

U. S. Fighter Planes Downed In Battle Over Yellow Sea Lets In Battle Over Yellow Sea

Part Of Package Senate Committee Would Up Beer Tax

RALEIGH—(AP)—The Senate Finance Subcommittee worked out a \$9,717,000 per year tax package today including an additional 2 cents per bottle beer tax which would raise \$1,780,000.

Declaration Causes New Controversy

RALEIGH—(AP)—The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, a subject of controversy for more than a century, stirred new debate today before the House conservation and development committee.

After a hearing, the committee amended and then approved by a 5-4 vote a bill setting up a commission to gather materials on the declaration. The measure, introduced by the Mecklenburg Delegation, also would require the Department of Archives and History to place the materials on display.

One of the amendments would change the first sentence of the bill, which read "The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed on May 20, 1775..." to read "is believed to have been signed..."

The other change would add to the proposed six commission members named in the bill other members to be appointed by the governor.

CRITTENDEN'S OPPOSITION Dr. Christopher Crittenden, director of the Archives and History Department, led opposition to the bill as it was introduced. He argued that the General Assembly should not, through specific legislation, require the department to stand a stand on such a controversial matter as the Mecklenburg Declaration.

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Conference Suggested This Summer State Heads Would Meet In Europe

PARIS (AP)—The Western Big Three, backed by the whole NATO alliance, invited the Soviet Union today to a top level conference this summer on East-West problems in Europe.

Notes suggesting such a meeting were being cabled to Moscow for delivery at the Kremlin tonight or early tomorrow, diplomatic journals said.

Armed with President Eisenhower's consent, American, French and British experts finished up the text of the invitation and quickly obtained the approval of the NATO ministers, including West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Under the proposal U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov would meet at a summit of Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, French Premier Edouard Faure and British Premier Edgar Faure.

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Americans Return To Korean Bases

TOKYO—(AP)—American Sabre Jets, jumped by Communist MIGs between North Korea and Red China, shot down two of the Russian-built jets and probably destroyed another this morning, the Air Force announced.

The Sabres were attacked by 12 to 16 Communist fighters. All the Sabres, on a patrol mission, returned later to their Korean bases.

The fight area was about 50 miles southwest of the mouth of the Yalu River, boundary between North Korea and Red China. Communist China has a large air base at Antung, and North Korea at Simju, on opposite banks of the Yalu.

NO NATIONALITY CLIE The Air Force gave no clue on the nationality of the MIGs, used by the air forces of North Korea, Communist China and Soviet Russia.

An Air Force announcement said the MIGs fired first. It said the Sabres, from the 35th Squadron, the 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing, returned the fire. Two Communist pilots bailed out and the third was seen diving straight down trailing smoke.

American pilots who scored were Capt. R. V. Fulton, Bernardus, N.J.; Lt. B. C. Phytton, Vadsworth, Ohio, and Lt. E. McEneaney, Garden City, N.Y., the Air Force announced.

THIRD INCIDENT It was the third almost identical incident in the same general Yellow Sea area in 16 months.

On Jan. 22, 1954, American Sabres escorting an RB45 jet reconnaissance bomber shot down one MIG when a flight of Red planes attacked off the west coast of North Korea.

Feb. 5, Sabres escorting another RB45 jet shot down two more MIGs in a similar battle.

The Sabres were flying alone today, Far East Air Force said.

The United Nations Command charged at Pannum that the MIGs last February rose from North Korean air bases to make the attack and accused the Communists of an armistice violation.

The Korean Communists countered with a protest that the American patrol flight had violated North Korean territory.

The United States then demanded that true inspection teams check its charge that North Korea was building up its MIG strength at North Korean air fields in violation of the truce.

DEMAND REJECTED Lt. Gen. Lee Sang Cho rejected the inspection demand, which he called "trickery which cannot be permitted."

Today's pattern seemed to be much the same as in the two previous incidents.

International law recognizes only a three mile limit off a nation's coast as territorial waters. The Communist nations habitually claim 12 miles or more.

Warehousesmen Are Heard On Cotton Measure

RALEIGH—(AP)—Cotton warehouse representatives today argued in support of legislation to exempt from property taxes agricultural products stored under "transient privileges."

The committee was told that although other agricultural products would be covered by the bill its effect would be mainly on cotton.

