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Call For Speed-Up Of U. S. Military Aid To Indo-China

By Russell Brines
WASHINGTON, (AP)—A House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee called Saturday for accelerated American military aid to Indo-China and said any allied attempt to seek a truce there means "appeasement equivalent to an Indo-Chinese Munich."

Freighter Heads For Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—The British freighter Manchester Spinner, racing to become the first ship docking in Montreal harbor this season, was reported to dock at Quebec late Monday afternoon. The ship has been delayed by heavy ice conditions.

Captain Frank D. Struss reported to the ship's agents here he expects to dock at Quebec late Monday afternoon. The ship has been delayed by heavy ice conditions.

Inquest Ordered In Boy's Death

HAMILTON, (CP)—An autopsy has been ordered into the death of John Labelle, 2, who died two hours after eating dinner Friday.

Dr. W. J. Deadman, city pathologist, said Sunday night the cause of death is food poisoning. The child's death and also for the illness of two other children of the same family, Carmel, 3, and Michel, 4. Their condition in hospital was improved.

Dr. Deadman said if food poisoning is responsible, all members of the family who ate the meal would probably have been affected.

Police said it is possible the children got their hands on rat poison. Neighbors said they had never known rats to be in the house.

Swallowed By 'Quake'

TEHRAN, (AP)—Tehran newspapers said Sunday giant cracks which opened in the earth after a heavy quake Thursday swallowed the village of Jezinin, about 40 miles west of Tehran. The papers said about 200 houses vanished but the gaps opened so slowly that the village's 840 inhabitants escaped injury.

Pickets Continue To Keep Docks In N. Y. Tied Up

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Cunard luxury liner Queen Mary is expected to dock here at 8 a.m. AST today, diverted for the second time in seven months by a New York dock strike.

The 81,275-ton liner, the world's second largest, is carrying 1,087 passengers, 220 of them returning Canadians.

The Queen Mary will leave here Thursday for the United Kingdom with between 1,500 and 1,800 passengers, brought in by special train.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Longshoremen continued picketing along the New York waterfront Sunday despite the threat of federal and state action to end the costly strike now in its 24th day.

Because of the tie-up, the liner Queen Mary will dock today at Halifax and send her passengers on from there by train.

The Queen Mary decided on that action rather than face the possibility of having to berth here without the aid of tugs which have heeded picket boats sent out by the striking Independent International Longshoremen's Association.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland was abandoned by her tugs Friday night and made three tries Saturday before being towed without the aid of tugs. The forward open deck railing of the 26,000-ton liner was damaged when wadded floats in the water collapsed under the guidance of Capt. C. E. Dugan.

The Cunard liner Media arrived in New York Sunday afternoon and docked without the aid of tugs. There was a chance, however, that she might have to take the 100 tons of cargo back across the Atlantic.

A company spokesman said there would be no unloading of the cargo, which included 3,210 bags of mail, unless the strike ends before the ship's scheduled departure Friday.

Tugs Help Liner

There was a slight crack Sunday in the I.L.A.'s efforts to paralyze the port. Two tugs helped berth the liner Ocean Monarch, returning with 325 passengers from a seven-day Bermuda cruise.

Told about the docking of the ship by the two tugs, I.L.A. president Capt. William Bradley said that as far as he knew the tugboats of the strike, Bradley added "There may have been pickets on duty" at the time the vessel docked.

About 2,100 men were busy at seven piers in Manhattan and Brooklyn Sunday (today) in defiance of the strike.

Today the strikers plan a march on Washington to protest the government's role in the situation. An I.L.A. spokesman said between 600 and 1,000 demonstrators will picket the White House.

FIRE GUTS HOME

ST. GEORGE, N. B. (CP)—A fire that gutted the home of Edward Hennessey Saturday endangered the thickly settled Camel Hill section of this little town on the shores of Passamaquoddy Bay.

Burning shingles were scattered by high winds and set fire to nearby buildings and plots of grass.

McCarthy-Army Fight Is Given Top Priority

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Karl Mundt (Rep.—S.D.) said Sunday the Senate investigations subcommittee should finish its fact-finding job in the row between Senator Joseph McCarthy (Rep.—Wis.) and top army officials before embarking on any new hearings.

