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STUDIES PRESSURE METHODS

John Foster Dulles, new Secretary of State, is shown above as he conducted his first official news conference since taking office. He told newsmen the State Dept. is studying all measures to bring pressure on the Chinese Reds. (UP Telephoto).

Ike Gives Lawmakers 'Grim' World Report

Anti-Red Caution Planned

Dulles Reassures Allies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles has assured Allied nations the United States is seeking to avoid "political embarrassments and troubles" with them in charting new moves against Red China.

One of several actions under consideration, Dulles told a news conference yesterday, is establishment of a naval blockade of the China coast. Another, he said, is stricter "enforcement" of United Nations recommendations against trade with China.

The whole range of "measures of varying kind which could be adopted," Dulles said, is under intensive study in the light of three considerations: "Their feasibility, their military consequences and the degree of political embarassments and troubles that might be caused with our allies."

It was Dulles' first news conference at the State Department since he became secretary. There were no limitations on questioning and a variety of subjects were discussed.

Dulles was questioned at length about what the administration hopes to accomplish by repudiating "secret understandings . . . which permit enslavement of foreign peoples," as called for by President Eisenhower.

ACTION PURPOSE

The proposed action, Dulles said, would serve these two primary purposes:

"One is to register dramatically what we believe to be the many breaches by the Soviet Union of the wartime understandings; and, secondly, to register equally dramatically the desire and hope of the American people that the captive people shall be liberated.

"This document or pronouncement is not intended to be a domestic political pronouncement. It is intended to be a pronouncement in relation to foreign policy, which I hope will receive and I think should receive, a substantially unanimous backing in the Congress by the members of both the principal political parties."

His comments appeared to reflect some development or change in administration thinking. Previously the emphasis had been on "permit" enslavement. This was in line with Republican criticisms of the late President Roosevelt and former President Truman that, in agreements made with the Soviets at Yalta and Potsdam they had allowed Russia to extend its domination over new areas in the Far East and Eastern Europe.

The line which Dulles took yesterday, however, was that "the enslavement of these captive peoples is due to abuse and violation of the understandings." Any repudiation, therefore, apparently would be blamed on Russian violations

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Added Judges Bill Clears First Hurdle

RALEIGH (AP)— As the House prepared to act on legislation allowing Gov. Umstead to direct a reorganization of the State Highway Commission, a House Judiciary Committee today approved a bill to give the state six additional regular Superior Court judges.

House Judiciary 1 Committee okayed the judges bill which also has the approval of the Governor. It would provide for an additional regular Superior Court in the fourth, ninth, 10th, 12th, 14th and 19th judicial districts.

If the bill is passed, the Governor would appoint the additional judges. Those appointed then would have to run for the remainder of their eight-year terms in the 1954 general election.

The highway reorganization bill already has passed the Senate and needs only House approval to become law. It would have the Governor name a committee which would be empowered to alter existing highway divisions or to increase their number from 10 to not more than 15.

The House Welfare Committee, meanwhile, gave its blessings to legislation aimed at increasing the supply of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses for the state's understaffed mental hospitals.

The committee approved a bill to create a $100,000 loan fund for medical students and nurses specializing in psychiatry. The students could get loans ranging up to $2,000 a year written off by working in state hospitals after they complete training.

The House Mental Institutions Committee also approved a Senate bill amending the law on hearings for persons before they are committed to state hospitals. Present law requires 10 days notice of such hearings. The bill would cut this to not less than 24 hours. The House group amended the bill to allow hearing without notice in emergencies.

Also approved was a bill to change a number of procedures on admission, treatment and discharge of patients from mental hospitals. One provision would aid in removing persons suffering only from senility, who could be cared for at home or in boarding homes by the Welfare Department.

Dr. David Young, general superintendent of the state's mental hospitals, spoke in favor of the student loan bill. He said he had been trying for eight months to find a superintendent for the state hospital here but had failed because "There just aren't any doctors available."

