

UN Delays Truce Meeting

TOKYO, Wednesday, May 19 (AP)—The United Nations Command Tuesday delayed until Monday a critical meeting of armistice negotiators, gaining time to revise a truce plan which may contain a time limit for Communist acceptance.

Details of the Allied plan were secret but informed sources indicated it may involve spot release of North Korean prisoners who refuse repatriation to Communist rule if negotiations break down.

Authoritative sources at UN headquarters in New York said the U.S. has decided to modify truce proposals but the precise changes have not been worked out.

The true talks had been scheduled to resume today after a three-day recess for "administrative" reasons but the UN Command asked for a six-day extension in a meeting of liaison officers at Panmunjom.

A reliable source said last night the UN Command is considering turning loose the North Korean anti-Communist prisoners. The Tokyo source said a precedent for this was set by the Communists themselves early in the war when they said they released Allied prisoners.

Most of the Allied prisoners "released" behind Red lines were South Koreans who were then impressed into the North Korean Army.

Reds Faced With Contempt

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Chairman Velde (R-Ill) said today the House Committee on Un-American Activities is considering contempt charges against various witnesses who have refused to testify about alleged Communist connections.

These developments came as the committee, looking for evidence of Red subversion in the colleges, questioned a slender, nervous University of Buffalo, N.Y. teacher who refused to say whether he was part of a Communist cell at Harvard in the late 1930's.

Velde didn't name the witnesses or say how many there were.

Davis Ends Training

William Davis, former student at the College, has been graduated from the Leadership Training School of the Ordnance Replacement Training Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Berlin Reds Return 2 'Country Club' GIs

BERLIN, May 19 (AP)—The Russians returned two long-missing GIs to the U.S. sector of Berlin today in what some authorities regard as a growing move to clean out a "country club" of absentee Allied soldiers living in East Germany.

The Russians have sent back four American soldiers from the zone in the past few weeks.

Two convicted of desertion said they came back voluntarily, but Army officials contend the way must have been paved by the Russians. The Russians also sent back a British private several weeks ago. The French said they have no men missing at the moment.

According to Army estimates, the East Zone still is giving haven to 14 Americans, and between 2 and 14 British soldiers.

AP Newsmen Ousted by Iran For 'Falsifying'

TEHRAN, Iran, May 19 (AP)—The Iranian government today ordered the expulsion of Marc Purdue, Associated Press correspondent, for sending abroad what it called "false and provocative news against the interests of Iran."

Foreign Minister Hossein Fatemi announced to a news conference that Purdue must leave Iran within three days.

He gave no details of the government's complaint.

Purdue, who has been in this country eight months, is the fifth foreign correspondent ordered to leave since Iran nationalized the Iranian holdings of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in 1951 and became embroiled in a violent quarrel with Britain.

In the Parliament meeting, Mosaddegh's supporters remained silent as firebrand opposition deputies called the Premier the victim of "British tools" and a "toy in the hands of a number of people empowered by Britain to drag Iran to extinction."

Chinese Airmen Return to Bases After Big Losses

SEOUL, Wednesday, May 19 (AP)—The Chinese Red Air Force, shaken by heavy losses in six days of blazing fighting, withdrew Tuesday, and its MIG jets fled to Manchuria when U.S. Sabres approached.

Allied fighter-bombers methodically bombed Red transport targets while the MIGs remained in Manchuria licking their wounds from those angry six days—6 MIGs shot down, two probably, and 16 damaged.

The Reds had been hurling hundreds of jets across the border into North Korea, but the few MIGs sighted Tuesday scurried beyond the Yalu when Sabres hove into view, U.S. pilots reported.

Without Red interference Allied fighter-bombers destroyed three Communist rail bridges and dived-bombed a troop concentration north of the Western Front.

In the ground war, stubborn South Korean troops smashed two Chinese Red battalion attacks, each numbering about 750 men, on the Central and Eastern Fronts. A total of more than 40 Chinese Reds were reported killed or wounded.

