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Dutch Seize Last Important Area Of Indonesia

U. S. PLANS MILITARY AID TO EUROPE

Oil Fields Of Sumatra Captured

Republic Claims Guerrilla Attacks

By HARRIS JACKSON

BATAVIA, Java — (AP) —The Dutch announced today they have seized the last economically important area controlled by the Indonesian Republic, the Djambi oil fields in southern Sumatra.

"On the whole the installations were undamaged," the communique said, referring obliquely to Republican scorched earth tactics. "Efforts to set fire to them resulted in a few unimportant fires only. Resistance was negligible."

A Republican radio station, broadcasting from "somewhere in Java," said guerrillas made synchronized attacks early yesterday on Dutch-held Malang, Semarang, Waliukum and Bandjarnegara.

Some buildings were destroyed at Malang, policemen posted at the town's borders were captured and "tom tom beating by the population added to the confusion of the defending Dutch troops," said the broadcast, heard in Batavia.

The seizure Wednesday marked part of the Dutch Army's race to complete its campaign before the imposition of cease fire orders. The Dutch told the United Nations Security Council Wednesday these would be effective in Java at midnight New Year's Eve and in Sumatra two or three days later.

The communique also reported the capture of Chief of Staff Daanjais of the Republican Siliwangi Division. It said Daanjais was responsible for the infiltration of Republican guerrillas into Dutch areas of west Java.

The Dutch position ever since the "police action" of 1947 has been that the Dutch among not only the areas where their forces are in actual physical position, but also the areas between their scattered penetrating into the interior. This view was established in effect by the Renville truce agreement.

The Dutch have occupied all major republican cities in Java and have linked up many of them. The capture of Djambi opens the way for a similar linkup between Dutch forces in Northern and Southern Sumatra.

One dispatch passed through Dutch censorship. The Indonesian republicans have no standard news channels to the outside world.

Despite the speed of the Dutch advance, news correspondents and photographers are still not permitted to visit the fronts. Yesterday to see the South Sumatran fighting brought a flat refusal. This reverses the Dutch policy of last year, when newsmen accompanied troops.

State Fatalities Show Slump In '48

RALEIGH — (AP) — With the year's total almost complete, State Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon C. Rosser said today it is at North Carolina's highway fatalities for 1948 are running around thirteen per cent below last year's.

Rosser said that 1948 fatalities through Tuesday totaled 726, compared to 836 for the whole of 1947. He said that a half-dozen probably will be added to the 1948 total before Jan. 1, based on an average of two deaths a day.

In 1946, the State's highway death toll was 1,028. That figure has been slashed by 302, or around 30 per cent, in the past two years, said Rosser.

The worst month of 1948 was November, when 79 deaths occurred. The total for November, 1947, also was 79.

THE GOVERNOR'S RUNNING MATE

H. P. (Pat) Taylor, North Carolina's new Lieutenant-Governor, is busy these days and nights going through correspondence with members of the State Senate, over which he will preside. He's shown here in his Wadesboro law office. He will go to Raleigh Sunday, officially take office on Jan. 6. (Photo by Jeep Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

North Carolina's Lieut.-Governor

Suave Pat Taylor Complements Scott With Legal Approach And City Ways

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

WADESBORO—About one minute before Kerr Scott, the outspoken "plain farmer," is inaugurated Governor next Thursday, the attention of everybody in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium will be focused on a suave, smooth-talking attorney who looks as if he'd never even seen a plow.

Hoyt Patrick Taylor, who as Lieutenant-Governor is stepping into North Carolina's No. 2 position, indeed is not cut out of the Scott cloth.

While Scott speaks off-the-cuff on virtually every question in the state, Pat Taylor selects his words with the care of a lawyer before a jury.

Scott already has become noted for his unhesitating criticism of certain groups and individuals, but a friend of Pat Taylor's described the new Lieutenant-Governor as one who "calls everybody darling."

Kerr Scott has done a considerable amount of talking about politics and his vote-getting tactics.