The House Employment Security Committee, meanwhile, killed a bill to lift the present $8,000 ceiling

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Ten Escape Jail In Texas

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(AP)—Ten men smashed their way out of the Tarrant County jail here last night.

One was recaptured a short time later.

One of those still at large is charged in the $248,000 robbery of two Cuban exiles here last Oct. 5 at the lush Western Hills Hotel.

The break occurred when three prisoners on the fifth floor of the jail slugged Jailer Jim Holcomb with a shower pipe, took his keys and then freed Hill and four others.

After taking an elevator to the basement, they attacked Sheriff's Deputies Jason Young and Jim Smith and Trusty Eulon Knight and unlocked an outer door to the jail office to gain the outside.

Lonnie J. Baugh, 23, charged with receiving stolen goods, was recaptured about 30 minutes after the break as he walked downtown.

About 90 minutes after last night's break, J. H. Forster, 27, told police that he had been kidnaped and his car stolen by five men who approached his auto near the county jail.

None of the jailers and deputies slugged by the escaping prisoners was reported seriously injured.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly cloudy today, scattered showers after midnight with showers and thundershowers Friday, followed by cold.

High temperature yesterday 50 degrees.

High temperature expected today 58 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 31 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 44 degrees.

Sunrise 7:05 A. M.; sunset 6:00 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 7-A

Littlejohn Is Defendant In Drive-In Injunction

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A local drive-in theater's attempt to have the city's Sunday movie ordinance declared invalid became more involved today as the case was taken to Civil Superior Court.

Frank N. Littlejohn, chief of City Police, was named defendant in the complaint filed by Charles McGee and Mecklenburg Drive-In Theater Inc. doing business as North 29 Drive-In Theater.

Judge J. Will Pless, presiding, signed an order requiring Chief Littlejohn to appear at a hearing in Civil Court Thursday and show cause why the police department should not be restrained from arresting Mr. McGee for showing movies before 9 P. M. on Sunday.

Mr. McGee, as manager of North 29, has been charged with violating Chapter 19, Article 3, Section 46 of the City Code which prohibits Sunday movies except during certain hours.

The plaintiff contends he was arrested Feb. 8 by a city policeman and charged with violation of the ordinance. He was tried and convicted on that charge in City Recorder's Court Feb. 13. Mr. McGee gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and the case is on the calendar to be tried next week.

SECOND ARREST

Two days after McGee was convicted in the lower court, he was arrested on the same charge. The new case in lower court has been continued until next week.

The plaintiff contends that the City Code is in direct violation of the State laws. He also charges the ordinance is "discriminatory, unreasonable, and arbitrary."

Mr. McGee's complaint pointed out that the local television station is not prohibited from showing films on Sunday.

Mr. McGee also contends "that the defendant has wrongfully, illegally and without any just or legal right whatsoever, trespassed upon the real property of the plaintiff corporation, disrupted the business of plaintiff corporation, intimidated the employees of the plaintiff corporation, driven away the plaintiff corporation's customers".

The plaintiffs are asking "that the defendant be permanently and forever enjoined and restrained from interfering with the plaintiff's rightful and legal enjoinment" of the property and "their liberty."

Democrats See Issue In Farm Price Tumble

Parties Blaming Each Other For Fall

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats displayed quiet confidence today that they have found an issue which may win them the 1954 elections and perhaps lay the basis for a return to national power in 1956. Many Republicans take issue with that appraisal.

The issue is falling farm prices and the views of Republican Secretary of Agriculture Benson, which Democratic lawmakers assert are opposed to high-level, mandatory supports.

GOP Senate Leader Taft of Ohio conceded yesterday that "if the Republicans don't do better than the Democrats did in the last two years" in checking farm price drops, "we probably will lose the next election."

NOTHING NEW

But Taft scornfully added this should not be a hard task because, he said, "under the Democrats, farm prices have been going down for the last two years."

