

Tariff-Cutting Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower's tariff-cutting foreign trade program was pushed through the House late today with a big assist from its Democratic majority.

After a bitter, two-day fight, the bill was passed on a rollcall vote of 295-110.

But the back of the opposition, led in part by members of Eisenhower's own party, was

broken when the House defeated by seven votes an amendment by Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) which would have deprived the President of much of his power to override recommendations of the Tariff Commission for higher trade barriers.

In this key test of the legislation, the vote was 208-199. Reed's amendment was supported by 119 Republicans and 80 Democrats, but opposed by 140 Democrats and 68 Republicans.

Voting for passage of the bill were 186 Democrats and 109 Republicans. Opposing it to the end were 75 Republicans and 35 Democrats. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Ike Expressed Thanks

Soon after the House action, Eisenhower expressed his gratification in a statement in which he said:

"This program is of tremendous significance to the economic health and security of the United States and our friends in the free world." He did not mention the refusal of House Republicans to unite behind the measure.

Bill Extends Trade

The bill, a major part of the administration's program for this session of Congress, extends the reciprocal trade program for three years from June 12 and gives the President authority to cut tariffs up to 15 per cent during that period.

Democrats carried the major share of the fight throughout the hot debate, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) once left the chair to speak for the program on the floor.

Reed's Addition Panned

Reed's amendment was opposed as a "crippling" and "devastating" addition to the bill, although it still would have permitted the President to override recommendations of the Tariff Commission when national security required it.

Supporters of the amendment said it was only a moderate change to increase protection for American industries against competing foreign imports.

Russia Asks Arms Freeze, Atom Disposal

MOSCOW, Feb. 18 (AP)—Russia proposed tonight to freeze world armament at its present level and renewed demands for complete, unconditional destruction of all atomic and hydrogen weapons.

With minor variations the Soviet declaration issued tonight was a reiteration of Moscow's position ever since postwar efforts at arms and atomic control were started in 1946.

The statement, issued a week before a United Nations disarmament subcommittee renews its efforts in London, also declared:

"The Soviet government considers atomic weapons should be banned and effective international control established for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the reduction of arms and armed forces, first of all of the major powers."

"An important step in that direction would be an international agreement under which the states would make a solemn pledge to refrain from using such weapons."

Stevens Named Captain

Philip Stevens, fifth semester education major, has been elected captain of Scabbard and Blade.

Other officers elected were Robert Bullock, first lieutenant; Gerald Schumann, second lieutenant; and William Landis, first sergeant.

Vincent Skrinak, previous captain, was nominated as the society's candidate for the National Scabbard and Blade scholarship award. Captain Skrinak had an all-University average of 2.79.

Red Convoy Blasted; Sub, 21 Ships Sunk

TAIPEH, Formosa, Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Nationalists claimed today their biggest victory since being forced off the mainland—a submarine and 21 ships of a Chinese Red troop-carrying convoy sunk yesterday by warships and planes.

Possible loss of more than 1,600 Red soldiers was implied in the claim that eight Communist landing ships went down

15 miles off Chekiang Province during nearly 19 hours of steady attack 120 miles northwest of Formosa.

The Red convoy was believed to have been bent on reinforcing a garrison recently slipped into Taishan Island some 40 miles south of Nanchishan, the Nationalists' northernmost outpost since evacuation of the Tachens.

Nationalist Toll

The Nationalists claimed this toll:

A submarine, nationality not specified, dive-bombed and sunk southwest of the Taishans at 3:50 p.m. Friday. There have been numerous unconfirmed Nationalist reports of up to 200 Russian submarines in Far Eastern waters.

Warship "kill"—10 (7 landing craft and three gunboats of between 200 and 300 tons; also an 8th landing craft set ablaze).

11 Planes Hit

Plane "kill"—11 (a landing craft of 1,500 tons; 1 gunboat of 100 tons; another of unspecified tonnage; and 8 motorized junks).

Nationalist pilots also claimed they damaged another landing craft of 1,500 tons and eight gunboats, destroyed 8 barracks on Taishan and blew up several supply dumps.

First Class Graduated By Immigration School

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, Jr. today handed graduation certificates to 43 career officers of the Immigration and Naturalization Service who completed a six-week special training course.

The group is the first to go through a service school, established by Commissioner Joseph Swing.

Field Describes Years in Polish Prison Camp

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Hermann Field told the story today of his five years in a Polish prison cellar. To show for it, he said, he has the manuscript of a novel and a \$50,000 indemnity payment from the Polish government.

But he was unable to shed much light on the long mystery of the "disappearing Fields."

His brother, Noel Field, was the first to disappear behind the Iron Curtain. Noel and his wife, Herta, recently were released from a Hungarian prison and remained in asylum in Budapest. Noel's adopted daughter, Erica Wallach, is in a Soviet forced labor camp at Vorkuta.

Hermann, a 44-year-old Cleveland architect, said he does not have the faintest idea why he was arrested and jailed.

