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SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS MR. HULL



Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (left) paid an informal visit to Cordell Hull, World War II Secretary of State. They are shown chatting at Mr. Hull's apartment in a Washington hotel.

Mr. Dulles, who has served in many diplomatic capacities, was sworn in last week as President Eisenhower's secretary of state. (United Press Photo.)

Weapons Plant To Be Built

WASHINGTON (U-P)—The government will build atomic artillery plant to develop atomic artillery weapons.

The atomic tests will begin in March at Yucca Flats in the Nevada desert, where 20 previous atomic devices have been exploded.

The Atomic Energy Commission said it will test "new and improved nuclear devices" at the Nevada desert, where 20 previous atomic devices have been exploded.

The AEC announced, too, that the nation's first plant designed solely for processing and assembling atomic explosives will be built along the Spoon River in the southwestern part of Illinois, not far from the Mississippi River.

Ground for the Illinois plant will be broken early in the spring. Nearly 10,000 acres of ground will be set aside for the plant.

It will be erected in the Illinois flat lands some 18 miles east of Macomb, about 55 miles south of St. Louis.

GOP Considers Repeal Of Postmaster Ruling

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
 WASHINGTON (U-P)—House Republicans, who on patronage for 20 years, are casting a jaundiced eye at a law which bars them from control of thousands of postmaster jobs.

The law, enacted 15 years ago when Democrats were calling the shots, had the effect of giving postmasters lifetime Civil Service tenure. It didn't bother the Republicans at the time because, as the party out of power, they weren't able to reward the politically faithful with patronage jobs.

But it's different now that a Republican occupies the White House and the GOP controls Congress.

Normally, postmaster appointments are the patronage of House members of the dominant political party in district with no House members of the dominant party, Senators or State political committees are considered.

Postmaster jobs are about the only choice patronage House members have, and many Republicans don't like the idea of being barred from controlling them.

Openly, Republicans aren't saying what they intend to do about it. But privately they are considering repeal of the law.

"We are studying the situation," said Chairman Rees (R-Kan.) of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. He said he opposed the 1937 law blanketing postmasters under Civil Service.

So did House Republican leader Hiram B. Dwyer, who claimed the avowed purpose of the law—to put jobs on a merit basis—has been forgotten. During 20 years of Democratic administration, Hallett said, apparently the legislation, carefully selected for postmasters were Democrats. He predicted Congress would take some action.

Some Republicans are not anxious to get postmaster patronage. As one veteran committee chairman put it: "For every job there are half a dozen or more applicants and you can appoint only one. The one appointed isn't grateful because he believes he deserved the job anyhow. The others get sore."

Postal experts estimate there are about 40,000 postmaster jobs of all classes, with an annual turnover of about 25 per cent through deaths or retirement. Vacancies are filled mainly by the administration party.

Pacific Trip In The Offing

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
 KANSAS CITY (U-P)—Ex-President Harry S. Truman is may now be disclosed, has been assured of contracts providing him enough money for his future needs and to permit him, complete freedom to say and write what he pleases.

This reporter was told by one of the former president's closest friends that Truman will write his memoirs for a New York publishing firm at a figure expected to run above half a million dollars over a period of several years.

In addition, Truman will make periodical, carefully selected lecture tours along lines of his own choosing.

The source of this report would be quoted by name.

Details of the agreement are being handled for the former President by Matthew J. Connelly, his No. 1 secretary while in the White House.

The source would not say what publishing firm is making the contract. Connelly, who flew here Wednesday to help Truman set up private

OUR WEATHER

Fair and warmer today and tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy and high temperature expected today, 50 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 24 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 32 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:26 A. M.; sunset, 5:42 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 5-A

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The State of Union
Talk Set Next Monday

Planes Lash Reds; Ground Attack Fails

Allies Turned Back By Enemy Fire

By STAN CARTER

SEOUL (U-P)—Allied fighter-bombers ripped into Communist battlefront positions today after U. N. troops took a licking on the Western Korean front in an elaborate U. N. planned "program" raid.

