

# Blockade of China Undergoing Review

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he supposes government departments are looking into the question of a naval blockade or embargo of Communist China, but that he himself isn't considering it officially. He doesn't know when that might be—and that he will go right back to Congress and ask Eisenhower also said tax cuts ought to wait until a balanced budget is in sight—he

## McClellan Cites 'Voice' Sabotage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Senate investigators pressed an inquiry into the question of sabotage in the "Voice of America" today with Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) saying he sees "a lot more than plain stupidity or incompetence" in disclosures so far. The Arkansan called on the Senate investigating subcommittee to push its study of the overseas propaganda broadcast operation until it gets the answer in whether conditions he criticized were brought about "by design." "The thing looks rotten on the face of it," McClellan burst out in the midst of testimony centering on the location and construction of two huge radio transmitters. The jobs, one in Port Angeles near Seattle, Wash., and the other near Wilmington, N.C., were shut down yesterday. The order came about the time the committee was receiving testimony from Lewis J. McKesson, former radio engineer for the "Voice," that he believed sabotage was involved in selection of the sites. McKesson, again on the stand at intervals today, said he had quit the government job in disgust over "mismanagement."

The engineer gave more details today on his testimony that both sites were in areas of magnetic disturbance that would help Russian "jamming" efforts, and that the sites themselves made building too costly, largely because of drainage trouble. McKesson stuck to his estimate that it would cost ten times too much—he guessed \$10 million each—to complete and maintain the plants. He ticked off another \$8.75 million he said might be wasted on other "Voice" construction jobs.

## Court Upholds Jelke Secrecy

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—The State Supreme Court refused today to lift the lid of secrecy from Minot (Mickey) Jelke's cafe society vice trial.

Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schreiber said in a nine-page decision directed to representatives of the New York press: "The court has no right or power on these applications to decide whether the trial judge should or should not have ordered the exclusion of the public and the press from the Jelke trial."

The proper place to decide the issue, he added, is in the state's appeals courts. The newspaper group announced it would decide tomorrow whether to make such an appeal.

General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente barred press and public from the lurid state testimony in the procuring trial, saying it might offend public decency.

He made no objection to reporters confirming what information they picked up out of court from lawyers in the case.

On this basis, much of last week's testimony by call girl Pat Ward leaked out. However, since then the attorneys on both sides have done little talking outside court.

## Payne to Speak

Earl C. Payne will speak on "Marketing Problems of the Coal Industry" at the meeting of the Mining Engineering Society at 7:30 tonight in 121 Mineral Industries.

for more controls if price gouging starts.

Those were three of the eight items the President tackled in a 32-minute news conference—his first since moving into the White House.

A standing room-only crowd of 256 reporters saw the conference unfold along new lines with Eisenhower competently in charge all the way, much like a professor presiding over class.

It was Eisenhower who brought up five of the subjects and discussed them one after another.

For a brief time he let reporters fire questions, answering them all, without a single "No comment." Before they were through, he clipped off the meeting and whirled out of the room.

While the conference was on, it ranged over these additional topics:

**Farm prices**—The President says there's a serious problem here—inherited from the Truman administration—although beef prices have started back up now.

**Atom bomb**—The President says as far as he is concerned it's absolutely true that Russia has exploded atomic weapons and is building up a supply of them. That makes twice that Eisenhower, in effect, has challenged former President Truman's statement questioning whether Russia really has the A-bomb.

**Korea**—Eisenhower wouldn't go so far as to say it is his intention eventually to replace American troops with South Koreans. As long as the United Nations carry responsibilities in Korea, he said, he doesn't believe they can remove themselves entirely.

**Secret agreements**—The President doesn't want Congress to repudiate in whole any once secret agreements—such as the Yalta Pact. But steps will be taken to make it clear that never has the heart of America agreed to the enslavement of any people.

**Politics**—Snapping back at Adlai E. Stevenson's suggestion that the Eisenhower "business administration" may become a "Big Deal" administration, the President said he couldn't conceive of an accusation that he isn't concerned with all 158 million Americans. In the Defense Department, which spends about two-thirds of the government's money, Eisenhower said he has placed men who made records for efficiency.

## Eighth Army Sets Back Red Thrusts

SEOUL, Wednesday, Feb. 18 (AP)—Eighth Army forces tossed back nine small but fierce Communist thrusts along the Korean battle front Tuesday, using fiery napalm land mines at one point to halt the Red attacks.

In the air, Sabre pilots reported they shot down one MIG and damaged another in the fourth straight day of blazing air combat in which 28 Red planes have been destroyed or damaged. Fighter-

**SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—Two Navy transports will bring 1529 Army and Navy men home from the Far East tomorrow.**

The Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey will dock in the morning with 1169 troops and 206 civilian passengers and the Gen. C. C. Ballou, with 361 passengers, all military, in the afternoon.

bombers swarmed over North Korea, blasting supply stores and communications.