The Agriculture Department, meanwhile, reported an advance in hog prices and officials there cited it as evidence supporting their contention there is a firm foundation under the agricultural situation.

A department market survey showed prices of hogs paid producers on eight major Midwestern markets have gone up an average of $1.76 for 100 pounds since mid-January. That is about 9.7 per cent. Further, the department said, hog prices on those same markets now average about $2.65 for 100 pounds above those of a year ago.

BENSON TARGET

Democratic congressmen made no secret of their plans to continue their scarcumfire attacks on Benson which followed a controversial speech the secretary made last week. Some Democrats contended Benson indicated little sympathy with present farm price support programs.

Democrats from farm states say they already are getting letters from dirt farmers attacking Benson, some demand that he be fired.

Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark) came to the floor yesterday with a 3,000-word speech sharply critical of Benson's utterances as secretary. Taft remained on the floor for Fulbright's talk and repeatedly engaged in heated exchanges with him.

BLAMES DEMOCRATS

The GOP leader said the Democrats must take responsibility for falling farm prices of the last two years.

The Arkansan retorted that the sharpest price drops came after the Republican triumph last November.

Japan Warns Soviet Union

TOKYO (AP) —A Foreign Office spokesman today warned that Soviet planes which invade Japan's territory can expect more gunfire from U. S. interceptors.

Two American jets and two Russian propeller-driven craft tangled over Northern Japan Monday. One Red plane was riddled with machine-gun bullets in a brief air duel and was smoking when it sped back to the Russian Kuriles with its comrade.

Mitsuo Tanaka, the spokesman, told a news conference the incident "is indicative of the treatment other planes will get if they come over.

"When any foreign country invades Japanese territory," he said, "and we feel it is against our national security, we will ask the U. S. Air Force to assist us."

EVENING PRAYER

O God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness is an infinite treasure, we give thanks to Thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for Thy continued favor. Do not forsake us, Thou who hast answered our petitions, but prepare us for the rewards to come. In Jesus' name, Amen.

QUESTIONED BY SENATORS

Novelist Howard Fast (left) has refused to tell the Senate Investigating Committee whether he is or has been a Communist and whether he would fight for the U. S. against Reds in Korea. Stuart Ayers (right) of the State Dept.'s Voice of America program, told investigators he thought most of the Voice's Latin-American broadcasts were of a worthless "thriller" type. (United Press Telephoto).

From 'Voice Of America'

'Controversial' Writers Barred

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators were advised today the State Department ordered yesterday that no material by any "controversial" authors, Communists or fellow travelers be used in its overseas information program.

W. Bradley Connors, policy chief for "Voice of America" operations, testified he received such a directive from Carl W. McCardle, assistant secretary of state for information. He said he did not know whether it had been issued personally by Secretary Dulles.

Connors was called before the Senate Investigations subcommittee. From other witnesses, it had heard that he signed a Feb. 3 directive authorizing the "Voice" to use "materials favorable to the United States" written by Soviet-endorsed authors such as Howard Fast.

Committee Chairman McCarthy (R—Wis) said yesterday that Dulles had countermanded the Feb. 3 directive after it was called to his attention. The directive said that such material might have "a special credibility among selected key audiences."

After yesterday's disclosures, Sen. McClellan (D—Ark) told reporters he may demand that former Secretary of State Dean Acheson be called as a witness at the inquiry into the department's information activities.

Dulles announced late yesterday the resignation of Dr. Wilson Compton as director of the information administration. He said the current Senate investigation had nothing to do with Compton's resignation.

Compton, former president of Washington State College, was recruited by the Truman Administration last year to supervise State Department information activities, including the propaganda broadcasts of the voice.

Dulles said acceptance of the resignation—"with appreciation for past services"—was in line with Eisenhower administration policy of bringing in new people where major policy changes or views are involved.

