

Tomorrow is the 10th anniversary of the dollar, this being the anniversary of the devaluation ordered by President Roosevelt in 1934. The story of the "Trade Winds" on page 13-A.

SEN. TAFT WILL ENTER N. H. RACE

Gen. Eisenhower Is Challenged In Presidential Primary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft decided today to challenge Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential nomination in the New Hampshire primary March 11.

Taft, in a statement, said he had not asked his supporters to enter the New Hampshire primary—first in the nation—but they had done so.

"If, lose or draw, I therefore, feel I should permit the preference vote to be taken in New Hampshire," the Ohio Senator said.

Harold E. Stassen, another aspirant for the Republican nomination, also has been entered in the New Hampshire presidential primary but Taft made no mention of him in formally challenging Eisenhower.

Taft said "the political machine of the present state administration is pledged to Gen. Eisenhower" in New Hampshire.

This was a reference to Gov. Sherman B. Taber and other New Hampshire Republicans.

"Despite those factors which are apparently unfavorable," Taft said he would not exercise his right to withdraw in New Hampshire.

There is a ten-day period for withdrawal.

"So long as my friends of mine insist on undertaking a campaign for delegates favorable to me, I do not like to give my withdrawal to handshaking them by failing to have my name appear as a candidate on the same ballot as theirs," Taft said.

Only fourteen delegates to the Republican nominating convention are at stake in New Hampshire.

Taft's statement said he would seek pledged delegates as well as entering the preferential primary.

In discussing what he termed apparently unfavorable factors, Taft noted that he is already being attacked by Republicans in Illinois, Wisconsin and his home state.

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Way Being Cleared For McGrath Probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—House investigators began clearing the ground today for an investigation that may go deep into the personal and official activities of Atty. Gen. McGrath.

Matters proposed for inquiry already include McGrath's reputed race track interests, and his one-time role of \$15,000-a-year trustee of a Rhode Island trust connected with the textile firm of Texton, Inc.

Investigators also have been presented with charges of "unwarranted" interference with federal grand jurors and of prosecution failures or delays of the Justice Department.

McGrath and the department became the subject of an investigation by the House Judiciary Committee yesterday in what was reported to be a unanimous action of the 18 Democrat and 13 Republican members.

The action was taken on a resolution by Rep. Keating (R-NY) authorizing a seven-man subcommittee to put the congressional spotlight on the Justice Department and the attorney general's office.

It places McGrath in the dual role of investigator and investigated.

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Bob Plan Original Gloss

New Estimate Put At Over Billion Dollars

AEC Chairman Makes Report To Congress

By FRANK E. CAREY WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's vast plan for the projected hydrogen bomb will cost more than twice as much as originally estimated, the Atomic Energy Commission reported today.

Chairman Gordon Dean of the AEC declared at a news conference the estimate of cost has risen from 600 million dollars a year and a half ago to 14 billion dollars.

Dean said it is apparent now that "reactors" will cost more than had been projected.

H-BOMB PLANT SITE LARGER THAN CHICAGO

WASHINGTON (AP)—The "hot" site for the hydrogen bomb in South Carolina will cover an area about half again larger than Chicago, the Atomic Energy Commission today in relating project figures on the scope of that H-bomb project. It also outlined construction plans for a new plutonium-producing plant at Paducah, Ky.

In cost-plus real estate, plant and other facilities, the entire site, together, are topped only by the U. S. Steel Corp. and General Motors plants.

The AEC had announced that the reactors at the South Carolina H-bomb plant were to be of "advanced" design. Dean said today the "design is still not completed on some of them."

The new estimate was contained in the AEC's semi-annual report to Congress today.

The commission described "intense activity" in the past six months through the entire atomic enterprise—including an "expanding atomic weapons program."

It told of: 1. Full-blown operation of all its existing plants including those for making atomic explosives.

2. Progress on new construction including 3 per cent of the nation's total building expenditures and employed 2 million men.

