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Holds News Conference

THE HOUSE



One of the two lions that broke out of a cage during an indoor circus in Memphis stands on a vacant street corner. The apparently didn't like what she saw for a few seconds later she wandered back into the auditorium and was captured along with the other escapee. With cooperation from the 5,000 spectators, a riot was averted. (UP Telephoto).

By Ike Administration

Democratic Support Waxed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration moved today to broaden congressional support of its policies by inviting Democrats to sit in on foreign and domestic policy talks.

Chairman Bridges (R-Mass) called Secretary of State Dulles and Mutual Security Administrator Harold E. Stassen for testimony tomorrow before the 25-member Senate appropriations committee on proposed foreign aid spending and general international policies.

The White House arranged to have congressional leaders of both parties briefed by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and others on the world military situation at a Thursday conference.

Air War Over Korea Continues

BY ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Sabre jet pilots today shot down a Communist MIG fighter and damaged another in the fourth straight day of air battles over war-torn Korea, the Air Force said.

Allied fighter-bombers blasted the Red frontlines and supply routes. Pilots reported destruction of 43 buildings, five trucks and 13 caves.

The tempo of ground fighting also increased.

Today's MIG had boosted the four-day total to 25—destroyed, five or six damaged.

Lt. John L. McKee of Ashland, Ky., said he saw the Red warplane explode and the pilot bail out.

On the freezing ground front, Allied soldiers buried back. Sharp bloody fights erupted in eight other places.

At sea U. S. Navy ships and planes blasted the besieged Red port of Wonsan on the east coast yesterday in a fierce, day-long bombardment.

Red guns returned the fire but the Navy made no mention of Communist hits.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy, and turning colder today. Fair and cold to night, and Wednesday, fair and cold.

High temperature yesterday, 69 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 53 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 47 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 24 degrees.

Sunrise 7:07 A. M.; sunset 6:58 P. M.

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Until Budget Balanced

President Would Delay Tax Sash

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today a tax reduction ought to be deferred until a balanced budget is in sight.

The President reaffirmed at a news conference the position he has taken all along on the tax cut question. It gained special significance, however, because of a drive among some Republican members of Congress for a cut in personal income taxes next July 1.

Eisenhower said a tax cut now might mean higher taxes later.

A tax-cutting bill cleared its first congressional hurdle yesterday. The President replied that he would never agree to the elimination of any tax law which would result in a reduction of revenue at this time.

Asked then if he was thinking along the line of a substitute for the tax cut, Eisenhower said:

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HURRY BACK



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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today that he personally is not giving consideration at this time to the questions of either an embargo or a blockade of Red China. His news conference statement left open the possibility that they were under study by other Government officials.

The matter of possible new moves against the Chinese Communists was brought up several times in this first meeting Eisenhower has had with reporters since taking office.

On the first occasion, the President was asked whether he was giving any consideration to imposition of either an embargo or a naval blockade of Red China.

He replied the matter had not been discussed with him, except as to not include the newspapers.

BROUGHT UP AGAIN

A few minutes later, a reporter brought up the subject again, saying he wanted to make sure he understood the President.

Did the President mean that neither a blockade nor an embargo had been discussed at all, the newsmen asked.

Eisenhower said such steps had not been brought up officially, to the President.

Seeking clarification, a reporter asked whether the situation was being studied by other officials.

The President replied that he understood the question.

Then he went on to say he understood the subject had been under consideration in several departments of government. He did not specify the departments.

CONFERENCE CROWDED

Today's news conference brought out a crowd of 256.

The conference room in the old State Department Building which seats 215, was jammed to the doors.

The attendance compares with a record of 347 for a presidential news conference—set at the first meeting President Truman had with reporters.

However, the White House had taken steps to limit the attendance at today's meeting. It barred most of the government public relations men, always a sizable group at previous presidential news conferences.

DOORS CLOSED EARLY

As it was, some reporters were unable to get in today. The doors of the conference room were closed at 10:19, a 20-minute before the start of the conference.

At the outset, Eisenhower—wearing a blue business suit with blue shirt and blue figured tie—told the newsmen he welcomed the opportunity to meet with them. He said he had many old and new friends in the gathering.

He said too that he was looking forward to many more news conferences.

He said that he and his wife and that they would be conducted on the same basis as heretofore under President Truman and Roosevelt administrations.

Then he immediately departed from the usual custom by saying he had four or five subjects he wanted to discuss before any questions were put. He proceeded to discuss foreign aid, taxes, the atomic bomb, economic control, and secret international agreements.

BREAKS TRADITION

The President also broke tradition when at the end of about 32 minutes he announced that his first news conference was over.

The tradition has been that presidential news conferences end when the President says "Thank you, Mr. President."

