

WE ASKS FAIR PLAY IN PROBES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Washington dispatch:
Congressional leaders are struggling with the suddenly urgent problem of their own personal security. One suggestion that has been advanced is to put up bulletproof glass around the house and senate galleries.

There is general agreement, however, that no member of congress or other public figure can expect total immunity from cranks and fanatics.

We must, of course, protect our leaders to the best of our ability. One of the oldest tricks in the business of war is posting sharpshooters at advantageous spots to PICK OFF THE LEADERS of the opposing forces. An army or navy unit, in a bad way with its leaders suddenly taken out of the picture.

In any sudden emergency, a nation would be in the same boat if its key leaders were removed by assassination or otherwise. We must take every reasonable precaution to guard against such a catastrophe.

But—
Here is a sober thought that I think might be soberly considered by our legislators and our public figures generally—as well as by our people who by their votes choose our leaders:

These trigger-pulling, bullet-swinging Puerto Ricans were cranks. They had been made cranks by POISONING THEIR MINDS. By poisoning people's minds, by making them believe that economic white is black and economic black is white, demagogues can inspire not too well balanced persons to do things that are AGAINST THE INTEREST AND THE SAFETY OF EVERYBODY.

(By teaching people, for example, to believe that there can be something for nothing, that you can DIVIDE what is not PRODUCED, that you can lift your self by your own bootstraps, and similar nonsense.)

There are too many demagogues in politics, not only in our country but throughout the world. A lot of our trouble stems from that unfortunate fact.

That raises a question:
WHO IS A DEMAGOGUE?

This, I believe, is a fair answer: A political demagogue is ANYBODY who in politics governs all his acts by the principle of WHAT IS GOOD FOR ME instead of acting always on the principle of WHAT IS BEST FOR MY COUNTRY.

Here is another sober thought, suggested by the McCarthy controversy that is getting bitterer and bitterer as time passes:

Build-in-a-china-shop fighting of communists in government can be a FORM OF DEMAGOGUERY.

I can't help believing that on the whole Senator McCarthy is doing more good than harm at this moment in history when communism is seeking by infiltration and subversion to undermine and destroy free government throughout the world.

But I'm SURE that if someone like Senator Gordon of Oregon, or (on the Democratic side) Senator Russell of Georgia, were heading for investigation of communist infiltration and subversion we'd get FARTHER toward our goal of riding our government of communists and subversives.

One more thought:
The house ways and means committee votes this morning for a wide range of CUTS in excise taxes (an excise tax is what the semanticists call a "good" word for a sales tax). The committee's decision overrides objections from the Eisenhower administration, which is trying to balance the national budget.

If the congress will CUT SPENDING correspondingly, this proposed reduction in excise taxes will be sound. Taxes are too high and must be reduced if prosperity is to continue. But if congress refuses to cut spending correspondingly, this proposed reduction in excise taxes will be just another piece of election year demagoguery.

Red Vietminh Push Attacks

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French reported Wednesday the Vietminh are stepping up their attacks in the key French Union bastion of the Red River delta.

In one action the Communist-led rebels occupied positions for nearly three hours in the big French-held textile city of Nam Dinh, 55 miles southeast of Hanoi.

A French army spokesman said the rebels did not penetrate into the city itself and French tanks and infantrymen finally drove them from their fringes. The action occurred last Sunday. The French claimed 22 Vietminh were killed and 18 captured.

Elsewhere in the last 24 hours the Vietminh struck at many key defense points in the delta. At half a dozen the French admitted suffering "some losses."

RED PLAN

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Indian Communist politburo sought Wednesday to make deals that would install India's first Red-backed provincial coalition government in the southern coastal state of Travancore-Cochin.



ON THE WAY TO WORK AND SCHOOL this morning were Mary Bruner and her sister Rosemarie Bruner of 712 Doty Street. Mary is employed at the city hall while Rosemarie is a student at Sacred Heart Academy.

Terrorists Indicted By Grand Jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four Puerto Rican fanatics were indicted Wednesday on 10 charges each for Monday's wild pistol attack upon the House of Representatives.

The four Puerto Ricans were charged with assault with intent to kill the five House members who were wounded, and also with assault with a dangerous weapon.

A federal grand jury, which heard six witnesses earlier in the day, returned the indictment before U. S. District Judge James W. Morris shortly after 2 p. m.

Presentation of the case had taken the prosecutors only an hour and 45 minutes.

U. S. attorney Leo A. Rover and his assistant, John Conliff, thus made short work of telling the grand jury about the outbreak that left five congressmen wounded, one of them seriously.

Rover said the four Puerto Ricans will be arraigned Friday. At that time they will be called upon to enter pleas of innocent or guilty.

Those indicted were the woman leader, Lolita Lebron, 34, and three men—Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andres Figueroa Cordero and Irving Flores Rodriguez. All gave New York addresses.

Meanwhile Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R-Mich), most seriously wounded of the five congressmen, was taken off the critical list at the hospital where he is under treatment.

If indicted on five counts, the Puerto Ricans would be liable, if convicted, to sentences up to 75 years in prison.