Pat Taylor says, "I don't think of myself as being in politics, and never have. I have been in public service because I like it and I feel that people ought to take an interest in these things. But I've never considered myself as a politician."

The new Lieutenant-Governor, in North Carolina's "forgotten" office, nevertheless will assume one of the state's most important and most powerful positions when he takes over as presiding officer of the Senate, and he will be associating with some of the wisest politicians in the state.

He will guide the Senate through a General Assembly that is stacking up as one that must carve out the state's future in education, roads, health, farming and industry.

He will appoint the chairmen and members of 52 Senate committees, where many a legislative battle will be waged during the coming weeks.

He will serve as ex-officio chairman of the Board of Education, where a great program of school improvement certainly will be launched during the new administration.

But, if Pat Taylor isn't particularly prominent in the news after the Legislature adjourns, the chief reason will lie in his own summation of the coming four years:

"This is a Scott administration; not a Taylor administration.

"As I see it, the Lieutenant-Governor should be loyal to the administration."

And with that, questions about his position on any individual state problem are bounced back by Mr. Taylor, unanswered.

A native of rural, thinly-populated Hertford County, Mr. Taylor doesn't pretend to be a "man of the soil."

"I came from a small town, Winton. I don't claim to have come to town with callouses on my hands. But I'm not a city boy, either.

"When I moved to Anson County in 1914, people here said they could tell how old I was by looking at my legs. They said they could count the rings around them, from where I stood in the swamps picking huckleberries."

Mr. Taylor was born on June 11, 1895. His father was in the lumber and timber business and the head of a family of eight children. Pat Taylor has one brother and two sisters still living.

Young Taylor went to Wake Forest College—he comes from a Baptist family—and while there one of his best friends was Roland Pruette of Charlotte, another law student.

When Roland finished school, some six months before Pat, he came to Wadesboro, started law practice, found the town and county to his liking, and told Pat that there was still room for a good young lawyer here. Pat accepted the invitation, and had just arrived in Wadesboro when he got his law license.

"I can still remember my first client, all right," Mr. Taylor said. Talking to this reporter in his second-floor office overlooking the Anson County Courthouse, the new Lieutenant-Governor rose from his chair, turned to the window and studied the street.

"I might see my first client out here any minute now. His name is Henry Hagins, a fine

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Rep. Hebert Raps Colleagues

House Body Called Publicity Mad

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Hebert (D-La) accused the Republican leaders of the House Un-American Activities Committee today of suffering from "publicity mania."

Hebert, a committee member, got out a formal statement taking his colleagues to task for what he called "a hysteria for newspaper headlines." He said that has hurt the committee and given ammunition to its critics.

"Realizing happiness is the biggest obstacle to the committee," he said.

The statement named no names but Hebert, talking with reporters, said he was thinking chiefly of Reps. Mundt (R-SD), acting committee chairman, and Nixon (R-Calif.)

Hebert's outburst came on the heels of disclosure by Mundt and Nixon that they questioned Whittaker Chambers, star committee witness, for five hours Tuesday night. They said they uncovered "new leads" in the committee's spy hunt.

The questioning of Chambers, confessed ex-Communist courier, was at Chambers' nearby Maryland farm where, several weeks ago, the committee found microfilm copies of secret State Dept. papers allegedly filched from the Department ten years ago.

Hebert told reporters, Mundt and Nixon had not told him of their plan to question Chambers, but that his statement was not provoked by this incident. He said he had prepared the statement before he heard about it.

In his statement, Hebert noted that two committee members (Mundt and Nixon) recently proposed a set of new committee rules designed among other things to afford greater protection to accused persons.

"It is rather peculiar," Hebert said, "that two members of the committee who have been such well known transgressors of the principles from which these rules and regulations rise should now appear in public as champions of the procedure.

"All the rules and all the regulations which the committee might adopt are not worth a tinker's dam if some members of the committee fail to practice what they preach, and admonish others 'To do as I say, and not as I do'."

