



Quake Rocks Wide Area; Little Damage Reported

Lawmakers Would Deal For Americans

Favor Swapping Off Chinese Students

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Several key lawmakers said today they favor efforts to exchange 35 Chinese students in this country for 57 Americans detained in Red China, including 11 airmen imprisoned by the Communists as "spies."

Rep. Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts, retiring speaker of the House, said that if the students want to go to Red China he would welcome any negotiations that might lead to such an exchange.

But he and Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), retiring head of the Senate Committee, said he knew of no reason why this government should insist on keeping in this country any students who wanted to return to China.

The State Department indicated through Press Officer Lincoln White yesterday that the United States might consider any offer forthcoming from Red China to exchange for the Americans Chinese students who have applied for exit permits but thus far have been denied them.

SPARKMAN'S VIEWS

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he knew of no reason why this government should insist on keeping in this country any students who wanted to return to China.

The State Department has said the 35 involved have not been permitted to leave because specialized skills they acquired here might be valuable to the Communists from a military standpoint.

"The fact that these students may have learned some valuable technique does not justify holding them in this country if they wish to return to China," Sparkman said.

GORE DOUBTFUL

Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) said that while he doubts the advisability of any "deal" with the Chinese Communists, he is willing to back any decision Eisenhower administration officials make on negotiations.

Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations secretary general, is attempting to arrange a meeting with Communist China's Premier Chou En-lai to discuss the fate of the 11 imprisoned airmen as a follow-up to the U.N.'s 47-5 vote condemning their sentencing.

In Los Angeles, GOP Senate Leader Knowland of California voiced hope these efforts will be successful, but he added: "I have my doubts."

EVENING PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, help us to find Thee that we may not want. Teach us to love Thee that we may rejoice. Lead us to obey and serve Thee that we may have peace. Send us forth filled with Thy Spirit, that we may do Thy will. In the holy name of Jesus Amen.



ATTORNEY WILLIAM J. CORRIGAN
He Talks To Jury For Sheppard. (AP Wirephoto).

Sheppard Lawyer Assails Accusers

By BELMAN MORIN

CLEVELAND (AP)—Dr. Samuel Sheppard's lawyer, summing up his defense, accused Cleveland authorities today of having used the methods of dictator governments in their handling of the case.

He said they have threatened the democratic processes of America.

And turning toward the rows of seats where two score of newspaper reporters were sitting, the attorney, William J. Corrigan, said: "His voice was bitter and scathing as he uttered the words."

"So they evoked the theory that Marilyn Sheppard was killed because she was pregnant," he said. "His voice was bitter and scathing as he uttered the words."

This was a reference to discussion in court about whether Sheppard was sterile, and therefore not the father of the child his wife was carrying when she was killed.

He accused the Cleveland newspapers of creating an atmosphere of "hysteria" in the community.

DOCTOR PREDICTING END OF WORLD ON DEC. 21

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Dr. Charles A. Laughhead, who college officials say believes the world will end Dec. 21, yesterday resigned.

The accused man broke down his position as a staff member of the Michigan State College hospital, investigated and that Dr. Laughhead admitted and talked freely about his beliefs.

Dr. Hannah said the group believes that the world will end Dec. 21 and that flying saucers from Venus or Mars—the MSC president wasn't sure which—would rescue some survivors from mountain tops.

"We understand he is disposing of his belongings and preparing to move to some mountain top to court to some phases of the case, told me Dr. Laughhead had been awaiting the rescue."

Soviet Warns French Against Signing Pact

Threatens To Cancel Mutual Aid Treaty

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Russia today warned France that ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany "will cross out and annul" the French-Soviet mutual assistance treaty of 1944.

The warning was conveyed in a formal note handed by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov to the French ambassador, Louis Joxe.

The foreign press was informed about it at a news conference in the Foreign Ministry.

Molotov's press chief, Gen. Leonid Ilyichev, read portions of the note.

It charged that the government of Premier Mendes-France has allied itself with "anti-Soviet military groupings" headed by the United States.

At the same news conference it was announced Molotov and the Soviet government take a favorable view of recent statements by Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu of the new government of Japan stating that Japan desires "a normalization" of relations with the Soviet Union.

Ilyichev said Moscow radio would broadcast a statement stating the readiness of the Soviet government to discuss this subject with Tokyo if the Japanese government means what it says.

READY TO TALK

The Soviet statement will add that Red China is ready to discuss re-establishment of relations with Japan.

Debate on the ratification of the Paris pact is to start next week in the French Parliament.

The note to France charged that recent policies of its government "all bear witness to the fact that ratification of the Paris agreements are aimed at remilitarizing Western Germany and therefore will inevitably and seriously complicate the whole situation in Europe."

"Therefore, ratification only serves the purposes of certain states engaged in preparing for war," it said.

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SEN. LANGER

Langer Against Confirmation Of Harlan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Langer (R-ND) said today he will fight against Senate confirmation of John Marshall Harlan to the Supreme Court to put up his protest that no justice has ever been named from his state and some others.