3. Continued increase in the output of fuel materials—at least 200 per cent over.

4. "Substantial" and "significant" advances in weapons research and development.

5. Increased domestic production of uranium ores thanks to expanded exploration, opening of new producing areas, and incentive bonuses for uranium producers who are planning to produce 225,000 in such "prizes" last year.

6. Research findings with radioactive isotopes that may lead to improved methods of farming and lowered costs of food and fibre production.

7. Further agricultural research indicating that atomic "stimulus," while providing no returns to plants, may aid in breeding new varieties of crops, and also aid in the fight against certain crop diseases.

8. Development of chemicals of a type which might ultimately be used in humans as a kind of antidote for anyone who accidentally swallows poisonous atomic materials.

CEMETERY A 'COW PASTURE'?



Rep. Edith Rouss Rogers (R-Mass.) who is leading a fight to make the Army restore crosses in the National Cemetery in Hawaii displays pictures illustrating her point. The one on the bottom, made before the crosses were removed, she called an "inspiring sight"; the other one, made after removal, she said looks "like a cow pasture." (United Press Telephoto).

Doughton To Seek Re-Election At 88

WASHINGTON (AP)—The oldest member of Congress, Rep. Doughton (D-NC), said today he will seek re-election in his state's May primary. He is 88.

Doughton said in a statement he had intended to retire at the end of his present term next January but "a very large number of people" had urged him to try for re-nomination.

In asking renomination from North Carolina's Ninth District, Doughton said of his backers: "They have stressed that my experience from more than 40 years in Congress—in peace and in war, in periods of prosperity and periods of depression places upon me the duty again to make my services available to the people in view of the dangers, perils and perplexities with which we are faced."

CALL TO DUTY REP. DOUGHTON Looking like and hearty, Doughton smiled and joked with reporters when he gave out his announcement. At one point he said, "I'll leave it up to you as to whether I'm getting too old for this job."

He is one of the first Congressmen to show up in Capitol Hill in the mornings, getting to his office about 7 o'clock, nearly two hours before his staff arrives.

Doughton for many years has been looked upon as one of the most powerful members of Congress. He is serving his 18th year as chairman of the tax-framing House Ways and Means Committee.

Born at Laurel Springs, N. C., Nov. 7, 1863, Doughton became a farmer, stock raiser and banker. He served one term as a North Carolina State Senator.

Balk At Restraint On Troop Moves

MUSAN, Korea (AP)—Communist negotiators in a double break today agreed to the Allies rotating 25,000 troops a month during an armistice and said Chinese will not be better some during the demilitarized zone.

The Reds balked, however, at restraints on moving their troops separately into threatening concentrations during an armistice.

Previously the Communists had agreed to rotating only 5,000 U. N. troops. The Allies are asking for 15,000 a month.

Yesterday the Reds indicated the Chinese would take no part in civil administration of the northern half of the peninsula.

The Reds objected to a security proposal: That 100,000 troops remain from existing troops and guns in a manner to threaten the other side.

Both sides to report weekly the exact location of all major ground, naval and air units.

IF CHINA BREAKS TRUCE

AD PROMISED BY CHURCHILL

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today shunned bargaining with the United States on the world situation, but expressed how "all the powers concerned" will stand together and share burdens in the Middle East.

"The burden of maintaining the control and security of the international waterway of the Suez Canal is one which must be widely shared," Churchill told the House of Commons.

Churchill recalled the whole question of China and Korea was discussed among countries with forces in Korea before he went to visit President Truman.

"It was agreed that clearly a very serious situation would arise in such an event and various contingencies had been examined with out any definite or formal commitment being entered into," said Churchill.

Churchill reiterated a promise of prompt action if the Chinese Communists break a Korean truce, but disclaimed any formal commitment to join the United States in punitive action.

As for the idea that Britain should work with the United States in the Far East, and the U. S. in turn side with Britain in the Middle East, Churchill said: "I think this should not be the subject of a bargain. Both countries should be dealt with on their merits; and both cases are pretty strong when looked at on their merits."