"I think it is very hard for a person in normal life to understand the psychology of a person at the end of such a stretch as this, when it suddenly breaks and you almost break with it," Fields said.

"After you have seen only one person at a time, or no person at all for years and years, it is very difficult to face being in the same room with two or three people. I had felt on his release an absolutely horror of the idea of the whole noise of life, and the problems of life that stood before me at that point."

The Jordan Fertility Plots, the oldest of their kind in the country, were laid out in 1881 to test the effect of various fertilizers upon crops.

Pineau Bid For Premier Rejected

PARIS, Saturday, Feb. 19 (AP)—The National Assembly early today turned down the bid of Christian Pineau to be premier of France. The official vote was 312 against, 268 for him.

Pineau, a 50-year-old Socialist who writes fairy tales as a hobby, had been struggling against odds since he first was summoned Monday morning by President Rene Coty to form a government.

At the outset he was conceded a small chance, but he persisted and formed a Cabinet.

Pineau picked up a little strength but as the voting began he was reported an almost certain loser.

There was speculation that a Radical Socialist would be called next, with Edgar Faure, Andre Morice, Maurice Bourges-Maunoury and Sen. Jean Berthoin mentioned as leading possibilities. All are former ministers.

In trying to set himself up as the first Socialist Premier since 1947, Pineau pledged himself to work for quick final ratification of the Paris treaties for German rearmament, unceasing efforts for new Big Four talks, and increased trade between East and West.

He also warned he was going to ask for extension of broad powers to legislate by decree in the economic field. The Assembly gave these powers to outgoing Premier Pierre Mendes-France, and Pineau said he would ask for a three-month extension.

Small Blast Opens New Atom Series

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 19 (AP)—One of the smaller A-bombs in the American arsenal exploded over Yucca Flat today, opening the 1955 test series in Nevada.

The 32nd shot to be set off at the Atomic Energy Commission's test site was an air drop at noon after bad weather had caused a four-and-a-half-hour delay.

It was an impressive piece of precision bombing as a B36 bomber from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., dropped the weapon through the only patch of blue sky visible in a windswept mass of clouds. Earlier in the day hail pelted Las Vegas and snow forced newsmen to abandon mountain observation posts.

Alpha Phi Omega Names Committee Chairmen

Robert Dinterman was appointed chairman of the membership committee of Alpha Phi Omega for the spring semester.

Other committee chairman appointments are Elliott Silver, campus; Herbert Jordan, community; Robert Kokat, program; Duane Buck, social; John Brunner, Ugly Man contest; Paul Ebert, publicity; William Stiffler, orientation; James Miller, publications; and Bruce Knauss, guide and tour.

State Will Pay For Defense

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18 (AP)—Pennsylvania stands ready today to spend \$150,000 if necessary to supply its civil defense personnel with radiological instruments to measure deadly radioactive ashes that accompany a hydrogen bomb blast.

However, the necessary instruments to measure the intensity and deadliness of the ashes might cost the state Civil Defense Council only \$75,000 or might even be supplied free by the federal government.

"We figure it will cost about \$150,000 to purchase the three types of instruments necessary to set up the program," said Dr. Richard Gersell, State Civil Defense director.

"However, it looks pretty certain that we will get the equipment on a matching funds arrangement with the federal government meaning it will cost us only \$75,000," he explained, adding:

"Still another possibility is that the federal government will adopt a proposed program to supply the instruments free on a nation-wide basis."

Dulles Off With Asian Blueprint

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles took off today for a Southeast Asia defense conference at Bangkok, Thailand, predicting that it will "make a real contribution toward the peace and security of the future."

Dulles and his top aides had with them a plan for coordinating military and economic defenses against Communist aggression or subversion.

This broad outline has been developed in working level meetings among representatives of eight nations which signed the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty at Manila last Sept. 8. The nations are the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, and the Philippines.

Old Faces
The Manila pact called for a council to consider a defense program. Hence Dulles, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and

their counterparts will negotiate a final plan during the three-day meeting which opens next Wednesday.

In a departure statement Dulles predicted:

"Those who gather at Bangkok will be friends who have worked together in the past and I believe we shall be able then to make a real contribution toward the peace and security of the future."

Two Asian Leaders

Dulles' statement paid particular tribute to two Asian leaders, Foreign Minister Prince Wan of Thailand and President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines.

He called Wan "one of the most distinguished statesmen of our time." He referred to Magsaysay as "an inspiration to all who seek to preserve liberty in the world."

Pre-Afro-Asian

The Bangkok meeting is being held in advance of an Afro-Asian conference of 30 nations next April. Communist China's acceptance of an invitation to attend

this meeting became known yesterday. Nationalist China was not invited.

Officials feel the Afro-Asian meeting could develop into a Communist propaganda sounding board. Because of that danger, the United States is advising its Asian friends to send strong delegations which can cope with Red maneuvers.

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