

# Congressmen Term World Scene Grim

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Congressional leaders got an inside look at the world military-diplomatic picture with President Eisenhower today and generally described it as "grim."

"You might say we are in a hell of a fix," commented one of the lawmakers, who asked not to be named.

Led by Senate Majority Leader Taft of Ohio and House Speaker Martin (R-Mass),

the contingent of 12 senators and 13 House members of both parties emerged from the 90-minute White House session with terse comments.

The general reaction seemed to be that nothing new or startling had been disclosed, but that the continuing gravity of the global situation had been driven home with considerable force.

President Eisenhower is engaged in trying to head off a determined drive in Congress for tax cuts as the first order of business. Administration officials also have been stressing that there is no quick panacea for the Korean War.

**No War Forseen**  
These officials, however, are counting on such things as military and economic strength, and a seizure of the offensive in the cold war to bring eventual success in the effort to establish a stable peace.

One of those attending the conference said the congressmen were told there is no prospect of a shooting war "in the immediate future." Russia is expected to continue its present cold-war tactics. This informant said there was no indication at the conference of any sudden change in American strategy.

**Armaments Discussed**  
Sen. Taft later told newsmen the Eisenhower administration will cut former President Truman's \$78 billion budget and thus avoid any increase in the \$275 billion legal limit on the national debt.

The Ohio senator said the cost of armaments was discussed at the White House briefing, but he said there was no talk of any five-year arms race with Russia.

Taft said Budget Director Joseph Dodge told the congressional delegation that if the new Republican administration kept up the rate of spending set by the Truman administration, the debt might climb to \$300 billion by 1958.

## March Draft Quota To Hit 19-Year-Olds

HARRISBURG, Feb. 19 (AP)—Numerous 19-year-olds will be drafted to meet Pennsylvania's March quota of 6500 men, State Selective Service headquarters said today.

Henry M. Gross, state draft director, said that of the 7012 to be called for induction during that month, only 3800 will be 20 years old or above.

By April, he said, the bulk of men inducted will be under 20. Possibly a half dozen 19-year olds are being inducted to meet the state's February draft quota.

Gross said that 7012 men will be called in March in order to guarantee that the 6000 quota is met. Extra men will be deducted from later monthly quotas, he said.

## Dancer to Talk Against Jelke

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Erica Steele, alleged cafe society madam and former dancer, took the witness stand today in order to tab Minot (Mickey) Jelke as a hard-boiled, love 'em and leave 'em procurer.

"She's co-operating," reported Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony J. Liebler during a recess.

Meanwhile, General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente reportedly is ready to throw his court room open to press and public for defense testimony next week.

The state contends Jelke left call girl Pat Ward in Miss Steele's apartment when he went to Florida last year, with instructions to the alleged madam to "keep her hustling."

## N.J. Rackets Blasted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Senate investigators today blasted what they called "a sordid pattern of racketeering, coercion, payroll padding and other types of vice" at a New Jersey loading terminal for military supplies.

They said such conditions apparently "are the norm in similar operations throughout the New York harbor area" and called them a "shocking commentary" on law enforcement agencies and labor union leaders.

In a report criticizing local politicians and the Army Corps of Engineers, a Senate preparedness subcommittee said the Claremont Terminal in Jersey City "was used as a dumping ground for ex-convicts, idlers, petty criminals,

and other hangers-on who were friends of, or had influence with, racketeers and their political friends."

The subcommittee, headed by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), said that Dade Brothers, a waterfront operator, obtained a \$150,000 contract in January, 1951, to handle shipments destined for a hurry-up airbase project in North Africa. By the end of that year the cost had mushroomed to \$9 million, the report said, with "exorbitant profits" for Dade Brothers and subsidiaries.

# UN Explores Plans For Action in Korea

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 19 (AP)—Several courses of action on the Korean crisis in the UN General Assembly were explored today by the United States and 13 of its Korean combat partners at a hush-hush conference.

No decisions were reported and the host, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who did more listening than talking at the session, told newsmen later that "actions will speak louder than words."

Lodge and several delegates emphasized that the meeting showed the solidarity of the countries having fighting forces in Korea. In a brief statement, with the other delegations grouped around him for pictures, Lodge said:

"We have shown by our actions we really believe in the principle of collective security. We counseled today on steps to take in the future."

**To Meet Again**  
Informed quarters indicated some of the delegates are waiting with great interest to see whether V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian delegate who produced a resolution on Korea last fall, will bring to the Assembly any information from Communist China which might break the long stalemate. The Assembly reconvenes Tuesday.

The delegates who met almost an hour today did not fix a time for another session but it was expected they would meet again at the start of the Assembly.

**Asian-Arab Group**  
They still have to hammer out a plan of action.

While this meeting was on, members of the Asian-Arab group met and reaffirmed their opinion that the problem of Korea must be dealt with as part of the larger Far Eastern situation which includes Indochina. This group is waiting for President Eisenhower to tip his hand on Korea before it decides what to do in the Assembly.

## Army Reveals Won't Miss-ile

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Army said today it has guided missiles so good "it is almost impossible for them to miss a target."

In a summary entitled "Army's New Guided Missiles now Roll off the Assembly Lines," the service declared that:

"The Army now has weapons that aim themselves, after the trigger is pulled, and it is almost impossible for them to miss a target."

"Enemy planes can drive, bank, side slip or turn tail—but the Army's new weapons still will knock them out of the skies."

"Fantastic though it may seem, one of the Army's surface-to-air missiles—the Nike—carries a guidance system designed to allow the missiles to out-maneuver and hit enemy aircraft."

## Chinese Take Outpost

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 19 (AP)—Kyukok, a frontier outpost on the China-Burmese border has fallen to Chiang Kai-shek's guerrillas, Burma Army headquarters sources reported today.

# North Korea Targets Hit In Air Raids

SEOUL, Friday, Feb. 20 (AP)—Allied warplanes rocked North Korea with air blows from the front to Manchuria's approaches Thursday. The Air Force said this relentless offensive has rubbed out most of the lucrative targets.

When the Chinese Red air force tried to intervene, it lost two more swift MIGs in the sixth straight day of blistering combat which, by Fifth Air Force count, has cost the Communists 37 jets destroyed or damaged.

Nearly 200 U.S. fighter-bombers, returning to the assault on a key tank repair and troop center near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, found little save smoking ruin from Wednesday's 379-plane raid.

Pilots, complaining they were running out of lucrative military bases and industrial targets, went after the secondary ones.

Two dozen Thunderjets plastered the rail yards at Sonchon, only 40 miles from the Red air base at Antung on the Manchurian frontier. Fuel oil and other Red supplies went up in smoke.

Pilots estimated 39 boxcars were destroyed. As flames spread, five explosions ripped through the Sonchon yards. The yards are on one of the three main rail routes out of Manchuria.

## Navy Spacemen Ready for Flight Out of World

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Navy has a spaceman's suit, good for flight even out of this world.

It said it has tested the weird looking outfit which "will allow Navy pilots to travel in safety in the extreme upper atmosphere—or even in outer space."

Photographs look like something out of science fiction magazines—a domed plexiglass helmet; a heavily corrugated suit of rubber; strongly reinforced boots and gloves with air pressure like the rest of the suit.

The Navy said this was the first time scientists had been able to provide "full protection for pilots flying above 50,000 feet, where death occurs only seconds after the loss of airplane cabin pressure."



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