



**DROPPING ANCHOR** in San Francisco Bay, Chinese junk "Free China" completes 54-day crossing of Pacific from Japan. Her six-man crew included five Chinese and Calvin Mehlert, 27, Fresno, Cal., third secretary of American consulate in Taipei, Formosa. (International)

### Negotiators Fail To Gain Agreement On Repatriation

Geneva — (U.P.) — American and Chinese Communist negotiators failed again to reach an agreement on repatriating U.S. civilians today when the Reds refused to give ironclad assurances about liberating the detained Americans.

Informed sources said the United States was not in a position to make any bargains until the 41 American nationals are promised their freedom.

#### Deny Reports

American circles threw cold water on reports from New Delhi and Washington that agreement in principle had been reached for a third power, India, to check on Chinese students in the United States who want to return to the mainland.

They did not deny that this might be the subject of an eventual accord, and this was widely believed in formal circles to be the pattern of the final solution. But as of now, the reports were labeled "premature."

#### Not Accurate Statement

"This is not an accurate statement of the facts as of now," an American official said.

Dispatches from New Delhi Saturday said India will not agree to act as a third party unless both the United States and Red China ask for her good offices.

But the New Delhi dispatches, quoting diplomatic report from Geneva, hinted strongly the two nations were expected to reach agreement by Monday or Tuesday.

### Timber Cut Reaches All-Time High Level

Portland — (U.P.) — An all-time high of 2,633,124,000 board feet of timber was cut on national forests in the Pacific Northwest during the fiscal year ended June 30, Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone reported Saturday.

The 1954-55 figure was 218,000,000 feet more than the cut for the previous year.

#### STRONG APPOINTED

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has appointed Curtis C. Strong, Sherwood, Ore., career diplomat, as an alternate member on the South Pacific Commission.



**JOINS AGENCY** — Allan T. Pierce, above, a recent graduate of the University of California, has joined Pierce, Dawkins, Inc., Medford public relations and advertising firm, and the organization has moved to larger quarters. Pierce is the younger son of Jennings Pierce, senior partner in the agency with William Dawkins the other principal. The agency is now at 34 North Central ave. Bill McCorkle, freelance commercial artist who recently returned to Medford after an absence of several years, has moved his studio into the new offices. The agency, which now has a staff of six people, is the only firm of its kind between Eugene and Sacramento.

### AFL-CIO Merger Given Go Ahead

Chicago — (U.P.) — American Federation of Labor leaders have agreed to let the AFL merger with the Congress of Industrial Organizations go ahead on schedule, but not without some misgivings.

AFL President George Meany said at the end of an AFL conference Friday night that no serious matters which could "block" the merger had come up.

But some AFL presidents indicated a wary attitude towards the union with the CIO.

Harry Lundberg, president of the AFL Sailors' Union, said "There's no brotherly love left in the maritime industry." He added, "I don't want Joe Curran head of the CIO National Maritime Union speaking for us."

Dead line Sunday. Classified in at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

### President Signs Bill Authorizing Trinity Project

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower signed into law Friday a bill authorizing the \$225,000,000 Trinity River Project in California.

The project was the only one of a half dozen major water and power proposals to be approved by Congress in the recent session.

Construction can start officially immediately. Since Congress included \$1,000,000 for it in a public works appropriation bill.

However, Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.), the author of the bill, said the speed with which it can be built may be determined by the amount of money the administration recommends for it in the next fiscal year.

He and other sponsors plan to ask the Interior Department and the Budget Bureau to recommend \$15,000,000 (or more for fiscal 1957).

The project would take five years to complete. The main structure is Trinity dam, about 450 feet high and costing \$105,000,000.

The authorization bill, approved earlier by the House, went through the Senate three days before the session's end, after bills for five other western reclamation projects ran into roadblocks.

The projects delayed at least until next session include the \$1,000,000,000 Upper Colorado, the \$500,000,000 Hells canyon, the \$156,000,000 Frypan-Ar-

kansas, the \$40,000,000 Washita in Oklahoma and the \$27,000,000 Ventura in California.

The Trinity bill leaves for future congressional decision a "partnership development" plan proposed by the Pacific Gas and Electric company. The utility offered to build the four powerhouses involved and to pay the government \$3,500,000 a year for the project's power potential.

The bill directs the Interior Department to study the proposal and make a recommendation to Congress by February of 1957.

Trinity would be built and operated as a unit of the larger Central Valley Project. That was started nearly 20 years ago and more than \$400,000,000 has been spent on it so far.