It appeared he was at least questioning to him without a single question.

Ike Confident Farm Problem To Be Solved

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower declared today that despite falling farm prices a serious problem, but he expressed confidence the new administration will be able to handle it.

The President at his first news conference said the difficulties presented by falling farm prices were largely inherited from the Democratic administration.

He added that the Republicans have largely inherited the low prices and farm prices have been falling for two years.

Emphasizing the importance to the farm situation, Eisenhower chose that subject to talk about first at his initial meeting.

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Baltimore Has Dock Area Fire

BALTIMORE (AP)—High winds drove a big fire through a lumber yard on Baltimore's waterfront today and into a boatyard, a freight car ferry slip and several warehouses.

Flames leaped six stories high from the lumber yard in about 15 minutes after the first alarm at 4:40 a. m.

A Central Can Co. plant was on the path of the spreading flames and its four-story warehouse and one of the buildings which caught fire.

Twelve alarms drew fire companies from all sections of the city and firewaters were ordered on emergency duty. Fireboats poured streams on the blaze from the harbor side.

The fire apparently started in big piles of stacked lumber at the Baltimore waterfront.

Fredrick Woelkeberg, working on a boat at the adjoining Chesapeake Marine Railway Co., said he saw the fire before he saw it and ran out into Boston St.

"A big ball of fire rolled right through the lumberyard," he said.

The scene is about 25 blocks southeast of the main business section in the Canton section of the waterfront at Boston St. and Linwood Ave.

The two-story office building at the waterfront was destroyed. One wall fell out of the Chesapeake Marine Railway's three-story brick building, but it remained standing.

The fire broke out at an estimated 4:40 a. m. and it was not until 5:30 a. m. that the fire was under control.

The fire department said it was not a question to be considered because the defendant makes no complaint to this court.

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He held that Valente had the power to make such an order and said "these motions for an order of prohibition are denied."

Special Committee May Get NC Budget

RALEIGH (AP)—Legislative leaders are strongly considering creation of a special Joint Appropriations subcommittee for further consideration of the state's budget for the 1953-55 biennium, it was learned today.

Although Senate and House chairmen of the big money committee said they knew nothing of such a move, several members predicted that an effort would be made to trim the biennial appropriations bill prior to a joint subcommittee to trim requests and bring them into line with expected revenues.

The bill would follow the method used two years ago in handling the biennial state spending bill.

DOUGHTON COMMENT

Rep. J. K. Doughton of Allegheny House Appropriations chairman, said the subcommittee question "is up to the full committee," and "I'm not taking a position on it one way or another."

Sen. Paul Jones of Pitt predicted the full joint committee would continue consideration of the big

LeMay, Godfrey Complete Tour

PARIS (AP)—Gen. Curtis LeMay, head of the U. S. Air Force Strategic Command, and Arthur Godfrey, radio and TV star, finished a tour of American air bases in Europe today and left for the United States.

Before taking off from Paris Godfrey and LeMay visited the defense college of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Godfrey accompanied LeMay on the tour, which stopped in the Azores, Rabat in Morocco, Algiers and France.

LeMay, Godfrey's S. naval reserve commander and pilot, said he "makes these two-week tours of duty as a reserve officer every six months or so instead of taking vacations."

He called police yesterday. Nine new pants were picked up in the police station and tagged as evidence.

PUBS

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Death Strikes Twice In Farm Household

BALDWIN N. Y.—John Farr yesterday told New York City lawyers to make funeral arrangements for his father, who died the previous day.

His 3-year-old daughter Theresa was left in the care of her older sister, since Mrs. Farr was away from home on an errand.

Farr returned home to find Theresa dead. She had drowned in a 12-inch-deep pond in the backyard while playing.

Comic Dictionary

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Householder Has Mystery On His Hands

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Will the lady or ladies who have been leaving their panties in Floyd Miller's garbage can kindly lay off?

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Judge's Right To Close Jelke Vice Trial Upheld

NEW YORK (AP)—A State Supreme Court justice today ruled to order General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente to open the Minot Jelke vice trial to the public and press.

Justice Benjamin F. Scribner held that the Supreme Court "has no right or power" to decide whether the judge should or should not have ordered the exclusion of the public and press from the trial.

Five newspapers, two wire services and a feature syndicate had filed a petition to open the trial.

In rejecting their applications, Scribner said:

"The fact that possible injury to the rights of the defendant may flow from the (exclusion) order is not a question to be considered because the defendant makes no complaint to this court."

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Evening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, who had bestowed on mankind saving remedies and the gift of everlasting life, graciously grant Thy servants, and comfort the souls of those who have died, that they may be found worthy at the hour of death to be presented by the holy angels to Thy Father in heaven. Amen.

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