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Taft And Truman

An interesting comparison of the stands taken by President Truman and Senator Taft in the past twelve years will be found on today's editorial page. Turn to Page 4-A.

FOR UN TALKS ON KOREA

U. S. ASSAILS REDS' PROPOSAL

PARIS—(AP)—The United States expressed grave concern today that a new Russian move to bring up Korean armistice negotiations to the United Nations Security Council might break up the talks now going on at the front.

U. S. Delegate Benjamin Cohen told a news conference that the U. S. could not understand why the Soviet Union had made such a proposal at a time when truce talks in Korea appeared to be making slow but sure progress.

Cohen said the U. S. was decidedly and unqualifiedly opposed to a Russian resolution calling for a special high-level Security Council meeting to discuss how to aid the armistice talks.

SEES BAD EFFECT

The proposal, he declared, could not fail to have a bad effect on the talks at Panmunjom. He said he wondered whether the Russians wanted to settle the Korean War or reopen it.

The effect of the resolution, introduced by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky, he declared, might well be to delay or disrupt the talks now going on.

If the Soviet Union thinks it can help push them to a successful conclusion, he declared, they are no doubt in touch with the Chinese Communists and North Koreans and can work through them.

At the afternoon session of the U.N. political committee, France's Jean Chauvel put this question to Vishinsky:

"Are the negotiations at Panmunjom considered in Moscow to have come to such a pass that it is necessary to transport them to a different level?"

Chauvel also wanted to know if Vishinsky would come to the proposed meeting "in a new spirit." Chauvel hoped for an answer from Vishinsky when the Russian takes the floor in debate again, probably sometime next week.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Other U.N. developments today included:

1. French sources said they had received unofficial reports that the Chinese Reds have massed 200,000 soldiers with full battle gear in areas just north of the French Indo-China border. These sources said the Reds present a threat of invasion when an armistice is reached in Korea. Vishinsky mentioned Southeast Asia as a possible trouble spot yesterday and some U.N. observers thought this had ominous overtunes.

2. The new kingdom of Libya applied for U.N. membership. It was believed that Russia might not veto Libyan membership, possibly because of the precedent set by admission of Israel and Indonesia, both more or less U.N. creations. In addition, the Russians were believed desirous of making a play for better relations with the Arab nations.

Cohen charged that the Soviet proposals, which also included a section calling for the council meeting to range over all subjects of international tension, were a diversionary operation neatly designed to appeal to man's hope for peace.

Such a meeting, he said, might well have the reverse effect of increasing tensions, especially if Vishinsky were to use it as a propaganda forum for more vitriolic speeches against the West.

The Soviet proposals were submitted yesterday to the 60-nation political committee, which is discussing action the U. N. veto-free Assembly might take to combat aggression whenever it appears.

McGrath Will Keep Post In Truman Cabinet

Has Comment After Seeing President

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Attorney Gen. J. Howard McGrath said today no change in his status is contemplated. His statement was to reporters questioning him about rumors he might leave President Truman's Cabinet soon.

McGrath had just come out of a cabinet meeting at the White House.

The session lasted an hour and 35 minutes — one of the longest Cabinet meetings in months.

Appearing in a jovial mood McGrath told the reporters that "Things are not always what they seem on the surface."

Just before the cabinet meeting, McGrath had turned aside with non-committal answers, questions from reporters as to whether he had offered his resignation.

Because of reports that McGrath may step out soon, a reporter put the question to the Attorney-General point blank when he arrived at the White House for the regular Friday meeting of President Truman and his cabinet.

McGrath: "That question is almost as important as what's going to happen in the Democratic convention next Summer."

Reporter: "It certainly seems to be getting important."

Laughing, McGrath agreed.

The reporter told him that was "a highly inconclusive answer."

McGrath said, "It certainly is."

Then he walked into the cabinet meeting.

Hoey To Vote Against Clark

SHELBY —(AP)— Sen. Clyde R. Hoey said today he will vote against the confirmation of the appointment of Gen. Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican.

The Senator told representatives of the Methodist Church and the Lutheran Church that:

"I'm opposed to the confirmation of Gen. Mark Clark because I have never seen that it was essential or necessary that we have an ambassador at Vatican City."