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Churchill said "no change was made in this situation while we were in the United States."

"In fact," he added, "the matter did not figure to a large extent in our discussions."

But Churchill also cautioned the House: "I do not wish when I am going on to tell everything about it to everybody, including the enemy. They might think, sometimes, I've left something to guess about."

Churchill said that he had read his speech before the American Congress.

U. S. Casualties Total 105,001

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 105,001 today, an increase of 37 since last week.

The new total included 16,276 killed in action, 76,112 wounded, and 12,619 missing.

Mother, Six Children Die In Canadian Fire

VALEFIELD, Que., (AP)—A mother and six of her eight children burned to death today in a fire that razed their small frame home at nearby St. Timothee.

The father and two children escaped. Police said the blaze was caused by the heating system.

Reds Agree To Increase In Rotation

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MOTHER SENDS TRUMAN DEAD SON'S MEDAL

SPRINGFIELD, Colo. (AP)—The mother of an Army man killed in Korea today has sent to President Truman a Purple Heart medal awarded her son posthumously.

Mrs. Edith Rosegrant said her son, Pfc. Dock Rosegrant, was killed in action in Korea.

"I wish every parent of every boy killed over there would do the same," Mrs. Rosegrant said.

"We will send it to you with these medals until we get as brave men there as we are being killed in Korea."

Puerto Rican To Sing

NEW YORK (AP)—Columbian Graciele Rivera—the first Puerto Rican ever to sing a hit Metropolitan Opera—will make her debut Monday in "Lucia di Lammermoor."

Taft, Lewis Tangle In Bitter Clash At Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and John L. Lewis (I-Mo.) clashed in a bitter name-calling clash at a Senate committee hearing today. Lewis termed the Taft-Hartley law "a slave act."

Lewis got up with this broadside at the GOP Presidential hopeful: "If you are ever elected President, Mr. Taft, and Joe Stalin should ask you about the Taft-Hartley slave act, I don't know how you'll answer him."

"I can handle Stalin all right," Taft retorted. "And I managed to handle the workers of Ohio."

He was obviously referring to his overwhelming re-election as Senator in 1950. Lewis' attack because of the labor law Taft co-authored.

Lewis hit away yesterday at what he called "Bob Taft's slave statute."

OUR WEATHER

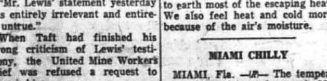
Continued fair and cold today with a near tomorrow. Low temperature this morning, 16 degrees; expected low tonight, 20 degrees. High temperature yesterday, 28 degrees; expected high today, 35 degrees; tomorrow, 35 degrees. Sunrise 7:24 A. M.; sunset, 5:26 P. M.

MIGHTY MITE

Water vapor represents less than one per cent of the gases that make up our atmosphere, yet it has more effect on the weather than any other gas combined. It is responsible for clouds, fog, rain, sleet, hail and snow. When it condenses into clouds it plays its important part in controlling temperatures. Dense clouds, may shut out as much as 78 per cent of the sun's radiation in the daytime; at night, they radiate back to earth most of the escaping heat. We also feel heat and cold more because of the air's moisture.

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Adm. McCormick Picked To Head Atlantic Navy

American Gets Top NATO Sea Command

By ERNEST B. YACABO WASHINGTON (AP)—Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, commander of the U. S. Atlantic fleet, today was named supreme Allied naval commander of the North Atlantic.

As the first boss of a peacetime international fleet, the 56-year-old Navy veteran will direct the sea activities of all nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He will be on sea with General Dwight D. Eisenhower in an honorific capacity.

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Business Review And Forecast Section

The News today takes its annual look backward—to a year in which Charlotte continued the growth that has made it the "business heart of the Carolinas"—and forward—to a year that, despite the uncertainties of a troubled world, is certain to spell more progress for the Queen City.