

Flanders Hits McCarthy For 'Shattering' GOP

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt) charged in the Senate today that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) "is doing his best to shatter" the Republican party, and by his actions is diverting the nation from "far more dangerous problems" than internal communism.

"The dangerous attack is from without, not from within," Flanders said after reviewing problems of dealing with Communists in Korea, Indochina, Italy, France and Latin America.

Vietminh Grab French Officers In Night Raid

HANOI, Indochina, March 9 (AP)—Vietminh commandoes raided another post north of Haiphong last night and captured several French non-commissioned army officers. The French quickly ordered a tightening of the security guard around U.S.-serviced airfields in the area.

The raid hit a training center for Vietnamese mobile guards at Uongbi, 12 miles northeast of Haiphong, the big seaport city for the Red River Delta 64 miles east of Hanoi.

The captured officers had been stationed at Uongbi as instructors for the Vietnamese. An army spokesman said there were losses on both sides.

There are 44 Americans servicing French aircraft at Catbi Airbase, 3 miles from Haiphong, and 105 U.S. air force technicians at Dason, 12 miles southeast of Haiphong.

State Rests Case In Wable's Trial

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 9 (AP)—The state rested its case tonight against John Wesley Wable, on trial for a slaying on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The defense immediately told the jury Wable "is going to tell his story."

Wable, 24-year-old native of Ohio, Pa., is charged with fatally shooting two sleeping truck drivers on the turnpike last July.

Defense Atty. B. Patrick Costello told newsmen after the trial recessed Wable will testify tomorrow.

With the world split into Communist and non-Communist camps, he said, McCarthy "does his war paint. He goes into his war dance. He emits his war whoops. He goes forth to battle and proudly returns with the scalp of a pink Army dentist."

This was a reference to Dr. Irving Peress, a New York Dentist whom the Army gave an honorable discharge despite McCarthy's protests that he had refused to answer questions on possible Communist links.

Refused Comment
McCarthy, who was in New York today, at first declined to comment on Flanders' speech, then said "I haven't got time to answer Republican heroes."

Flanders, who calls himself a member of the "liberal wing" of the Republican party, swung out in a free-ranging speech which Sen. Lehman (D-NY) praised as a "very fine statement" and which a Republican colleague, Sen. Cooper (R-Ky) said showed "moderation and sanity."

Strongly Anti-McCarthy
It was one of the first instances in which a Republican has spoken out so strongly in the Senate against "McCarthyism," although the senator's activities have long been a point of controversy within his party.

Meantime McCarthy, balked thus far in his efforts to get free radio-TV time for a personal reply to Adlai Stevenson, told a New York news conference "I intend to test out whether they (the networks) can give Stevenson time for a vicious attack on me and then arrogantly refuse me time to answer."

Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee in 1952, told a party rally in Miami Beach, Fla., Saturday night that the Republican party is "half McCarthy and half Eisenhower" and is using "slander, dissension and deception" in its effort to win the congressional elections this year.

AEC Announces Plans to Build 4 'Furnaces'

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission tonight disclosed plans to build four more atomic "furnaces"—including one using thorium as a fuel for the first time—in a stepped-up quest for economical industrial power from the atom.

The program was outlined by Dr. Henry Smyth, a member of the commission, in an address prepared for a meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers here.

All the new reactors—planned for construction over the next five years—are of unusual design. And the outline of two of them involving the "breeding" of atomic fuel, presumably means the AEC has gained new confidence in the practical possibilities of producing in a furnace more fuel than is actually consumed in keeping it going.

Longshore Heads Warned by Court

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—Three longshore union leaders involved in the paralyzing tie-up of New York piers were threatened today with federal court contempt action.

Outside the court, 500 longshoremen marched with placards assailing the National Labor Relations Board.

Federal Judge David H. Edelman ordered the three to appear in court March 16 for presentation of any defense they may wish to make against being cited for contempt.

The action was taken at the request of the NLRB.

France, Germany Agree to Try Saar Settlement

PARIS, March 9 (AP)—France and Germany agreed in just 90 minutes today to try for a settlement on the Saar based on a plan for Europeanization of the small but industrially rich border area.

The agreement, after months of delay, was reached in two conversations between West Germany Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Both men were obviously motivated by what they consider a more urgent matter for their two countries—the European Defense Community treaty.

The French National Assembly has made a settlement of the Saar a condition of its ratification of EDC. Adenauer is an outspoken advocate of EDC, which will put a half million Germans in uniform in a six-nation European army.

Adenauer and Bidault held two meetings. Apparently without warning to the Germans, Bidault presented at the first one a French proposal spelling out French demands amending the plan which Adenauer has assumed would be the basis of future negotiations.

On receiving the French draft, Adenauer retired to the offices of the German diplomatic mission in Paris to consult with his advisers. Forty minutes later he returned to the ministry to tell Bidault the French proposals were satisfactory as the basis of future talks between experts of both countries.

A strong body of German opinion urged that the Adenauer government press to re-absorb the Saar, whose people are German in language and culture.

Tax Cuts Approved By House

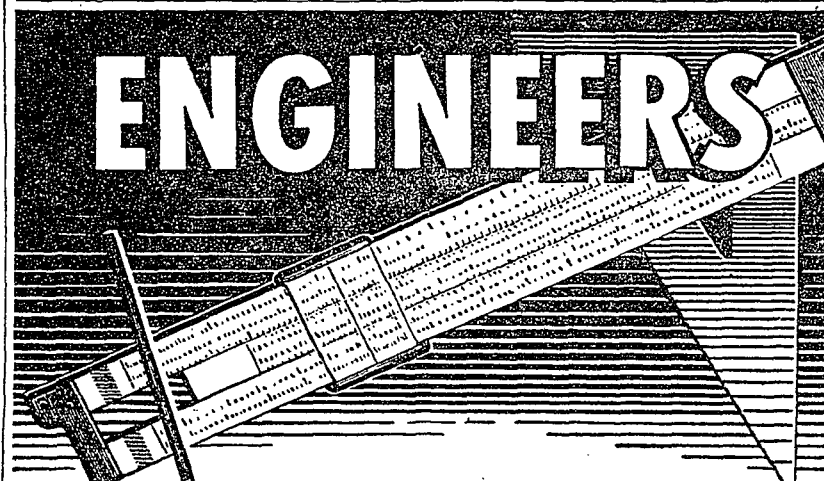
WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee gave final approval today to a vast tax reform bill cutting taxes on individuals and business by \$1,397,000,000 the first year and more than two billions later.

The bill reorganizes and rewrites the entire tax structure, for the first time in more than 70 years. It aims at removing scores of alleged inequities and loopholes, at giving the tax code a "new look"—simpler, clearer, fairer.

The bill would give tax cuts chiefly through a long list of new or more liberal deductions. One controversial provision sharply reduces individual income taxes on stock dividends.

Other provisions, for individuals, would provide new or bigger allowances for medical expenses, retirement income, single heads of families, dependents making more than \$600 a year, child-care expenses of working widows and widowers, charitable contributions, sail conservation costs to farmers, and other items.

For corporations, it provides much more rapid tax deductions for depreciation of new plants and equipment, more liberal deductions for losses in past years, more liberal treatment of retained earnings and research and development expenses, a reduction in taxes on income from operations abroad, more freedom in accounting practices, and many lesser benefits.



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