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SECRETARIES OF STATE TALKS

Appropriations Action
VA, Atomic Body
Fund Cuts Voted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Cash money cuts of nearly nine per cent for the Atomic Energy Commission and seven per cent for the Veterans Administration were suggested today by the House Appropriations Committee.
At the same time the committee called for a halt to "holby" training under the GI Bill of Rights.
It also said Atomic Energy Commission officials should show less reluctance to consider the "practical realities" of spending Government funds.
In a \$5,799,048.921 bill to finance 62 agencies during the year starting July 1, the committee recommended:
1. Veterans Administration: \$5,125,200,000 in cash — a cut of \$354,620,000 — and \$100,000,000 in authority as requested. The total is \$46,850,000 less than the VA had asked for the fiscal year.
2. Maritime Commission: \$102,377,831 in cash — a cut of \$39,711,000.

Report By State Dept. Hints Peace May Be Near

Arabs Driving Nearer Tel Aviv
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The United States State Department announced today 21 U. S. military officers are leaving immediately for service in Palestine as truce observers. This suggested peace might be near, at least for three weeks.
Arab troops fought into Wilmata, which the British and Egyptian planes successfully bombed Tel Aviv and its outskirts. Costly fighting continued in the Tel Aviv area, 23 miles south of Tel Aviv, where the British and the Israelis had encircled appeared to have invited the initiative.
The American officers were invited by Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, U. N. mediator who expects to leave tomorrow from Israel and the seven-war Arab forces. The British and the Israelis are in the process of the Palestine armistice. The officers would be sufficient if no truce were effected.
The Russians tried to get in the act by offering to send their military observers, to the chagrin of the U. S. State Department. The British asked for French and Belgian officers. The committee also asked for the Jerusalem consular truce commission.
However, five Swedish armistice control officers left Stockholm by air today for Cairo. They said they were making the trip by 29,000 of Bernadotte.
The U. N. is to discuss the Russian request Tuesday.
EGYPTIAN LAND
The Egyptians at Idku were reinforced by troops and perhaps several Egyptian vessels. The Tel Aviv region is a promised land. Idku force was part of a column of 5,000 armored troops moved up from Egypt toward Idku.
Neutral observers in Cairo said earlier today there was a 50-50 chance of the armistice being accepted by both sides. Immigration restrictions were lifted. The Jews wanted unlimited immigration and the road to Jerusalem was open.
The Jews themselves acknowledged the loss of Wilmata, eight miles from Tel Aviv, an artillery range of Tel Aviv, but they said they were in an immediate peril.
The main action in the shooting was at Idku, 20 miles south of Tel Aviv, and 30-odd miles to the northeast, around the strong Arab position at Idku.
The Jews said one or more Egyptian naval ships landed reinforcements at Idku. The Egyptians said their expeditionary force which the Jews asserted were trapped at Idku. The Egyptians said they captured Misanim (Nisanim), three miles southwest of Idku, killing or wounding 200 Jews and inflicting 110 more as prisoners. Arab troops are being moved to Idku.
The Arabs promised their trip tomorrow to Count Folke Bernadotte, the U. N. mediator.
U. N. mediator was said to have devised a scheme which would be set in AMERICANS on page 6-A.

Dignitaries At UNC Commencement

Secretary of State George C. Marshall, principal speaker at the 154th commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina, talks with J. Melville Broughton, Senate nominee, before the exercises in Chapel Hill last night. Secretary Marshall arrived at Horace Williams Airport yesterday afternoon by plane from Washington and returned there immediately after his address. At left is Governor R. Gregg Cherry, and at right is Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University. (Photo by Art Melton.)

Sen. Lodge's Amendment Written In Draft Bill

Would Allow 25,000 To Join
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate voted today to let the Army enlist 25,000 aliens. The 43 to 33 vote put the permission into the two-year draft bill. Sen. Lodge (R-Mass.) sponsored it.
Under Lodge's plan, the enlistees would be eligible for citizenship after five years of service. He said the group would not be formed into a "foreign legion" but would be drafted through the Army for service.
He said that there are in Europe thousands of anti-Communist Poles, Czechs and others who would like the chance to serve in the American Army.
Chairman Currier (R-SD) of the Armed Services Committee opposed the amendment. He said he doesn't think the proposal ought to be linked to the Selective Service proposal.
"This is a fundamental change in our policies," Currier said. "It would subject our nation to the criticism that we are not willing to bear arms in defense of the nation."
An originally introduced Lodge amendment proposed enlistment of 25,000 to 30,000 aliens. The number to 25,000 at the suggestion of Sen. Tydings (D-Md) when it appeared the draft law would accept the larger figure.
DRIVE FOR VOTE
The Senate leadership was driving to dispose of the Lodge amendment and other proposed changes in the draft law tonight. The House has a similar draft bill pending in the Senate.
"Anxious for his amendment, Lodge said his colleagues:
'It has been said that perhaps the Russian Government would not like it. In so far as that argument is concerned, it is a matter of no concern to us. We are sure to utilize us no matter what we do.'
Lodge has been advised that the Army Department approved his plan. He said a "misunderstanding in the War Department about the proposal has been cleared up."
Encouraged by the fact the chamber was able to dispose of the bill, Lodge said he would introduce amendments in yesterday's eleven-hour and nineteen minute session. He said he would hold the floor for the amendments.
The Senate voted in one modified civil rights amendment last night. It was a bill to amend the voting tax as a requirement for voting in Federal elections. The bill would require the armistice services are concerned.
Southern Democrats talked for several hours against this proposal by Senator Langer (R-SD) but permitted it to come to a vote.
One said privately the issue was a minor one because most of the seven Southern poll tax states still have an effect wartime suspension of the tax for the armistice services are concerned.
Support of the Langer amendment was a surprise. The bill of Ohio, chairman of the GOP Policy Committee, was a surprise. The bill was a "general agreement."
Tait recently introduced by Sen. Langer was a proposal for the duration of a 10-day filibuster.
Actually, three of them were, and another two were defeated without the formality of a motion-table-the device which, if accepted, would have ended the filibuster.
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Cabinet Takes Action

