

McCarthy-Stevens to Hold Behind-Doors Session

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) announced today that he and Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens will hold their postponed face-to-face meeting to discuss the Army's handling of alleged Communists.

But it is expected to be a closed session instead of the ballyhooed and televised meeting which was scheduled and then called off suddenly last week in the midst of a heated wrangle over the issue.

McCarthy and Stevens' office both said the Army secretary had agreed to appear before the Senate Investigations subcommittee either Thursday or next Monday.

The session, when held, McCarthy said, will be a closed door affair unless Stevens prefers to open it to the public. Stevens' office said the secretary understood the meeting would be closed.

The senator said Army policy is contradictory rather than uniform in the treatment of purported Reds and he wants to ask Stevens about that. But he grinned and hurried on to say:

"I don't want this construed as an attack on Stevens."

This time the question before the two will be related but a bit different from the one that kept the secretary and the senator warring all last week in one of Washington's more spectacular clashes of personalities.

Then the point of contention was whether McCarthy had abused officers he questioned in connection with his charges of Communist coddling by the Army.



Robert T. Stevens To Face McCarthy

U.S. Offer Rejected By India's Nehru

NEW DELHI, India, March 1 (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru today spurned President Eisenhower's arms aid offer similar to that just granted neighboring Pakistan. Nehru demanded that U.S. observers get off the UN cease-fire team in Kashmir.

The Indian Parliament cheered as the Prime Minister commented bitterly on Eisenhower's letter explaining the U.S. decision to grant Pakistan military aid for defense purposes and offering the same treatment to India.

"In making this suggestion," Nehru declared, "the President has done less than justice to us or to himself. If we object to military aid being given to Pakistan, we would be hypocrites and unprincipled opportunists to accept it ourselves."

The deputies laughed when Nehru said:

"President Eisenhower has been good enough to suggest he would give his most sympathetic consideration to any request we might wish to make for military assistance."

India and Pakistan have been disputing the future political status of Kashmir ever since the Indian sub-continent was divided between the two in 1947. Reference to the UN was made.

Senate OK's Earl Warren Chief Justice

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The Senate today confirmed President Eisenhower's nomination of Earl Warren as 14th chief justice of the United States.

Approval came on a voice vote, with no audible dissents, after a brief discussion. About 40 senators were present.

The 62-year-old Warren, three times governor of California and the Republican vice presidential candidate in 1948, has been serving on the Supreme Court since last October under a presidential appointment made while Congress was in adjournment.

Today's swift confirmation was in contrast to the lengthy delay before the Senate finally got around to a vote. Warren's nomination to succeed the late Fred M. Vinson was submitted to the Senate on Jan. 11, but it was not until last Wednesday that the Senate Judiciary Committee under Chairman Langer (R-ND) voted 12-3 to recommend confirmation.

U.S. Reports Atom Blast

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The government tersely announced today that an "atomic device" has been exploded in the mid-Pacific in the first of a new series of tests widely heralded to include a hydrogen bomb blast.

5 Are Killed; 2 Buildings Fall In Philly Blast

PHILADELPHIA, March 1 (AP)—Rain and wind hampered investigators today as they sifted through tons of charred wood, smashed brick and broken glass to determine cause of an explosion that leveled two three-story buildings, killing five persons.

The blast last night, packing terrific force and concentrated in an area 100 by 100 feet, tore the two buildings apart. About 20 other buildings in the thickly-populated south Philadelphia neighborhood, were damaged. Many windows cracked in the concussion.

However, cause of the explosion was still undetermined 24 hours after it happened. And probes, poking through the shattered ruins, said it might be days before anything definite would be known. A steady drizzle slowed the investigation.

Meantime, some 150 firemen, police and city workers worked around the clock to cart away the wrecked remains. A huge bucket crane scooped up the glass, bricks, plaster and splintered, burned wood and piled into dump trucks.

Four of the victims died in a luncheonette, while the fifth was killed in the second floor of the adjoining building that housed a jewelry store.

Sudan Arrival of Naguib Causes 22 to Die in Riot

KHARTOUM, Sudan, March 1 (AP)—Twenty-two persons, including a British colonel, were killed today in riots sparked by the arrival of Egypt's restored President Mohamed Naguib. More than 100 were injured.

A state of emergency was declared after police gunfire stopped spear-waving Sudanese tribesmen from invading the British governor general's house where Naguib was staying.

More than 30,000 demonstrators agitating for and against Naguib massed in the capital to see the controversial leader arrive for the opening of the Sudan's first Parliament. But the rioting became so violent that the ceremony was postponed until March 10.

One group of tribesmen—brandishing steel-tipped spears and yelling slogans against Britain and Egypt, killed eight policemen defending the residence of Gov. Gen. Sir Robert Howe.

Police threw tear gas grenades as the mob pressed towards the governor's house. Then the tribesmen charged and police opened fire.

Europe's Economy Shows Increase

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 1 (AP)—The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe said today the European economy showed all-around improvement last year but failed to return to the climate of "confident expansion" that preceded the Korean War.

The commission's annual survey was generally the most favorable it has made since World War II. It said a big improvement in Western Europe's balance of payments during 1953 was due largely to "the growth of extraordinary external disbursements by the United States."

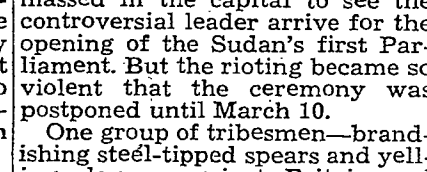
The commission cautioned that—despite last year's improvement—Western Europe's ability to guard against serious consequences of "more pronounced" recession "tendencies in the United States" is problematical.

New Atomic Project Announced by British

LONDON, March 1 (AP)—Britain today announced the start of a project that may revolutionize her industry—an atomic pile to power the nation's homes and factories.

The Labor opposition charged the project would impair the efficiency of the nation's atomic program by removing it from immediate government control. Laborites forced a vote on the issue. The government won, 244-226.

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'Little UN' Attacks Reds

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 1 (AP)—The 10th Inter-American Conference, "a little United Nations" for the republics of this hemisphere, opened today and cheered an attack on communism.

Evaristo Sourdis, foreign minister of Columbia, was responding to the welcoming address of President Marcos Perez Jimenez of Venezuela when he was interrupted by applause for his denunciation of the "forces of evil which operate in darkness."

He urged nations of this hemisphere to adopt "the necessary measures to impede or uproot all activity which tends to encourage

the dominance of international creeds which threaten free nations of the world."

Almost at the same instant Sourdis spoke, a responsible source reported that J. Villagroel, head of the Communist party underground organization in Venezuela, had been jailed, and that Jai Narine Singh, member of the ousted leftwing government of British Guiana, had been told to leave Venezuela.

Singh told a news conference here Saturday that if the British do not voluntarily abandon British Guiana and give it independence they will face an "armed rebellion."

Killer Suspect Pleads Guilty

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 1 (AP)—The accused phantom slayer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike—24-year-old John Wesley Wable—was put on trial for his life today.

Calm and smiling occasionally, he told Westmoreland County court: "Not guilty."

Wable is charged with first degree murder in the killing of Harry F. Pitts, 39, of Bowling Green, Va. Pitt's body was found in his parked truck on the toll road.

Another truck driver, Lester B. Woodward, 39, of Duncannon, Pa., was killed with the same pistol used in Pitts' slaying, police say. The bodies of the two men were found three days apart.

Wable also is under indictment for murder in the slaying of Woodward and is slated to stand trial later in this case.

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