State Voting Reported Low

Voting was very light Tuesday as Pennsylvanians went to the polls in the state's off-year primary election. In many sections of the state near record low voting was reported.

The weather varied from damp and foggy to sunny. State-wide there wasn't much at stake. There were only two uncontested statewide nominations in each party.

Mayor candidates were named in 22 cities, including Pittsburgh where control of the GOP in the city, and in Allegheny County were at stake after a bitter primary campaign. The election there boiled down to a test of strength between the forces of Gov. John S. Fine and those of Dist. Atty. James P. Malone.

Vote Threatens Defeat For Winston Churchill

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—The Churchill government had a close call in the House of Commons tonight. It came within four votes of going down to defeat and brought Socialist cries of "resign."

The issue was a Labor party proposal to exempt amateur theatricals from entertainment tax even though they have a paid conductor in the orchestra pit.

Senate Vetoes Ike's Freeze Control Plan

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The Senate refused today to give President Eisenhower power to freeze basic elements of the nation's economy for a number of days in the event of a national emergency.

It voted 45 to 41 to amend a new controls bill so that the President's authority to freeze wages, prices, and home rents would be restricted to an actual declaration of war or after a concurrent resolution by Congress.

Since only Congress may declare war, the roll call vote meant that the President could not act without the consent of Congress.

It was a victory for Majority Leader Taft of Ohio, who had

thundered earlier that the freeze authority was "absolutely contrary to the whole theory of a free economy."

The issue was full of paradoxes. In the first place, Eisenhower never asked for the freeze authority. It was written into the controls bill by Sen. Capehart (R-Ind), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

The final quirk was that Taft won his victory on an amendment sponsored by a Democrat, Sen. Byrd of Virginia.

The bill being debated is a bob-tailed extension of the Defense Production Act for one year. The freeze was the only part of the bill expected to run into trouble.

Argentina Opens U.S. News Agencies

BUENOS AIRES, May 19 (AP)—The Argentine government opened the way tonight for U.S. news agencies to distribute news in this country again, after having banned incoming news through these agencies since May 12.

The news agencies had been under pressure since President Peron, in his May Day address opening Congress, had accused the agencies of conducting a campaign to defame him abroad and of accepting orders from the U.S. State Department.

Japanese Minister Elected by Coalition

TOKYO, Wednesday, May 20 (AP)—Shigeru Yoshida became Prime Minister of Japan for the fifth time Tuesday when Right Wing socialists broke away from the coalition which unseated him in March.

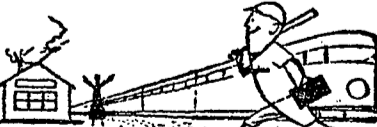
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Atom Blast Closes Town

LAS VEGAS, Nev., May 19 (AP)—A powerful atomic explosion rocked portions of three states today and cast a radioactive pall over St. George, Utah, virtually closing the town for three hours.

The Atomic Energy Commission advised the 4500 residents of St. George—about 120 miles east of the Nevada Proving Ground—to remain indoors until noon, by which time the nuclear cloud had passed.

Radiation monitors held up 100 northbound and other southbound cars at St. George during the warning period. Some of the cars required a decontamination washing at the AEC's expense.

Despite the precautionary measures, the AEC insisted that "radiation had not reached a hazard-

ous level." The blast, set off in muggy weather, was felt in Nevada and Utah and gave earthquake-conscious Californians, as far as 400 miles away, a good jolt before breakfast.

Highways in Southern Nevada and Utah were closed to traffic for more than an hour as the AEC set up checkpoints at several points along two roads.

The pre-dawn blast at Yucca Flat paved the way for the long-awaited firing of a nuclear shell from the Army's 280 mm. cannon next Monday.

A thousand armed forces observed the blast, apparently without injury, in trenches only 1,000 yards from the tower. From a distance of eight miles, 8 congressmen watched the test.

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