

# UN Suspends Efforts For Formosa Cease-Fire

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 14 (AP)—Sharply rebuffed by Red China and Russia, the UN Security Council today suspended efforts to achieve a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait. It left the next move to secret diplomatic maneuvers here and in the capitals of the major powers.

The Council refused 10-1 to consider now as an urgent matter

## Island Defense Questionable

TAIPEI, Formosa, Tuesday, Feb. 15 (AP)—Speculation rose yesterday over whether the United States would help defend Matsu and Quemoy after President Chiang Kai-shek declared the islands would never be abandoned.

The mighty U.S. 7th Fleet, which covered the peaceful withdrawal from the Tachen Islands north of Formosa, was returning to patrol stations around Formosa and to other Far East bases.

Vice Adm. Alfred Pride, 7th fleet commander, left aboard the heavy cruiser Helena for a secret destination, but he has said his warships would be ready to undertake any mission assigned them.

There was no confirmation here of Peiping radio's boast the Communists Sunday "liberated" the Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa.

## Atom Tests--

(Continued from page one) more, Calif. laboratory, which specialized in hydrogen weapons planning.

One hundred military planes—75 of them Air Force, the rest Navy and Marine Corps craft—will take part in the test. Strategic Air Command B36 and B47 bombers will fly simulated bomb delivery patterns six miles up. Other planes will fly indoctrination cloud-tracking and radiation missions.

Planes will come from as far as Langley Field, Va., but the majority will take off from nearby India Springs AFB and Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

The first GIs to maneuver in

## Convention Set For Democrats; GOP Uncertain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Democratic leaders announced today they have decided provisionally to open their National Convention in Chicago July 23 next year, but Republicans are still debating a time and place for their session.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower met with his political lieutenants to discuss the question. Traditionally, the GOP nominates its presidential ticket before the Democrats and its last three conventions have been held in the same city.

Leonard Hall, Republican national chairman, reported after today's White House meeting that Eisenhower expressed no preference among three cities contending for the 1955 GOP convention but favored as late a date as possible and a short campaign.

Democrats liked the idea of a late date and a short campaign, too, but they found it was impractical because some states require certification of presidential candidates 70 to 90 days before the November election.

## Registered Mail Change Suggested

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Post Office Department came up today with an idea for a new and cheaper type of registered mail, and asked the public for its reaction.

Under the present system of handling registered mail, you pay a minimum of 30 cents for a receipt showing proof of delivery. Some of this mail is quite valuable and the Post Office to considerable expense guarding it in transit.

Under the proposed system, you could pay 15 cents for sending a piece of registered mail for which no indemnity was claimed. For that price, the mailman at the delivery end would receive a receipt of delivery which would be kept on file for six months in the post office of delivery. If you wanted to pay 7 cents more, or a total of 22 cents, you would get the return receipt yourself.

## Pineau Will Form New Government

PARIS, Feb. 14 (AP)—Christian Pineau, a 50-year-old Socialist deputy who amuses himself by writing fairy tales, agreed today to try to rescue France from her nine-day-old Cabinet crisis.

President Rene Coty named him to form a new government.

The fact that it will be a job is attested by the failure of two other members of the National Assembly who have tried for the premiership since Pierre Mendes-France's cabinet toppled Feb. 5.

Members of the Socialist delegation in parliament, meeting with the Socialist Executive Committee, solidly backed Pineau tonight. They agreed to let him see what he could do in negotiations with other parties in the 627-seat assembly on the basis of a program acceptable to the Socialists.

The party approved a foreign policy based on ratification of the Paris accords for West German rearmament, already passed with simultaneous moves to set up a new Big Four conference.

But the fact Pineau is a Socialist may make the sledding rough in his dealings with members of other parties. The Socialists were last ditch supporters of Mendes-France, a Radical moderate Socialist. They have refused to join any Cabinet since the 1951 election.

A wartime resistance leader, lawyer and former bank clerk, Pineau is considered one of the more conservative members of his party. He is an advocate of European integration, favors extensive reforms in French North Africa and wants the withdrawal of French troops from Indochina. He was called on once before—in January 1952—to become premier, but gave up quickly.

## Temporary Halt Called to Search For Lost Plane

ROME, Feb. 14 (AP)—An intensive search by more than 1000 persons for a missing Belgian airliner was halted temporarily at dusk today. The plane disappeared north of Rome last night with 29 persons aboard, including four Americans with an ill-starred Italian beauty contest winner.

The plane, a four-engine DC6, vanished in a fog on a flight from Brussels to the Belgian Congo. It was in contact with Rome's Ciampino Airport only 16 minutes before a scheduled landing there. Then the plane's radio cut off, and nothing definite has been heard since.

But a "checkboard search" of the hill area about 30 miles north of Rome was planned for tomorrow.

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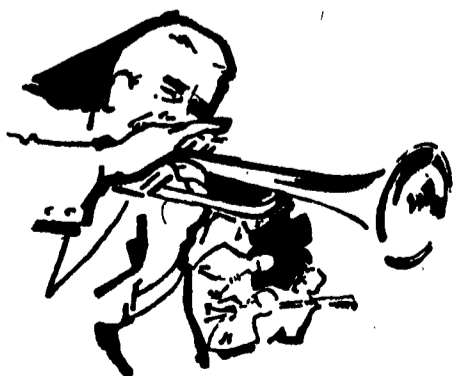
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