### Colorado Making Ready for Ike's Vacation Visit

Denver — (U.P.) — Colorado, especially Denver and Fraser, made ready Saturday to greet President Eisenhower when he arrives here late today for his work and play summer vacation. A group of 30 secretaries, clerks, secret service men and families of the presidential staff, headed by White House Chief of Records, A. Wayne Hawkins, arrived from Washington Friday and immediately went about setting up offices the President will occupy at Lowry Air Force Base.

**First Drink of Water** — At Fraser, one of Mr. Eisenhower's favorite playgrounds, Mayor Chuck Calyton said he would offer the President the first drink of water from the city's new water system.

Aksel Nielsen, Denver banker and a good friend of the President's, said a new cabin near Fraser was completed and would be put at Mr. Eisenhower's disposal. The cabin, on Nielsen's ranch, is near the one the President used last summer on his frequent trout fishing expeditions in the high country.

**To Doud Home** — The chief executive is scheduled to fly into Denver Sunday to go directly to 750 Lafayette st., the home of Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, Mrs. Elvira Doud. He will go to Fraser either Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. Eisenhower, who has been under a doctor's care for fatigue, will not arrive with the President Sunday. She may return with him to Denver on Aug. 24 after he delivers an address to the American Bar Association in Philadelphia.

### U.S. May Decrease Prices for Cotton

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson Saturday served notice the United States "may" try to reclaim some of its lost cotton export markets by cutting export prices on up to a million bales of low quality cotton after next Jan. 1.

The export sales from government surplus stocks would be a "gradual start" toward whittling down the government's eight million bale surplus, Benson said.

Any sales below current U. S. prices will not be "permanent policy," Benson added. He said "competitive price" sales would be a temporary measure — designed to step up export until Congress can reduce government price support levels to put the entire American crop "in a more competitive position," Benson said.

### AEC Sets Construction Of \$15,000,000 Plant

Idaho Falls, Ida. — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy commission announced Saturday construction will begin this fall on a new \$15,000,000 engineering test reactor at the National Reactor Testing station in Idaho.

The reactor will provide the AEC with radiation facilities by early 1957 for military and civilian nuclear power development programs.

Allan C. Johnson, manager of the Idaho operations office of the AEC, said in order to meet the target date for start up of the reactor in spring of 1957 it will be necessary to continue work on a major scale this coming winter and through the following winter.

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### Air Force Denies Youthful Student Gained Information

Orlando, Fla. — (U.P.) — The Air Force denied Saturday that a young physics student gained access to any classified information in his prankish "spying" jaunt through a super-secret guided missile base.

The student, Johnny Willis Dukminier, a sophomore at Oklahoma State college at Edmond, Okla., was jailed by the FBI after his boastful report of his stunt. An attorney said he should "get a medal" and called for public donations to help bail him out.

**Writes To President** — Dukminier wrote letters to President Eisenhower, defense officials and newspapers telling of his unchallenged stroll through the Air Force guided missile test center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., to prove that lax security would permit an enemy agent to do the same thing.

Authorities at Patrick Air Force Base at Cocoa, Fla., charged with security at the

nearby missile center, said their investigations showed that Dukminier "had no access to any classified information," during his all-night "spying."

**Wants Government Job** — Dukminier said he chose the Canaveral center for his stunt because he wants to get a government job there after he completes his studies.

The spokesman said Dukminier "has a job with the government right now — he's in the hands of the FBI and anyone else who tries a similar stunt will get the same kind of job with the government."

Bail was set at \$500 when Dukminier was arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner Friday on a charge of violating the federal code against "unlawful entrance onto military property."

Authorities at Patrick declined to discuss the case further or say whether security measures had been tightened since the youth's visit.

### Actors Guild OKs End of Disputes

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The Screen Actors Guild has announced it has reached an agreement with producer representatives on a formula for ending its nationwide strike against producers of television entertainment films.

Details of the proposed settlement will not be disclosed pending approval by the boards of directors of the SAG and the producer groups, the Association of Motion Picture Producers and the Alliance of Television Film Producers. The formula also must be approved by the SAG membership.

The Guild said it had called a special meeting of its board of directors for Sunday. SAG negotiators said they would recommend to the board that a special Guild membership meeting be called for Tuesday.

The Guild's 10,000 members struck in a contractual dispute Aug. 5 over payment to performers for the second showing of TV films in which they appear. The strike stopped production on at least 40 major network shows.

### City, County Judges To Wear Black Robes

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland municipal judges and Multnomah county district judges soon will match Multnomah county circuit court jurists in sartorial appearance.

Municipal Judge J. J. Quillan said Saturday the city and district judges are going to wear black judicial robes when sitting on the bench. Quillan said cost of the robes, about \$55 each, will be borne by the judges.

The Circuit Court judges earlier this year decided to wear robes during court sessions.

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