

Speculation on Next Maneuver by Communists Keeping Asia on Edge



CHAT IN LIBRARY — Former President Harry S. Truman, left, and Chief Justice Earl Warren, right, chat with artist Thomas Benton prior to ceremonies dedicating the Truman library at Independence, Mo. (UPI Telephoto)

Enlargement of Laos Situation Still Possibility

Tokyo—(UPI)—Asia has relaxed slightly from the Laos crisis but there remained nagging speculation as to where and when the communists may apply pressure next against the West.

Laos remained an explosive, unsettled situation. Enlargement of that sputtering conflict still loomed as a definite possibility. But the indecisive talk of a ceasefire, the U.S. display of military determination and the impending monsoon season gave some hope that a showdown struggle in that jungle kingdom might be averted at least temporarily.

Secrecy Lid Clamped

A tight lid of secrecy remained clamped on the disposition of U.S. military forces in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia. There was also the usual lack of public information regarding military actions by Russia, Communist China and North Vietnam.

It was generally known,

however, that the FMS. was maintaining a flexed military muscle in the area.

Seventh Fleet aircraft striking power had been reinforced. Army paratroopers remained alerted. An unexplained number of Marines were afloat and ready. Airforce striding elements and troop-carrier planes had been deployed to bases such as Okinawa and Clark Field in the Philippines from which they could support potential action in Southeast Asia.

In Vientiane, capital of Laos, the curtain of secrecy parted enough to reveal that

U.S. Pacific Military Chief, Admiral Harry Felt, had conferred with Laotian leaders across the river in Northern Thailand.

Other Potential Spots

Even of Laos cooled, there remained other potential trouble spots in Asia which the Communists could turn on and off as easily as the burners on a kitchen stove. They included:

—South Viet Nam, where military reports have repeatedly warned of increasing danger from Communist infiltration and guerrillas. National elections were scheduled for April ninth. All Asia would watch.

—The Formosa straits, where the smoldering civil war between the Nationalist and Communist Chinese remains an unsettled fight. One massive Communist bombardment of Nationalist-held Quemoy or Matsu could plunge that area into crisis. The Communist Chinese have in the past used their artillery on to emphasize a political proposition.

—Korea, where Communist and anti-Communist armies, including two American divisions, face each other across

an uneasy no-man's-land. April will mark the first anniversary of the student revolt which overthrew the government of former President Syngman Rhee. Some observers predict trouble.

Nehru Dampens Emotions

—The India-Communist China border, where a terrible dispute remains unsolved and emotions are dampened only by the patient Indian leader Nehru.

Additionally, there was the India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir, the Communist-inspired guerrilla movements against the governments of

the Philippines and Malaya and the Dutch-Indonesian squabble over the western half of the New Guinea (West Irian).

Those were some of the problems Asia faced today. Any one could explode tomorrow. Any one could lead to a world conflict.

WHO IS J. R.?

Job Offers for OSC Graduates Fewer, But Starting Pay High

Corvallis — Job offers are fewer, but starting pay will be higher for the 1961 June college graduates, Oregon State college placement officers report.

Business, engineering, forestry, education, home economics and mathematics and physics graduates will find pay up at least \$200 a year.

The OSC graduates will find salaries varying from \$4,000 in some education jobs to \$14,000 for a physicist with a doctor's degree and experience.

In agriculture, engineering, business and other fields, starting pay is up at least 5 per cent. Not all 1961 graduates go directly on the labor market. In some schools of study, the military obligation skims off at least 20 per cent of the class, and others seek advanced degrees.

Placement officials report that recruiters for both business and education are "choosier." The job outlook by schools includes:

Engineering: Job opportunities slightly fewer, but starting pay increased to an average of \$545 a month or \$6,540 a year. Electrical engineers are in shortest supply and the average offer made by electronic, aircraft and elec-

trical supply firms is \$570 a month.

After electricals, mechanical, chemical and civil engineers fit into the shortage areas. More newer and smaller companies are interviewing engineering graduates for the first time.

