

Pakistan to Get Military Aid—Ike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today the United States will grant military aid to Pakistan, a move which Prime Minister Nehru of India has said his government would consider an unfriendly act.

Before making the decision public, the President sent Nehru a letter containing assurances that "this step does not in any way affect the friendship we feel for India."

Eisenhower said in a separate statement he was complying with Pakistan's request for military assistance because this country wants to help strengthen the defenses of free nations in the Middle East.

He added that the American government "welcomed" the announcement by Pakistan and Turkey on Feb. 19 that they were studying methods of closer collaboration in the interests of peace and security.

Turkish-Pakistani collaboration is understood to be regarded in official quarters here as a start toward building a common defensive wall along Russia's southern flank. It is hoped that eventually Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and perhaps even India will join in the effort.

India, quarreling with Pakistan over the Kashmir territory and aspiring to leadership of a neutral bloc in Asia, looks askance at any plan to strengthen Pakistan's military potential.

Nehru has been mobilizing Indian public opinion against any American-Pakistan military tie-up on the ground it would upset peace in Asia.

Polish Consulates Must Close

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The State Department today slammed the door on the last remaining Iron Curtain diplomatic posts in this country outside of Washington.

The action came in a note from Secretary Dulles to Josef Winiewicz, the Polish ambassador, instructing him to see to it that Polish consulates general in New York, Chicago, and Detroit are closed as soon as possible.

These offices, Dulles said, "serve no useful purposes in the conduct of relations between the United States and Poland at the present time."

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) promptly applauded the move in a Senate speech. He said he could vouch for the fact that the Polish consulate in Detroit has served "no useful purpose."

Rep. Robert R. Chirperfield (R-Ill.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told the House he, too, approved the move. "Apparently," Chirperfield said, "these consulates have been used as outlets for Communist propaganda and do not serve any useful purpose as far as our interest is concerned."

Rep. Thaddeus Machrowicz (D-Mich.) said he was "very happy over the outcome" of what he described as his efforts to get the consulates closed.

The three Polish consulates, which employ about 22 Polish nationals, have been in operation for a generation. The New York office, first to gain recognition, was opened in 1919.

Knowland Hits Policy On Seniority

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), taking an indirect swipe at Sen. William Langer (R-ND), called today for an end to the practice of giving committee chairmanships automatically to senators with the greatest seniority.

Knowland, the Republican floor leader of the Senate, told reporters committee chairmen should "give a little more general sympathy to the views of the majority party" than some chairmen have done in the past.

Langer, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, often has voted with the Democrats.

The GOP floor leader opened up an Langer earlier in the week after the North Dakotan had spread on a hearing record ten unverified charges against Chief Justice Earl Warren.

That hearing, Knowland said, was "the most shocking event" he had witnessed during his eight years in the Senate.

Knowland brought up the seniority question himself after he had been asked about an entirely different matter.

It is time, Knowland said, that the Senate face up to the problem of freeing "itself from being shackled by the seniority system."

He suggested as one possible alternative that the Republican Policy Committee choose chairmen from among the two or three committee members with the most seniority.

Under the present setup, the majority party senator with the greatest number of years on a committee automatically becomes the chairman of that committee.

Knowland said there was little likelihood of any action on the seniority issue at this session of Congress, but that he already had held discussions with GOP senators aimed at some future action.

Pope Has 'Good Night' Is Barely Holding Own

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 25 (AP)—Pope Pius XII was barely holding his own today against an ailment that has been steadily and dangerously sapping his strength for a month.

A Vatican press office spokesman said that the head of the Roman Catholic Church passed a "fairly good night" and "rested quite well." But the office issued no written comment upon the pontiff's health later in the day, as it has usually done.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs operates 93 boarding schools and 233 day schools in 14 states and Alaska.

Naguib is 'Isolated' By New Premier

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 25 (AP)—Lt. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt's new Premier, cut Mohamed Naguib off from any possible contact with his countrymen today. Army officers said it was a "precautionary" move to bar Naguib from starting a popular movement in his behalf.

Cairo and the rest of this strategic Middle East nation of 19 million remained calm.

Steel-helmeted military police changed overnight from a guard of honor to virtual jailers for the 53-year-old Naguib, who was top man for 19 months in Egypt's military revolution.

Nasser Premier
Young officer colleagues of Naguib in the all-powerful Revolutionary Council drove him as president and premier, Nasser, 36, the real leader of the bloodless coup that pushed King Farouk off the throne in 1952, was named Premier.