McCarthy, who has turned over the subcommittee chairmanship to Mundt while that probe is made,

has indicated he would like to go ahead with other investigations in the meantime. Inability to obtain special counsel has delayed the start of the subcommittee's public hearings on the charges and counter-charges exchanged by McCarthy and Army Secretary Robert Stevens and their aides.

French Force Rebels To Delay Plans For Assault

Acheson Assails Dulles' Doctrine Of Retaliation

(By John M. Hightower)
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Former state secretary Dean Acheson broke a year-long silence on public issues Saturday night to assail the Dulles doctrine of "massive retaliation" against new Communist aggression.

He argued the results of such a policy could weaken the great anti-Communist alliance "because our allies would rightly believe that their very existence was being recklessly exposed to unnecessary risks."

He asserted further that a Democratic nation could in fact use massive atomic retaliation only against a "small, unorganized and the threat of such retaliation therefore would not prevent small aggressions."

Acheson also took occasion, in an article in Sunday morning's New York Times, to denounce use of "home front" by Communists to "raise doubts about our allies" and attack such nations as Britain which trade with or recognize Red China.

Joins Issue

In this he joined issue with his long-time political foe, Senator Joseph McCarthy, who has called for an end of aid to Britain unless it "raises doubts about our allies" and attack such nations as Britain which trade with or recognize Red China.

"One thing can be said of this line argument," Acheson wrote. "It strikes straight at the heart of our policy, past and present."

"It is the last word in isolationism. It bypasses discussion of the wisdom and necessity of our policy, past and present."

Acheson, who served as secretary of state in the Truman cabinet for four years until he turned over the office to his Republican successor, John Foster Dulles, in January, 1953, strongly emphasized the importance he attaches to the maintenance of conditions such as the North Atlantic alliance, to offset Soviet power.

Retired Publisher Of Ottawa Citizen Dies

OTTAWA, (CP)—Harry G. Southam, CMG, retired publisher of the Ottawa Citizen, died here Saturday after a lengthy illness.

The 78-year-old newspaper man, who shaped the policies of The Citizen until his retirement a year ago, was a prominent patron of the arts and education and in his younger days a noted sportsman.

Mr. Southam, a member of a family of publishers, took over The Citizen when it had a daily circulation of 1,800 in 1907 and saw it grow to a circulation of 80,000.

Besides his activities in the development of art, he was one of the moving spirits behind Ottawa's Carleton College. He became its first chancellor in 1952 and served as chairman of its board of governors for five years.

4 Killed In Explosion On Empire Windrush

ALGIERS, Algeria, (AP)—The British troopship Empire Windrush was blasted by an explosion and swept by flames Sunday as it steamed homeward along the North African coast. Four men were killed but 1,424 passengers and crew members scrambled to safety in a speedy and notably calm rescue operation.

The ship was left adrift—still burning—in the Mediterranean, a total loss. Among 1,424 rescued without mishap were 277 women and children, dependents of servicemen, who had boarded the Empire Windrush at Asian ports. Seventeen hospitalized soldiers also were saved.

Killed In Blast

The explosion rocked the 14,651-ton vessel shortly before 8 a.m. when it was a little more than 20 miles offshore. Three men and an officer in the engineering were killed in the blast.

Within minutes, said Capt. W. Wilson, the rest of the engineering crew was forced by the fire to come above and the flames were spreading out of control. Acid smoke spread throughout the decks.

Ships of four nations—the Dutch freighter Mentor, the British cargo vessel Scotia, the Italian tanker Tarigo and the Norwegian freighter Hensfjell—quickly converged to take the survivors aboard.

There was not the slightest indication of panic among the soldiers or the women, crews of the rescue ships said. The sea was calm throughout the operation.

Apart from a few men slightly injured when they jumped into the sea or scrambled down the ropes, no one was hurt.

The Empire Windrush was en route from Japan to Southampton, where it was due April 2, and had called at Hong Kong, Singapore and Saigon.

Three Events Mark Start Of New Federal Financial Year

OTTAWA, (CP)—A new financial year starts for the government April 1.

Besides the opening of a new set of books, the start of the 1954-55 fiscal year will be marked by three changes: Postage rates will increase, many postal employees will go on a five-day week, and cabinet ministers' salaries will be boosted.

For the general public, the most noticeable change will be the increase in postage rates—one cent an ounce on first-class letters.

A normal out-of-town letter will require a five-cent stamp, instead of a four-cent one. The cost of mailings within postal districts will increase to four cents from three, and stamps on post cards will cost four cents instead of three.