Clark was appointed to the post by President Truman last year but the Senate has not voted on confirmation yet. The appointment has met opposition from Protestant groups.

The Methodist group was headed by Cecil Robbins of Greensboro, editor of The Christian Advocate, and the Lutheran group was led by Dr. F. L. Conrad of Salisbury.

STAY-AT-HOME WOUNDED

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn. —(AP)— The cook who remained at the hunting cabin to prepare the meal was the only member of a deer hunting party to be wounded. Reinhart Pagel, 71, St. Paul, lost most of his left hand when a gun went off accidentally in the cabin.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and cool this afternoon, tonight and Saturday. Light rain beginning this afternoon and continuing through Saturday.

Highest yesterday 67 degrees. Lowest this morning 43 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:32 A. M.; sunset, 5:24 P. M.

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THE "NEARBY" SUN

Does the sun seem any nearer today than it did six months ago? You won't be able to notice it, but the earth today is in perihelion—its nearest approach to the sun, more than three million miles closer than it was on the Fourth of July. However, we're still more than 91 million miles away, so the variation is only a little over 4 per cent. And the average distance, from year to year, is so very nearly the same that climatologists say the change from nearest to farthest causes no appreciable change in the earth's climate.

RUSTLER

Elaine Rose Viele, believed to be the first girl ever charged with stealing cattle, appears not concerned about her troubles in Houston, Texas. She killed a 1,100-pound steer with a .22 rifle and barbecued it. (Acme)

Steelworkers Delay Strike For 45 Days

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. —(AP)— The CIO United Steelworkers today postponed their threatened nationwide strike for 45 days but warned they will walk out in late February if the Government can't settle the steel contract dispute.

Cheering delegates to a special USW convention approved a recommendation of the union's top strategists that the work stoppage be held off to give the Wage Stabilization Board time to suggest a settlement.

The vote to delay the strike was by voice ballot.

Delegates were asked to rise if they favored adoption of the recommendation. Practically everyone in the convention hall jumped up amid loud cheering. When the call for a negative vote was made, one unidentified delegate attempted to get the floor.

He said he wanted to cast a no vote but he was drowned out.

The convention's action delays the strike deadline until Feb. 23 or 24. The board has scheduled a procedural meeting in Washington Monday. The first full dress hearing session will be either Tuesday or Wednesday.

The WSB will attempt to draw up a recommended settlement acceptable to both sides in the union's fight for an 18 1/2 cent hourly wage increase and other contract concessions.

The final vote on the USW strike postponement was preceded by an attack on the Defense Production Act. The assault was made before the convention by President Philip Murray of both the USW and the CIO. Murray said:

"We have no effective price control in the United States of America. That fact is not subject to successful denial. (Michael) Di Salle (chief administrator) admitted that.

"The facts have demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the present price control system. It is hypocritical of the U. S. Government to suggest to the consumers of the U. S. that there is an effective system of price control."

Allies Retake Important Hill

SEOUL —(AP)— Allied infantrymen stormed through heavy mortar and small arms fire today and recaptured prized Christmas Hill on the East-Central Korean battle front.

Communist troops had attacked and won the hill after dark. The assault touched off a see-saw fight that lasted throughout most of the night.

The peak, west of Mundung Valley, had changed hands repeatedly since Chinese troops seized it on Christmas Day.

Along the rest of the 145-mile battle front, patrols of both sides probed and fought minor skirmishes.

The weather was milder after a week of bitter cold.

The slight clearing skies brought out Allied airmen in a limited number of flights. The Fifth Air Force flew 79 sorties against Communist supply lines and front positions Thursday and Thursday night.

The Christmas Hill assault began Thursday when about 40 Communists attacked and cut off the two Allied squads.

Allied troops counter - attacked after midnight against intense mortar and small arms fire. The Reds who had built up their forces, drove them back.

Just before dawn, the U.N. Command troops attacked again and won the hill.

Seaman Joins Skipper Aboard Drifting Ship

Commies Find Objections To Prisoner Plan

Reject Appeal For Exchange Of Sick

MUNSAN, Korea —(AP)— The Communists made seven objections today to the six-point Allied plan for exchanging prisoners of war and rejected a new U.N. appeal for an immediate trade of sick and wounded prisoners.

