

House Refusal Hit by Truman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—(AP)—President Truman said today a House group's refusal to give Newbold Morris power to grant immunity to witnesses in investigating government corruption would hamper the inquiry.

He told a news conference he assumed full responsibility for recommending such a grant of power to the special "clean-up" investigator and the administration has nothing to cover up.

There was no bug under the chip in the proposal, he said with a laugh, adding that without such power Morris would be prevented from doing the bang-up job that both he and Congress want.

Unanimous Vote

Morris had not requested such power, but had sought authority to subpoena witnesses and documents which the President also recommended.

The House judiciary committee voted unanimously yesterday against giving Morris power to grant witnesses immunity from prosecution for testimony that might otherwise incriminate them.

The President explained further his immunity request by saying whenever there is an investigation by a grand jury the man who testifies to help catch a criminal is granted immunity.

Refuses to Comment

He repeated that he is going to give Morris every help in the investigation. Earlier in the day, he issued an executive order formally clothing Morris with authority to require, among other things, any government employee to give testimony at the inquiry and all government departments and agencies to supply information and personnel Morris might request.

During a brief discussion of politics, the President again refused to be drawn out on whether he will run again. He also declined comment when asked when General Eisenhower might end his present assignment as supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty forces.

Far from showing any annoyance at being asked the big question concerning himself, he seemed to enjoy today's new twist on the old theme.

NATO Ministers Meet to Plan Field Armies

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 20—(AP)—Atlantic Pact ministers met in sunny Lisbon today to try to translate "armies on paper into armies in the field." The words were those of Secretary of State Acheson, who warned the Allied powers "what we have done so far will be of little value unless we finish the job."

Acheson's speech keyed the formal opening of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council's ninth meeting, held in the heavily-guarded white marble parliament of Portugal.

Two new members, Greece and Turkey, joined the 12 Western Allies at the meeting, attended by foreign, defense, and finance ministers. Greece and Turkey were welcomed into the council by Lester B. Pearson, Canadian external affairs minister, who is chairman of the current session.

Besides the two new members, the council is composed of the United States, Britain, France, Portugal, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Canada and Iceland.

Weber Announces Air Unit Activation

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Frank A. Weber, state adjutant general, today announced the activation of a new Air National Guard unit in Pennsylvania.

Weber said the unit has been named the 8148th Air Base Squadron. It will be located at Spaatz Field, Reading.

Authorized strength of the unit will be three officers and 117 airmen. This force will be augmented by a permanent base detachment.

In Mexico, there are 80 public holidays annually. Mohammedans celebrate 62 holidays yearly.

Takes Blame



Harry S. Truman

West Germany To Make Arms On EDC Entry

BONN, Germany, Feb. 20—(AP)—The Big Three Western powers have agreed to let West Germany start making weapons—barring such things as atomic bombs, guided missiles and battleships—when she enters the European Defense Community, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said tonight.

Back from the Big Three foreign ministers' meeting in London, Adenauer announced the Germans also will be permitted to resume atomic and bacteriological research, though weapons of that kind are out.

The authorization takes effect when West Germany ratifies its membership in the six-nation European Defense Community and the proposed Unified European Army, he said. That may be some months away.

The chancellor's three-day conference with the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, and France was mainly designed to speed enrollment of German manpower and industry in West Europe's defense.

NIT --

(Continued from page one) consideration for the tournament, Fishburn said it was the opinion of the committee that participation in the NCAA tourney would hold greater prestige for the College.

Fishburn also said that the feeler had been rejected since there was a possibility that an NCAA bid would be forthcoming and that it would be impossible to accept both. The NCAA tournament would be preferable, he said.

Bucknell Conflict

It would be impossible for the team to participate in both tournaments, Fishburn explained, since the Undergraduate Regulations forbid students to be off campus for extracurricular activities for more than 70 hours a semester.

Another factor which entered into the decision, Bentley said, was that participating in the NIT would necessitate either canceling or rescheduling the game with Bucknell University which is to be played in Lewisburg March 8. This is the same date the NIT is scheduled to start.

The contest has created tremendous interest in Lewisburg, and Bucknell would be opposed to changing the date. The game has been sold out for a week.

In commenting on the suggestion that the schedule could be altered to make possible an acceptance of the NIT feeler, one College official commented, "At no time would we consider disrupting the schedule."

State College Youth Admits Two Thefts

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 20—(AP)—Police held a 13-year-old State College boy for juvenile authorities today after he ditched two pistols and a dagger in a washroom in nearby Wilkins Township.

Patrolman Alex Russell said the boy confessed burglarizing a State College sporting goods store and stealing eight guns. He also admitted the \$50 hold-up of a State College bus depot.

Truman Denies Statement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—(AP)—President Truman today denied making any secret commitment to Britain's Prime Minister Churchill to send U.S. troops anywhere in the world.

The President's denial came after the House of Representatives demanded in a formal resolution that he furnish "full and complete information" on any such commitments he might have made in his talks with Churchill last month.

This resolution wasn't binding on Truman.

And when reporters asked him about it at his weekly news conference he declined comment, saying the resolution hadn't reached him officially.

Richard L. Wilson, Washington correspondent for the Cowles publications, then asked if the President—without reference to the House resolution—had committed this country to send troops anywhere in the world.

Again Truman declined to comment.

But after the news conference broke up he spoke privately with Wilson and told him the answer to his question was no.

Mass Oath-Taking Approved by State

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20—(AP)—There is no legal barrier against administering Pennsylvania's new loyalty oath on a mass basis, the State Justice department said today.

Robert Kunzig, deputy attorney general, said mass oath-taking is an accepted practice as far as the law is concerned.

He made the comment in reply to an Erie school board solicitor's contention that mass taking of the oath may be illegal.