Naguib was accused of trying to seize dictatorial powers. Army leaders insisted Naguib was not under arrest and declared they wanted to continue friendly relations. But the military police guard around Naguib's unpretentious five-room suburban house cut the telephone wires, barred visitors and forbade Naguib to leave.

Naguib Resigned
The dramatic announcement that Naguib's power had come to a sudden end, was made known at 3:30 a.m. today after 11 young officers, who with Naguib make up the Revolutionary Council, finally decided to risk popular reaction against the move. Naguib was not present. The council said Naguib had submitted his resignation three days ago.

Syrian Head Resigns Post After Revolt

DAMASCUS, Syria, Friday, Feb. 26 (AP)—President Adib Shishekly, Syria's bullet-dodging President, resigned late last night because an army revolt had threatened the country with bloodshed.

The diminutive President who headed a military coup in 1951 was reported to have left the country.

The rebels began broadcasting claims of having engineered a successful revolution early yesterday from Aleppo in the northern part of the country. They gave Shishekly 24 hours to get over the border.

The leaders called for recognition of former President Hachem Bey Attassi, whose regime was crumpled in 1951, as the lawful new president.

In Damascus, however, it was understood the speaker of the Assembly would assume the interim presidency until a new president is elected. Shishekly, elected president only last June, resigned in a letter to the speaker of the Assembly in which he said he was quitting "to prevent bloodshed among the people and army I so much love, and I consider this action a service to my country."

Observation On Shipping Set by Italy

ROME, Feb. 25 (AP) — Italy cracked down tonight on the freedom of suspected Soviet spy ships to rest unchallenged within binocular view of NATO's most strategic Mediterranean ports and shipyards.

Police ordered tightened controls to limit the number of men Russia could keep aboard such ships, watch their movement ashore, and check messages they might try to send.

Allied officials of NATO, whose southern European headquarters is at Naples, saw the pattern of Russia's latest "observation" system become clearer today.

At daybreak the Soviet freighter Andreev, which has been in this strategic port under repair for many months pulled out of her berth to anchorage from which she is expected to leave Italy within 10 days.

By noon another Red flag freighter, the Deznay, unloaded a shipment of Glynia coal for Italy, and pulled into the vacant berth for "extensive repairs."

Drive Continued By French Troops

HANOI, Indochina, Feb. 25 (AP) — French and Vietnamese troops killed or captured 114 Vietminh fighters today in the persistent drive to wipe out 60,000 rebels imperiling communications in the vital Red River Delta.

French losses were not given in reports on two sharp clashes—one at a point called "Sunday Beach" 25 miles north of Hanoi and another near Haiphong, the seaport 64 miles south of Hanoi.

Mobile units of French-Vietnamese forces bumped up against strong rebel outfits north of Hanoi. The French said 48 Vietminh were killed and 36 captured.

South of Haiphong the French reported 12 rebels killed and 18 taken prisoner. Ambushes and harassing attacks by the Vietminh were reported from other delta sectors with "some losses" on both sides.

Prof Speaks on Panel

Nelson McGeary, professor of political science, last week in Philadelphia participated in the U.S. Civil Service Commission's panel discussion on how the commission and political science professors can cooperate in promoting Federal service as a career for college graduates.

Part of Bricker Bill Rejected by Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Senate voted 50-42 today to reject the heart of the controversial Bricker amendment to curb the president's treaty-making powers.

It also defeated, 74-18, a motion of Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) to send the whole burning issue back to the Judiciary Committee to further study.

The rejected section would have changed the Constitution to provide that no treaty or international agreement could become effective as domestic law without congressional legislation.

Before the vote, Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio) declared that action on this section "will justly be interpreted as a vote for or against the substance of my original amendment."

He said if anything else were written into the Constitution the whole question would remain an issue in politics for many years to come.

Actually the section was a modification of Bricker's original clause, which was knocked out of the proposed amendment in a complicated series of votes engineered by the GOP leadership in the Senate last week.

Manila President Irks Own Party

MANILA, Friday, Feb. 26 (AP)—President Ramon Magsaysay's appointment of Carlos P. Romulo as his personal envoy to the United States today plunged the President into hot water within his own Nacionalista party.

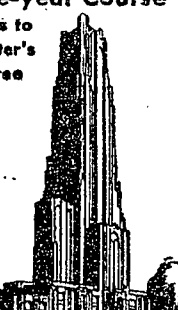
A behind-the-scenes tussle is under way between men who served in the Philippines government during the Japanese occupation and Romulo, former UN General Assembly president. Romulo went with other government men into exile during the war.

The special post for Romulo, also a former ambassador to Washington, is opposed by powerful influences with the Nacionalista party. They are led by Sen. Clare M. Recto who has strong connections with the Foreign Office.

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