In a nearby tent at Panmunjom Allied truce negotiators asked for an explanation of reports that the Communists are shipping crated warplanes into North Korea. They also accused Red China of releasing soldiers of Korean origin from its armies in 1949 and 1950 to form the cadre of the North Korean Red Army.

Chinese Maj. Gen. Hsieh Fang said there was nothing wrong in this. He labeled the crated plane report a "ridiculous rumor."

Hsieh, in turn, accused the Allies of holding behind their lines through intimidation with the atom bomb some 500,000 North Koreans.

Both subcommittees reported no progress toward an armistice. Both agreed to try again Saturday at 11 a.m. (9 p.m. EST Friday) in Panmunjom.

The prisoner exchange subcommittee held a marathon session lasting four hours and 20 minutes.

Afterwards Rear Adm. R. E. Libby said:

"It looks to me as if we are in for a long struggle."

The Reds rejected the Allied exchange plan Thursday, but Libby asked them to study it further.

OBJECTIONS

Friday they specifically objected to:

1. Exchanging prisoners of war for civilians.

2. Differentiating between the release and repatriation of prisoners.

3. Neutral supervision by the Red Cross to make sure prisoners or civilians wanted to be exchanged.

4. Any form of paroles for prisoners.

5. Using a prisoner's pre-war address to determine whether he is a North or South Korean.

The Reds also:

6. Charged that the Allied plan would not speed up the exchange of prisoners.

7. Denied that thousands of South Koreans had been impressed into the Red Army.

The Allied plan called for an exchange of prisoners on a man-for-man basis until one side or the other holds no more. The remaining prisoners would be traded for civilians, and finally thousands of displaced civilians remaining would be traded in an all-for-all exchange.

However, the Allies specified that no one-war prisoner or civilian — would be repatriated against his will.

Prisoners refusing to be exchanged and prisoners traded for civilians would have to sign paroles promising not to fight again in the war.

POPULAR MEMBER OF THE CHAIN GANG

A garage mechanic in Seattle finds himself a very popular man as snowstorms sweep Seattle and the Northwest, making tire chains standard equipment for most rolling vehicles. (UP-Acme).

Rockies Digging Out Of Snow

Middle West Hit Hard By Ice Storms

By The Associated Press

The Rocky Mountain area began shaking off the effects of a five-day seige of snow and sub-zero temperatures but icy weather still gripped some sections of the nation.

In Southwestern Colorado snow drifts were 80 feet high in spots. Highway crews fought their way through the drifts to rescue 14 persons from shelter houses on snowbound Wolf Creek Pass.

Ice-glazed roads slowed travel and disrupted communications in parts of Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Six persons were killed on North Texas roads and 250 long distance telephone circuits were reported out of commission.

In Southeast Missouri, ice practically paralyzed some counties. The ice storm knocked out long distance telephone service in approximately 20 towns. Some electric power lines also were down.

Several Southern Illinois towns, across the Mississippi River from Missouri, also were hit.

A freezing rain last night also glazed roads in Oklahoma and Southeastern Kansas. Parts of Kansas and Missouri got more snow.

A new storm of heavy snow and sub-zero cold struck Southwestern Colorado yesterday but it was expected to drop off today.

CHILDREN RESCUED

Among those rescued from east and west shelter houses on Colorado's snow-locked Wolf Creek Pass were three children.

Four truckmen from Los Angeles were rescued from the west shelter. They were identified as Paul Stowe, T. A. Crows, Cliff Snyder and Joe Cadall.

The state patrol said the nine persons taken from the east shelter included Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Spendt of Denver and their three children, the Rev. and Mrs. John Madennely of Colorado Springs and three unidentified truck drivers.

All 14 had been marooned since Sunday when the storm struck.

It was the worst blizzard in Modern Colorado history, taking possibly six lives. Two persons froze to death, one man died of a heart attack attempting to free his car from a snow bank, a 4-month-old Dumas, Texas, girl was killed in the crash of a small plane on Monarch Pass and two truck drivers are still missing.

The search for stranded motorists, farmers, ranchers and skiers still goes on.

