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NO OPPOSITION

Senate Approves Highway Shakeup

RALEIGH (AP)—(P)—Gov. Umstead's proposal to reorganize the State Highway Commission passed the Senate on third reading today and now goes to the House.

The House, meanwhile, was considering another of the governor's reorganization plans, a bill which would give him authority to replace any of the fifteen members

Planes Active, Ground Quiet In Korean War

SEOUL (AP)—Fighting dwindled to small raids and patrol clashes on the Korean battlefield today as the warmest weather of the year carried into a second day.

The mercury climbed well above 40 across the 150-mile battle line. Rain swept the Western front.

Allied warplanes roared into clearing skies in the afternoon for fighter-bomber strikes and air battles with Communist MIG-15's.

The fighter-bombers flattened eight buildings in a troop concentration area on the Western front. The U. S. Fifth Air Force reported. Smoke from burning buildings obscured results. In the same area, the Communist Stars sealed a rail tunnel with eight bomb hits.

U. S. Sabre jets tangled with Russian-made MIG-15's over North Korea but Allied pilots made no damage or destruction claims.

Eight bomber pilots reported destruction of 135 Red trucks last night.

A dozen U. S. B-29 Superfortresses landed at a Communist installation near Pyongyang, North Korea capital. A Red fighter plane fired at one of the Superfortresses but two other Red craft failed to attack.

Six other B-29s hammered a storage point six miles south of Pyongyang on the main supply route to Hanoi. They bombed single story buildings and several supply dumps.

Returning aircraft sent fires, apparently from fuel stocks, lit the area. They reported weather over the target was clear.

On the ground, a small Allied rifle party struck early today at a Red hill position near the Anchor Hill on the extreme eastern end of the line. The raiders caught a 20-minute respite from small arms and automatic weapons before withdrawing on orders.

Blizzard Hits North Europe

LONDON (AP)—(P)—A blizzard swept Northern Europe today, snarling road and rail traffic and isolating many villages.

Along the east coast of England and the coasts of Holland and Belgium the weather added to the discomfort of refugees driven from their homes twelve days ago by the disastrous floods.

In parts of Northern England and Scotland the blizzard had been in progress for more than 40 hours.

Main roads and 200 secondary roads in England were blocked by snowdrifts ranging up to twelve feet deep. Drivers abandoned hundreds of cars and trucks. Only one road remained open from Manchester northward to Scotland. England had its worst traffic dislocation in years.

A new cycle of high tides from the North Sea was threatening to go on another rampage. The water level of the Thames and several other rivers rose during the morning, but not dangerously.

Hastily repaired sea walls along the coast held solidly for the night. An exceptionally high tide is expected tonight, and 24,000 British servicemen and volunteers worked to bolster the levees still more.

OUR WEATHER

Rain ending this afternoon, followed by clear, cold, becoming partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Cooler tonight and tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 59 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 48 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 49 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 34 degrees.

Sunrise 7:13 A. M.; sunset 6:33 P. M.

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SENATOR ASKS FOR CUSTER OF CHIANG

Ellender Would Make Request Of Nationalists

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Ellender (D-La.) today urged the Eisenhower administration to consider asking the Chinese Nationalists to get rid of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as their leader.

The Louisiana senator said the answer to the search for peace may well lie in "weaning the Chinese on the mainland away from Russia" and in finding a Chinese leader "more popular than Chiang," now head of the Nationalist government on Formosa.

Ellender depicted the idea of a blockade of the Red Chinese coast or other military steps against the mainland less they draw the Chinese "further away from us and closer to Russia."

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Ellender voiced his views in an interview with Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) announced his Senate foreign relations subcommittee on Far Eastern policy will meet tomorrow for further questioning of Secretary of State Dulles.

It will be Dulles' second appearance before senators this week. He assured the foreign relations subcommittee Monday, members said, that resident Eisenhower's administration has no plan pending to blockade China, bomb Manchuria or use the atomic bomb in Asia.

These were some of the questions raised in the wake of Eisenhower's announcement. In his State of the Union message last week, that the United States would not use nuclear weapons, he said, "China is no longer 'Red China' from attack by Chiang's forces."

Ellender said that, since the delivery today, Rep. Battle (D-La.) proposed a "very comprehensive check" by U. S. Navy forces, operating under United Nations authority, of present efforts to embargo goods to Communist China.

Battle would the law which requires that countries receiving U. S. assistance must not send vital materials to China, unless exempted by the President. He said four other methods for blocking such shipments are now being tried. He said these should be reviewed before further action is taken.

A naval blockade, Battle said, would not end them all, since China could be supplied by land from Russia and neighboring Asiatic countries.

So far as is known, he added, no major allies of the U. S. are permitting war material shipments to the Iron Curtain coalition.

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RELAX FOLKS, FT. KNOX GOLD IS ALL THERE

FORT KNOX, Ky.—(P)—"We've found everything right on the nose."

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TROOP REMOVAL PLANNED

Britain, Egypt Sign Sudan Agreement

CAIRO (AP)—Britain and Egypt today signed an agreement covering the future of Sudan, and Prime Minister Nasser's office said evacuation of British troops from the Sudan has been agreed upon in principle.

