

# Adenauer Fights To Save Saar Pact

BONN, Germany, Feb. 25 (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer struggled tonight to save his Saar agreement with France from death in the West German Parliament.

All hope for French approval of German sovereignty and rearmament depended on the outcome.

Adenauer experienced his gravest hours as Chancellor in defending his temporary renunciation of 960,000 German-speaking Saarlanders in their coal-rich frontier valley.

Attacked by opposition Socialists for "treason to the Saar," Adenauer was deserted on the issue by two of the government's four parties—the Free Democrats and the Refugees. They total 74 deputies, but not all may vote no.

In fact, after a four-hour conference of Free Democratic deputies, party chairman Thomas Dehler said 10 or 11 of them probably will vote for the pact. Dehler had led a fight against it. But he said everyone in the party has a right to vote according to his conscience.

Adenauer's own Christian Democratic Union, which normally has a one-vote majority of 244 in the Bundestag, rallied behind him. However, three CDU deputies, expelled from their birthplace in the French-occupied Saar in 1953 for pro-German politics, refused their support.

### German Party Sticks

The German party, fourth and smallest government party with 15 deputies, stuck with Adenauer.

The Saar agreement is one of the five Paris treaties which France insists must be ratified by the Germans as a package if the Bonn Republic is to be granted independence and admitted to the Atlantic Alliance.

A bitter debate was begun by the Bundestag yesterday morning. It will culminate tomorrow night in a decisive vote. Communist street demonstrations against Adenauer were staged in Bonn yesterday. Heavily reinforced police encountered no troublemakers today.

### Makes Defense

The Chancellor doggedly made this defense:

1. The Saar was taken away from Germany in 1945 after a lost war. In 1947, both the United States and Britain promised to support French economic claims on the Saar in a German peace treaty.

2. He refused at Paris last October a French demand for permanent detachment of the Saar. But for the sake of French-German understanding, he compromised on transferring the Saar's control from France to a European commission.

3. The Saar's Europeanization is provisional until a German peace treaty. But by reason of this Europeanization, the United States and Britain no longer feel bound by their 1947 pledge to France.

## Treasury Probes Illegal Bond Sales

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Treasury disclosed today it has asked savings bond sellers to help prevent bond sales that may be "part of a chain letter scheme."

Previously Treasury officials announced that the chain letter idea was contrary to Treasury policy, although it boomed sales in some places.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield said such schemes, involving savings bonds, would be "investigated fully and submitted to the Department of Justice."

Get-rich-quick chain letter schemes have been popping up around the country for years. The general idea behind most of them has been held to be a violation of postal regulations.

The one involving savings bonds, as a bonus or prize, came to light weeks ago.

## 'One World' Policy Denied by Harlan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—John Marshall Harlan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's nominee for the Supreme Court, denied today he favors any "one world" or internationalist movement that would interfere with the sovereignty of the United States.

Harlan testified at an open hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering his nomination. Several previous witnesses opposed his selection for the high court on the ground he has been associated with the Atlantic Union movement.

Officials of the Atlantic Union say it opposes world government, but favors exploring the idea of closer ties, by federal union or otherwise, among Atlantic democracies.

The committee ended its hearing with Harlan's testimony. Chairman Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) said a vote on confirming the nomination cannot be taken until the printed record of the hearings is available, and that will not be before the middle of next week.

Harlan's nomination has been before the Senate since last November and Eisenhower has administered several prods in the hope of getting it acted upon. He is now a federal district judge in New York.

The main witness against Harlan today was George Racay Jordan, of New York, representing an organization called the American Coalition. The organization describes itself as a combination of groups devoted to preserving constitutional government. Jordan is also a supporter of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Jordan and the other witnesses, with the exception of Harlan, testified behind closed doors.

## Tax Clause Defeated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Senate, with a wary eye on tax-paying voters back home, voted 62-7 today against accepting a \$1,250 tax-free allowance as part of a congressional pay increase bill.

Legislation raising the salaries of senators and representatives from \$15,000 to \$23,750 a year was sent back to conference with the House with instructions to knock out the tax-free allowance feature.

Critics of the allowance said it would lead the man-in-the-street to "point the finger of suspicion" at all Congress members. Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) called the allowance a "gimmick."

Sens. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Everett M. Dirksen (D-Ill.) defended it as a bona fide expense allowance. Former Vice President Alben W. Barkley (R-Ky.) spoke

out against it. It was Barkley's first major floor speech since he returned to the Senate in January. The opposition became an avalanche.