McClellan is the senior democrat on the Senate investigations subcommittee conducting the inquiry into alleged subversion and waste in Voice operations under leadership of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis), an old political enemy of Acheson.

Philadelphia Lawyer Doesn't Know

Was Somebody Overpaid? Underpaid?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman, with pen in hand and tongue in cheek, said today he isn't sure whether he got paid for a full day last Jan. 20—when he turned over his office at noon to President Eisenhower.

The former Chief Executive's latest excursion down the byways of the public post involves a "Philadelphia lawyer" and a third person to be known only as "Constant Reader."

The "Philadelphia lawyer" is a columnist for the Philadelphia Bulletin. Under that byline—his actual name is cloaked in literary anonymity—he discusses and answers legal questions submitted by his readers.

Recently the "Philadelphia lawyer received a letter in which Constant Reader" wrote:

"According to the Constitution President Truman's term ended at noon on Jan. 20 and he went off the U. S. payroll then. President Eisenhower's term commenced in the middle of the day and he went on the payroll as soon as he took the oath of office.

"With the President's salary at $100,000 a year, a day's pay or even a half day's pay, amounts to a considerable sum. Now, which one of the two got paid for Jan. 20, or were both paid for the day? Or did Truman get paid for half the day and Eisenhower for the other half? Can you tell me who got what?"

"A puzzler," commented the Philadelphia lawyer in today's column.

Fast calculation, he added, reveals that the President of the U. S. is paid at the daily rate of $274 (before taxes, of course)—so that if either the outgoing Chief Executive or his successor was paid for the full day, he was overcompensated in the amount of $137.

The Bulletin columnist decided there were only two men completely competent to provide the answer. One, he realized, was far too busy taking up the reins of government, so he wrote to the "First Citizen of Independence, Mo." and put the problem squarely in his lap.

In due course, there arrived a letter dated Feb. 11 and bearing this letterhead:

"Harry S. Truman, Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City 6, Missouri."

"Dear Philadelphia lawyer," Mr. Truman wrote:

"In reply to yours of January twenty-eighth, I am not able to answer your question.

"It looks to me like a 'Philadelphia lawyer' ought to be able to figure it out. It is more than I can do because I have never had an occasion to do it. I merely accepted the check the secretary of the Treasury sent me, hoping the government would remain solvent long enough for me to cash it.

"Sincerely yours,

"HARRY S TRUMAN."

MUSIC CRITIC GETS SECOND TRUMAN LETTER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember Paul Hume, the music critic who got that letter after he panned Margaret Truman's singing?

He got another one. From the same author.

This one commented on an article in which Hume said President Eisenhower's piano-playing predecessor had contributed more to the development of music in Washington than any other president.

The letter, published today on Page 1 of the Washington Post (Hume's employer), was dated Feb. 16 and went in part:

"Dear Mr. Hume:

"The article which you wrote on my contribution to the music lovers of the nation has just been called to my attention. I appreciate it very highly. . . . .

"Sincerely yours,

"HARRY TRUMAN."

Leaders Of Both Parties At Briefing

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congressional leaders of both parties reviewed the global military situation with President Eisenhower today, and a House member said afterward it was a portrayal of "a grim picture."

The Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate and House spent an hour and a half with Eisenhower at the White House session.

They were briefed on Korean War strategy and the military and diplomatic situations elsewhere by Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and by Allen W. Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.

A presidential assistant, Robert J. Cutler, also took part in the briefing. He is in charge of liaison with the National Security Council.

After the session, Rep. Halleck (R-Ind), House floor leader, told reporters:

"Everybody knows it is a grim picture."

NO CONDITIONS

Another Congress member who attended said no conclusions were reached at the session, "unless you might say we are in a hell of a fix." He asked not to be named.

Senate Republican Leader Taft brushed by reporters, declaring he had "nothing, nothing at all" to say.

