

House Postpones Constitution Vote

HARRISBURG (AP)—Gen. Atty. Robert E. Woodside flagged a final House vote last night on an administration bill to set up machinery to give Pennsylvania a new Constitution.

Rep. Albert W. Johnson, McKean Republican floor leader, said new amendments are planned to the measure, putting off the vote until next week.

Woodside questioned the legality of the bill's provisions providing that 30 members of the proposed 120-member constitutional convention be appointed.

The constitutional convention would meet in Harrisburg next January to draft recommendations for a basic law to replace the present document which is 79 years old. The recommendations would then go on the ballot for voter approval in November, 1954.

Fine to Appoint 20
The legislation would provide for election of 90 delegates on the basis of three from each of the state's 30 congressional districts. They would be nominated at party conventions.

Gov. John S. Fine would be authorized to appoint 20 delegates, ten Republicans and ten Democrats, and the legislature, six Republicans and four Democrats.

Tideland Action Halted
In the Senate, Democrats got nowhere in seeking immediate action on resolutions to:

Place Pennsylvania squarely in the hands of the federal government.

Require a week's advance notice for appropriations committee hearings of departmental requests for funds.

Withhold department funds where it is found that publicity agents spend most of their time plugging the department heads.

Seek Fair Employment
Surcharge William S. Livenood, secretary of internal affairs, for the cost of printing in a state publication eight pages of biographical material on the Pennsylvania ancestors of President Dwight D. Eisenhower during last year's political campaign.

Meanwhile, an administration spokesman disclosed identical fair employment practices bill will be introduced in both the House and Senate tomorrow or next week.

Both the Republican and Democratic platforms are pledged to back legislation to ban discrimination in employment or union membership because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Fine Clarifies 'Policy' Ban

HARRISBURG (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine yesterday instructed state agencies under his jurisdiction to submit publicity material "on administration policy only" to his office before release to the public. "All other information to which the public is entitled of the official activities of agencies under the governor's jurisdiction is to be released as before upon the responsibility of the heads of these agencies," Fine said in a new directive.

"Official departmental activities are to be given free access to the press so far as factual data is concerned."

Denmark Draft Stirs Second Mutiny Action

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Denmark's extension of the draft term from 12 to 18 months stirred up mutinous actions in several scattered garrisons of the Danish Army today.

More than 80 soldiers who mutinied and started to march on Copenhagen to voice their protests were turned back by the fire-eating speech of their general who met them in the middle of the road.

But another column of 200 started marching on the capital tonight from their headquarters at Haderslev in South Jutland to make a protest to Parliament.

They were in formation and in uniform but were unarmed. Police at Kolding, to the north of the advancing column, were alerted but were uncertain what action to take.

At the same time 200 enlisted men went on a hunger strike at Aarhus, farther north in Jutland, protesting against the extension of their military service.

The first 80 marchers walked out on their local commander at Soegaard near the German border. One soldier, who tried to persuade his comrades to go on marching after they encountered their commanding general, was arrested by military police. But later he was released.

Soviets Fire First In Japan Battle

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (AP)—A U.S. Air Force spokesman today said Russian planes fired the first shots in yesterday's air battle between American and Soviet planes over Northern Japan.

After a ten-minute fight, one of the Russian-type planes was "damaged and smoking" as it streaked toward the security of the Russian-held Kurile Islands, FEAF said.

In a statement giving further details of the incident Monday over the Northeastern tip of Hokkaido Island, FEAF said, "The LA-11 Russian-type aircraft which intruded over Eastern Hokkaido early Monday answered warning maneuvers of American aircraft with 'head-on firing passes and touched off a ten-minute air battle that saw one of the intruding aircraft damaged and smoking as it left the scene.' Neither U.S. plane—F84 Thunderjets—was hit, FEAF said."

17 Dead Returned From Air Crash

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—A Coast Guard cutter sailed into Mobile today with its grisly cargo of 17 bodies from the National Airlines DC6 crash in the Gulf of Mexico. There were bodies of three men and 14 women—all unidentified.

The air-sea search for 29 other occupants of the plane went forward.

The foredeck of the cutter Blackthorn was littered with wreckage from the plane which plunged into the Gulf Saturday afternoon with 46 passengers and crewmen.

Ike Initiates Action on Security Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower took a first step toward creation of a Cabinet-rank federal security department yesterday, discussed plans for repudiation of certain secret international agreements, and arranged to meet today with Adlai E. Stevenson.

The President also stepped up the new administration's cold war planning by appointing a special assistant, C. D. Jackson of New York City, to work with the various government agencies engaged in the psychological warfare field.

