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River, Harbor, Flood Control Projects Cut

This Is The Way You Hit The Silk

This picture of seven paratroopers bailing out of a C-119 Boxcar during exercises at Camp Campbell, Ky. gives some idea of what it would feel like waiting for the parachute to open. (UP Telephoto)

CIO Pressure Turned On Auto Industry

Other Firms Asked To Follow GM Action

DETROIT (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers turned the heat on the remainder of the auto industry's big three today to gain the same wage concessions it got from General Motors Corp. yesterday.

Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO and the UAW, already had said Chrysler and Ford would be asked to alter their five-year wage contracts if General Motors did. GM historically has been the contract pattern-setter.

After GM agreed to alter its contract—which it legally could have refused to do until mid-1955—Reuther remarked: "I hope other companies will catch on to the idea real quick."

The concessions granted by GM raised the average wage of GM's 350,000 employes across the country to $2.05 hourly.

OTHERS EMPLOYED

About 700,000 other UAW members are employed by other auto makers and major suppliers.

Shortly after the GM-UAW agreement was announced, James B. Carey, president of the CIO Electrical Workers, announced GM had given 40,000 members of his union similar concessions.

Under the contract, General Motors agreed:

1. To make permanent 19 of the 24 cents hourly that its hourly-rated employes have gained through increases because of the cost-of-living escalator clause in their contract.

2. To raise from four to five cents annually the hourly increase granted under the contract's "annual improvement factor." (This is designed to compensate for cheaper technological ways of doing things—labor-saving devices.)

3. To raise 40,000 skilled employes a flat 10 cents hourly June 1 "in recognition of the inequities that have developed because of the Korean conflict, as between skilled trades workers employed by the corporation and those employed in jobbing shops."

4. To accept a new cost-of-living formula by which wages are hitched to the government's new index of the cost of living.

It was the government's decision to abandon the old cost-of-living index that brought about reopening of the contracts. They specifically were tied to the old index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics until 1955.

The BLS announced months prior that it would switch to the new index, dropping the old, this year. President Eisenhower ordered the old continued until June.

The new contract will make both the new and old indexes inoperative until the cost-of-living is announced in September for the quarter ending July 15.

While it got major concessions, the UAW did not gain its full demands, including a hike in pensions.

Asians Join Fight Against Mau Mau

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—The Kenya government has decided to set up combat units of Asian-origin settlers in this East African British colony to aid in the fight against the Mau Mau terrorists. It also is extending compulsory military service to Asians as well as Europeans.

In announcing the steps last night the government said both were taken at the request of members of the Asian community. Asian settlers in Kenya outnumber Europeans by about three to one.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and not much change in temperature today, tonight and tomorrow.

High temperature expected today 92 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 68 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 91 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 70 degrees.

Sunrise 5:14 A. M.; sunset

More Weather Data on Page 3-A

DESPITE AIR FUSS

Approval Of Lower Defense Fund Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House Appropriations Committee member today predicted tentative approval without change of the trimmed-down military budget despite outcries against slashes in Air Force funds.

The prediction from Rep. Ford (R-Mich) came on the heels of demands that Secretary of Defense Wilson resign and that generals who have led the Air Force appear for committee questioning.

Ford said he was sure there would be no change and certainly no increases when a subcommittee now considering the Air Force budget sends it on to a higher subcommittee studying the whole $36,100,000,000 military budget.

A check of the three members of the smaller subcommittee showed them evenly divided on whether as maintained in an Air Force report proposed cutbacks would reduce air power below the "absolute minimum" for national security.

Chairman Scriner (R-Kan) generally supported the proposed reductions Rep. Mahon (D-Tex) said he "deplored" them and Rep. Hruska (R-Neb), said he had not yet reached a decision although he "trusted President Eisenhower's military judgment."

This group however is only the first rung on the ladder. Action would follow in the military subcommittee the full appropriations committee and the House itself. Senate action is comparable.

A member of the Senate Appropriations Committee Sen. Maybank (D-SC) asked that Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg retiring Air Force chief and Gen. Carl Spaatz retired former head be called for testimony.

Maybank is among a number of congressmen who are publicly questioning plans to cut more than five billion dollars from Air Force funds and lower the Air Force goal from 143 wings by mid-1955 to 120 wings.