Then he tossed back over his shoulder as he strode from the White House:

"It was a briefing on a lot of facts, military and diplomatic."

Halleck called it "a very informative briefing," which he said covered the whole military outlook.

He added that it dealt with both the Korean and the Indochina wars, among other things.

When Halleck declared that everybody knows the world situation amounts to a grim picture, a reporter asked whether he meant on a military or economic basis.

ECONOMY BURDENED

Halleck said he meant both and added that the situation represented "a burden on the economy."

Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex), the House minority leader, declined to comment on the conference.

"Anything to be said must be said by the White House," Rayburn declared.

Rep. McCormack (D-Mass), assistant minority leader, took the same position.

Sen. Bridges (R-NH), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, also described the briefing as "kind of grim."

Asked to explain, Bridges said

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Comic Dictionary

HOSIERY

A popular item of merchandise that gives you a run for your money.

U. S. Bombers Follow Up Raid On Red Center

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. fighter-bombers today blasted the smoking ruins of a Communist training center with tons of high explosives in their third devastating strike in two days.

Screening U. S. Sabre jet pilots shot down two Russian-built MIGs and possibly a third, the U. S. Fifth Air Force said. Col. Royan N. Baker of McKinney, Tex., shot down his 10th Red jet and became the second double jet ace of the Korean War.

His score is topped only by Maj. George A. Davis of Lubbock, Tex., credited with 11 MIGs destroyed before he failed to return from a mission last year.

185 TAKE PART

The Air Force said 185 Thunderjets and Shooting Stars unleashed tons of bombs, following up a 360-plane raid yesterday on the sprawling area near Pyongyang, North Korean Red capital.

Pilots reported the target was flecked with smoke and flame from yesterday's raid. Today's strike was the fourth in the area in less than a week.

The air raiders said they knocked down at least 14 buildings today, started several raging fires and set off seven secondary explosions.

RANGE WIDELY

Gcher American fighter-bombers ranged far and wide across North and South in smashing attacks on Red road and rail facilities. The Air Force said Thunderjets destroyed 39 rail cars at Songchon, four locomotives south of Chaeryong and a rail bridge at Huichon. Trucks and supply dumps were also hit.

Today's toll of MIGs brought the six-day bag of Russian-built warplanes to 17, nine of them in two days. Additionally, five others have been probably destroyed and 16 damaged. With revaluations, the Air Force said, the February score now stands at 20 destroyed, seven probably destroyed and 20 damaged.

Baker destroyed his 10th Communist plane of the war last Saturday, but one of the 10 was a LA9 prop-driven fighter. Today he changed his status from "double ace" to "double jet ace."

BUILDINGS WRECKED

The Air Force said the triphammer blows destroyed at least 150 buildings and knocked out tanks, vehicles and repair facilities.

Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, Fifth Air Force commander, said the Reds would "feel keenly" the loss of the tank and vehicle repair facilities in addition to the many tanks and vehicles destroyed."

On the frozen battlefront, Allied soldiers hurled back six small-scale Communist ground probes in brief predawn clashes.

Fifteen U. S. B-29 Superforts roared over North Korea last night and bombed Red supply and troop areas. B26 light bomber pilots reported destruction of 116 Communist trucks.

Miller Granted Execution Delay

RALEIGH (AP) — An appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court today postponed the scheduled execution tomorrow of Lafayette Miller, young Negro parolee under a death sentence for murdering a white farmer.

Chief Justice W. A. Devin of the State Supreme Court today signed a stay of execution for Miller, 21, after he was notified a petition had been filed with the U. S. Supreme Court asking it to review Miller's conviction in Beaufort County.

The stay will delay Miller's execution until the U. S. Supreme Court acts on the petition.

QUAKE RECORDED

NEW YORK —(AP)— Columbia University's seismograph recorded a "moderately sharp" earthquake at 10:28 A. M. (EST) today. Readings indicated the quake occurred about 4,800 miles east of New York.