

Nationalist Planes Bomb Red Islands

TAIPEI, Formosa, Friday, Feb. 25 (AP)—Air Force headquarters said more than 70 Nationalist planes bombed Red islands yesterday north and south of Nanchishan from which all civilians have fled.

Despite the continuing air strikes, a pull-out of the 5000-man Nationalist garrison from Nanchishan Island, 140 miles northwest of Formosa, would be no surprise.

An air force communique said the Nationalist raiders destroyed 11 barracks and other military targets in attacks on the Taishans, 30 miles south of Nanchishan, and the islet of Peilungshan, 12 miles north.

Tax Debate Gets House In Uproar

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—A Democratic drive to cut income taxes rocked the House with name-calling debate today. The outcome apparently hung by a slender handful of votes.

"Blackjacking . . . cheap politics . . . monkey business . . . cruel injustice"—these were the epithets flung in an old-fashioned party-line scrap between Republicans and Democrats.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) and his lieutenants voiced strong confidence that in showdown voting, postponed until tomorrow, they would push through their plan for a \$20-a-person tax cut starting next Jan. 1.

Tremendous Impact
But Republican Leader James L. Martin (Mass) said President Dwight D. Eisenhower's strong personal fight against the cut was having a "tremendous impact." Republican leaders generally showed growing optimism they could kill the tax-cutting move.

Some other Republicans conceded privately Democrats might hold the slimmest of margins, but they added that no predictions were safe.

Blackjacking Operation
Assistant Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana said he didn't like to use such harsh words, but Democrats plainly were guilty of a "blackjacking operation."

He referred to the fact that the tax cut was wrapped into a package bill also carrying out Eisenhower's request to postpone about three billion dollars in corporation income and excise tax cuts, now set for April 1. To kill the reduction, Eisenhower would have to veto the whole bill.

Got Back Safely
All got back safely after encountering antiaircraft fire, the communique reported.

The last of the civilians—some 1000 fishermen, farmers and their families—were headed toward Formosa today. About 1000 others, mostly Army dependents, were taken off two weeks ago.

The Nationalists appear to have tried to get the United States to assure support for Nanchishan should the Reds invade it but Washington apparently has persisted in a flat no.

In Washington Thursday, Henry Sydam, a press officer for the State Department, said it was up to the Nationalists whether they gave up Nanchishan. He said the United States has not insisted on it.

No Request for Aid
Sydam said insofar as he knew there has been no request for United States help in removing either civilian or military personnel from the post.

Should Nanchishan be abandoned to the Reds, the Nationalist hold on islands just off the mainland would be restricted to Matsu, guarding the approaches to Fochow, and Quemoy, seven miles off the port of Amoy.

Swimsuit Suit Filed by Model

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—Lynn Jones, a photographer's model, wants \$100,000 because she claims someone substituted her body for Jane Russell's in a photograph advertising the movie "Underwater."

Miss Jones, 21 and blonde, asked that amount in a damage suit filed yesterday in Manhattan Supreme Court. She named as defendants RKO Radio Pictures, Howard Hughes, to whom Jane Russell is under personal contract, and Harry Tatelman, producer of the picture.

The model charged the alleged switch of bodies caused her humiliation, mental anguish and distress. She said friends have greeted her with "I see Jane Russell is swimming around with your body."

Churchill Government Increases Bank of England Interest Rates

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Churchill government made it tougher today for Britons to borrow money and to buy on time. The announced aim is to prevent any runaway inflation threatening the nation's prosperity boom.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Richard A. Butler, in boosting the nationalized Bank of England's interest rate on loans from 3½ to 4½ per cent, told the House of Commons:

"We have borne in mind that our economy is fundamentally stronger than it has been at any time since the war and that the industrial base is sound. I am determined not to allow an unhealthy position to develop."

The interest rate affects credit in the sterling area—which includes most of the British Commonwealth nations—as well as Britain.

Laborites heckled the announcement of tighter reins on installment buying. There were shouts of "set the people free."

On Spending Spree
Britons for months have been on a spending spree for items regarded here as luxuries. The country is riding high with full employment and jobs going begging.

Butler's new orders, put into effect by the Board of Trade, require a down payment of 15 per cent of the cash prices under which automobiles, radios, television sets, furniture appliances and a wide range of consumer goods can be bought on time.

The maximum time allowed to complete payments is 24 months on most goods affected and 48 months on the others. Restrictions on installment buying had been removed only last July. The first reaction from dealers was that the new terms were "not unduly onerous." Many companies already were working within the limits.

Highest in 25 Years
The rise in the bank rate made it the highest in almost a quarter-century. It was the second jump within a month. Making money dearer, the new rate cuts down the volume of purchasing power.

The government idea is to get manufacturers to siphon off more of their goods into the export market.

The boost in the rate sent prices tumbling on the London Stock exchange in their biggest plunge of a single day since the Socialist Labor party took over the government from Winston Churchill July 28, 1945. The Financial Times industrial ordinary index nose-dived seven points to 177. British government bonds also had their worst fall in years, plummeting from 99.70 to 96.47.

\$60,000 Slice of Ham

ELIZABETH, N.J., Feb. 24 (AP)—Counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad said today the company will appeal a \$60,000 damage award to a dining car steward who was fired for allegedly trying to steal a slice of ham.

Asian Military Committee To Deal With Communism

BANGKOK, Friday, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Southeast Asia defense conference set up a military committee yesterday which went swiftly to work on measures to cope with communism.

It had assurance from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of backing by what he described as the most powerful U.S. striking force in history. His description took into consideration nuclear weapons developed since World War II.

West Germans Hotly Attacked

BONN, Germany, Feb. 24 (AP)—Socialists hotly attacked West German rearmament in the Bundestag tonight. Outside, the Communist demonstrators were drenched by police who wheeled up water cannon. But government whips worked behind the scenes to line up a safe majority for ratification by Saturday.

A parliamentary debate opened under the menace of street demonstrations. Roads approaching parliament were cordoned off by 1300 police.

A police water cannon, a mobile firehose rig, drenched hundreds of Communists tonight in Friedensplatz Peace Square, in the center of Bonn. They had jeered police orders to disperse.

The officers also rolled up a water cannon to handle 120 imported Ruhr Communists in front of Konrad Adenauer's chancellery. The throng broke up without a fight. A dozen were arrested.

At nightfall, more than 1000 Reds attempted to march on Parliament, but were turned back by police into an old section of the capital.

The conference, which winds up its three-day sessions today, picked Bangkok for permanent headquarters of a secretariat or council of representatives with ambassadorial rank.

It also mapped plans for subcommittees which will deal with subversion and economic problems.

Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden talked over the Formosan situation at a dinner last night at the U.S. Embassy.

No announcement came out of the meeting as to whether Eden and Dulles went into steps to be taken in event Red China should attack the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, regarded as stepping-stones to Nationalist Formosa.

Under plans being worked out by the newly created military committee, there will be no overall commander or separate force such as is the case for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Instead, each nation would train its own troops and keep them within their home commands unless needed elsewhere to stop Communist aggression.

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