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BLOCKADE OF CHINA FEARED BY PENTAGON

Step Would Require Allied Support In Order To Succeed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The possibility that a China blockade might fail if it did not have the full support of this nation's allies worried some Pentagon officials as the chance that it might extend the Korean War.

Even officials here have steadfastly opposed the blockade idea, currently gaining increasing support in Congress. It should be militarily effective if imposed by the U. S. Navy, the largest in the world.

But those who favor a blockade agree that international complications could doom such an action to partial failure.

At the heart of these complications are two problems: By tradition and trade practices, China is tied with other Asia states.

The coast of China is not 100 per cent Chinese.

There is the case of Ceylon, a member of the British Commonwealth. Ceylon has a long-term agreement with Red China, calling for exchange of Ceylon rubber for Chinese rice.

If the U. S. should interrupt shipments of rubber from Ceylon to China, the Communist would be expected to halt exports of rice to Ceylon. The question would then arise: Who would pay for the rice?

An even more difficult problem is that presented by the British crown colony of Hong Kong on the coast of South China.

Hong Kong is a middleman's port. Formerly much of the trade arriving there was transhipped for movement into other Chinese ports.

Goods shipped to Hong Kong normally were consigned to some British or British-approved firm, and would therefore be difficult to intercept before reaching Hong Kong.

The tightest naval blockade of China probably could not plug this gap unless the United States had a fleet of submarines in the area.

Former Senator Reed's death

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Former U. S. Sen. David Reed of Pennsylvania, died here today.

Death came in the 73-year-old lawyer and World War I hero at 6:15 a.m.

Reed, in semi-retirement from his Pittsburgh law office, was spending the winter at Boca Grande Island, about 10 miles southwest of Sarasota, the Gulf of Mexico.

He was stricken with a heart attack Monday night and rushed to a hospital here. Mrs. Reed accompanied him.

Reed won renown as a lawyer and soldier before he was appointed to the Senate in 1922.

He was major in the field artillery and displayed such bravery in action that he became one of the French Cross of the Legion of Honor and this nation's Distinguished Service Medal.

He served three terms in the Senate, and much of his activity was on the military affairs committee.

From the very start of his Senate service he became a leader in that body. He also became one of the top men in the Republican Party. Reed was active in other Senate fields, including immigration, tariff laws, and taxes.

KING AIDS RELIEF

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—King Leopold today gave the Belgian Red Cross to aid flood victims. The young king hurried from the French Riviera Sunday after Belgian newspapers criticized his absence during the emergency. He was en route to the Riviera after an illness with influenza.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today. Increasing clouds tonight. Wednesday, cloudy and mild with showers.

Temperature yesterday, 63 degrees; high expected today, 65 degrees.

Forecast for this morning, 33 degrees; low expected tonight, 45 degrees.

Forecast for Tuesday, 41 to 51 degrees.

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PRIZE WINNER



This photo of President Dwight Eisenhower, taken last June at Morning Heights in New York by United Press Photographer Bert Brandt, was adjudged 'best in show' at the 17th annual competition of the New York Press Photographers Association. The picture was made with a Speed Graphic set at 1/400 and F-16. (UP Telephone)

Russian Legation Bombed in Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—Israeli police announced today they have arrested several dozen persons in connection with the bombing of the Soviet Legation here last night. Five persons, including the wife of the Soviet minister, were injured in the explosion. It was believed in reprisal for recent anti-Zionist charges by Communist officials in Moscow and the satellite capitals.

Names of those arrested were not disclosed. The Israeli police believed to have cut a hole in the wire fence surrounding the legation grounds in the center of Tel Aviv and to have thrown the explosive through the window of a ground floor office.

ACTION CONTINUED The Israeli press joined the government today in condemning the bombing. Terming it a "dastardly outrage," the government expressed its regrets to the Russian envoy and his staff and promised "swift justice" to those responsible.

The Jerusalem Post called it a "monstrous attack not only outraging diplomatic immunity but also common humanity."

The injured included Mrs. Claudia Jashinski, wife of Soviet Minister Pavel I. Yershov; Sofia Vana, a Russian cook in the legation; the minister's woman secretary, Yashov's chauffeur and a Jewish child in a nearby building.

Vana, whose injuries were serious, was operated on last night at Tel Aviv hospital. The other victims were reported only slightly hurt. All the injuries apparently resulted from falling furniture or flying glass.

DOCTORS ALARMED Reliable sources in the Tel Aviv Hospital reported that surgeons, alarmed by recent Moscow charges that Soviet doctors, some of them Jews, had intentionally killed Russian patients, asked Alexander Abraham, secretary of the Russian Legation, to be present for the operation on Vana.

Among those taken into custody for questioning in connection with the bombing, it was learned, were:

By JOHN RANDOLPH SEWELL—Gen. James A. Van Fleet said today that United Nations general offensive in Korea now would be a certain victory.

On the eve of his farewell to the Eighth Army, the 60-year-old retiring commander again expressed belief in carrying the war to the Reds, said the U. N. lost opportunities for whipping the Communists, and called for a million-man Republic of Korea Army with 20 combat divisions.