Accused Army Doctor Granted Recess In Trial

FORT DEVENS, Mass. (AP)—Lt. Sheppard Carl Thierman has been granted a recess of his Army general court martial until next Wednesday.

The request was made yesterday during his trial on a charge of obtaining a commission fraudulently. His counse, said certain Government documents were presently unavailable.

A second charge against the New York medical officer is that he perjured himself in denying Communist affiliations.

The court martial yesterday heard more details about a 1949 world youth and student festival at Budapest where, a witness testified, Thierman was a co-chairman.

Vic Reinemer, 29, associate editor of The Charlotte News, who said he attended the festival as a member of the U. S. delegation, and covered it for newspapers and magazines, was the day's only witness.

Reinemer testified that many of the 200 American delegates remained away from the U. S. legation in Budapest because most of the delegation resented their members associating with the "striped trouser" set of the State Department.

He said a feeling of antipathy to the State Department became apparent after the delegation heard Thierman declare in a speech that delegates who talked with the legation staff were "finks" and "stool pigeons" who should be expelled.

Siamese Twin Has Operation

BOSTON (AP)—A 41-year-old Siamese twin, Margaret Gibb, underwent major abdominal surgery for removal of a fibrerous tumor today in a case new in the annals of medicine.

Margaret and her sister, Mary, who also was anesthetized, were reported in excellent condition after the two-hour operation performed at New England Deaconness Hospital by Dr. Frank Lahey, head of the Lahey Clinic.

The surgeon refused to discuss exact nature of the operation but did say he found no evidence of malignancy.

He also said the operation marked the first time that major internal surgery had been performed on a Siamese twin over 40 years of age.

The sisters, from Holyoke, Mass., are joined at the base of the spine, and have, in effect, a common circulatory system. They were admitted penathol and cycloprane for the operation.

They entered the hospital Wednesday and nurses said they were cheerful and calm as they underwent tests in preparation for the operation.

Dr. Lahey quoted Mary as saying that her "only concern was for Margaret."

With them at the hospital are their mother, Mrs. John R. Gibb and a sister, Mrs. Roy Havens, 31. Their father died two years ago.

Mollet Tapped For Premier

PARIS (AP)— President Vincent Auriol announced late today he is going to ask Socialist leader Guy Mollet to try to form a Cabinet replacing that of Premier Rene Mayer, ousted Thursday.

Mollet, whose party has balked at the proposed rearmament of Western Germany, served as vice-premier under Henri Queuill 95. Earlier that year he tried himself to form a Cabinet during one of France's many crises but failed to get parliamentary approval of the Cabinet he wanted to appoint.

He has served as French minister of state for affairs of the Council of Europe—the parliamentary body that aims at federating Western Europe.

Mollet, secretary-general of the Freuca Socialist Party, was in Arras in Northern France today. He was not expected to reply to the President's proposal before tomorrow morning.

It was not certain that he would accept. Political experts gave him little change of success if he did try.

House Group Would Slash Funds 16.9 Pct.

Sum Far Below Ike And Truman Proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee today recommended a 16.9 per cent slash in funds requested by President Eisenhower for rivers and harbors, and flood control projects of the Army Engineers in the fiscal year beginning July .

The total of $98,884,100 recommended is a reduction of $163,022,500 under the current year's appropriations, and is 39.6 per cent below the budget recommendations of last January by former President Truman.

The funds for general construction on the scores of local water projects throughout the country constituted the major part of appropriations recommended to finance the civil functions of the Army for the coming year.

For all these functions, including such things as maintenance of national cemeteries and operation of the Panama Canal, the Engineers were allowed a total of $45,99,600—a reduction of $68,075,000 under current 95 funds.

Carolinas And Georgia Projects Not Slashed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Following are the flood control and navigation projects which the House Appropriations Committee today approved for work during the fiscal year starting July : Figures shown are first the amount affected by the committee followed by the amount in parentheses recommended by President Eisenhower.

Navigation projects (channels and harbors) include:

Georgia—Clark Hill Reservoir, Ga. and S. C. $2,250.000 ($2,250,000).

North Carolina—John H. Kerr Reservoir, Va. and N. C. $1,450.000 ($1,450,000).

WRONG WOMAN KISSED, BUT IT'S FORGIVEN

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (AP)—An expectant father was pacing the floor at St. Clare's Hospital when his name was called. He ran down a darkened hall and excitedly kissed a woman patient being wheeled from the delivery room.