Tugs Tow Tanker, Seamen to Safety

BOSTON, Feb. 20—(AP)—Two tugs started towing the stern section of the storm-broken tanker Fort Mercer toward land late today. The hulk has 13 seamen passengers aboard.

The Coast Guard received a message at 4:45 p.m. (EST) that the tow was under way off Cape Cod. Two tugs, the Foundation Josephine and the M. Moran, took the derelict section in tow, bound in the direction of Nantucket lightship.

At the New York office of the Moran Towing and Transportation Co., Inc., owners of the M. Moran, it was said the course of the tow would be to Block Island, R.I., since that was considered less risky than to Boston direct. It was considered possible the ultimate destination would be New York.

The tug Ocean Prince was standing by and the Coast Guard cutter Eastwind was escorting the convoy.

The Foundation Josephine got a line aboard the stricken stern section in midafternoon. Shortly after, the Moran transferred medical supplies from the cutter to the stern hulk. Two of the 13 seamen still aboard the wrecked craft were ill, one with pneumonia.

The 13 aboard were the last of a total of 84 men who were on the Mercer and another tanker, the Pendleton, when a northeaster cracked them both in two Sunday night and Monday. They stayed aboard to help in salvage attempts; 21 of their companions had been removed earlier.

Six men were killed in the battle with the elements, eight were missing and presumed dead, and 57 were rescued.

While this latest chapter in the drama of the seas was being written at a point about 90 miles east southeast of Nantucket Island, a Coast Guard investigation in Boston heard testimony from crewmen of the Pendleton.

While the battle to tow in the crippled stern section of the Fort Mercer was going on, it was decided to sink by gunfire the bow section, drifting dangerously in the high seas. The Trinidad Corporation, in New York, the vessel's owners, gave the Coast Guard permission to destroy the hulk.

Meres to Talk

D. R. Meres, of the General Electric Co., will speak to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers about "Fatigue Failure" at 7 tonight in 110 Electrical Engineering.

Reds Demand UN Accept Russia in Armistice Role

MUNSAN, Korea, Thursday, Feb. 21—(AP)—The Communists in a loud propaganda outcry Wednesday demanded the United Nations accept Russia as a "neutral" to help supervise the Korean armistice.

At the same time the Red Peiping radio rapped the Allied nomination of Norway and Sweden to a six-nation neutral supervisory organ for policing a truce.

The debate was to continue in a staff officers' session scheduled for 11 a.m. today (9 p.m. Wednesday, EST) in Panmunjom.

In Tokyo the "voice of the United Nations command" radio in a broadcast to Korea accused the Communists of deliberately stalling for time under orders.

At Wednesday's staff officers' meeting the Reds refused to be diverted from their campaign for acceptance of Russia as a Korean "neutral" inspector.

Angrily, Col. Don O. Darrow, chief U.N. staff officer, told the Communists that if they had no intention of making any progress the meeting might as well adjourn for the day.

The Communists refused and pressed their support of Russia. The two-hour session ended only after it was clear that neither side was going to alter its stand.

Since Sunday the U.N. command has turned down the Red nomination of the Soviet Union as "not acceptable" on the grounds that both sides had agreed the six neutral nations invited to serve in Korea must be agreeable to both sides.

Two MIGs Downed

SEOUL, Thursday, Feb. 21—(AP)—U.S. jet pilots Wednesday shot down two of about 200 MIG-15 jets which the Communists sent into the skies of northwest Korea. Five other MIGs were damaged.

It was the eighth kill in four days of blazing air action that has seen the Reds in one day throw in as many as 300 jets from Manchuria. Allied losses, if any, will be given in a weekly summary.

Col. Francis Gabreski, the Air Force's top active ace, shared one of Wednesday's kills. He now has four and one-half planes and needs another half to get his jet ace rating. He bagged 28 planes in World War II.

American bomber pilots reported seeing unusual objects in night flights. It was believed these might be the same "strange looking orange globes" sighted by Superfort pilots over Wonsan and Suncheon last month. One pilot said the "things" could be flashes of exhausts from Red jets. The Air Force refused to comment.

Salesman Is Hero in Sutton Case

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—(AP)—A tall, young clothing salesman with a memory for faces turned up today as the unsung hero in the capture of notorious Willie Sutton.

He is 24-year-old Arnold Schuster, who tipped off Brooklyn police Monday that a man he'd noticed on a subway was the elusive, long-sought bank robber.

Schuster recognized the 51-

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, Feb. 20—(AP)—Police Commissioner George Monaghan today announced the capture of Thomas Kling, whom he identified as a pal of bank robber Willie Sutton and one of the nation's 10 most wanted criminals.

year-old Willie from a "wanted" picture that hung for months in his father's Brooklyn clothing store, where young Schuster works.

Police Commissioner George Monaghan called off a meeting at which Mayor Vincent Impellitteri was to have congratulated the three policemen who captured Sutton.

He talked with Schuster. Then he confirmed the salesman's role in the capture and promised him full support in trying to obtain any reward that may have been posted for Sutton.

Senate Group Approves UMT

The Senate armed services committee yesterday approved a bill to permit the start of Universal Military Training before the end of the year by a 12-0 vote, the Associated Press reported.

Meanwhile, President Truman was ordering the assignment of draft-eligible conscientious objectors to 24 months of consecutive work in civilian capacities approved by their draft boards, the AP said.

In the UMT move, Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate committee, said the Senate probably will delay action on its bill until the House has acted, according to the AP.

Today Warner theatres
Cathraum
BRIAN DONLEVY
VIRGINIA GREY
"SLAUGHTER TRAIL"

State
BRODERICK CRAWFORD
BETTY BUEHLER
"THE MOB"

Mittany
OPEN AT 6:20
CLARK GABLE
"ACROSS THE WIDE MISSOURI"