Van Fleet made the statements in answering nine questions asked by the Associated Press as he prepared to turn over his command tomorrow to Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor and leave Korea for the first time since he arrived 20 months ago.

To the question "Do you think a general offensive in Korea can be successful at this time?" Van Fleet replied with only one word: "Certainly."

In other answers he said the Allies lost two chances for victory in Korea, disclosed his own most heart-breaking decisions as commanding general, and gave what he said are the two greatest achievements of the Eighth Army under his leadership.

He included a glowing tribute to the "anti-Communist patriotism and loyalty" of the ROK soldiers, who he transformed from disorganized, frightened bands into 14 hand-picked modern divisions. In the absence of the victorious offensive he never led, the exsanguinated U. S. ROK Army will probably be Van Fleet's monument in Korea.

Although Van Fleet followed his

Umstead Plans Continue To Get Legislative Nod

Committee Approves Highway Body Change

RALEIGH (AP)—Proposals of Gov. Umstead continue to win legislative approval with clock-like regularity today as the Senate Roads Committee unanimously gave its blessings to the governor's plan for revamping the State Highway Commission.

The measure approved by the committee would authorize the governor to name a committee of five persons. This committee would be empowered, with the advice and approval of the governor, to increase the number of highway divisions from the present 10 to more than 15.

The Senate Roads Committee was told by its chairman Sen. S. M. Mason of Caswell, that the governor will not spend money unnecessarily in setting up the new divisions. He said there are now so many miles of paved roads that maintenance has become the commission's top problem. The committee was given Highway Commission figures estimating it would cost \$225,000 each to set up new highway divisions and \$23,422 each a year to operate them. The bill may come up for action by the full Senate tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Rep. H. M. Moore of Clay said he plans to introduce, probably tomorrow, a measure calling for a statewide liquor referendum. Gray has planned to be introduced tomorrow to give the bill a chance for being revised to provide for holding of the election in November.

Moore said his liquor referendum proposal was an "all or nothing proposition." If the state voted dry, the measure, sale of liquor, wine and beer would be banned throughout the state. If it voted wet, the beverages could be sold throughout the state.

It was learned from a reliable source that legislation likely will be introduced tomorrow to give state employees and school teachers a 10 per cent retroactive pay increase. The measure is expected to wait until the appropriations bill for the next two fiscal years is introduced by the legislature.

The budget now being considered by the Joint Appropriations Committee provides for a 10 per cent pay increase for state workers and teachers retroactive to last July 1.

Senate Judiciary 1 Committee, See UMSTEAD on page 7-A

Conant in Germany To Begin New Work

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Dr. James Bryant Conant, new U. S. ambassador to Germany, arrived at Rhine Main Airport here today at 12:32 (6:32 A. M. EST) en route to Bonn to assume his new duties.

He was met at the airport by the acting U. S. High Commissioner Samuel Reber, who has directed the American office since the resignation of Walter J. Donnelly last December.

Comic Dictionary

QUESTION What children quest and parents shun.

QUESTIONS The list of the Associated Press questions and Van Fleet's own answers are as follows:

1. Q—Do you think that a general offensive in Korea can be successful at this time?

A—Certainly.

2. Q—If there have been lost opportunities to Korea, what do you feel was the most serious?

A—When the Communists overextended themselves in May, 1951.

3. Q—What do you consider to be the most important military action during your command?

A—The two defeats of the Communist army in the summer of 1951, including counter-offensive (B) breaking Communists in October.

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BENT BACKS AT BROKEN SEA WALL



A squad of some of the 12,000 men already on duty doing emergency repair work place sandbags on both sides of the huge gap in the sea wall near King's Lynn, England. An all-out effort is being made to bolster the walls as 50-mile-an-hour gales again threatened Britain's 300-mile danger zone. (UP Telephone).

Taft-Hartley Changes

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress launches hearings today into changes in the Taft-Hartley law, giving first consideration to a plan to outlast industry-wide bargaining.

Chairman McClellan (D-Pa.) of the House Labor Committee called on Rep. Lucas (D-Tex.) as the committee's first witness in hearings expected to run for several months. Congress members are being heard first. Lucas wants the industry-wide bargaining ban.

Revision of the Taft-Hartley law, now more than five years old, is one of the promises made by President Eisenhower. But he was not yet spelled out any proposals.

SENATE HEARINGS SET Senate Labor Committee hearings have been charted to start during the first week of March. Taft (R-Ohio) already has submitted a batch of amendments, but organized labor isn't very happy with them.

Taft has carefully pointed out his proposals do not bear administration the new law. Taft has not looked with favor on the industry-wide bargaining ban, plugged by Rep. Lucas. Amendments similar to Taft's current ones were approved by the Senate several years ago but died in the House.

Eisenhower has authorized Secretary of Labor Durkin, former president of the AFL, Plumber Union, to establish an advisory committee made up of public, labor and industry representatives.

The group to help the Labor Department "play a significant role in the planning of America's economic future."

DURKIN'S PLANS Durkin, it is understood, plans to have this committee draft administration proposals for changing the Taft-Hartley Act. Its membership has not been disclosed, but it was learned that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has been invited to be a labor member. Lewis has been probably the most vocal critic of Taft-Hartley.