Conference At Caracas Resumes

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The top diplomats of the American republics went back to work today as the 10th Inter-American Conference resumed sessions following carnival celebration in history.

The conference, which opened Monday, took the day off yesterday.

Today's program included a memorial ceremony at the National Pantheon for South American liberator Simon Bolivar and a plenary session at which U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and three Latin American foreign ministers were to speak.

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles is scheduled to address the conference tomorrow. His speech is awaited with much interest as the keynote of U. S. policy at the meeting.

Red Chinese Army Has USO Tour

HONG KONG (AP) — The Chinese Reds, taking a cue from Marilyn Monroe's highly successful tour of South Korea, have sent Mei Lanfang, touring Communist army camps.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Thursday with high of 47; low Wednesday night 25.

High yesterday 48
Low last night 29
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 16.61
Same period last year 15.56
Normal for period 6.33

Employment Up In K. F. Area

Approximately 380 workers returned to work in this area during February, according to a report from Guy Barker, Klamath Falls manager of Oregon State Employment Service.

Most of these were called back by the lumber and construction industries, he said. Some workers were laid off, mostly in retail trade, service and transportation industries, but the net gain in employment showed by this office was more than 150 persons.

"Normal building construction is expected to provide employment for most building construction workers during the next 60 days," he stated. "No large projects or heavy construction are expected to get under way immediately, although some are in the planning stage."

"It is expected that lumber and logging employment will reach almost normal figures this season," he added.

"Logging has been resumed on a small scale but is expected to increase rapidly as the present snow weather continues. Peak employment is expected to be almost as high as 1953 in this industry. Sawmills and wood products have maintained a fairly steady employment."

"Construction employment has passed its low point for the year and enough new projects are assured to provide work for most local workers."

"Several projects are being worked on by the chamber of commerce and some are bound to develop into payroll-producing projects," he concluded.

Senator Asks Project Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) told a Senate appropriations subcommittee Tuesday funds budgeted for Pacific Northwest hydroelectric projects must be increased to prevent a delay in obtaining power from The Dalles and Chief Joseph dams.

Magnuson and Herbert G. West, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways Assn., Walla Walla, Wash., led a Northwest delegation testifying at an appropriation hearing.

Magnuson said Army Engineers requested \$8 and \$4 million dollars, respectively for the The Dalles and Chief Joseph dams, but President Eisenhower's budget allocates only \$4 and \$2 million to the two projects.

He said the cut will cause a year's delay in construction and a year's delay in getting power. West told the committee a one year delay would result in losses of 11 million dollars in power revenue at The Dalles and eight million at Chief Joseph.

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Adenauer Asks Meet

New 4 Jet Transport Unveiled

SEATTLE (AP) — A jet-propelled challenge to British and American plane makers—a 550-mile-an-hour serial giant—has been taken from under its veil of secrecy by the Boeing Airplane Co.

The 95-ton swept-wing, four-jet airplane was shown yesterday as it neared completion in the sprawling plant of the company which also builds the Air Force's B47 and B52 jet bombers.

It was known how gained in building the bombers that made it possible for Boeing to be so near completion of the prototype of what it hopes will be the world's commercial carrier of the future, said William M. Allen, president of the company.

But, he stressed, the 15 to 16 million dollars spent in developing the 707—trade name for the airplane—came from Boeing's coffers and was a gamble made in the interest of "our own national welfare, both military and commercial."

The first 707 won't fly until possibly early in September, he said, and production of planes for sale is three years away. But, company officials contend this will give them a sizable jump on other American manufacturers because, they said, no other airplane building in the United States has progressed as far with jet airplanes.

Only De Havilland of England has a commercial jet in the air and Allen said he was confident the English "Comet" will be no match for Boeing's giant.

The company said it couldn't give competitive reasons for the 707 but admitted it would fly from 4,000 to 5,000 miles, carrying from 80 to 150 passengers while cruising along at an altitude of 35,000 feet and up.

Its four jet engines develop the equivalent of 15,000 horsepower each at sea level and twice as much at 35,000 feet. The fuselage is 128 feet long and the wingspread 130 feet.

Allen said the company hopes for some military orders, too, as the plane is, in his words, ideally suited to serve as a tanker for the big 8-jet B52 and 6-jet B47.

Airlines ordering one of the planes will pay "at least \$3,000,000" for it, Boeing said.

January Traffic Fatalities Told

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation counted 2,900 traffic fatalities in January, the same toll as in January a year ago.

Drivers in the nation's cities made a good safety showing, but it was cancelled by a jump in rural accidents.

Fatalities declined 14 per cent in the cities but gained 5 per cent in rural areas.

A total of 345 cities went through the month without a traffic death.

Ike Holds Press Meeting; George Bill Defeat Eyed

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower expressed pleasure Wednesday that the Senate had rejected a constitutional amendment to curb treaty powers.

Eisenhower told of his gratification at a news conference in which he spoke out in the McCarthy-Stevens controversy by calling for fair play in congressional investigations of internal communism, and covered a number of other subjects.

