

Effectiveness of SEATO Pact May Be Put To Test if Moves Continue

United States' Obligation May Result in War

Washington—UPI—Six years ago, with only one dissenting vote in the Senate, the United States took on an obligation which now might draw Americans into war in the obscure little kingdom of Laos.

The obligation is the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization pact against Communist aggression and subversion.

The Chinese Communists call SEATO a "paper tiger." That contemptuous judgment may be put to the test if current political moves to halt the East-West proxy war in Laos fail and the Soviet-armed Red rebellion grows.

SEATO boasts at its annual ministerial meetings that not an inch of territory or a single government in its treaty area has been captured by the Communists since the alliance was formed in early 1955, following the Indochina armistice.

Helps Discourage Reds SEATO has never gone to war to maintain this record, but its eight members believe their pledge of collective military action has helped discourage Communist ambitions.

The late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sparked the movement to create SEATO. One of his main objectives was to assure some chance for survival of the three new nations of former French Indochina, all weak, vulnerable and under the shadow of Communist China.

The Indochina states—Laos, Cambodia, and the Republic of (South) Viet Nam—could not join a military alliance, according to the prevailing interpretation of the Indochina armistice terms. Dulles' solution was a protocol attached to the SEATO pact putting them under what he called



BASEBALL PLAYER SUED—Jimmy O'Toole, 24, a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, has been sued for \$55,000 because he allegedly tried to hug and kiss Miss Carol Sincurella, 24, a model, while going 40 miles an hour with only one hand on the wheel of his auto. The suit charges Miss Sincurella suffered numerous cuts and has several scars that interfere with her earning capacity, suffered when O'Toole's car hit a pole. (UPI/Telephoto)

"SEATO's mantle of protection."

The provision means that if Laos, for example, comes under Communist armed attack and asks SEATO for help, the Allies are as bound to come to its aid as they would if a full member appealed for collective help.

The members are the United States, Britain, France, the Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

The alliance's permanent ambassadorial representatives and its military planning staff at Bangkok have been holding well-publicized meetings on the Laos crisis.

The meetings are a muted reminder to Moscow, Peking and Hanoi that SEATO exists and takes its commitments seriously.

HONOR COL. McCORMICK

Chicago—UPI—The Reserve Officers Association has awarded posthumously a National Distinguished Service Citation to Col. Robert R. McCormick, the late editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

Police Investigate Two Dog Poisonings

Two cases of dog poisoning were reported to Medford police recently. One of the dogs died, the other is reported to be critically ill.

The owner of one of the dogs, Fred Melvin Burch, 220 Chestnut st., said his dog was poisoned sometime Thursday night, apparently while the dog was tied up on his front porch. A veterinarian was unable to save the Burch dog.

Also Thursday night, a dog belonging to Miss Rae Hazel Bosworth, 218 Chestnut st., was poisoned. The dog is under the care of a veterinarian. The kind of poison used on the dogs has not yet been determined.

PARTY FOR NIXON

Washington—UPI—Some 1,000 Republicans, from President Eisenhower to rank-and-file party members, will attend a 48th birthday party tonight for Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

OSC Scientists Get Grants for Russian Meeting

Corvallis—Two Oregon State college scientists, Dr. Vernon H. Cheldelin and Dr. Tsao E. King, have been awarded travel grants to attend the International Biochemical Congress next August in Moscow, Russia.

They were among a small group of outstanding U.S. scientists selected to receive National Science Foundation sponsored travel grants to the Moscow meeting.

Both Cheldelin and King will appear on the program of the Aug. 10 to 16 Congress usually attended by some 5,000 biochemists from around the world.

Cheldelin will present a paper on embryonic cell development and King will take part in a symposium discussion on cellular oxidation. The U.S. scientists will have an opportunity during the international sessions to visit

Russian research centers in the Moscow region.

In Charge of Projects Cheldelin and King are in charge of several Science Research Institute projects and hold research grants totaling a quarter-million dollars.

Cheldelin is president this year of the Pacific Slope Biochemists association, composed of biochemists from the nine western states and British Columbia. He has been

director of the OSC Science Research Institute since it was established in 1952. Earlier this year, he was a national lecturer for the American Chemical Society and was picked to present the noted E. R. Squibb lecture series at Rutgers university, N.J., during November.

King was invited in October to deliver a special lecture on his biochemical research at the Henry Ford Medical Institute in Detroit, Mich. He was a visiting scientist at University of Cam-

bridge, England, in 1957-58 and in 1959 was one of three Americans invited to attend an international conference in England on energy transfer in biochemical systems.

HAS SURGERY

Hollywood—UPI—Actor Robert Taylor, 49, rested up at home today following his release Saturday from St. John's hospital in nearby Santa Monica. The veteran performer underwent minor surgery for an undisclosed ailment on Wednesday.

ASSIGNED
Second Lieutenant John O. Rembert Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rembert, 1734 Carnahan dr., Grants Pass, was assigned to Company F, First Battle Group, Tenth Infantry, US Army Combat Development Experimentation center, recently. He completed the Officers Basic course at Ft. Benning, Ga., in November, 1960, before being sent to Ft. Ord, Calif. He is a graduate of Grants Pass High school, and a 1960 graduate of Oregon State college.

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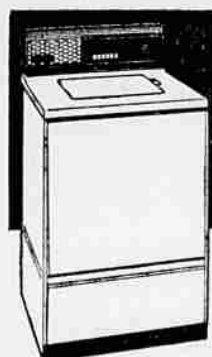
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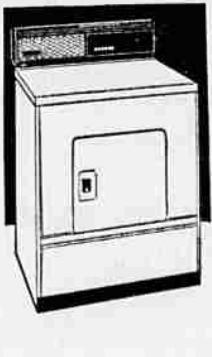
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