

Senate OKs Bill For 2 New States

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—The Senate today passed a bill to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska but the measure may languish in the House. Republican leaders there are receptive to Hawaii but not to Alaska.

The Senate passed the combined bill 57-28 after battling down moves to:

British Reject Soviet Union NATO Request

LONDON, April 1 (AP)—Britain today rebuffed Russia's bid to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. She also brushed aside Kremlin claims that Red China will attend the Geneva conference on a par with the Big Four.

Echoing U.S. opposition, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared Britain cannot agree to replace NATO for the sake of new arrangements in conditions as they are today.

"NATO was the answer to Soviet policy and not the cause of it," Eden told the House of Commons, adding that the organization was formed to serve as a bulwark against "overwhelming Soviet strength."

"In these circumstances," he said, "Soviet membership in NATO would not of itself be a sufficient assurance to members of that organization."

Jackson is Hospitalized

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Justice Robert H. Jackson of the Supreme Court is in a Washington hospital for treatment of a mild heart attack, his office announced today.

The announcement said the jurist is "out of immediate danger."

French Halt Red Attacks In Indochina

HANOI, Indochina, April 1 (AP)—The French High Command announced tonight that French Union troops defending Dien Bien Phu had beaten off another series of heavy Communist-led attacks against the eastern side of the dust bowl fortress.

Another general mass assault was expected yet tonight against the fortress, whose outer defenses were shrinking but whose heart and main arteries were intact.

Bugle-blowing and screaming thousands of the Communist-led Vietminh had failed to force a break-through into the center of the bastion, and the French spear-headed a half-dozen tank-led counterattacks since last midnight.

The last 48 hours have been ripped by thousands of shells exchanged by opposing artillery, tons of firebombs and high explosives dropped by the French air force flying American-built planes, and bitter hand-to-hand combat.

Butter Prices Drop Sharply

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—The price of butter dropped abruptly today, and storemen began marking down a host of other items ranging from costume jewelry to mink coats.

Just what effect this would have on buying, it was too soon to tell. But there was no immediate rush of customers to take advantage of price cuts resulting from lower price supports to dairy farmers and lower excise taxes.

Both the price support drop—ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Benson—and the excise tax reductions—voted by Congress to the tune of \$999 million—went into effect today.

Butter prices reacted quickest. Almost everywhere in the country they dropped from five to 10 cents a pound—in some places even more.

H-Blast Results Shown by Film

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Picture a glowing, red-orange, hot-as-the-sun ball of fire 3½ miles across.

Now imagine, foaming out of this inferno, a radioactive cloud stem surging 25 miles upward, its "mushroom cap" spreading 100 deadly miles wide, the whole formation suggesting a jagged, unholy travesty of a cross.

This is a hydrogen explosion—far and away the most destructive force ever unleashed by man.

You can see it yourself in movie and still pictures released today by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

Shown in these pictures is the world's first full scale hydrogen explosion—known by the code name "Mike" and set off, in ominous inauguration of an awesome new era, at the Marshall Islands proving ground in the far Pacific in November, 1952.

28-Minute Movie

A 28-minute color movie of the "Mike" explosion, shown to newsmen yesterday, didn't by any means show the whole story. Besides, the presentation of the subject wasn't too good and the photograph could have been improved.

But the impact of the tremendous blast, coupled with the stark statistics of the destruction it wrought, was sobering to say the least. The film shows:

1. The test island of Elugelab—a half mile long, a quarter-mile wide—blown off the face of the earth. In its place, covered by the placid blue Pacific waters, was a crater one mile across—big enough to hold 14 Pentagon buildings. The crater sloped down to a depth of 175 feet. A 17-story building would be covered completely.

3-Mile Radius Annihilated
2. Complete annihilation within a 3-mile radius; severe to moderate damage as far as 7 miles from the bomb; light damage as far as 10 miles away in each direction.

3. A nuclear explosive fireball wide enough to engulf a quarter of Manhattan island in heat of such incredibly fierce intensity that it would vaporize into radioactive particles anything it touched.

Dulles Charges North Koreans Block Probe

SEOUL, Friday, April 2 (AP)—Despite a "gentleman's agreement" not to talk about it, support was found here today for Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' charge that the Communists are blocking adequate, on-the-spot checks in North Korea of reported armistice violations.

The record shows growing conflict since last September within the four-nation Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission bossing this job.

Sweden, Switzerland and Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia man the NNSC and also the 10 inspection teams set up to check all reports of violations.

Without a single exception the records show Poland and Czechoslovakia have sided with the Communists. Swedish and Swiss members on the other hand, sometimes uphold Red claims.

Lawyer Named Counsel For McCarthy Inquiry

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Samuel P. Sears, a Boston trial lawyer who has praised Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, was picked today as special counsel to handle the long-heralded Senate inquiry into the row between McCarthy and top army officials.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), who will preside at the inquiry because McCarthy has stepped temporarily out of the chairmanship, said he hoped to start hearings within 10 days.

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