Hebert said criticism of the committee because of the handling of the Dr. Edward U. Condon and the Lawrence Duggan cases should be directed "against certain individual members of the committee who were responsible."

War Or Peace Talk Is Rife In Nanking

NANKING — (AP) — War or peace talk still flooded Nanking today but a Government spokesman spiked reports that Chiang Kai-Shek called together his lieutenants to discuss China's overall future.

Instead, said Spokesman Shen Chang-Chuan at his first news conference, the Chinese military leaders came here for "consultations rather than a conference."

This was taken to mean they were here for individual rather than collective meetings with the Chinese President.

But Chinese looked forward to Chiang's promised first of the year statement for some hinking of what the Generalissimo has on his mind. The big question is will the war continue or is there some hope of peace for China's war weary millions.

Shen brushed off a report that Vice-President Li Tsung-Jen had joined the National group now advocating peace with the Communists. Said Shen:

"I met Vice-President Li this morning. When told of the report he was much surprised, saying: 'I share the same thoughts entertained by President Chiang'."

Asked if this was confirmation or denial of the report on Li, Shen said the Generalissimo's views—in which Chiang emphasized his determination to fight on against the Reds—are well known. That statement, the spokesman said, still stands until Chiang makes another one.

Bad flying weather continued to delay the arrival from Peiping of Gen. Fu Tso-Yi, North China commander, who is expected to talk with Chiang. But T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, and Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan Province, reached here today from the South, to join other National leaders pouring into Nanking.

Yen Hsi-Shan said he came here to arrange food for his armies and people within encircled Taiyuan and that he had made no recommendations to Chiang "or anyone else in Nanking" on the future national policies of the Government.

Nanking was the scene of constant political activity against a background of recurring reports that a way was being sought for Chiang's retirement in order to open peace negotiations with the Communists.

Perhaps most generally heard in informed circles was that Chiang had been persuaded to take that step and details were being discussed when the Communists released their list of "war criminals," which was headed by Chiang and Madame Chiang.

"The Generalissimo was very angry," one source said, "and there was an immediate change of minds."

Government spokesman Teng Wen-Yi told a news conference that the Government had 300,000 men below the Huai River not including Gen. Tu Li-Ming's force of 100,000 further north. He said the Red forces in that region numbered between 400,000 and 500,000 men.

Vatican Acts Against Hungarians

VATICAN CITY — (AP) — The Vatican excommunicated today all Roman Catholics who had anything to do with the arrest of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary.

The action was taken by the Sacred Conclistorial Congregation, in a decree dated Dec. 28 and published today.

The Communist-run Government of Hungary announced the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty last Monday and accused him of plotting against the Government, spying, treason and black market money dealings. It said Mindszenty was a "sponsor of Hungarian fascism." Ten other church figures also are held.

Excommunication cuts members of the church off from all sacraments. As a punishment, it is surpassed in church penalties only by the pronouncement of "anathema" — an ecclesiastical curse.

The Hungarian Government charges that Cardinal Mindszenty "aimed to make a second Greece out of this country."

The Roman Catholic prelate "hoped for an American occupation which would defend him," said a twelve-page communique issued last night.)

FEED CHARTER

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (AP) — The Security Feed & Seed Co. of Greenville Inc., capitalized at $30,000 with Wayne Longmire, president, has been issued a state charter.

LONG-TIME WATER DEPT. HEAD

W. E. VEST

W. E. Vest, Retired City Official, Dies

W. E. Vest, for 36 years superintendent of the City Water Dept. and one of the South's best known water-works officials, died at 1:30 A. M. today at his home, 812 W. Trade St.

Funeral services for the 83-year-old water superintendent will be conducted at 2:30 P. M. tomorrow at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, the pastor, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Lamar Hocker, pastor of the First Christian Church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be H. N. Pavey, L. Natus, Paul Dellinger, F. C. Skeen, Howard Wilson and J. F. Page.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Parks M. King, Dr. R. L. Gibbon, Mayor Baxter, City Manager Henry A. Yancey, members of the City Council, stewards of the First Methodist Church, officers of the Wesley Bible Class of that church, elders and deacons of the First Christian Church, and officers and directors of the Charlotte Engineers Club.

