

Allied POWs Roll Toward Freedom

GOP Delays Sales Tax Decision

HARRISBURG, April 14 (AP)—A lack of seven votes forced the House Republican leadership today to put off again a vote on the two per cent sales tax.

Rep. Albert W. Johnson, Republican floor leader, said 98 GOP votes are now available for the controversial levy. The constitutional majority to pass a tax bill is 105.

"Don't consider the sales tax a dead pigeon," he told a newsman. "It's definitely -ll alive."

Johnson told reporters that the Republican representatives "want another week of study" on the disputed sales tax issue.

"We're going back home to get more opinions from the people," he said.

In other developments, long-awaited bills to re-apportion the House and Senate districts were introduced in the respective branches. The General Assembly last was re-apportioned in 1921 although the Constitution call for it after each 10-year census.

The House measure would increase the membership from 208 to 210. The Senate membership would remain at 50 as provided by the state Constitution but one new senator would be given each to Delaware and Montgomery counties by abolishing two present districts.

New TV Station To Begin Operation

NEW CASTLE, Pa., April 14 (AP)—WSKT-TV begins limited programming tomorrow night, serving the area between Pittsburgh and Youngstown, O.

MUNSAN, Korea, Wednesday, April 15 (AP)—About half the 600 Allied sick and wounded prisoners to be repatriated next week were presumed rolling southward today toward home and freedom from stockades near the Manchurian frontier.

A Peiping broadcast heard in San Francisco said all three convoys left the prison camps at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Chinese time and would reach Kaesong Thursday.

Reds Announce Route

"The motor convoys are speeding southward along highways which U.S. bombing has failed to wreck," Peiping said in a dispatch from Kaesong. It added that the hood of each truck was covered with a red cloth and each vehicle carried a red flag.

The Communist high command notified the Allies of the exact route and point of departure of three Red convoys. But there was no inkling of what nationalities were included.

The Reds agreed to turn over 120 Americans, 20 Britons, 15 other non-Koreans and 445 South Koreans in groups of 100, beginning Monday.

Clouds Hide Trucks

The Fifth Air Force flew a watchful aerial guard of honor over the winding "freedom road" route to make certain that none of the convoys was attacked by Allied warplanes.

Clouds obscured the 65 Red trucks in the three convoys but air officers said special precautions made a "mistake" bombing virtually impossible.

The three convoys were due to reach the Communist armistice base town of Kaesong tomorrow after an overnight stop near the Red Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Allied and Communist staff officers arranged to meet again today to iron out any technical details that might arise.

Forgetful Vets Ask 2d Bonus

HARRISBURG, April 14 (AP)—Close to 200 forgetful veterans are trying to collect a second Pennsylvania bonus.

"Why I've got 23 applications on my desk from today's mail and every one is from a vet who already received his bonus," said Clyde E. Rankin, director of the World War II Veterans Compensation Bureau of the State Military Affairs Department.

He blamed confusion over pending legislation to extend the time limit on World War II service bonus applications for the latest trouble.

A bill passed by both the House and Senate and now pending before Gov. John S. Fine would make Dec. 31, 1953 the final date on which applications may be received for the World War II payments of up to \$500.

2d Vet Admits Conspiracy With Russia

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—A second ex-GI pleaded guilty today to conspiring to slip American military secrets to Russia, and a government official said there may be more arrests soon in the Communist spy plot.

In a surprise move, Kurt L. Ponger, 39, changed his plea from innocent to guilty when brought before U.S. District Judge Alexander Holtzoff today and threw himself on the mercy of the court. He faces a possible sentence of up to 20 years.

His brother-in-law and co-defendant, Otto Verber, 31, followed the same tactics yesterday.

Both men are natives of Austria who joined the American Army during World War II, served in military intelligence and won U.S. citizenship on the basis of their war records. They were ostensibly studying at the University of Vienna in Austria under the GI Bill of Rights when captured by American agents last January.

Soldier-Laden Plane Crashes at Seattle

SEATTLE, April 14 (AP)—A crippled airliner loaded with soldiers smashed into a snow-covered mountainside today but rescuers reported 19 of the 25 aboard apparently survived the pre-dawn crash.