The 4½ hour raid was the heaviest ground action of the new year. Allied infantry, tanks, flame-throwers, artillery and planes were thrown into the unsuccessful assault on South Hill.

High brass and correspondents provided in advance with a pamphlet describing each phase of the attack—watched from nearby bombers. Called "Operation Smack," it had been planned since Jan. 19.

REDS READY

But the Chinese Reds were ready. They caught the charging U. N. infantrymen in a deadly crossfire.

The Allied troops tried to burn out the Reds with flame-throwers. However, in many instances, the flame-throwers ran out of fuel. AP Correspondent Forrest Edwards reported from the scene at the southern end of T-Bone Hill—that a hail of artillery shells and napalm (jellied gasoline) also failed to dislodge the Communists.

One of the Allied wounded told Edwards: "If we could only have had more flame-throwers we could have burned right through them. We were doing a good job but suddenly there weren't any more flame-throwers left."

OUT OF FUEL

Another wounded man told AP Photographer Fred Waters that the flame-throwers ran out of fuel and added grimly: "And so did the guy who was shooting them."

An Eighth Army spokesman declined to report Allied casualties but estimated 95 Chinese were killed.

After the raid, Fifth Air Force and Navy carrier planes swarmed over the entire front. The Navy reported that planes from the carriers Trenchard and Oriskany dropped over 300 bombs and 200 rockets. Okinawa-based B-26s last night blasted a 30-acre military camp installation at Yangdok on the lateral rail line to Pyongyang.

In continuing air battles, U. S. Navy fighters shot down 10 enemy planes and damaged another Sunday. The Air Force said that brought the January tally to 30 Red planes destroyed, 40 probably destroyed and 30 damaged.

Artificial Leg Found, With Shoe & Stocking

CHICAGO (U-P)—Police are pondering the answer to this one: A man turned in a woman's artificial leg, in good working order, complete with shoulder and waist straps, nylon stocking and business contracts but he will continue in a Southwest Side vacant lot.

EX-TREASURER WED

WASHINGTON (U-P)—Mrs. Georgia Newse Clark, 51, treasurer of the United States during the Truman administration was married Saturday in Washington to a Washington Times executive Andrew J. Gray, 40.

SPEAK FREELY

He will be able to speak freely on politics. And no one who knows him thinks for a minute he will maintain for long his sideline role when the political pot boils.

The source of Truman's future plans said that the overriding problem now is to get Truman away for a real vacation and rest before he undertakes his memoir and lecture assignments.

Now being set up do not contemplate his doing anything for the next six months other than reply to personal correspondence and get adjusted to private life.

The plan is for Truman to take long cruise in the South Pacific with Mrs. Truman and Margaret as soon as it can be set up. There is a possibility they will visit Hawaii.

SOLDIERS LIKE DRY SOCKS, TOO



Cpl. Malcolm L. Eastlick (left) of Glasport, Pa., and Pfc. Fred LeBlanc of Detroit, Mich., dry their woolen socks somewhere on the fighting front in Korea. The picture shows them with their socks on a barbecue-burner arrangement they set up quickly enough. (United Press Photo.)

GM To Settle With Wilson In Cash

WASHINGTON (U-P)—Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass.) announced to the Senate today that General Motors has agreed to make a cash settlement with the estate of the late Henry Ford.

Saltonstall said the settlement was the result of a long and difficult negotiation. He said the settlement was a "good thing" for the estate and for the company.

As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Saltonstall asked for confirmation of Wilson, former president of GM, to be secretary of defense.

As the debate on Wilson began, Senate Republican leaders were confident of an approving vote for him to become head of the Defense Department.

His chief concern was whether they could win approval for the nomination.