Crepe was hung at the door of the Vest Pumping Station, which was named in his honor, and the Water Dept. offices and divisions will be closed at 2 P. M. tomorrow in respect to his memory and to permit his professional associates to attend the last rites.

Commenting on Mr. Vest's passing, Mayor Baxter said, "He was a faithful and trusted employee and he knew more about the waterworks than all of us put together."

Mr. Yancey said, "Mr. Vest was a valued and faithful public servant and he will be keenly missed by the City's organization as well as by his hundreds of friends in the water-works profession."

A native of Forsyth County, Mr. Vest first attended school near Rural Hall and Westfield High School, after which he matriculated at the University of Kentucky for civil engineering. He also attended Dalton Institute at Dalton, N. C. and special session at Bethania, N. C. He was born Feb. 5, 1867.

21 YEARS WITH SOUTHERN

He taught school near Rural Hall for two years and in 1889 went with the Southern Railway as civil engineer. After 21 years association with the railroad he became superintendent of the City Water Dept. on Dec. 1, 1910.

During his administration as di-

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Important Rules Changes Agreed On By Democrats

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Democratic leadership was reported today to have agreed tentatively to clip the powers of the rules committee to "pigeonhole" legislation.

The committee has used that power in the past to sidetrack some labor and civil rights bills. The purpose in chopping down its powers would be to ease the way for action on such measures.

Democratic leaders talked over prospects for the new Congressional session at a conference in the office of Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) who will become House Speaker.

When it broke up, Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) told reporters he expects the new House will:

1. Change its rules so as to take some power from the Rules Committee.

2. Appoint a committee to recommend a "code of fair treatment" for witnesses before Congressional committees.

The idea would be Sabath said, to "protect the rights" of citizens called before committees. Such a code should apply to all committees, not just the Committee on Un-American Activities, he added.

Sabath, who will become chairman of the rules group in January, said he will offer an amendment to House rules to provide that a bill can be taken from the committee any time "100 or maybe it will be 150" House members sign a petition to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote.

This, Sabath said, would prevent the committee from bottling up labor and civil rights bills — such as fair employment practices, anti-lynch, and anti-poll tax.

Another rule change — one aimed to keep Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) off the Un-American Activities Committee — was being talked among some rank-and-file Democrats. But the leaders would not discuss that possibility.

Cowboy Suit Fire Costly To Autry

INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—An eight-year-old Indianapolis boy who suffered severe burns when a cowboy suit caught fire was awarded $22,500 damages against Cowboy Gene Autry and others yesterday.

The boy, John R. Sansbury, spent seven months in a hospital after the accident. The boy's attorney, Howard S. Young Jr., contended that the brushed rayon "chaps" of an Autry cowboy suit he was wearing were highly inflammable. He said the suit caught fire when the boy was playing with matches.

Companies involved in sale of the suit were named defendants with Autry.

Young said insurance companies representing the defendants had agreed to pay the damages but court action was necessary because the boy is a minor.

Gun Blast Fatal To Indian Mother

LUMBERTON —(AP)— An Indian mother was fatally shot as she nursed her infant at their tenant farm home yesterday.

Mrs. Ula May Hunt died in Baker Hospital here last night.

Coroner D. W. Biggs said the woman was shot in the face by a 20 gauge shotgun. The discharge shattered the woman's glasses and slivers of glass cut the baby's face slightly.

The coroner said that Edessel Hunt, the woman's husband, told him he was preparing for a rabbit hunt when the gun fired accidentally. Hunt, a tenant on the Hoke Smith farm near Fairmont, was taken into custody for a short time by Deputy Sheriff E. D. Rice. He was released after officers completed their investigation. Rufus Cummings, an eye witness, corroborated Hunt's story, the coroner said.

Safe Containing $35,000 Stolen From N. C. Bank

AULANDER — (AP) — Thieves broke into the Aulander branch of the Bank of Ahoskie here last night and used an automobile wrecker to haul off a large safe containing between $30,000 and $35,000—nearly all the money the bank had on hand.

