

# U.S. Navy Completes North Tachen Evacuation

TAIPEI, Formosa, Wednesday, Feb. 9 (AP)—The U.S. Navy announced the last Chinese civilian was removed yesterday from North Tachen, whose garrison was reported ready to leave only a scorched earth behind.

Reports from the U.S. 7th Fleet said Red anti-aircraft gunners for the second straight day fired on U.S. carrier planes but no damage was reported. A Jap dispatch said the Reds on Yikiangshan, eight miles north of the Tachens, fired on two planes Monday night and one Tuesday.

Otherwise, the Chinese Communists from nearby island positions still made no attempt to interfere in the withdrawal, which was moving in such high gear that some authorities expected it to be completed by Monday at the latest. The Communists are expected to move in shortly thereafter.

### Craft Boarded

The residents of the North and South Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa, crowded aboard Chinese landing craft and U.S. transports while carrier fighter planes flashed overhead on patrol.

Most of the 15,000 civilians are on South or Lower Tachen. Most of the 15,000 Nationalist regulars and guerrillas are on North Tachen.

### U.S. Denounced

Peiping radio, heard in Tokyo, again denounced the U.S. participation in the withdrawal. Quoting the official People's Daily, Peiping declared the "U.S. government must be held fully responsible for all the consequences resulting from its direct participation in Chiang Kai-shek's military operations and its occupation of China's islands."

Nationalist officials predicted the Chinese Reds now would not interfere in the Tachen operation—if they ever intended to—because of uncertainty over the upheaval in Moscow, where Premier Georgi M. Malenkov resigned and was succeeded by Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin.

# Tougher Policy By Reds Seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Russia's swift change in command impressed some U.S. legislators today as likely to mean an even tougher Red policy toward the United States. Others thought they detected signs of turmoil within the Soviet Union.

Some said they just didn't know what it meant for the future. In Russia, as Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) pointed out, "the unexpected is always happening."

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga) was one of those who thought the accession of Defense Minister Nikolai Bulganin to the premiership with Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev as his sponsor, "looks like a tougher policy, both in Russia and abroad."

George noted that the deposed Georgi Malenkov was "more evenly disposed if not more friendly to the West."

### British Warn of War

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The prime ministers of the British Commonwealth warned today that an atomic war would "bring ruin upon the human race" and pledged their nine nations "never to embark upon aggression."

# Senators Propose Turnpike Extension

HARRISBURG, Feb. 8 (AP)—A cluster of 17 senators—both Republican and Democratic—today proposed a new extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to run from Stroudsburg to Sharon.

The bi-partisan bill would authorize the Turnpike Commission to make surveys and decide then on the exact route.

The extension paralleling somewhat the present east-west Turnpike main stem in Southern Pennsylvania eventually would link with the Ohio Turnpike.

Another east-west extension was proposed earlier in this session to stretch from Erie County eastward through the northern tier of counties below the New York border.

# Defense Pact OK Asked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 11-2 today for ratification of the Formosa defense treaty.

The pact commits the United States to recognize any Communist attack on Formosa or the neighboring Pescadore islands as "dangerous to its own peace and safety" and to meet it with military power within the limits of the U.S. Constitution.

Congress has already authorized President Eisenhower to fight if necessary to defend Formosa and "related positions." Under this special authority he has

assigned the 7th Fleet to cover Nationalist Chinese evacuation of the Tachen islands, a redeployment which officials say will strengthen defenses of Formosa.

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, anticipated the Senate would want to debate the Formosa treaty at length, but he said he hoped it would be approved by Thursday. A two-thirds vote is required for ratification.

Sens. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore) and William Langer (R-ND) voted against the pact in committee.

Morse has denounced it as a "war treaty" which would recognize the sovereignty of Chiang

# Over Billion Asked For Schools by Ike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—President Eisenhower outlined today a three-year attack on the nation's school shortage which would throw \$1,100,000,000 of federal money into emergency construction. He said the program would preserve "the responsibility of communities and states in educating our children."

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. P. Freylinhuysen (R-NJ) immediately introduced bills to put the President's proposal into effect.

The Eisenhower plan is aimed at assisting school districts in three categories:

1. Those which are able to issue building bonds but which cannot market them at reasonable interest rates.

2. Those which have issued all the bonds they are legally permitted but which still have some money available.

3. Those which are flat broke. For the first group the President's plan would do this:

The federal government would appropriate 750 million dollars over a period of three years to help states buy bonds which could not be sold at an interest rate of less than 3 1/2 per cent. The federal government would buy from 50 to 80 per cent of a state's total bonds, depending on the state's per capita income. The federal funds would be repayable in 30 years.

To help schools in the second category, states would set up school building authorities which would erect schools and rent them to local school districts. The federal government would join on a 50-50 basis to provide enough to make annual payments on bonds issued by the state authorities to build the schools.

Rents from local districts would be expected to pay off the bonds in 30 years. The buildings would then become the property of the local districts.

Kai-shek's government over Formosa and involve the United States in Chiang's ambition to reconquer the Chinese mainland.

# House Votes To Continue Draft Law

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The House voted 394-4 today to continue the draft four years beyond June 30. It is currently taking about 11,000 young men each month.

The legislation, asked by Dwight D. Eisenhower, now goes to the Senate. The same international pressures that helped to sweep it to passage in the House will be pushing it there, but the Senate is expected to take more than the one day of debate the House held.

The four House members who voted "no," all Republicans, were Ushe L. Burdick of North Dakota, Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan, Noah M. Mason of Illinois and Wint Smith of Kansas.

Uncertainties of the Formosan situation and the designs of Russia were in the background as the House debated.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga) of the Armed Services Committee, successfully resisting a move to limit the draft extension to two years, told the House:

"We're about as close to shooting as has ever happened in the history of this government. In 1951, we had trouble in Korea. In 1955, we have trouble in the Formosan Straits."

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