

Ike Tells of Plan for Atomic Merchant Ship

Red China May Use Jailed Fliers for Bargaining Agents

Bandung, Indonesia —(U.P.)— Communist China today rejected the American terms for a conference on the Formosan crisis and there were strong suggestions Peiping might use 11 imprisoned American fliers as a bargaining point.

Peiping radio announced the rejection and said the U.S. State Department's answer to Premier Chou En-Lai's bid to sit down and discuss Formosa "put forward a series of unreasonable prerequisites for such negotiations."

It listed these as the participation of Chiang Kai-shek, the call for an immediate cease fire in the Formosa Strait, the immediate release of "all American spies" and the acceptance of a U.N. Security Council invitation to discuss the New Zealand proposal on the Formosan issue.

Prisoners At Issue

But at the same time, Prime Minister Mohammed Ali of Pakistan said he thought Red China might release the 11 imprisoned American fliers if Peiping were convinced of U.S. sincerity to negotiate the Formosa crisis.

Ali hinted strongly he had made progress in convincing Chou to release the prisoners in the course of a long talk he had with the Red Premier.

Observers said Chou's reported willingness to discuss the release of the Americans was a strong indication the Communists hoped to use their imprisonment to win concessions on other points.

The flood of developments on the Formosan crisis made it more and more evident that the talks between the United States and Communist China might not come off.

Lack of Agreement

Nationalist officials on Taipei said flatly they would not sit down with the Chinese Communists on any terms. The United States said it would not talk unless the Nationalists were present. And Peiping rejected all American proposals.

Earlier, Premier U Nu of Burma said Communist China would refuse to negotiate the Formosa crisis.

Doctor Testifies At Fong Hearing

Portland —(U.P.)—Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman today produced his own medical witness in an attempt to refute state testimony that Diane Hank may have died of barbiturate poisoning.

Dr. Charles M. Grossman testified at the first degree murder trial of Wey Him and Sherry Fong that other chemicals might easily be present in a partly decomposed body which would give the same response as barbiturate to the test which the prosecution's experts used in checking for the presence of barbiturates.

The Fongs are accused of killing the 16-year-old Hank girl and dumping her body in the brush near Washougal, Wash.

First defense witness as the trial entered its third week today was Mrs. Veda Porth, record clerk at the police emergency hospital.

Through her, Goodman introduced hospital records which showed that Porth, 47, a prosecution witness, was treated at the jail hospital Jan. 11 and 12 for extensive soreness of the body and neck. Goodman read a notation on the record which said, "Porth states that he was beaten by the police last night."

Portland —(U.P.)—Mrs. R. A. Law, Coos Bay, has been elected chairman of the Oregon Art Alliance.

Guards Posted at Portland School As Northwest Bombing Threats Continue

Portland —(U.P.)—A police guard was posted around the Sylvan school in Portland's southwest hills today as the bomb jitters continued to plague the Pacific Northwest.

The school was placed under surveillance after the president of the school's Parent-Teachers Association received a threat that a bomb would explode in the school this morning.

Mrs. Herbert Winfree received the call Thursday night from a man "with a well-modulated voice" demanding she get \$20,000 for delivery according to instructions she would receive during the week end. The man told her it was "not a gag with the Meier, Frank and Purcell children in your school."

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Coon Raps Neuberger

Patterson's Stand On Hells Canyon Rapped by Morse

Governor's View Said 'Utterly Unrealistic'

Washington —(U.P.)— Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) today delivered a roundhouse attack on Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon for opposing federal construction of the Hells Canyon Dam.

Morse, in a speech prepared for Senate delivery, said his state's Republican governor has "the kind of narrow parochial view which cannot see past state lines and is utterly unrealistic."

He said Patterson and Govs. Robert Smylie of Idaho and Robert B. Langlie of Washington are three "musketeers of resistance to the 20th century." Smylie and Langlie also oppose the dam proposal backed by Morse.

Morse's attack on Patterson arose from a hearing April 7 in Portland, Ore., when the governor opposed Morse's Hells Canyon bill.