German Plan Gets French Approval

PARIS — (AP) — The French Cabinet approved today the six-power agreement on Western Germany. The Ministers voted to submit the agreement to the National Assembly Friday.
Foreign Minister Georges Bidault led the drive for formal acceptance of the agreement. The United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

G.E. Offers Wage Raise

NEW YORK — (AP) — The General Electric Co. today offered an eight per cent wage increase to an estimated 150,000 workers in OR plants throughout the country.
The company said the offer would mean an increase of "nine cents to over fifteen cents an hour."

Doubt Congress To Quit By June 10

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate Republican Policy Committee today declared it was doubtful Congress can complete its work in a session by June 10.
Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) told reporters the committee went over the situation and decided to recommend. It scheduled Senate action on four bills, including the pending draft law, and left the fate of a half dozen other measures up in the air.
After the draft bill is taken upon, Taft said, the Senate will be asked by a resolution by Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) to pave the way for American aid to a proposed European defense alliance.

Political & Physical

Truman Gets Lifts From Idaho Chiefs

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
SUN VALLEY, Idaho — (AP) — President Truman got physical and political lifts in Sun Valley before departing today on an automobile tour of Idaho.
The President conferred for five minutes with 25 Idaho Democratic politicians in the Sun Valley cottages. W. W. Harriman, ECA "roving ambassador" and former Secretary of the War Relocation Authority.
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Weather

Scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight.
Wednesday partly cloudy and showers.
Temperature at 7 P. M. today: 84 High and low last 24 hours: 86-56
Sunset today: 7:56
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:36
More Weather Data on page 6-A

Final Exercises At Chapel Hill

Marshall Tells Grads To Seek Truth

CHAPEL HILL — (AP) — Secretary of State George C. Marshall told the graduating class at the University of North Carolina last night to avoid snap judgments in foreign relations.
He advised the students to get the "true facts" before making judgments on foreign affairs, saying, "We Americans are sometimes inclined to emotional reactions, which can be very dangerous in matters connected with international relationships."
The Secretary of State admired any specific current issues with the explanation that they "are either in such a delicate state of negotiation or in such complete stalemate that it is inadvisable for me to en-

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Coal Talks Are Delayed

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Soft coal operators today asked for another 24 hours in which to discuss a possible contract to offer to John Lewis.
At their request, contract negotiations were postponed until 10 P. M. (EST) were postponed until the same hour Wednesday.
The operators had a private huddle at the Stuller Hotel over what they should make to the United Mine Workers for a new agreement. The present one expires June 30.
Yesterday, Lewis told them the miners had no specific wage proposal, but wanted "improvements" in pay and also demanded certain guarantees of benefits from the welfare fund. He invited a wage offer from the mine owners.
While the operators talked among themselves, Lewis and his attorneys filed an answer in the Federal District Court to Egan Van Horn's suit to halt payments under the compromise plan adopted to end the recent strike.
Van Horn is the operators' representative of the three member board of trustees for the miners' pension and profit fund. The fund comes from a 10-cent-a-ton payment of mine owners for each ton of coal produced.
Lewis and Sen. Styles Bridges, the other trustees, agreed this Spring to a 10-cent-a-ton pension plan for elderly miners. Van Horn claims the suit would nullify the plan that the Lewis-Bridges plan doesn't meet requirements of the Taft-Hartley law.
Lewis' answer to Van Horn's suit says Van Horn has barred any pension plan for the miners. Justice T. Alan Goldborough will hear arguments in the case June 19.

Romania's Soviet Reparations Cut

LONDON — (AP) — Russia today cut 50 per cent from the reparation plan for Romania in response to requests from three nations for reductions.
Similar action was taken by the Russians in Finland last week.
The reductions were announced in a notice handed to the Romanian and Hungarian Governments by the Soviet Ambassadors in Bucharest and Budapest.
Each of the three nations originally asked for \$300,000,000 in reparations. The cut for Romania amounts to \$150,000,000. Finland's cut amounted to \$75,000,000.

12,000 In Parade

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