Italian Plane Crash Kills 19

ROME (U-P)—A two-engine Italian liner making its last flight from Sardinia to Rome crashed in flames today in the mountains east of Cagliari killing all aboard—15 passengers and four crew members.

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Carabinieri rushed rescue parties to the scene but it took hours to reach the burned wreckage in the isolated mountain district. First reports back to Cagliari said no survivors were found.

Comic Dictionary

VIENNA, Austria (U-P)—Famed orchestra conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler, 67, a victim of Europe's influenza epidemic, was reported much improved today.

BULL MADE CHINA SHOP OF WHOLE TOWN

BOGOTA, Colombia (U-P)—A fighting bull was on a rampage in Bucaramanga Saturday, according to a press report here today, and was killed only after:

1. Wrecking two coffins in a funeral parlor.

2. Virtually breaking up an outdoor political meeting.

3. Causing bruises to 15 persons.

4. Indirectly causing serious wounds to six persons, hit by bullets intended for the bull.

EVENING PRAYER

O God, by whom error is righted, who mendest what is shattered, and preserve what Thou hast mended, we pray Thee to imbue Christian people with the grace of unity in Thee, so that they may abide enabled to defend Thee thereby all divisions and be thereby enabled to render Thee due service. Amen.

Joint Session Of Congress To Hear President

GOP Leaders Call At White House

WASHINGTON (U-P)—President Eisenhower will deliver his State of the Union message before a joint session of Congress at 12:30 P. M. next Monday.

House Speaker Joseph Martin announced the date after a conference with the President and his congressional leaders.

They were in session one hour and 55 minutes.

"We had a very interesting conference with the President," Martin said. "We will cover all the matters he will treat in his State of the Union message."

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) observed, "We can say exactly what they were, because that's what he's going to talk about when he goes before Congress."

Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.) left the conference some time before the other leaders came out. He said, "I can't say exactly what the prospective delivery date for the State of the Union message. Millikin replied: 'I think some one representing the President will do the delivery.'"

Collins, Clark Visit Van Fleet

By BILL SHINN
 SEOUL (U-P)—Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, and Gen. Mark W. Clark, United Nations Far East commander, arrived today for a meeting with the retiring Eighth Army commander, Gen. James A. Van Fleet.

Collins stopped briefly in Tokyo and was joined there by Clark. Collins said Van Fleet's retirement did not necessarily mean a change in United Nations policy in Korea. He said he would visit Van Fleet and Clark in Seoul.

Maxwell D. Taylor, when Taylor arrives in Tokyo in a few days. Collins said he was wanted to "see at first hand what the local situation is like."

The grateful Republic of Korea gave its highest award to Van Fleet today.

President Truman's voice quavered with emotion as he pinned Korea's Gold Medal on Van Fleet and said: "He has built and trained our great Republic of Korea Army, which now has assumed its place in the struggle for freedom against Communist aggression; his great spirit has inspired our people to redoubled efforts in support of our military forces and restored their faith in support of democratic principles."

Van Fleet said he felt the South Korean Army could be beefed up to hold the entire battlefield without need for United Nations command decisions to stay on the present battle line.

IKE HAS COLD, CALLS OFF ENGAGEMENTS

WASHINGTON (U-P)—President Eisenhower has "the sniffles" and has canceled his remaining engagements for today, the White House announced.

He left his office and retired to his room, where he planned to spend the rest of the day working on his State of the Union message.

Assistant Press Secretary Murray Sayder said Eisenhower did not have a fever and that his condition was "purely precautionary."

He had planned to attend a reception at the White House for delegates to the Women's Forum on National Security.

Mrs. Eisenhower remained in the White House and canceled a cold, but her condition was improved today and she planned to go to the reception for the women's forum delegation.

2,000 Are Homeless Following Big Fire

HONG KONG (U-P)—More than 2,000 Chinese homeless. More than 2,000 Chinese homeless. More than 2,000 Chinese homeless.