Morse said that on that day the Governor "signed up" at the "recruiting office" of the Idaho Power Company which opposes the Hells Canyon Dam and wants to build a series of its own dams on the Snake river instead.

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WIFE, 'OTHER MAN' CHARGED IN BOMBING — Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 30 (left), whose attorney husband, Oliver K. Smith, 35, was blown to bits by a dynamite charge hidden in his car, is being held by Portland, Ore., police on murder charge. Victor Lawrence Wolf (right) signed a confession admitting his part in setting the explosives. District Attorney William Langley said the confession, pointed out that Wolf and Mrs. Smith had been plotting the slaying for several months.

Mrs. Smith Continues To Deny Having Part In Death of Attorney

Portland, Ore. —(U.P.)— Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 34, insisted today she had nothing to do with the bomb-slaying of her husband even though an acquaintance said she often discussed doing away with him.

Thomas A. Marlin of Sherwood, Ore., told police Mrs. Smith had discussed many plans for murder with him over a period of months.

Marlin said he first met Mrs. Smith in 1943, when they worked in Oregon shipyards. Subsequently, he said, she asked him if he knew where he could buy dynamite and that she talked with him on several occasions about committing the "perfect crime."

Marlin said her husband was often the subject of these conversations. Police confronted Mrs. Smith with Marlin yesterday, but she confessed nothing.

Mrs. Smith is accused of complicity in the death of her husband, Oliver Kermit Smith, 35-year-old Portland attorney who was blown up by a charge of dynamite in his auto last Thursday. Bomb Plant Admitted

Victor Lawrence Wolf, 45, also accused of murder, admitted planting the bomb because he was in love with Mrs. Smith. He said the two planned to share Smith's \$21,000 insurance.

Wolf took detectives yesterday to an undisclosed spot in Washington state where he said he and Mrs. Smith tested dynamite caps three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Mrs. Smith is wanted on four bad check charges in California. The warrants, signed in

Knowland Questions Foreign Aid To India

Washington —(U.P.)— Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland questioned today whether U. S. foreign aid funds should be allotted to India in view of that country's neutral position in the cold war.

His attitude reflected a viewpoint widely held in Congress among members who are questioning or objecting to the continued inclusion of India in the foreign aid program.

Knowland gave his views to reporters in commenting on the line taken by Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung, Indonesia.

He expressed the belief that the conference had "backfired" on the neutral Nehru and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai because the anti-Communist countries in Asia had made an effective case against "the dangers of Communism."

Statement Claimed Typical Utterance Of Obstructionists

John Day Dam Object of Differences

Washington —(U.P.)— Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) said Saturday he "was not surprised" at a statement by Oregon Democratic Sen. Richard L. Neuberger attacking the Baker congressman's bill to authorize construction of the John Day dam on the Columbia river.

"This Neuberger's statement," Coon said, "is typical of the reactionary, obstructionist tactics used by those who hope to prevent prompt development of the hydroelectric resources of the Pacific Northwest."

Game of Keepaway "These people are playing a game of keepaway with the people of the Northwest," Coon said, "and they are using these tactics in a desperate attempt to hang on to a discredited political issue."

Neuberger Friday said Coon's bill was not in the public interest. He said the partnership proposal was designed to give the revenue-producing parts of the Northwest's power projects to private utilities while handing the bill for paying for other features of the works to the people.

Dam Aid To Economy Coon charged opponents of his bill with standing in the way of new hydroelectric, navigation and flood control developments. He said if these forces are successful they will bear the full responsibility for blocking industrial and economic development of the Pacific Northwest.

The Coon bill provides that local interest, public and private, will be allowed to advance to the federal government the total cost of the power features of the John Day dam. Coon estimated that this amount would be \$273,000,000, or nearly 90 per cent of the total cost of the multi-purpose project.

In support of his bill, Coon said "There is no question regarding ownership of the dam. The whole project will be built, designed, owned and operated by the federal government."

He said his bill makes possible advance sale of power "so the project can be built now rather than at some distant time when Congress might seem fit to appropriate the necessary funds."