FOUR WEDDING PERMITS ASKED BY MARRYING GI

GAFFNEY, S. C.—Cherokee County Probate Judge W. R. Douglas had on file today applications for four marriage licenses for one soldier, all to different women.

The soldier who filed three additional applications to his original one said he would decide which one to marry later.

Home on leave, the applicant made his extra potential marriage list after Judge Douglas told him he wasn't required by law to marry the first girl he brought into the judge's office.

His name was withheld by the judge who said he desired to prevent "obvious complications."

Merl Young, Two Others Fail To Appear In Court

WASHINGTON —(AP)— E. Merl Young, his brother Herschel and Joseph H. Rosenbaum, Washington attorney, failed to show up in court today to enter pleas to perjury indictments.

All three are under charges of lying under oath to a Senate subcommittee investigating favoritism and influence in Reconstruction Finance Corp. Loans, to a Federal grand jury, or to both the committee and the jury.

U. S. District Judge James R. Kirkland ordered arrest warrants issued, when they did not appear.

The names of Rosenbaum, Merl Young and Herschel Young were called out in that order. There were no answers.

"Issue a bench warrant," Judge Kirkland directed the clerk each time.

Robert W. Dudley, another Washington attorney, appeared before Judge Kirkland yesterday and entered a plea of innocent to a perjury indictment. He was released under $1,000 bail and given 20 days in which to file motions attacking the indictment.

Testimony about a $9,450 natural royal pastel mink coat which Rosenbaum financed for Merl Young's wife Loretta, was one of the highlights of the Senate investigation.

Young has said Rosenbaum, who had many RFC loan-seeking clients, lent him the money to buy the coat, and that it has been repaid. At the time of the testimony Mrs. Young was a White House stenographer. She left that job and the Youngs since have moved to Florida where they operate a tourist court.

The issuance of bench warrants means that Federal marshals will set out forthwith to bring in the Young brothers and Rosenbaum for arraignment.

Whether Rosenbaum and the Young brothers were formally notified to be in court today was not clear.

"They knew they had been indicted," a clerk told reporters.

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Al L. Gates, deputy U. S. marshal here, said E. Merl Young was not served with a warrant to appear in Washington today.

Gates said no warrant was received here in connection with today's hearing.

Mrs. Loretta Young at nearby Homestead, Fla., expressed astonishment that her husband, Merl, was expected to appear in Washington today.

"He is in town here," said Mrs. Young. "This is the first I knew of a court appearance in Washington. I'm sure that Mr. Young didn't know about it, for he would have told me."

She said Young wasn't available at the tourist court because he had gone into the downtown section of Homestead.

Weather Halts Effort To Rig Towing Line

Captain Alone On Vessel Nearly Week

LONDON—(AP)—A British rescue tug got a man aboard the Flying Enterprise today, ending a week's lone vigil by Capt. Kurt Carlsen—but his fight against the sea still was not over.

Fog and rising winds forced a halt in attempts to take the crippled American freighter in tow for the 300-mile trip to England. The rescue tug Turmoil was ready to resume operations when there was a break in the weather. Gales were predicted, however.

The first mate of the Turmoil managed to get aboard the stern of the wallowing Enterprise. The U. S. destroyer John W. Weeks—standing by with the rescue tug—reported the transfer. The Turmoil's mate was the first man Capt. Carlsen had seen close-up since he ordered his crew of 40 and 10 passengers to abandon ship in last week's hurricane.

The Weeks radioed that the tugboat man "managed to get aboard over the taffrail of the Enterprise and is now standing by with Capt. Carlsen."

The message was not delivered to naval headquarters in London until 4:45 P. M.

Carlsen has been alone on the Flying Enterprise since last Saturday, the day after a wild Atlantic storm broke his ship and knocked her over on her side. The freighter has been listing at 60 to 80 degrees.

He decided to stick with his 396-foot ship and her cargo, valued at more than a million dollars, and protect the owners' rights in the ship, worth $1,400,000. The vessel, built in 1944, is owned by the Isbrandtsen Line, New York.

A message at 11 A. M. from the Weeks said the Turmoil had made five vain attempts, in worsening weather, to get a towline aboard the Enterprise.

