

# Swearing in of First Youssef Government Tops News for Week

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The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

**THE GOOD:**

1. Restored Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef swore in the first representative government of the French protectorate of Morocco. The cabinet is headed by Si Bekkai, one-time French army colonel as premier. The ministry is a coalition of the Istiqlal (Independence) parties. Bekkai himself is an Independent Nationalist.

Youssef announced that he and Bekkai will work for an independent Morocco, but that Morocco will remain in the French Union, as the French empire is now called.

2. Shaw Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's Iranian government firmly rejected a threatening Soviet Russian protest against its entry into the new Middle Eastern treaty organization. An Iranian note to Moscow said the Soviet protest constituted interference in Iran's internal affairs. The note accused Russia of repeated violations of Iranian-Russian treaties.

3. The Bundestag, controlling house of the West German parliament, approved an agreement under which the United States will provide heavy weapons for the new German army. Defense Minister Theodor Blank said in a speech that only full German participation in Western defense would help to save it from atomic attack.

**THE BAD:**

1. In France, Premier Edgar Faure and his years-long close friend Pierre Mendes-France battled bitterly in the campaigning for the Jan. 2 parliamentary election. Whatever might happen, it was certain that the election could not bring France political stability. The prospect was for indefinite continuance of the chronic cabinet crises that weaken Allied defense as well as France itself.

2. Threat of a new Communist blockade of West Berlin

grew steadily more serious. The city is an island under United States-British-French and Russian occupation, inside the Soviet occupation zone. Movement of supplies to it is covered by four-power agreements. But the East German Communist puppet government insists that it now controls movement of all traffic to the Allied sectors of the west part of the city. It holds the threat of blockade over the heads of the Allies unless the West German government recognizes it as "sovereign."

3. "Neutralist" India was swept by a wave of anti-Americanism because Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in a joint statement with visiting Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Arsenio Verissimo Cunha, referred to Portugal's tiny possessions on the Indian coast as "provinces." India held this implied American support for Portuguese refusal to give up the three territories, which officially are provinces and not colonies. It looked as if denunciation of Dulles was being used to cover up Indian embarrassment over the wild attacks visiting Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Krushchev have made on the United States and its Allies.

## Goa 'Occupation' Said Backed by US

Tokyo—(U.P.)—A Chinese Communist newspaper has accused the United States of supporting the Portuguese occupation of Goa. Peiping Radio reported today.

The broadcast said the Kwangming Daily denounced the American move as "hostile to the stand of Asian and African countries." It said Red China "firmly supports" India's efforts to "liberate Goa."

The newspaper attacked the communique issued by American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Cunha last Friday which referred to Goa as a "Portuguese province."

Raw soybeans can be fed to livestock as a protein supplement, but the beans are difficult to grind and store.

# Pendleton Farmer Offers Solution To Wheat Problem

Pendleton—(U.P.)—A Pendleton wheat farmer yesterday proposed a solution to the wheat surplus problem that would not cost the federal government a cent.

Debate on the so-called "soil bank" plan was held up for more than an hour yesterday at the annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers League while William Lorenzen outlined his proposal.

**Fund Proposed**

Lorenzen proposed to have high wheat-producing farms set up a fund out of which payments would be made to low or marginal wheat producers, to retire their farms from production.

The Pendleton wheat farmer said a price of 50 cents a bushel would be attractive enough to farmers with an average yield of 10-15 bushels per acre to induce them to plant wheat land to grass.

Lorenzen estimated that the remaining wheat producers would have to pay 27 cents per bushel raised to set up the 210,000,000 fund to retire 42,000,000 acres of marginal land. At parity, producers would retain \$1.95 per bushel.

**Referred To Committee**

The soil bank plan, which proposes federal "rent" payments to farmers for planting grass on land normally devoted to the surplus crop, was referred to a committee headed by Jack Smith of Condon for further study. Recommendations will be presented to the league Saturday.

Reports from Sherman and Wasco counties indicated heavy losses due to the November cold spell.

County Agent Al Nelson of The Dalles said, however, that extent of loss in most cases would not be known until spring.

## Drive Made To Collect Unpaid Back Taxes

Washington—(U.P.)—Internal Revenue men are conducting a bill collecting drive across the nation.

An Internal Revenue Service spokesman said last night that the government is making a determined effort to collect an estimated \$2,000,000,000 in unpaid back taxes.

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