Last Friday night the Senate voted down 60-31 a constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. George (D-Ga.) as a substitute for an already dead plan by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to curb the President's power to make international pacts. The vote was just barely enough to defeat the George plan.

Now, the President said Wednesday, it will be possible to devote full attention to carrying out the administration's program to build a stronger America.

Big Defense Bill Passed In England

LONDON (AP) — The House of Commons approved Britain's record peacetime defense budget last night 228 - 70. Prime Minister Churchill had asked its approval without a vote but the Labor opposition forced a ballot.

The budget, pointed toward a "new look" buildup of British air and atomic strength as a deterrent to war, provides for the spending of 1,539,000,000 pounds (\$4,591,720,000) in the fiscal year starting April 1. It tops the announced outlay for the current year by 3,140,000 pounds.

Churchill asked the House to accept the budget without a vote to keep the defense question out of "the trough of party bickering." He said "any weakness or disinclination in Britain, when she is known to be working for peace, would weaken her strength out of all proportion to the money saved."

The Laborites criticized individual points in the Conservative government's defense program, called for a cut in conscripts' service terms from two years to 18 months and urged a reduction in the deployment of British troops around the world, particularly in the Suez Canal zone.

Labor party leader Clement Attlee said, "It has always been clear to us that one of the objects of the Kremlin would be to make us expend so much on military preparations that we might cripple our economy."

Conservatives and Laborites divided on strict party lines in approving the budget, which includes American military aid amounting to \$5,360,000 pounds (239 million dollars).

In calling for unity, Churchill said an unwillingness by Britain to carry a heavy arms burden would court disaster for this island nation and imperil world peace.

He said Britain must always seek to keep Russian armed might far from a possible launching of parachute troop attacks.

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President Hits At Bad Standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Wednesday hit out at "disregard for standards of fair play" in congressional investigations.

But he acknowledged the Army made "serious errors" in the case of an Army major whose honorable discharge aroused the ire of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

The President said in a news conference statement that the Army was "correcting the procedures" to avoid such mistakes in the future, but declared:

"In opposing communism, we are defeating ourselves if either by design or through carelessness, we use methods that do not conform to the American sense of justice and fair play."

McCarthy fired back in a statement of his own:

"It is important to remember that this ally teases in a teapot arose because we dared to bring to light the cold, unpleasant facts about a fifth amendment Communist Army officer who was promoted, given special immunity from duty outside the United States, and finally given an honorable discharge with the full knowledge of all concerned that he was a member of the Communist Party."

"It now appears that for some reason he was a sacred cow of certain Army brass."

FEELERS CASE

The exchange was over the case of Maj. Irving Peress, New York City dentist, and the ramifications which brought a clash between McCarthy and Secretary of the Army Stevens two weeks ago.

McCarthy had Peress before him in his investigation of what the senator terms "Army coddling of Communists."

Peress declined to answer questions as to whether he had subversive affiliations and McCarthy demanded that the Army court martial the major.

Peress was given an honorable discharge. McCarthy called Brig. Gen. Ralph Zwicker, who was the commanding officer, before him to ask why.

They had a hot session and Zwicker protested to Stevens.

Stevens tangled with McCarthy over whether he was "abuse" of Zwicker.

Eisenhower was primed with a statement on the matter when he met with reporters Wednesday.

In it, the President told obvious what he thought of McCarthy's tactics. He also laid down standards of conduct, keyed to the principle of "mutual respect," for government officials and military men who appear before Congress.

U.N. To Study India Demands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hard facts of India's economic struggle served today to discount speculation she might spurn U. S. economic aid in protest against American military aid to Pakistan.

Not counting help through the United Nations and private organizations, the United States has sent India nearly 400 million dollars in economic gifts and loans since 1950.

The Indian government depends so much upon such economic help that its five-year plan, with two years to go, leaves a gap between how much India expects to spend and how much it expects to earn. Outside economic aid presumably fills the gap.

American officials declined comment on speculation, by the influential New Delhi Times yesterday, as to whether all Americans might be asked to leave India. But available figures showed what a heavy loss that would entail for India.

There was no U. S. comment, either, on Prime Minister Nehru's demand for the withdrawal of American members of the U. N. cease-fire mission in Kashmir.

Nehru told the Indian Parliament Monday that the United States, by agreeing to give military aid to Pakistan, had lost its neutral status in the Pakistan-India dispute over Kashmir.

The U. S. position has been that Nehru's demand should properly go to the U. N., which set up the nine-nation commission in 1949. The Indian Foreign Ministry has said it will study Nehru's statement and decide what action, if any, to take.

Mining Accident Kills Two Men

MORGANTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Two miners plunged 400 feet to their death last night at the new Grace Iron ore mine of the Bethlehem Steel Co. when a bucket hauling them to the surface tipped over.

Eight other men in the bucket were seriously injured when the lift struck a steel support and almost overturned as it was being raised up the 1,200 foot shaft.

The dead men were identified as James Smallwood, 35, of Philadelphia, and Clifford Davis, 53, of Elverson, Pa.

The eight survivors were able to hold on to the sides of the hoist and were finally brought to the surface. Most of them suffered broken bones.