Science: Mathematicians, chemists and physicists are in greatest demand. For a bachelor degree graduate, the starting pay runs from \$500 to \$550 a month and for a masters, \$550 to \$650 in these three areas. With a doctors degree, the pay goes from \$800 to \$1,100 a month in industry, but some \$1,200 to \$2,000 less per year in college research and teaching.

Opportunities are also good in other science fields — oceanography, botany, zoology and entomology — but an advanced degree is recommended.

Business and technology: Accounting majors are definitely in demand, with starting pay up \$20 a month. Demand for other business students in banking, retail outlets, insurance, industry and government agencies is comparable to 1960. Starting salaries up \$5 a month. Offers to the business graduate range from \$400 to \$625 a month.

Forestry: Due to the depressed lumber market, the number of job opportunities are less (both in private industry and public agencies). Even so, there are fewer graduates than positions open, but the supply and demand ratio is closest in 10 years. Beginning pay: \$400 to \$425 a month.

Pharmacy: Slight shortage of good jobs. Starting pay is between \$400 and \$450 a month. When starting work, pharmacists serve as apprentices for between 600 and 2,400 hours before their income potential really begins. Besides drugstores, pharmacists also find jobs in hospitals and as medical service representatives.

Home economics: Plenty of jobs open in business, extension and teaching. Business positions include home service work with the utilities, food promotion and merchandising. Pay in business and extension is about \$5,600 a year. Numerous college options open for holders of advanced degrees. School lunch programs are seeking dietitians. In home economics education, starting pay is about \$4,200.

Agriculture: Only about 1 in every 10 agriculture graduates starts his work life on a "family farm." Opportunities abound in "agribusiness" which includes processing, distributing, marketing, transporting, financing and promoting agricultural products. Starting pay is up between \$4,800 and \$5,200. Many agriculture grads do advanced research.

Education: Starting pay in Oregon is up about \$300 to make the annual average \$4,600 for a bachelor degree graduate. In elementary and secondary education, the shortage fields are in library work, foreign languages and women English teachers. Biology and boys physical education positions are "slow." With more persons returning to teaching, available jobs are not as numerous as in previous years.

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Strand Charges 'Brainwashing' On Contract

Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State College President Dr. A. L. Strand has accused Rep. Otto E. Passman (D-La.) of being "brainwashed" by the United States Operations Mission at Bangkok.

Dr. Strand made the statement in reply to Passman's charges that two field officials had been punished for recommending the Oregon State contract with Kasertart University in Thailand be canceled.

"Congressman Passman is in a poor position to criticize the International Cooperation Administration for removing two men from the USOM in Bangkok," Dr. Strand said.

Not Near Campus

Passman and members of his subcommittee went to Thailand a year ago to investigate the contract of Oregon State with Kasertart University," he said.

"Not one of the congressmen went near the campus where the work had been carried on, nor did they talk with any Thai officials connected with the university or with the Oregon State staff. They limited their investigation to USOM officials and were brainwashed by them."

Passman made a second trip to Bangkok last October," Dr. Strand said, "to check again on the Oregon State contract and even then did not go to the campus or talk to anyone at the university."

Contract Said 'Stinking'

Passman's accusations were prompted by an order sent to Thomas Nightingale, director of the foreign aid mission in Thailand. It said budget estimates on future foreign aid projects could not be disclosed to members of Congress.

Passman said the order was an attempt to hide the details "about a contract that was as stinking as ever come before this subcommittee."

The contract, recently canceled, was made in 1954 with Oregon State and total costs ran to well over \$2 million.

Reading Linked To Mental Health

Philadelphia—(Science Service)—If Johnny cannot read, the fault may not be with his teacher or the method by which he was taught—whether the phonics method or the "see and say." He may be having difficulty with his mental health, Dr. Franklin H. Goldberg of the New York University Reading Institute reported to the Eastern Psychological association here.

Dr. Goldberg studied 32 boys who were from one to four years retarded in their school work. The boys were not all stupid, Dr. Goldberg found. Although some were "dull-normal," some were superior in intelligence. Most of the boys were of average intelligence. Of the boys studied, 56 per cent (18 boys) were found to have mental health difficulties.

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