In late afternoon Coast Guard Comdr. Robert T. Norris gave this report from search headquarters: 17 "stretcher cases" at the wreck scene, four known dead, two rescued, two unaccounted for.

Rescuers rushed doctors with blood plasma and morphine to the isolated scene to aid the injured.

22 Soldiers Aboard

"It's possible we will be dragging those people out all night," Norris said.

Twenty-two of those aboard the IC3 were soldiers, picked up Sunday midnight at Washington, D.C., and early Monday at Scranton, Pa.

The first two survivors, rescued by helicopter after hiking through the snow separately from the isolated scene, said they left many maimed and injured behind them as they set out for help.

19 Survivors Possible

Odell Matthews, of Washington, D.C., one of the 22 soldier passengers on the chartered Seattle-bound plane of Miami Airline, said the pilot and co-pilot and four passengers, at least, were killed.

If those should be the only fatalities, it would make a total of 19 survivors.

The plucky stewardess, Mrs. Adra Long of Berkeley, Calif., was the second rescued survivor.

The plane crashed into heavy timber following a final 2:22 a.m. radio report after one engine had failed. The trees almost hid the wreckage from the view of aerial searchers during the wide scale hunt by more than a dozen airplanes during the day.

Lottery Proposed To End Tax Woes

HARRISBURG, April 14 (AP)—A state-operated lottery with the proceeds earmarked for hospitals was proposed today in the House as a way of solving Pennsylvania's tax problems.

Rep. Edward Dunn (R-Northumberland) introduced a bill to have the commonwealth run four lotteries each year with the tickets sold by state liquor stores.

"It's impossible to estimate how much such a plan would bring in but I'm sure it would go a long way toward solving this tax mess," Dunn told a newsman.

Ike Asks Sale Of Synthetic Rubber Plants

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—President Eisenhower today asked Congress to denationalize the government's \$550 million synthetic rubber industry by authorizing the sale of the plants to private enterprise.

The President's recommendation, in a special message to Congress, marked another move toward restoring the nation to a free-wheeling economy.

Officials called it the government's first such "denationalization" venture. Congress originally set up the government in the synthetic rubber business to overcome shortages that developed when Japan's far-ranging armies cut off this country's supplies of natural rubber from the Far East early in World War II.

In a message from his golfing vacation headquarters at Augusta, Ga., Eisenhower said that adequate stockpiles of rubber have now been built up to cope with foreseeable needs, and he declared:

"After consultation with the National Security Resources Board, I recommend the prompt enactment of disposal legislation."

British Taxes Cut

LONDON, April 14 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's government cut income taxes, sales taxes and industrial taxes today in a national budget aimed mainly at speeding up manufacturing for export.

NEWMANITE BALL

Semi-Formal

Saturday, April 25

Death of Rent Control Urged

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—A quick end to most federal rent controls was proposed in the House today, in the face of administration recommendations—and a Senate committee's approval—for keeping them in force longer.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) of the House Banking Committee introduced a bill to let the controls die on schedule April 30 in all cities except those designated as critical defense housing areas.

He said hearings on the measure would start tomorrow.

Bill Would End Ceilings
A critical area is one where a housing shortage is created by an influx of workers or military personnel drawn by Army camps or defense plants built or expanded since the start of the Korean War.

Passage of Wolcott's bill would abolish rent ceilings a little more than two weeks hence for 4,300,000 dwelling units in 1400 cities including Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Cleveland.

Industrial Expansion
Controls on another 1,300,000 units in 131 critical areas would end June 30 unless the Eisenhower administration finds they are necessary under a new definition by Congress.

For one thing, expansion of private industry could no longer be

used as a reason for declaring an area critical. Only a housing shortage caused by construction or expansion of Defense Department or Atomic Energy Commission installations could be considered.

If an area is recertified as critical under the new provision, Wol-

cott's bill would extend rent controls to April 30, 1954.

The Senate Banking Committee approved last week an extension of rent controls to Sept. 30 in all areas where they are now effective, and to April 30, 1954 in critical areas.

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