It was the second hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee on the bill—which already has won House approval. Last week the committee heard local government representatives oppose the measure. The committee did not act on the bill after today's hearing.

The cottonmen told the committee that cotton ordinarily is shipped by rail under "transient privileges" under which it can be held and placed in storage before being shipped to its final destination.

TO LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES ON SUCH COTTON, they said, would harm the warehouse business in North Carolina because it would divert the cotton to warehouses in other states where there are no such taxes.

They also argued it would prevent cotton from coming into the state through ports at Wilmington and Morehead City.

The cotton group pointed out that only a few counties in the state have ever attempted to levy their property taxes on cotton in transit although it is technically subject to taxation under present law.

Francis J. Beatty, Charlotte cotton warehouse operator, led the support for the Beatty Beatty bill. He said the committee cotton shippers could just as easily order their transient cotton stored in warehouses in other states as in North Carolina and he said the effect of placing ad valorem taxes on cotton would be to drive our business out of the state.

Others backing the measure included W. E. Farley, warehouse superintendent for the State Dept. of Agriculture; State Sen. J. W. Holding, Wake County commissioner; J. A. Baker, Charlotte cotton warehouseman; and W. H. Carter.

Farley told the committee that under present law only two others injured were Keel's wife and three other children and his sister-in-law, Irene Sutton. All are negroes.

3 Killed When Train Hits Car

HOPE MILLS—(AP)—Three persons were killed and six hurt, one critically, when a freight train struck a car, which had stalled on a grade crossing, near Hope Mills, S. C., today.

The other officials who come under council appointment include the following: City Manager Henry A. Yancy; Mr. Lillian R. Hoffman, city clerk; City Attorney John T. Shaw; City Treasurer L. Ledbetter; City Accountant George B. Livingston; Chief of Police Frank W. Littlejohn; Fire Chief Charles; and City Solicitor James E. (Bill) Walker.

There will at least be one appointment among the members of the Civil Service Commission.

Al Smith, the chairman, has served but is continuing to serve until his successor is named. Today it appeared that Ernest DeLaney Jr., who has been serving as recorder pro tem, several weeks ago appeared before the council with announcement that he would not be available for re-appointment.

Councilmen were uncertain today as to who would receive the vice recordership but it was expected that several young attorneys would be advanced.



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DAVY CROCKETT, THE RAGE OF THE RANGE (from cost-to-cost, that is), is next exclusively the boy hero.

The pretentious Crockett was a young miss, Miss Martha John Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall of Carmel Acres. Miss Marshall, age four, has a Davy Crockett outfit of her own and looks as close to the real thing as any young girl in town.



Photo of Tom Franklin—Davy Crockett

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is likely to step up efforts to settle the South's 19-month-old telephone strike now that an agreement has been reached to end Dixie's big rail walk.

Federal mediators expressed hope today that the "psychological effect" of the rail settlement might spur similar efforts toward peace in prolonged phone and bus strikes.

An agreement was reached here yesterday to end the eight-week road strike tomorrow morning and to send in neutral Switzerland.

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Joan Crawford Weds Pepsi-Cola President

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(AP)—Movie queen Joan Crawford made a flying trip to Las Vegas and was married in a surprise ceremony early today to Alfred N. Steele, executive president of the Pepsi-Cola Co.

The civil ceremony was performed at 2:10 a. m. in the penthouse of the Flamingo Hotel with Municipal Judge Joan Mendoza officiating.

The 47-year-old veteran star wore a black and gold dinner dress for the wedding attended by just a few friends. She was in a gay mood and after the ceremony said: "This is the happiest moment of my life."

Steele, recently divorced, is from New York City. His best man for the wedding was Robert Knighton, a business associate. Others attending the pre-wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goldstein of Las Vegas and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fuller of Fort Worth, Texas.

A hotel spokesman said the newlyweds plan to fly back to Hollywood today because of the weather.

Appointments Scheduled For Tomorrow Basil Boyd In Line For Judgeship

Formal action in appointment of 11 municipal officials is scheduled at tomorrow afternoon's session of the new City Council.

The only changes in the lineup of subordinate officials are that of the recordership and the vice recordership of City Police Court.

Every indication today pointed to the appointment of Basil M. Boyd, former councilman who did not stand for re-election this year, as successor to Judge J. C. Seabury.

According to all available information today, Mr. Boyd will receive at least a majority vote for the judgeship appointment.

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