These are the two issues that have been separating Britain and Egypt. Solution of both could go a long way toward ending Egyptian claims on the Sudan.

The Sudan is a million square mile area which Britain and Egypt both claimed as their own since 1898. The agreement gives the eight million Sudanese the right to decide their ultimate future within three years. They could decide to join Egypt, join the British Commonwealth or set up an independent nation. Early elections for a parliament are planned under supervision of an Indian, an American, a British and two Sudanese.

As for the Sudan Canal Zone, Gen. Naguib, in common with the preceding Egyptian government, had demanded withdrawal of all British troops. A political adviser to Gen. Naguib, in asserting today that removal of the troops has been agreed upon in principle, said only technical details remain to be worked out. These, of course, might bring stumbling blocks.

The Sudan agreement was signed by Gen. Naguib and Sir Ralph Stevenson, the British ambassador.

Atomic Exercises Slated Next Month

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(P)—Military preparations are going ahead for the Atomic Energy Commission tests at the Nevada Proving Grounds next month.

There will be 15,000 troops of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps taking part in or watching the tests. Col. William C. Bullock took over as commander of Camp Desert Rock yesterday. He will act as exercise director of troop participation in the tests, which presumably will involve atomic artillery.

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YOU LUCKY PEOPLE!



There was a fellow in our office who apparently didn't have much to do, because he was gazing at a table of facts about the calendar, and he came upon the realization that we've got two consecutive Fridays the 13th to worry about. There's tomorrow, and then Friday, March 13, to say nothing of still another Friday the 13th in November. And this fellow pursued his study and learned that such a year occurs only 27 times in all the period from 'way back yonder in 1850 to 'way yonder in the year 2146. It's enough to make anyone shudder. How the dickens Dennis Lynn Hagler can smile so prettily, with or without crossed fingers, is more than we can figure. (Photo by Don Martin.)

Christine Comes Home As A Changed Woman

NEW YORK (AP)—Christine Jordan came home today after two years in the military, and she was a changed woman.

Christine, 26, was the daughter of a wealthy family. She was a blonde, good-looking and smartly dressed, she stepped shyly from a stroller at Idlewild Airport.

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Step Climax To Lengthy Soviet Drive

Note Blames Blast At Russian Legislation

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Israel today. Western diplomatic sources expressed no surprise and said the Russians were apparently stepping up their efforts to win Arab friendship in the strategic Middle East.

A sharp Soviet note blamed the rupture in relations on the bombing Monday of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv in which three Russians were injured. But Western sources said the rupture was the climax to a two-year campaign of Soviet hostility toward the young Jewish state.

In Moscow, the eight adults and a child at the Israeli legation began racking off the names of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinskiy handed to Samuel Eliazar, the Israeli minister, accused the Israeli government of inciting hostile action against the Jewish state.

Allied and Israeli diplomats in London said the Soviet break was bound to come because the way Israel has lined up with the West in the cold war, Israel has no formal alliance with the West but has the United States and Britain know Israeli cooperation can be counted on in any Western defense buildup in the Middle East.

Russia played a leading role on the side of the United States in supporting creation of the Jewish state in 1948. But even during U. N. debates at the time Vishinskiy underlined his government's opposition to Zionism as a nationalist, political movement.

Russian troops against Israel government policy began late in 1950, when the Soviets began to lose hope of keeping Israel on the fence between the East-West cold war, said Tel Aviv had said out to the United States in return for economic aid.

The Arab nations, still technically at war with Israel, resented the dollars being poured into Israel, but privately praised Israel's sources and government aid. Perhaps the sorest point in Arab-Israeli relations is the still unsolved problem of the fate of 800,000 Jewish refugees from the 1947-48 fighting.

Israel refused to let them all back, and they have no permanent home but live in camps.

Passengers Off Damaged Ship

TOKYO (AP)—Nine American passengers, including seven women, and two injured crewmen were taken off the burning freighter *Mississippi* today after an explosion rocked the vessel about 100 miles southeast of Yokohama.

Later reports said the crippled ship of the American President Lines was limping toward Yokohama, escorted by two U. S. Navy destroyers. The vessel had lost three of its holds was extinguished after a battle that lasted several hours.

Headquarters of the U. S. Military Sea Transport Service said the passengers and crewmen were transferred to the battleship *Mississippi* vessel while other crewmen battled the flames deep in the hold.

The Barrett and the Navy transport George Clymer accompanied the stricken vessel toward Yokohama.

MSTS said the signal facilities and compasses of the *Pierce* were damaged but the flames deep in the hold.

The Navy said it had no details on other possible injured, what caused the explosion and fire, or how the flames were extinguished. The fire broke out about noon. Rescue ships and planes rushed to the scene.

At least two of the passengers were service wives en route to join their husbands in Japan.

They were identified as Mrs. Shirley Collins, wife of Lt. Col. Collins, and Mrs. L. L. Collins, wife of Lt. L. L. Collins. Also identified were Mrs. Susan Haight, wife of Ensign Warren Haight, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Comic Dictionary

UNTOUCHABLE

A guest letter.

NEW LINCOLN PICTURE GOES ON EXHIBITION

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