In a better light, the woman proved to be a stranger.

Apologies were skipped. Everyone understood.

Comic Dictionary

MORALITY

What is left over after our desires are satisfied.

Reds Take Setbacks In Air And On Land

By FORREST EDWARDS

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Sabre jets destroyed one Communist MIG and damaged another today as Allied and red pilots tangled high over North Korea for the first time since Monday.

Tough South Korean infantrymen killed or wounded more than 300 Chinese Reds in small-scale but savage hand-to-hand fighting along the rain-soaked battlefront.

Scores of Allied fighters and bombers streaked over North Korea as skies cleared after two days of wind and rain.

Today's MIG kill was credited to Maj. Vermont Garrison of Mt. Victory, Ky., who scored with two bursts of gunfire in a brief aerial duel 40,000 feet over Suiho Dam just south of the Manchurian border, the Air Force said.

Lt. Col. George I. Ruddell of Eugene, Ore., damaged a MIG in another scrap, the Air Force said.

ROKS CHARGE

In Eastern Korea, South Korean infantrymen charged five times against dugin Chinese who late Friday seized one end of Outpost Victory. But at nightfall, after 24 hours of bitter close quarter fighting, the 150 to 200 Chinese still held the western end of the ridge, the Eighth Army said.

The Reds grabbed part of the elongated outpost two days ago, but were thrown off the same day.

South Koreans used bayonets and knives to flush back Chinese who hit five other outposts along the 155-mile front, the Army said.

Infantrymen of the Eighth ROK Division also beat back 200 to 350 Chinese who attacked an outpost on Capitol Hill and another 150 to 200 Reds who hit a U. N. position in the same Western Front sector.

In the air, Allied fighter-bombers hit Communist troops in the Christmas Hill area and elsewhere along the front.

The Fifth Air Force, meanwhile, toted up 28 MIG kills, two probables and nine damaged by Sabres for the week ended Friday night—the highest weekly MIG toll since 31 were shot down in the second week of September, 1952.

The score was made more impressive by the fact that weather knocked out two days of air operations and the MIGs refused to come out to fight on two other days.

One Sabre was lost in air combat during the week. Fifth Air Force said.

Two other Sabres were reported lost to other causes," presumably mechanical trouble. Six Allied warplanes were reported lost to Communist ground fire.

Gen. Anderson Arrives

SEOUL, (AP — Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson arrived by plane today from Tokyo to take command of the Fifth Air Force soon.

Anderson will replace Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus.

Tennessee Governor May Hit Trail With Graham

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The Press-Scimitar said today Tennessee's young governor, Frank G. Clement, may give up politics to "hit the sawdust trail of evangelism" with Billy Graham.

Reports from unidentified sources in Nashville, the newspaper said, are that Clement may renounce a political future to become first assistant to Graham, widely-known evangelist.

The Press-Scimitar said Clement, when apprised of the report today, replied:

"All I can say is 'no comment'. However, I will say I am very fond of Billy Graham, a great admirer of Billy Graham."

The newspaper said it had learned authoritatively that Clement is not contemplating an early resignation but added that "the possibility in the future is certainly there."

"It is not believed he will resign as governor, but may make the change after he completes his two-year term, which started in January, and will be completed in January, 1955."

The 32-year-old Clement, a devout lay Methodist, has often addressed church, Sunday school and other religious gatherings. He frequently injects religious subjects into his political speeches.

The Press-Scimitar said Graham, reached at Montreat, N. C., just before leaving for Denver, also declined to comment on the report.

But the paper quoted the evangelist as saying:

"I'm a great admirer of the governor. I don't know any man in the United States who has his platform speaking ability. He is a fine, oldfashioned orator, he is a devoutly religious man, and has turned to God, but I would rather not comment about him turning to full-time Christian work."

CONGRESS COOL TO NEW STUDY OF OBSCENITY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress today appeared unlikely to make any further investigations of obscene literature.

A House committee last year looked into the problem of such matter being accessible on newsstands to juveniles, but concluded Congress could not undertake censorship. A bill by Rep. Kearns (R-Pa) to renew the probe probably will remain shelved in the House Rules Committee, Chairman Leo Allen (R-Ill) said yesterday.

