U. S. highway 101 near Hoodport. Removed by Truck

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Ellsworth said such projects as the McNary, Coulee, The Dalles and Chief Joseph dams were always "kept out of politics" but Morse and Neuberger are now charging off in the opposite direction.

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Baker—(U.P.)—A young woman died at a local hospital early today following a two-car collision while she was being taken to the maternity ward of a local hospital, police reported.

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Attorney Appointed For White; Plea Set for Saturday

Medford Attorney Robert Duncan this morning was appointed to serve as counsel for Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., Medford.

White was indicted Friday by the Jackson county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder. The charge arose out of the death last Wednesday of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix.

White is scheduled to appear with his attorney in circuit court Saturday morning to enter a plea to the charge. The plea will be heard by Circuit Judge Orval Millard.

White is being held without bail in the county jail.

The father of three small children, White, was taken into custody Wednesday after Birk was struck on the head by a two-by-four board, which eyewitnesses said was wielded by the Medford man. The attack occurred while both men were at work at the Talent sawmill.

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High Hells Canyon Bill Introduced

Washington—(U.P.)—Thirty senators and four representatives today introduced legislation to authorize federal construction of a high dam at Hells Canyon on the Snake River between Oregon and Idaho.

Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.), and 29 other senators, mostly Democrats, co-sponsored the bill in the Senate. It would authorize a federal project to take the place of the three low dams in the same area for which the Idaho Power Co. is seeking a Federal Power commission permit.

Companion legislation was introduced in the house by Reps. Gracie Pfoz (D-Ida.), Don Magnuson, (D-Wash.), Edith Green (D-Ore.), and Lee Metcalf (D-Mont.).

Sen. Alben W. Barkley, (D-Ky.), pledged his support to the "general idea" but would not commit himself to details of the measure until he studies it.

Mrs. Green told the House that the administration would be committing one of history's "most colossal blunders," if it scuttled the long-talked high federal dam for three privately-run projects.

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Cold Forces Ike To Miss Conference

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Wednesday Atomic Explosion Called Off

Las Vegas—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy commission said today there will be no nuclear test detonation tomorrow because of weather conditions.

AEC scientists said, however, that they will hold another weather evaluation late tomorrow morning to determine whether the detonation can be made Thursday.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight, partly cloudy Wednesday, with a few light showers, mainly in mountains. Low tonight 34; high Wednesday 60. Temp. Highest Yesterday 71. Lowest this Morning 29.

Attack on Federal Witnesses Claimed Inspired by Reds

Washington—(U.P.)—Asst. Atty. Gen. William F. Tompkins said today the "current attack" on government witnesses and FBI informants is part of a "Communist effort" to hamstring the government's campaign against subversives.

Tompkins made the assertion as he appeared before a Senate Government Operations Committee studying a proposal to establish a bipartisan commission to review the administration's controversial security program.

He did not specify what he meant about the "current attack." He may have referred to the criticism that has been directed at his department and other government agencies for having relied on such turnabout witnesses as Harvey Matusow, Marie Natvig and others whose credibility has since been brought into question.

Tompkins also criticized those who contend that government employees accused of disloyalty should have the right to face and cross-examine their secret accusers.

He said there would be "no more effective way" of "hamstringing" the government's security system "than through the demand for confrontation of witnesses in non-criminal matters."

Sensors questioned him about the case of Wolf Ladejinsky, agricultural expert found a security risk by the Agriculture Department but cleared and hired by the Foreign Operations Administration.

Non-High School Budget of \$336,200 OKd

A tentative non-high school budget of \$336,200 has been approved by the county non-high board, according to Alf Mekvold, county superintendent of schools.

The budget is based on an expected increase of 14 per cent in the number of students who will attend high school from non-high districts next year, he said.

The proposed budget will be submitted to the county rural school board for possible changes.

Of the \$336,200 total, \$306,000 is for tuition, \$24,000 for transportation, \$5,000 for emergencies, with the rest listed as operating expenses.

The non-high school board is in charge of high school students residing in school districts which do not have high schools. The board provides their transportation to districts which have high schools, and pays their tuition.

The non-high budget will be handled by the rural board in the same manner as a budget for an individual district. It will become part of the equalized county levy, excluding first class districts.

Members of the non-high board, who act as a committee of the whole for budgets, are Dunbar Carpenter, Medford, chairman pro tem; A. E. Brockway, Medford; D. H. Barber, Trail; V. A. Turpin, Medford, and E. R. Ramsay, Ruch.

The county rural board has approved a budget of \$68,050, including \$60,000 for emergencies and \$8,050 for operating expenses. These figures compare with the present budget of \$63,550, with \$60,000 for emergencies and \$3,550 for operating costs. The only change in the budget is addition of the salary of one supervisor. This item has been carried this year in emergency funds because the post was created after completion of the 1954-1955 budget.

All district school budgets, including that for the non-high board, are to be completed and submitted to the rural board by March 15. As soon as they are processed they will be reviewed by the rural board, which must notify the districts of any changes by April 10.

Hearings for the districts on any changes will be held by the rural board between April 10 and 20. Final changes must be made by the rural board on or before April 20. A countywide election to exceed the 6 per cent limitation in all districts under the rural board must be held on or before May 16.

Both the non-high and rural board budgets were approved after public hearings held Friday, at which no opposition to the fiscal programs was voiced. Members of the rural board, who sat as a committee of the whole to work on the budget, include J. G. Cameron, Lone Pine, chairman pro tem; Josephine Holmes, Eagle Point; Ben Nork, Shady Cove; H. F. Padgham, Lone Pine; Lyle Van Scoy, Eagle Point; Jeanette P. Grove, Phoenix; William A. Starzinger, Rogue River, and Glenn W. Smith, Ruch.