Lucas, the House committee's

first witness, is sponsoring amendments to forbid any one union from bargaining with two or more competing employers. He said this would stop "monopoly bargaining," but would still allow a union to bargain for all plants in a single company.

His plan would apparently be a union from bargaining simultaneously for employees for all the company.

steel firms, for instance, but allow one union to represent all workers in many plants owned by one company.

Lucas said he anticipated some opposition to his plan. He mentioned management in the shipping, pulp and paper, glass, china, stove and other industries.

NEW RULING MADE

Effective March 1, Mecklenburg County, N.C., has ruled that automobiles will be out of luck if they try to get any financial aid from the Welfare Dept.

Welfare Sup't Wallace H. Kural said the new policy was agreed upon by the Welfare Board. It appeared that an old policy on TV set ownership was getting out of hand.

Under the old policy, a family on the welfare rolls could have a television set before it found itself in the position of having to give it up.

Trouble was that many families had been buying sets on credit and insisting, in spite of the contrary, that the sets were gifts.

Mr. Kural said there are now few families receiving assistance while owning television sets, and even fewer families with automobiles.

Recipients have been notified of the new policy, which was set by the Welfare Board.

Crash Kills 30 Egyptian Soldiers

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—A military transport plane crashed in the Eastern desert area near Cairo yesterday, killing 30 Egyptian soldiers. An official statement said bad weather was the cause. The wreckage was sighted 60 miles east of Cairo.

The plane was en route from Al Ain in the Sinai Peninsula to Cairo. It failed to reach Cairo last night and a search was made at dawn. The wreckage was sighted 60 miles east of Cairo.

Evening Prayer

Almighty God, our Father, make clear to us that the supreme thing in life is the doing of Thy will. Forgive us wherein we have failed to consider Thy claim upon us, and may the "goodness of God lead us to repentance." Give us strength and grace, we pray, for what we lie ahead in the name of Jesus Amen.

GIFT OF DRUGS NEW DELHI, India (AP)—A Japanese gift of India of half a ton of drugs used to combat leprosy arrived here today. The Japanese embassy said the shipment will be presented later to Health Minister Rajkumar Amrit Kaur as a gesture of good will.

Blockade Talk Is Called 'Premature'

Senate Committee Hears Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles told Senators today President Eisenhower has made any decision for a possible blockade of Red China at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was quoted by two Senators as having told the group that any discussion of a blockade is "premature."

Sens. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) and Fulbright (D-Mo.) said they got the impression from Dulles that the whole Far Eastern situation is an open option for any action the President may want to take in the future.

Dulles, said Wiley (R-Wis.) demanded today a speedup in "actual delivery of the military hardware" to the Chinese Nationalists and said it would make a hard impression on the Communists that speedup over changed Soviet Fleet orders.

Wiley told reporters he planned to take the matter up directly with Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Bradley's appearance before a closed congressional committee, Wiley is chairman of the committee.

Dulles' appearance was arranged to give him an opportunity to present his conditions in Europe as he found them on a 14-day inspection trip. But Democrats talked of crowding the questioning, if time permitted, to ask what moves are contemplated in the Far East beyond President Eisenhower's order to the Seventh Fleet to permit possible Nationalist attacks on the Red China mainland.

In a 1948 speech, Dulles will be called upon tomorrow to give this information, if he chooses, to a Far East subcommittee.

The amount of Democratic cooperation with the Republicans on foreign policy moves seemed likely to hinge to a large extent on how Dulles was willing to take the matter into his confidence.

WANTY W. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a committee member, said he thinks Dulles' appearance should be informed of any change in the direction of foreign policy.

He said even if, for instance, that he wondered if Eisenhower's Seventh Fleet announcement was a "real military policy at all."

"Was it a psychological offensive against the Nationalist regime in the Korean stalemate rather than at Russia?" he asked. "If there is a fundamental change of policy, reasonable committee members are entitled to know it so they can correct and evaluate it."

ON THE QUESTION OF STEPPING UP arms aid shipments to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces, Wiley told newsmen:

"I am going to take up with the President whether we should increase the delivery of supplies and equipment."

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Pat Ward Names Vice Patrons At Closed Trial

WARD probably would continue testifying throughout the day and possibly tomorrow morning.

The spent money of her former women into prostitution according to the proceeds while waiting for his oleomargarine fortune to come due.

Some newswomen carrying out a "stakeout" of yesterday's opening session testified, which they said they obtained from defense sources. They did not publish names of the sources.

The Daily News. The Post and The Journal American said Miss Ward gave this story.

She had a baby in November, 1950, when she was 17 years old. She bore a child, John, after two casual meetings.

Ray Russell Davidson, one-time "stakeout" of yesterday's opening session testified, which they said they obtained from defense sources. They did not publish names of the sources.

At least a dozen, "Lieber said. Passed at the exact number, Lieber smiled and replied: "Quite a few."

Later, when prosecution and defense sources estimated from 12 to 20 men had been named.

Lieber said the 19-year-old Miss