The House passed the bill earlier in the day by voice vote. Many members expected it would be on its way to the White House tonight in plenty of time for President Eisenhower's signature before the start of the next congressional pay period, March 1.

The bill also carries pay increases for the federal judiciary and Justice Department officials. There was no objection to these, only to what Monroney called the gimmick, and to another new feature: five more trips to home and back every year for all Congress

## 8 Manila Pact Nations Agree on United Action For Peace in Asia

BANGKOK, Saturday, Feb. 26 (AP)—The eight Manila Pact nations agreed yesterday on united action "to preserve and strengthen the peace" of Southeast Asia and block "those subtle forms of aggression by which freedom and self-government are undermined and men's minds are subverted."

The decisions wound up a three-day conference which set up permanent headquarters in Bangkok and created committees to deal with military, subversive and economic problems.

Despite some sharp differences of opinion, international communism was mentioned in the final communique of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization as a menace against which members were united. It was the first time the word communism appeared in an official SEATO document since the pact was signed in Manila last September.

"The way of the aggressor has been made harder," summed up U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Even before the conference ended yesterday, military advisers began discussing plans "to have all possible measures" for defense of freedom in the Orient.

The conference's final communique emphasized that these military arrangements, to be built around an American force in the Pacific of 650,000 men, "will never be used for purposes of aggression."

Some Asian nations had hoped that a SEATO military force, comparable to NATO, would be developed. But the United States opinion prevailed that mobile striking forces, with the possible use of nuclear weapons, would be the most effective.

The threat of subversion, viewed with particular concern, is to be met by cooperative development of the economic, social and cultural phases of the area.

### AEC Schedules Blast Today at Nevada Site

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 25 (AP)—Weather improved enough today for the Atomic Energy Commission to reschedule tentatively a major 500-foot tower blast tomorrow morning at Nevada test site.

But clouds over Yucca Flat made it only a 50-50 chance, the AEC said.

About 600 GIs are ready to take up trench positions, 4000 yards from the tower and engage in maneuvers opening Exercise Desert Rock VI, postponed since Feb. 15.

## Chinese Move To Matsu Isles Is Reported

TAIPEI, Formosa, Saturday, Feb. 26 (AP)—Strong reports persisted today that the Nationalist garrison which abandoned Nanchishan in a secrecy-guarded 41-hour operation was taken 60 miles south to reinforce the Matsu Islands.

The Matsus, 100 miles west of Formosa's northern tip, guard the approaches to the big Red port of Foochow.

Although the United States has made no public commitment, the Nationalists have indicated they would get U.S. help in defending both the Matsus and Quemoy, guarding the approaches to Amoy.

Inability to get such help for defense of Nanchishan, 140 miles northwest of Formosa, coupled with Red landings on islands both north and south, apparently prompted the withdrawal at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 and completed at noon Friday.

The Nationalists were silent on the size of the garrison, estimated unofficially at 5000 but said the evacuation drew no interference from the Reds as close as 12 miles north.

### U.S. to Return Seven To Red China Homes

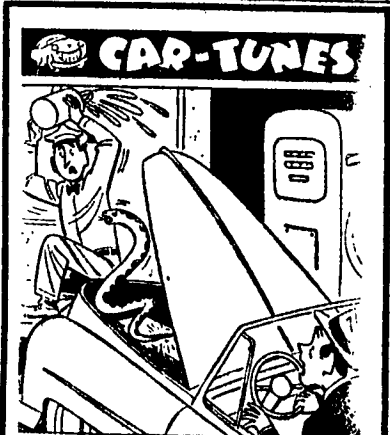
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The United States has arranged to return seven castaway fishermen to their Red China homes. At the same time it is hinting broadly that Peiping should do likewise by 15 imprisoned American fliers.

The Chinese fishermen, it was learned today, were rescued last May by U.S. Air Force planes. They had been stranded on a reef in the Paracel Islands, about 200 miles off Indochina in the South China Sea.

The fishermen were taken to the Air Force base at Manila. They told officials they wanted to return to their homes on Hainan Island just off the Red China mainland.

### Lumbermen's Institute

Clifford A. Nelson, associate professor of economics, served as a conference leader for the Allegheny County Lumbermen's Institute. The topic of the conference was "Selling Services to Meet Competition."



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