Mundt Asks Names Of British Ships

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mundt (R-SD) said today he will demand that the Eisenhower administration take off the "blinders on ourselves and reveal the names of British ships alleged to have transported Chinese Communist troops.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) promptly announced he will back Mundt's move to demand cancellation of an order making the ship names an official secret.

Both are members of the Senate investigations subcommittee which heard testimony Wednesday that two or more British-owned ships were used as troop transports along the China Coast and may still be so used.

The subcommittee, which has announced sending a demand to Eisenhower that he state publicly what he thinks of this, said last night such a demand was never sent and may never be.

LETTER WITHHELD

Francis D. Flanagan, subcommittee chief counsel confirmed reports that the letter had been withheld on orders from Chairman McCarthy (R-Wis).

Flanagan, when told that word had leaked out that the White House letter was being withheld, said: "Sen. McCarthy wants to discuss it further with the subcommittee."

McCarthy dictated the letter Wednesday shortly before he entered the Navy Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., for a checkup.

In testimony Wednesday, the Wheelock Marden Company of Hong Kong was mentioned as operator of at least one ship which allegedly carried Red China troops.

The company has denied the charge and the British government has called for a transcript of the testimony.

BRITAIN 'VILLAIN'

Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash) lashed out at Britain as "the villain in the piece" in Red China trade during a Maritime Day address at Los Angeles yesterday.

"Ships of foreign nations which we consider allies today seem more eager to trade with our Communist enemies than to trade with us," Magnuson said.

In London, a Foreign Office representative remarked it was difficult "to comment on a report that unidentified ships of unknown tonnage carried unspecified numbers of so-called troops at a date not known between unstated ports."

The British Information Service in Washington also said it was impossible to answer "allegatons as vague as this."

The information service declared that "no goods of strategic importance go to Chinese ports from British sources or in British ships but . . . some trade in non-strategic goods continues."

RESPECTS ORDER

McCarthy announced at the hearing that he would respect the order keeping the ship names secret although he indicated he does not approve it.

Mundt said in an interview he will argue that the Wheelock Marden denial should result in a quick disclosure of the vessels' names.

Six Michigan Prison Escapees Still At Large

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP)—One of seven desperadoes who fled Michigan's maximum-security prison here was back behind bars today, less than 24 hours after he broke out.

Back was Lloyd Burgdurf, 61, a life termer, Jack Messenger, 48, a school bus driver, spotted him near Marquette's city dump last night.

Messenger stopped his car. His springer spaniel dog jumped out barking. Messenger thrust his hands in his pockets as if reaching for a gun. Burgdurf came forward, hands raised.

Authorities, however, didn't anticipate the other six would cow as quickly or easily.

Among them was Lloyd Russell, 31, serving 9½ to 10 years for assault less than the crime of murder. One of two brothers who escaped from the Ohio Prison Farm at London, Russell was convicted of attacking a Michigan state trooper.

Both killers and robbers also were included among those fleeing, and Warden Emery Jacques warned "all are dangerous and armed."

The warden gave this version of the escape, one of the few from this "rock":

The seven, assigned to work as plumbers on radiators in Cellblock C, overpowered at knife point two guards, Sgt. Joe Butala and John Osterburg, and locked them in cells. Then they forced several inmates they thought may interfere into cells and locked them.

An acetylene torch cut bars leading to the front lawn of the picturesque penitentiary, from which the seven scampered as fast as their feet would carry them.

EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, we thank Thee for the salvation Thou dost offer us. Help us to be sorry for our misdoings and humble ourselves before Thee. We come to Thee in faith that Thou wilt grant us Thy salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PIEDMONT PREDICAMENT

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hunter)

When they sat down to pick a valedictorian for Piedmont Junior High School's graduation exercises, they found that four young ladies were eligible. Each had completed the three-year junior high course with only two "B's" on their report cards, establishing a school record with the four-way tie. The solution: each will have a part in the exercises. They are, left to right, Keris Fort, 2005 Vail Ave., daughter of the John L. Forts; Virginia Bagby, 2107 E. 7th St., daughter of the T. W. Barbys; Gail Carter, 3829 Oakwood Ave., daughter of the Paul D. Carters; and Joyce Boone, 1801-Fulton Ave., daughter of the L. R. Boones. Three of the girls had 24 "A's" and two "B's" and Miss Boone has 23 "A's".