Langer, who is due to lose his chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary Committee when the Democrats organize the New Congress, quickly added in an interview that he was not "impugning the honesty or integrity" of Harlan, a New York City jurist.

Langer has frequently declaimed in the past about what he terms slights to North Dakota in the matter of high presidential appointments.

The recent Senate session took no action on President Eisenhower's nomination of Harlan to succeed the late Justice Robert H. Jackson. Several senators said they wanted more time to study his qualifications, but there was no announcement of opposition, and the nomination has been that Harlan will be okayed early next year.

"I am going to vote against confirmation of Mr. Harlan and I am going to vote against any man who hereafter is named to the Cabinet unless that man comes from one of seven states," Langer said.

He listed these as Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North and South Dakota. He said no man from these states has ever been appointed to the Supreme Court or to a Cabinet post.

"I am asking the senators from these seven states to join with me in opposition to Mr. Harlan," Langer said.

Langer said that in the 107 years since Florida was admitted to the Union, no man from the state has been appointed to the high court or to the Cabinet.

California And Nevada Areas Shaken

Heaviest Of Three Since Last July

By LEONARD LEFKOW

RENO, Nev.—A small agricultural community approximately 20 miles east of Reno and the center of two recent quakes, was believed to be the center of today's quake.

However, Sheriff George Wilkins said preliminary checks showed only "minor damage with some ceilings cracked and some bricks knocked loose." He said his deputies were checking the outlying farm areas which took the brunt of other shocks.

Wilkins said today's earthquake was "by far the heaviest of all three." He attributed Fallon's light damage to the fact the "last quake just about knocked everything down that was at all loose."

Parts of Lovelock, Nev., also east of Reno, were blacked out when a section of the city's electric power system was knocked out briefly. However, no other damage was reported. The power failure briefly immobilized the city's telephone switchboard, frustrating attempts of Reno newsmen to check damage in Lovelock.

Lovelock police also described today's quake as heavier than the previous ones.

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ACCUSED EMBEZZLER is Mrs. Ethel Ray, 54, pictured after her arraignment in Milwaukee on a charge of embezzling \$23,000 from the Pfister Hotel coffee shop, where she was a cashier. Assistant District Attorney Joseph Tierney said she took close to \$50,000 over a four year period by erasing amounts on checks turned in by customers. Mrs. Ray, divorced, said she gave nearly \$20,000 to two married daughters for homes. (AP Wirephoto)

Motorists Return To Unsafe Driving

Charlotte residents apparently free under \$2,000 bond with the set out to make up today for the hearing in County Recorder's Court set for Dec. 23.

Other accidents listed yesterday, none of which involved personal injuries, included three collisions involving 12 automobiles in the county, and four in the cities, four trucks, a bus, and a motorcycle.

This was almost twice the number of accidents officially reported all day yesterday.

Mecklenburg County Police, who had four accidents listed yesterday, recorded only one by noon today.

Among the accidents in the city and county on Safe-Driving Day was the entire state's single traffic fatality. That occurred shortly after 1 p.m. when M. P. Randall, 68, 2921 Wilkinson Blvd., was struck by a car as he crossed the boulevard and was killed instantly.

County police listed driver of the car as William Guy Cooke, 44, of 609 Royal Ct. They said Mr. Cooke is charged with manslaughter and driving after his license had been revoked. They added he is now

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Cardinal Reported Freed By Communist Hungary

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The Austrian Catholic news service Katholische Nachrichtenagentur reported today that Cardinal Mindszenty has been released from prison in Hungary. But the agency says there is no confirmation of the report.

The Vatican also said it had no confirmation of similar reports. The Catholic news service report said, under a Budapest dateline: "In usually well-informed circles of the Hungarian capital it was reported yesterday that Cardinal Mindszenty, who has been held in prison since 1949, was released a week ago and has gone to his diocese."

"While diplomatic quarters in Budapest know nothing exactly about his release, the archbishop's palace at Esztergom (Mindszenty's Diocese) declared that the primate is not staying in Esztergom."

"The report of the cardinal's release itself was neither confirmed nor denied by the palace."

Endre Marton, Associated Press

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today. Cloudy and not so cold tonight. Cloudy with rain tomorrow.

Low temperature this morning, 25 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 32 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 49 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 49 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow, 52 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:24 a.m.; sunset, 5:12 p.m.

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Children Make The News At Christmastime

In New Castle, Pa., an early Christmas party was planned for Susan Hauffler, shown at left with her mother. Susan died last night of cancer. In the center picture, Lucia Gianpolo arrives from Italy. She's traveling alone to Cicero, Ill., to join her foster parents, who adopted her on their recent trip to Italy. Near Albany, Wyo., train conductor Earl L. Stark masquerades as Santa Claus, hands a Christmas present to Mark and Sharon Patterson high in the Wyoming mountains. This was the train crew's way of saying thanks to the tots for daily waving as the train passes their remote home. The gift: An electric train. (AP Wirephotos).

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