The 2:30 P. M. message from the Weeks said the list of the Flying Enterprise, around 60 degrees yesterday, had increased "very slightly." But the freighter was "still buoyant and riding satisfactorily."

Tugboat Capt. Dan Parker said he would continue efforts around the clock to get a towline aboard the disabled freighter, wallowing 300 miles west of the southern tip of England.

An early message from the Weeks said there was a possibility Carlsen would be taken off his ship today, but later it was explained this meant "after towing commences."

This made it plain that Carlsen intended to see his beloved ship all the way to safe harbor.

Until the Weeks sent Carlsen some magazines last night his only reading matter was a book titled "The Law of The Seaman," which he must now know by heart.

Carlsen, refreshed after the Weeks managed to get a line to him and send across food, cigarettes, and magazines yesterday, spoke briefly over his battery-powered radio shortly before dawn.

"If the weather remains in our favor, as now, I would say we have a fair chance of bringing the Enterprise into port," he said.

The Turmoil figured it would take at least three days and maybe more to haul the freighter in. She intended to make for Falmouth but also picked out Brest, France, and Bantry Bay in Southern Ireland, as alternate havens.

Carlsen's early morning message asked the Weeks to pass on his "sincere thanks" to the 40 crewmen who sailed with him from Hamburg before Christmas. "It's hard to describe my feelings toward those men," he added.

He also waxed philosophical about his lonely plight.

"Being used to solitude the loneliness was not too hard to bear, and I knew help was coming," he said. "The thought of all my loved ones and of my responsibilities kept me going."

EVENING PRAYER

O God, the protector, of all that trust Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us and upon our world Thy mercy, that, through Thy guidance and our willingness to follow Thy guidance, we may be led out of the dark maze in which we now find ourselves. In Thy name. Amen.

OPS Okays Ford Price Increases

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Government today approved higher ceiling prices for Ford Motor Co. passenger cars.

It refused, however, to grant the full rise asked by the company under the Capehart amendment to the economic controls law.

OPS approved a 4.97 per cent hike in prices of Ford cars, compared with 5.39 asked by the company. For Mercury cars, a 3.45 per cent hike was approved, compared with 4.37 per cent asked. For Lincolns, 5.19 percent boost was okayed, compared with 8.13 per cent requested.

ARMS, TAXES AND HARMONY

Economic Side Of Atlantic Defense Has Three Main Planning Headaches

(Note—Mr. Streit, a New York Times correspondent in Europe for 20 years, is editor of Freedom & Union magazine. He recently returned from the NATO Council meeting in Rome and conferences with military and diplomatic leaders in Europe—The Editors, The News.)

By CLARENCE K. STREIT
(Third of a Series)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The economic danger to Atlantic defense was another major factor that contributed to the decision, embodied in General Eisenhower's speech July 3, to go all out for European Union. It has since grown more and more acute, and complex.

This problem — which some high quarters in SHAPE rate as a greater danger to the defense effort than the delay in rearming the Germans — has many headaches in it. Here are three main ones:

1. How to get enough arms quickly enough even to deter attack without over-straining the economies of the Atlantic countries and undermining their morale by inflation, high taxes, a lowering standard of living,—without delivering the Europeans to the Bevans and the Americans to the Tafts, and thus increasingly dividing the democracies and delivering them to the Kremlin.

2. How to spread the economic and tax burden equally among all the allied democracies and reconcile military needs with economic limitations in each of them—(the problem on which the "three wise men" have recently reported).

3. How then to get this division accepted and carried out in good time by each of their still sovereign governments, — with each of them having veto power as regards their own share and with each enjoying only a small majority in their Padliament or Congress, and facing a rising opposition that fattens on the readiness of the voter everywhere to believe that he and his country are doing more than their share.

These headaches were painful even before the situation producing them

1. Made the de Gaullists the strongest single party in the June French elections, and kept the Communist vote high and intact:

2. Gave Churchill only a slim parliamentary majority in the October British elections while Labor retained a majority of the popular vote and Bevan gained strength within it, and

3. Made Congress grumble ominously at the tax bill and slash economic help to Europe in passing the Mutual Security Act.

BIGGER LOAD

The lag on the German problem made and makes all these headaches still worse. So long as the allies deadlock on how to shift most safely part of the defense

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