Headquarters announced South Korean troops on the Central Front west of the Mundung Valley detonated the new type jellied gasoline mines in front of their positions in warding off Chinese troops in a 40-minute battle.

The Communists had poured 2500 rounds of artillery and mortar fire on the South Koreans before jabbing lightly with about 40 men. At least 11 Reds were killed.

Presumably the napalm shows the enemy with blazing jellied gasoline. There was no indication whether the mines are set off electrically or by pressure. Cruder napalm traps have long been used. They operate with a trip wire leading from drums of napalm. When Red soldiers hit the trip wires the napalm explodes.

In other actions, South Koreans defending an outpost near Jane Russell Hill on the Central Front on two Allied positions near Kelly Hill on the Western Front. One Allied position was lost northwest of Yonchon in another Red attack.

## State Constitution Bill Opposition Building Up

HARRISBURG, Feb. 17 (AP)—Opposition mounted among Senate Republicans today to an administration-supported bill calling for a convention to revise Pennsylvania's 79-year-old constitution.

"There is definitely some opposition here to a constitutional convention," Sen. Rowland B. Mahany, Republican floor leader, told a newsmen.

Revision of the state's basic law was advocated in the platform of both the Democrats and Republicans. Democrats still say they want a revision. But a number of Senate Republicans appears wary of the plan.

In another development before the House and Senate adjourned a two-day session until next Monday, a ten-man legislative committee was named to investigate the safety record of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Eighty-three persons were killed on the 327-mile super-highway last year, an all-time high. Sen. Fred B. Hare (R-Somerset) was designated chairman. Chesterman Committee recommendations for economy in state government will get the first-hand attention of the lawmakers next Monday. Gov. John S. Fine

will address the legislature on the economy reports.

The Senate passed its first bill of the 1953 session. It was a measure to permit the trial of involuntary manslaughter cases in quarter sessions court. The bill went to the House.

Mahany said he could not anticipate what will happen to the constitutional revision bill if and when it reaches the Senate.

Under the House bill, sponsored by Rep. Albert W. Johnson, GOP floor leader, a convention composed of 120 delegates would meet here next January to revise or write a new constitution.

Three convention delegates would be elected from each of Pennsylvania's 30 congressional districts.

## Stalin, Indian Envoy Discuss Armistice

MOSCOW, Feb. 17 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin and Indian Ambassador K. P. S. Menon had a half-hour talk at the Kremlin tonight. Unquestionably they discussed the Korean armistice issue.

The Moscow radio announced Stalin also conferred with Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlu, chairman of the All-Indian Peace Council, who was awarded a Stalin Peace Prize last year. The radio gave no further details.

Ambassador Menon, a former foreign secretary who once was India's envoy to Nationalist China, was accompanied to the Kremlin by the first secretary of his Embassy. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob Malik sat in with Stalin.

**Comment Declined**  
"The meeting was friendly," an Indian spokesman said.

The Embassy declined comment on the Korean armistice issue, which the Indians brought up in the UN General Assembly last fall. The Indian armistice plan, incorporating Western views on non-forcible repatriation of war prisoners, was rejected by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky.

Prime Minister Nehru's Indian government, however, has said it would continue efforts to reach a truce. Indian delegate V. K. Krishna Menon, author of the armistice plan, is to handle the Korean problem for India again at the UN General Assembly which reconvenes in New York next Tuesday. Vishinsky again will head the Soviet delegation.

**Pakistan Topic**  
Vishinsky left Moscow for New York today.

Along with Korea, a possible topic of conversation was a reported British-American agreement to open the door for Pakistan, Moslem neighbor of India, to enter the long-projected Middle East Defense Organization. The Indians have expressed concern that this might mean military strengthening of Pakistan and Western support for that nation's claim to disrupted Kashmir.

## Government Set to Junk More Curbs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The administration sounded a warning against price-gouge tactics today as it prepared to scrap federal price controls over another big batch of consumer items.

The Office of Price Stabilization said an order may come tomorrow lifting price curbs on such things as cigars, drugs, cosmetics, coal, lumber, cameras and photographic material, and many household appliances.

In another development, the steel industry told the National Production Authority that steel is no longer a "critical material" and that no production controls will be needed after mid-year except to safeguard the military and atomic programs.

NPA's Steel Advisory Committee said all military requirements for steel are now being met. The group said considerably more steel is available for civilian use than before the Korean War.

OPS officials predicted price hikes on many items covered in the new decontrol order expected tomorrow, including perhaps a cent-a-pack boost on cigars and a 10 per cent rise in the price of cosmetics.

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