

Credit Tightening Ordered To Help Stabilize Prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—The government today ordered 50 per cent cash down payments on a vast range of non-residential construction in a new credit-tightening move to combat inflation.

Simultaneously, the administration threw out a broad hint that it will soon attempt to stabilize food prices.

Eric Johnston, economic stabilization director, told the House Ways and Means committee that legislation will be submitted to Congress to "equalize and stabilize" farm prices and industrial wages.

Johnston's disclosure capped a series of protests from labor leaders, housewives and others against soaring food prices.

The stiff new credit terms for construction were set forth in an order issued by the Federal Reserve Board, effective tomorrow.

It calls for half cash down payments on construction of new stores, offices, hotels, banks, warehouses, garages, auto service stations, restaurants, theaters, clubs and "other new structures used for non-residential purposes."

The same requirement applies to repair jobs, enlargement alteration and reconstruction on existing commercial buildings if the cost of the improvement exceeds 15 per cent of the building's appraised value.

The order also requires that loans must be paid up in 25 years, with the principal paid off in installments rather than left for a lump sum payment at the end of 25 years.

Exemptions are provided in case of schools, hospitals, churches, public utilities and "property constructed for use by the government or any political subdivision."

Dulles Talks Pact With Australians, New Zealanders

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 14—(AP)—John Foster Dulles, special U. S. ambassador, starts talks with Australian and New Zealand officials tomorrow on a Japanese peace treaty and the possibility of a Pacific alliance similar to the North Atlantic pact.

Dulles arrived today in a U. S. Air Force Constellation from Tokyo, where he announced Saturday that "provisional security arrangements between the United States and Japan" had been discussed.

From carefully worded statements issued by Dulles and Japanese Premier Shigeru Hoshida at that time, it was apparent the United States and Japan had agreed on the basic points of a defense agreement to be guaranteed by American power after a peace treaty is signed.

Australia is expected to press the viewpoint that her security would be threatened again by Japan unless guarantees are given against a rebirth of Japanese militarism.

Dulles told reporters on his arrival that rearmament of Japan was not discussed during his talks in Tokyo.

About 100 Communists, whose party was recently outlawed by parliament, demonstrated outside the United States consulate in Sydney today, shouting "send Dulles home" and "do not arm the Japs." Police, cheered by several hundred spectators, arrested 30 men and two women on charges of offensive behavior.

Kappa Phi Membership Open To Methodist Coeds

Kappa Phi, an organization for Methodist or Methodist preference women, will accept new members this semester. to get the names of eligible girls. Therefore they ask that any who wish to become members, or would like to know more about the organization, to call or see Betsy Porter in 7 McElwain before Thursday.

Leading The Frosh



— Collegian Photo by Sullender
ROBERT FAST, left, president of Hat Societies council, and Homer Barr, president of Parmi Nous, leading Tuesday night's song and cheer meeting for new freshmen on campus. Twenty-nine frosh attended the meeting.

Lie Asks United Nations Plan A-Bomb Prohibition

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Secretary-General Trygve Lie called on the United Nations today to keep on working for prohibition of atomic weapons and regulation of armaments in spite of world tension. He said efforts at political settlement and the regulation of armament should go hand in hand.

"In the present state of tension in the world, with rearmament proceeding at a rapid pace on all sides, it may seem academic and even utopian to proceed with serious discussion and planning on the regulation and reduction of armaments," Lie said. "I do not agree with this view. I believe the work of this committee should be looked upon as one of the vital undertakings of the United Nations."

"I have expressed the belief," Lie continued, "that progress of any kind toward agreement on the regulation and reduction of armaments would help to reduce political tensions and that efforts at political settlement and the regulation of armaments should go hand in hand. Clearly today member governments must provide for adequate defense, but we should not for one moment lose sight of the ultimate goal."

Lie spoke at the opening meeting of a 12-member United Nations committee set up by the General Assembly last Dec. 13 to study ways of merging the work of the atomic energy committee and the commission for conventional armaments.

State To Tighten Absentee Vote Bill

HARRISBURG, Feb. 14—(AP)—Growing sentiment to tighten absentee voting privileges for servicemen stymied House action today on changing the 1951 primary date.

Chairman William R. McMillen (R-Indiana) said amendments will be prepared for voting next week to exclude auxiliary services like Red Cross personnel from the right of casting a military ballot.

"We want to confine absentee voting privileges in this bill strictly to members of the armed forces," said McMillen. "Such persons are out of the state because of orders which they have no alternative but to obey."

In contrast, he explained, persons like Red Cross workers and war reporters are able to refuse an overseas assignment if they don't want to go.

The Senate-passed absentee voting measure also provides for changing the 1951 primary election date from Sept. 11 to July 24.

Johnston Wants Tough Taxes Now

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—Eric Johnston asked Congress today to enact "tough" new taxes immediately to help him stabilize the nation's economy by midsummer.

The Economic Stabilization Chief urged the House Ways and Means committee to approve \$10,000,000,000 in new levies now and take another look later on to see if still more taxes are needed.

The new taxes, he said, should be retroactive to last Jan. 1.

Warning that delay would hinder the government's effort to curb inflation, Johnston told the lawmakers:

"There's no mistaking that the days ahead are going to be tough and rough for all of us. We're all going to take a cut.

"Wages won't run as high as workers think they should. Profits won't run at the rate business thinks they should. The farmer won't get all he wants—and all of us as consumers will have to get along with less."