The post office is using part of the income from the rate increases to provide a five-day work week for its workers in some 80 communities across Canada, where the 40-hour work week is general in private employment.

McCarthy Cancels Toronto Engagement

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Joseph McCarthy (Rep.—Wis.) said Saturday he has been forced by a combination of unforeseen circumstances to cancel a scheduled speaking appearance in Toronto on April 20. He said he would try to make the appearance at a later date.

Queen Ingrid Of Denmark 44

COPENHAGEN, (AP)—Queen Ingrid of Denmark celebrated her 44th birthday Sunday. The royal guard paraded through the city while thousands cheered the queen and King Frederick and the three small princesses who appeared on the balcony.

City Of Baghdad Threatened By Flood

BAGHDAD, Iraq, (Reuters)—Engineers fought desperately Sunday night to save Baghdad from being engulfed by the raging Tigris river. The city, whose population totals more than 500,000, was completely isolated after floods cut all roads. It was threatened by water pouring through breaches in the left bank of the Tigris, joined by a torrent that burst through the Diyala river at noon Sunday.

More than 250,000 persons have been evacuated from low-lying areas affected or threatened by the floods. Unofficial estimates put the damage at more than \$10,000,000.

New Monster Hydrogen Blast Still On Schedule

Eisenhower Praises Defenders Of Indo-China

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A new monster hydrogen explosion, possibly bigger than the "runaway" blast of March 1, appeared today to be still on the schedule books for next month.

Except for the chance of minor delays, these developments indicated the current series of tests in the Pacific would continue as planned despite reports of postponement or cancellation:

1. Representative James Van Zandt (Rep.—Pa.), a member of the congressional atomic energy committee, announced he is flying to Bikini during the House of Representatives Easter recess, April 16-26, to witness further "hydrogen weapons" tests.

2. Informed atomic committee sources said no indication had been given of a "deliberate postponement or cancellation" of the tests. They added that adverse weather or extra caution by scientists might delay them a day or so.

Congressional sources have said a second major H-blast was originally scheduled for April 22, and that it would be larger than the first explosion, which was three or four times more powerful than expected.

Van Zandt said the March 1 blast was equal to 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 tons of TNT—between 600 and 700 times as great as the Hiroshima atomic bomb which killed 60,000 persons.

N. S. Girl Killed In Highway Accident

HALIFAX, (CP)—Twenty-one-year-old Eleanor Spencer of Lockhartville, near Wolfville, N.S., was killed Sunday and two companions were injured when their car went out of control at nearby Boutliers Point. Helen Seymour is seriously injured in hospital and Reginald Maloney is less seriously injured. Edwin Maloney, also in the car, escaped injury.

China Seeks Atomic Program

TOKYO, (AP)—Communist China has asked for Russian assistance in setting up an atomic energy program, Peiping radio said Saturday.

The Chinese-language broadcast heard here by Kyodo news agency said the Red Chinese already have built installations for the study of atomic energy.

The broadcast quoted a report by Kuo Mo-jo, chairman of the China Academy of Science, saying the Chinese have proposed to the Soviet Union that delegates be sent to China to co-ordinate atomic research.

Revolutionary Council To Continue In Egypt

By Ed Pollak
CAIRO, (AP)—An aide to Mohamed Naguib said Sunday night the president, "bowing to the people's will," had agreed in principle that Egypt's revolutionary council should remain in power and that the election of a constitutional assembly and rebirth of political parties be called off.

Maj. Ismail Farid, personal aide de camp to Naguib, made the joint announcement, however, as joint conferences between the revolutionary council and civilian ministers continued.

Salah Salem, guidance minister, also left the conference which had been going on for more than seven hours and addressed a crowd which shouted, "We want revolution. We don't want parties."

Salem said, "I can promise you we (army officers) will not leave you. We will continue until the evacuation of imperialist British forces from the Suez Canal Zone and until the country is completely purged of corrupt elements."

Two hundred police officers gathered at their club in Cairo and adopted a resolution supporting continued rule by the revolutionary council, and opposing the rebirth of political parties. They added that if elections are held they would "refuse to help in running it," as police are usually called upon to do.

The length of the conference indicated an immense tug of war was on behind the scenes between Naguib, who wants to reinstitute parliamentary government in Egypt, and major elements of the ruling revolutionary council which fears a return to elections and political parties would mean a return to corrupt practices.

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