



WAR FLARES ANEW—A week-long lull in free Viet Nam's civil war is ended with widespread fighting in rice-rich Mekong River delta area below Saigon as Hoa Hao troops attack. Newsmap locates Sadeq, Mytho and Long Xuyen, hard-hit with artillery, mortar fire, by forces under fanatic Gen. Ba Cut. Casualties among civilian population believed high, according to reports from refugees straggling into Saigon.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—A century ago this week, Congress was in recess, but several offices were earning their salt and saw-belly. One was the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Under a recent act, the secretary was busy buying a lot of interesting things. These he listed unalphabetically in the papers. Like: Fifty reams of hardware paper, "very tough and with a very smooth surface."

Two dozen ivory handled erasers. Six dozen match boxes equipped with wax matches.

Two dozen boxes of pencil leads. Ten dozen inkstands, and eight dozen 1/2 pint bottles of the very best quality ink.

And, among other things, one dozen bottles of red ink.

Incidentally, the Secretary of the Senate asked that all bidders on things to be bought should send samples to him.

Another incidental item in the prints of 1855 reported that Wil-

liam Clauncy Landon of Kentucky was elevated from assistant to Chief Examiner of Patents and that the raise in pay would put Mr. L. up to \$2500 a year. New Assistant Examiners, Amos T. Jenkins of Rhode Island and Isaac D. Toll of Michigan, were to be upped to the munificent sum of \$1800 per annum. No tax deductions.

But to get back to things wanted and those for sale, the Bureau of Yards and Docks advertised it would offer "to the highest bidder" such things as 250 pounds of hard soap, 15 crowbars, and 20 dozen files. Not to mention four hearth rugs, three office stools, and two ironing boards.

The Willard Hotel, one of the oldest in the Capital, advertised that it was forced to increase rates to \$1.50 a day, but swore on a stack of that it was the best buy in town and that baths were "free for paying guests."

Our government office said that for \$5 a head there would be a trip up and down the river in the "Vessel George Washington" to celebrate the landing of the Pilgrims. The boat, the government agency said, was chartered by the "Young Catholic Friends Society of Washington, which needs the money."

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Mrs. Green Only Oregon Delegate To Vote in Favor of Statehood Measure

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Washington—(Special)—Oregon's congressional delegation contributed or' one vote to the cause of statehood for Hawaii and Alaska last week, and that was cast by the congressman from Portland, Rep. Edith Green, Democrat.

The House voted down a combined statehood bill for both territories by a 48-vote margin after two days of debate, apparently wiping out any chances the American flag will get its 49th and 50th stars very soon.

Norblad Absent

Rep. Walter Norblad indicated he would have voted for the statehood measure if he had been present, but he was in Nicaragua attending an international conference, his office reported.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth said he is opposed to statehood for Alaska. Like the Eisenhower administration, he said he favors Hawaiian statehood. Ellsworth said he wasn't convinced the people of Alaska want statehood. Rep. Sam Coon also voted against statehood.

Del. E. L. Bartlett of Alaska said the best evidence of the prevailing opinion in the territory is that the only candidates for public office in Alaska that get elected are those favoring statehood.

Postal Bill Backed

Postal workers got two supporters from the Oregon delegation in the House and support from both Oregon senators last week for their pay increase bill. Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger voted for the 8.8 per cent bill in the Senate, and Ellsworth and Mrs. Green supported it in the House when it came to a final vote. Norblad was out of town, as was Coon, who was attending the Oregon Cattlemen's meeting at Corvallis when the bill came up. Ellsworth, however, earlier

voted in favor of sending the pay bill back to a House-Senate conference with instructions to trim it down to a 7.6 per cent increase, which is in line with what the administration wants.

In the recent battle over farm price supports in the House which saw the Democratic majority successfully put through a bill to restore rigid supports at 90 per cent in place of the current sliding-scale supports, the Oregon delegation divided on party lines.

Longer Chance Wanted

Ellsworth, Coon and Norblad all voted against the high support bill, explaining they thought the flexible approach ought to be given a longer chance to show what affect it might have on the nation's economy in terms of agricultural surplus commodities, subsidies and farmer income. Mrs. Green went for the high bill.

The sliding-scale approach went into affect only last year, but under the persuasive leadership of Speaker Sam Rayburn the House passed the rigid bill

Korea Flour Mill Fund Said Unfair

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Walt Horan said yesterday he had learned that the Foreign Operations administration is supplying funds to furnish machinery to Korean flour mills and said this was "not fair" to Northwest wheat growers.

"I strongly protest this action since the Pacific Northwest, agriculturally, has a wheat economy," the Washington Republican said in a letter to FOA Administrator Harold E. Stassen. "Right now we are hard pressed with our disposal programs and have great quantities in storage."

For the first time, the North American pulp and paper industry in 1954 exported more paper than it imported.

206-201. It's not expected to come up in the Senate this year, if ever, due to opposition from Sen. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

In one other issue brought to a vote last week, Ellsworth, Coon and Mrs. Green supported the defense appropriations bill which won unanimous House backing, 382-0. Norblad was still out of town.

Said Uneconomical

Only controversial feature involved the program of the Eisenhower administration to turn over certain functions formerly handled by civilian employees of the Defense Department to private business, such as making paint and rope by the Navy at established naval bases.

Something Wrong Seen In Graham's Crusade

London—(U.P.)—London newspapers took a long hard look at Billy Graham's east side visit Sunday and agreed that something went wrong. Only 5000 persons turned up and 100,000 had been expected.

Some papers blamed the weather, others public apathy and others said the American evangelist was trying too hard to sell himself.

Only one, the News Chronicle, was optimistic about the meeting. It said the Sunday meeting and the Saturday opening meeting at Wembley Stadium constituted a "week end of fresh triumphs for the preacher."

Many lawmakers complained this was unwise, uneconomical and not in the interests of national security in many cases—so the House voted 202-184 to require the Pentagon to get congressional approval of every such proposed transfer. Coon and Ellsworth voted to let the Pentagon go ahead without getting approval, and Mrs. Green voted for the clearance procedure.

Red Jet Fuel Said Plaintful for Attack

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—The Tatro News Agency of the Ministry of Interior said yesterday the Chinese Communists had stockpiled enough jet fuel at coastal airfields for a major air effort against Formosa and its island outposts.

The agency said fuel sufficient for 5000 missions had been stored at Luichiao Airfield alone. The agency, which claims close Nationalist intelligence sources, said truckloads of jet fuel were sighted en route from Shanghai and Hangchow.

Luichiao is within easy fighting range of Matsuo and Quemoy island and Formosa itself. The Tatro agency said jet fuel for the fields originally came from the Romanian oilfields via tanker.

Nebraska was known as "The Tree Planter's State" from 1895 until 1945 when it became "The Cornhusker State."

Postal Pay Veto Expected To Stand

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland reiterated his forecast that President Eisenhower will veto the average 8.8 per cent pay raise approved by Congress for the nation's 500,000 postal workers.

The Californian made his prediction that a veto would be sustained, despite the fact that both the House and Senate passed the measure by more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto.

Mr. Eisenhower is expected to announce this week whether he will sign the bill which is out of line with the 7.6 per cent postal pay raise requested by the administration.

SHARPSHOOTER
Weare, N. H.—(U.P.)—A conservation officer, Roger Griswold, broke up a brawl between two bucks with a single bullet. The deer had locked antlers and were unable to free themselves. From 20 feet, Griswold took careful aim and shot off one of the antlers. The freed bucks fled into the woods.

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