But Johnston said he believes the present controls on wages, prices and production can be lifted in two or three years, "barring a full-scale attack."

He said the main task now is to protect the soundness and stability of the dollar.

Reapportionment Bill Introduced In House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—A reapportionment bill with teeth in it was introduced today to guarantee the "fairest practical" representation of all citizens in the House of Representatives.

If it becomes law, not only will the 435 House seats be reapportioned among the states every 10 years, but each state will be required to redistrict according to its population changes. Present laws do not make such redistricting mandatory.

Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.) said his measure specifies that any representative elected from a district that does not conform to the requirements shall be denied his seat in the House.

Reds Ignore Losses; Push Korean Attack

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 15 (AP)—Chinese Communists, ignoring stunning losses to four shock divisions, renewed massive assaults along a bloody 20-mile sector of Korea's central front early today in an attempt to score a major breakthrough.

Front dispatches said fighting still was in progress after United Nations forces, buttressed by powerful artillery and air support smashed the first waves of the Red onslaught Wednesday and held their lines firm.

Acheson Asks Red Party Revolt Against Moscow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson called today for an international revolt of Communist parties against the domination of Moscow.

He advised all foreign Communists who have the interest of their country at heart to follow the example of a group of Italians and break away from the Kremlin's control.

And, at his news conference, the Secretary of State renewed a warning that any Communist attack on Yugoslavia might strain the fabric of world peace to the breaking point. Yugoslavia already has declared its independence of the Soviet Union.

Encouraging View
Acheson said recent developments in Italy, where a number of Communist leaders have decided to put their country ahead of their party, are a matter of great interest to the United States. He observed it is encouraging when the fact finally dawns on Communists outside Russia that they are agents of a foreign power.

'Hands Off' Policy
In telling aggressors to keep their hands off Yugoslavia, the Secretary of State said this country already has demonstrated its attitude toward aggression in Korea and in the United Nations. He added that it was this government's broad policy, as stated by President Truman, that "new recourse to aggression in the world today might well strain to the breaking point the fabric of world peace."

Mr. Truman said that in his message to Congress last July 19 after fighting in Korea had begun.

BULLETIN

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 15—(AP)—A hard-fighting Allied division today claimed victory "as of this moment" over elements of nine Chinese divisions which tried to break through the central Korean front.

The Allies, after shattering four enemy shock divisions, still held firmly to Chipyeong and Wonju and the 20 miles of mountain line between them, a field dispatch reported.

At the same time South Korean marines Wednesday staged a spectacular commando-type raid on Wonsan, east coast port 90 air miles north of the 38th parallel.

While General MacArthur previously ruled out any sustained U.N. drive north of the old political boundary as "purely academic" at this time, he made an exception of patrol actions and commando like forays.

South Koreans Advance
The Republic of Korea (ROK) marines occupied two islands off the Communist supply port and drove to the Wonsan city limits under the protective fire of Allied cruisers and destroyers.

On the western front, U.S. infantrymen, including Puerto Ricans, killed 1,152 North Korean Reds who infiltrated United Nations lines south of Seoul.

Costly Day For Reds
There was no immediate estimate of Communist casualties on all fronts Wednesday, but it may have been one of the most costly days of the war for the Reds.

By official estimates, two Chinese divisions were destroyed as organized fighting forces and two others broken up on the central front alone.

The Eighth Army count of Communist casualties inflicted by ground action alone since Jan. 25 mounted to 86,301 dead, wounded and captured through Tuesday's action.

Senate Committee Puts Red Army At 4 Million

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee said tonight that Russia is estimated to have an armed force of more than 4,000,000 men organized in about 175 divisions.

With all its European satellites, the committee reported, Moscow could boast another 1,000,000 men under arms, making the total more than 5,000,000. This does not include Communist China's armed forces.

Against this strength, the Atlantic Pact nations, including the United States and Canada, had about 4,500,000 men under arms as of December, 1950, the committee said.

But comparisons were difficult. The figure for the 11 Atlantic Pact countries included the army, navy and air forces. It did not include the estimated 2,700,000 men in organized reserves.

It was not clear from the committee's report whether Communist air and naval forces were included in the iron curtain figures, but if they were not each of the divisions would have more than 20,000 men. U.S. military men say Russian divisions actually have nearer 10,000. Geographical distribution of the strength was another factor which made comparison uncertain.

The figures were issued in advance of hearings starting tomorrow (10 a.m., EST) on the controversial troops-for-Europe issue. Defense Secretary Marshall will be the first witness.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the foreign relations group said the report was issued so committeemen would have "certain basic facts" before them in considering the question of sending American soldiers across the Atlantic.

British Assume Control Of Steel

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 14, (AP)—The British steel industry became government property today. It was the last and most elusive piece in a pattern of socialism for the nation's basic industries. A prompt boost in steel prices is in prospect.

The changeover came at a time when the nation is forging new arms for defense against Communism. Steel is vitally needed for arms, but the full impact of defense orders has not yet been felt in the plants.

The British steel industry, which turned out 16,293,000 ingot tons last year, is the largest in the world outside the United States and Soviet Russia. The United States is producing more than 100,000,000 tons annually. Russia's output is less than half that.

Lion Party Meeting

Lion Party clique chairman Hugh Stevens announced last night that opening nominations for clique officers will be held in 110 Electrical engineering at 7 p.m. Sunday.