W. B. Copeland, cashier of the home bank at Ahoskie, reported that the robbers apparently entered the bank by a rear door and then used a stolen automobile wrecker to haul the safe out the front door.

The robbery was discovered, Copeland said, when C. B. Bell found the door of the safe lying in the middle of Aulander's main street. Sheriff's officers and FBI agents were summoned to the scene.

The safe door was found about 5:30 A. M., and Copeland said it was believed the robbery occurred about 3 A. M. A woman who lived nearby said she "heard lots of noise" down town about that time.

Copeland said the robbers knocked the combination off the bank's vault but did not succeed in entering it. The vault, however, contained mostly records and some silver coin. Most of the bank's cash was in the stolen safe, he said.

The bank was "amply covered by insurance," Copeland added, and the robbery will cause "no loss to the bank."

The iron safe which was stolen measured about four feet by three feet and was "mighty heavy," Copeland said. He added that in addition to the door discovered in the street the safe had an inner door "just as strong as the outer door or stronger."

Foreign Aid Extension Is Mapped

'Stop Russia' Policy Bolstered

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government set to work today on final plans for a great new extension of America's "stop Russia" policy—including a multi-billion dollar program of military aid to Western Europe.

Officials hope to complete the planning project by tomorrow. Their recommendations are expected to provide the basis for President Truman's foreign policy address to Congress, probably next month.

An announcement late yesterday disclosed that Mr. Truman has ordered the State Department to coordinate all planning of foreign military assistance programs. The Department then must mesh them with American economic assistance like that going to Europe's Marshall Plan countries.

The military projects cover aid to Greece and Turkey, which may run around $350,000,000 next year; any aid to China (the military cost of China and this year is $125,000,000) and the projected gift of guns, tanks and other military equipment to the western European countries—principally Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The European rearmament program was given a powerful shove by Secretary of Defense Forrestal last night. He warned that its cost "may necessitate hard decisions by our people."

But, he added: "In my own mind, the choice is clear: we must do all in our power to re-create the confidence and hope of Europe."

Mr. Truman's official announcement of the planning project indicated that what he wants the State Department to do is to pull the military and economic projects together and give him answers to three big questions Congress is expected to ask:

Why should the United States undertake these programs? How much will they cost? And what materials are available to supply them?

Undersecretary of State Lovett picked the State Department's legal adviser, Ernest A. Gross, to undertake the task. Gross is the department's officer directly responsible for drafting legislation to be laid before Congress.

Much preliminary work on all the foreign aid proposals has already been done by the State Dept., the Economic Co-Operation Administration and the military establishment. Their separate efforts are now to be combined into a single set of proposals expected to include these:

1. Continue the Marshall Plan for European recovery through the second year of the four which it is supposed to run.

2. Join the North Atlantic military alliance which the State Dept. has been negotiating for months with Canada and the members of the Western European Union, Britain, France, and the low countries.

3. As a further means of strengthening Western Europe against Russia, authorize a program of military assistance which the American high command has been working out with representatives of the five Western Union nations.

4. Continue military aid to Greece and Turkey as strategic countries blocking Russian expansion into the Near East.

5. Provide non-Communist China with any reasonable assistance which the military situation in China appears to justify within the next few months.

News Selects Books Of Year

Norman Mailer and Robert Sherwood took honors in The News' annual best books of the year selections revealed today on page 8-A.

The young ex-GI Mailer who wrote "The Naked & The Dead" was picked as the best author of the 1948 fiction field. Pulitzer-winning playwright Robert Sherwood was chosen as the author of the most important general study last year, "Roosevelt & Hopkins."

The awards were made on the basis of books most likely to survive.

WEATHER

Clearer and colder this afternoon. Fair tonight and tomorrow. The low tonight 26 degrees.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today	47
High and low last 24 hours	56-40
Sunset today	5:20
Sunrise tomorrow	7:21

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