Then he met with a score of administration and military officials for a hush-hush conference which stirred speculation as to whether the possibility of using atomic weapons against the Communists in Korea was under study.

Among those who sat in at the White House session were members of the Atomic Energy Commission and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Vice President Nixon and other members of the National Security Council also attended.

Earlier, the White House announced that Eisenhower will

confer at 12:30 p.m., EST tomorrow with Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee he defeated in the November election.

Afterward Stevenson will join Eisenhower at a luncheon, the Chief Executive has scheduled for a group of about 20 Congress members, both Democrats and Republicans.

Asked about the purpose of the Eisenhower-Stevenson meeting, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said, "The President just wanted a little chat with him."

Stevenson, former governor of Illinois, plans a round-the-world trip starting March 2. He and Eisenhower have not met since 1947.

Eisenhower's initial step toward transforming the Federal Security Agency into a Cabinet department came at a meeting with GOP congressional leaders.

Senate Majority Leader Taft told a news conference the President is drafting a reorganization plan which he discussed with the lawmakers at their regular Monday morning meeting.

The Ohio senator reported gen-

House Group Starts Budget-Cutting Drive

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The House appropriations committee launched its 1953 budget-cutting drive with a bang today, slashing 60 per cent for a supplemental money measure.

The biggest cut was a complete turnaround of a Defense Department request for \$1,200,000,000 to tide it over until the end of the fiscal year ending June 30. The committee hacked \$1,409,046,670 from a \$2,313,719,590 request by all government agencies, approving only \$904,672,920 in new funds.

The requests for supplementary funds originally were made by the Truman administration and, in some instances, were scaled down by department heads appointed by President Eisenhower.

There was some question whether the claimed saving resulting from the committee's action on defense funds is an actual economy or a bookkeeping operation.

The committee didn't halt any of the defense projects involved, but said they should be financed from funds already appropriated for this fiscal year and not yet spent. To accomplish this, it authorized transfers within the Defense Department's many budget accounts.

One possible effect is that the funds from which the transfers are made may have to be replenished later when the department's regular budget bill, for the new fiscal year starting July 1, is considered.

The committee also got a hint that the military's efforts to keep from asking Congress for more funds this year may result in higher requests for money for the next fiscal year.

Army officers told the committee there was enough money on hand to finance the Korean fighting through June 30 without asking for more funds, unless the tempo of the fighting picks up.

The committee spelled out the death of the Council of Economic Advisers, a White House adjunct created during the Truman administration, by disallowing the entire \$75,000 requested for it. Instead the committee recommended \$25,000 for employment of a presidential economic adviser and staff.

Rosenbergs' Sentence Is Upheld

NEW YORK (AP)—The atom spy team of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were condemned anew yesterday to die in three weeks—a judgment that is expected to heighten the drumbeat of worldwide propaganda against their execution.

Without comment, Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman set the week of March 9 as the execution period for the first American civilians ever condemned to die for war-time espionage.

Sing Sing Prison's regular execution night is Thursday, which falls on March 12 that week. The traditional hour is 11 p.m. EST.

However, U.S. Marshal William Carroll said a state execution is set for that day so a different day in the week will be picked for the Rosenbergs.

Rosenberg, 34, and his tiny 36-year-old wife were spared death on the original execution date of Jan. 14 so they could appeal to the White House for clemency. President Eisenhower turned them down last week.

Communists throughout the world have protested the verdict that doomed the couple for their wartime spying for Soviet Russia. Picket lines have tramped before the White House off and on for weeks.

However, non-Communist concern with the case was highlighted last week when it was revealed Pope Pius XII had relayed to the Justice Department protests he received against the execution. The Pope did not comment on the merits of the case.

Work Started At Rockview

Work at Rockview Penitentiary, especially among inmates working on the farm, is being increased, J. M. Cobb, acting superintendent, said today.

Five gangs of inmates started to work on various outside jobs today and three more groups are expected to begin work tomorrow.

Work began today at the garden site, hauling lumber from the mill to the lumber yard and in some general farm work.

The saw mill is expected to be put in operation tomorrow and some threshing will be done this week.

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NOTICE Payment of Fees

Registration for Spring Semester 1953 will be completed by payment of fees on February 19 and 20, 1953.

ALL FEES, including ROOM AND BOARD CHARGES, will be due on these dates. World War II veterans whose remaining entitlement is insufficient to carry them beyond the semester's mid-point should note that they will be required to pay their entire semester's fees. Those veterans who have not been certified by the Veteran's Administration will also be required to pay fees.

All Korean veterans will be required to pay fees.

Fees will be collected in Room 6, Willard Hall on February 19 and 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.