Radford Sets Final Meeting With Chiang

Taipei, Formosa —(U.P.)— Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff will hold a final conference tomorrow with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and then fly back to Washington, it was reported today.

The talks—probably more secret than any held here in recent years—began yesterday shortly after Radford arrived here with Walter S. Robertson, assistant secretary of state and President Eisenhower's Far Eastern trouble shooter.

Karl Rankin, the U.S. ambassador, sat in on the talks which lasted for five hours yesterday.

Officials here, both Chinese and American, threw up a wall of secrecy around the talks and the usual profuse leakage of information was successfully plugged.

Three Men Missing In Coquille River

Myrtle Point, Ore. —(U.P.)— Three people were missing and believed drowned in the Coquille river near Myrtle Point in a boating accident yesterday.

Missing were Allen Richard McGredy, 16, Springfield, his brother Charles George McGredy, 19, on leave from the army, and a brother-in-law, Harlan Wyrich, 35, from nearby Bridge.

The trio went out in a boat on the Coquille river near Bridge, about noon yesterday to try out a new motor. About 1:30 p.m. the boat was seen downstream overturned.

A jacket and a hat were found floating near shore. Police and Coast Guardsmen searched yesterday until dark and resumed the search this morning.

Powder House Explosion Kills Union County Worker

La Grande —(U.P.)— A terrific explosion today destroyed the Union county powder house, shattering plate glass windows in downtown La Grande and killed one man, presumably a county employee.

Shattering Explosion State police said the victim was believed to be Eugene Benton, about 55, shop foreman for the Union county road department. Benton left the county shops about 9:10 a.m. to go to the powder house two miles north of La Grande, on a routine checkup. About 10 minutes later there was a shattering explosion which jarred La Grande and was felt by farmers at least two miles from the scene.

The brick powder house was destroyed in the blast which blew brick dust several hundred

Cruise Would Show Peacetime Use of Energy

Exhibit Would Tour Foreign Ports

New York —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower today announced plans for U. S. construction of an atomic powered merchant ship which will cruise the world to demonstrate peacetime use of atomic energy.

The new ship, which will not require refueling "for scores of thousands of miles," will carry to countless foreign ports the exhibits of practical application of the new atomic science and medicine, agriculture and power production.

The President made his disclosures in a speech prepared for delivery before the Associated Press lunch held a day before the opening of the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Trade Essential

Mr. Eisenhower's accent was on the need for free two-way trade among nations and particularly congressional passage of his reciprocal trade program. He called reciprocal trade "a broad avenue by which all men and nations of goodwill can travel toward a golden era of peace and plenty."

The dramatic highlight of his prepared address, however, was his announcement of the atom-powered merchant vessel as another part of the American program of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

He said specifications for the vessel were being developed by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Maritime Administration. The chief executive will ask Congress for special construction funds in the near future, accompanying his request with a description of the ship.

"The new ship, powered with an atomic reactor, will not require refueling for scores of thousands of miles of operation," the President told the editors and publishers at the lunch.

Peacetime Project

"Visiting the ports of the world it will demonstrate to people everywhere this peacetime use of atomic energy, harnessed for the improvement of human living."

"In part, the ship will be an atomic exhibit, carrying to all people practical knowledge of the usefulness of this new science. . . ."

The United States has one atom-powered vessel in operation, the submarine Nautilus, and has another similar under-seas craft on order.

The Nautilus, as the merchantman would be, is powered by an atomic reactor.

Trouble In Congress The chief executive reserved most of his words, however, for his foreign trade program, saying he would not relax his personal effort toward putting across the program. The program has encountered rough going in Congress.

"To abandon our program for the gradual reduction of unjustifiable trade barriers—to vitiate the administration proposals by crippling amendments—would strike a severe blow at the cooperative efforts of the free nations to build up their economic and military defenses," he said.

He feared severe interference with tariff reductions as outlined in his program would result in sharp contraction of world trade.

Weather

FORECAST — Generally cloudy with showers through Tuesday. Low tonight 38-40. High Tuesday 55.

Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning 37