

Reds May Get Matsus Islands

TAIPEI, Formosa, Saturday, March 5 (AP)—There was speculation in press circles today that the Nationalists might be abandoning some or all of the Matsus, island outposts extending within three and a half miles of the Red China mainland off the port of Foochow. The speculation was entirely unofficial and, of course, without public confirmation. Security considerations presumably would preclude public disclosure even if such was true.

Government Acts to Halt PRR Strike

NEW YORK, March 4 (AP)—The federal government today tried to step in and avert a strike threatened against the Pennsylvania Railroad by the CIO Transport Workers Union. The railroad immediately accepted the offer of federal mediators to come into the dispute. The union said it would have no reply until tomorrow.

Michael J. Quill, TWU president, set Sunday midnight as the strike deadline for his 20,000 Pennsylvania Railroad members. They are nonoperating maintenance employees of the line. Quill claims the railroad, in laying off 12,000 workers in an economy wave, has cut maintenance below the point of safety. The railroad denies it and says it has lived up to its contract with the union.

The railroad says that even if there is a strike, trains will keep rolling providing other railroad union members stay on the job. The TWU employes repair and maintain the road's rolling stock. Quill said he has asked all TWU locals in city transportation systems and air-lines along the Pennsylvania right of way to "lend support and manpower" to the strike.

The union also is negotiating with other unions in the Pennsylvania system "to guarantee that their members honor picket lines in this conflict," Quill said. Quill set the strike deadline in telegrams to locals shortly before the mediation board action. Wages are not an issue in the dispute. The TWU has been campaigning for reinstatement of the laid off men.

Delay Seen by Peterson In Post-Attack Invasion

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson told Congress today it might be "months or years" before America could send ground invasion forces overseas after being surprised by an atomic attack. He said the nation would need all the military and police forces at home, to keep order, while they awaited the opportunity to mount an expeditionary force.

CIO OK's Trade Program

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—The CIO and the three largest farm organizations stamped their okay on President Eisenhower's liberalized world trade program today.

Gaza Cease-Fire Urged by UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 4 (AP)—The UN Security Council urged Israel and Egypt today to stop the fighting on their border in the southern Palestine desert. It invited Maj. Gen. Edson L. M. Burns, a Canadian who heads the Palestine truce mission, to fly here at once and report on who was to blame for the bloody clashes at Gaza and what can be done to stop them.

All the Council nations except Russia, which was silent, deplored the armed clash that killed 39 Egyptians and 8 Israelis last Monday night. French Delegate Henri Hoppenot said it resulted from an "onslaught by Israel against Egypt."

Other delegates indicated they believed, on the basis of information available, that the clash was started by Israeli forces. The Israeli delegation said that in the 90-minute Council session there was "the tendency of many of the representatives to ignore

the entire background" of the clash. The call for peace on the Gaza front was made by Selim Sarper of Turkey, Council president for this month, who said it represented the sentiments of the 10 delegates who spoke. The Council decided to recess until Gen. Burns can get here. In debate, U.S. Delegate James J. Wadsworth called the Gaza incident "indefensible from any standpoint." Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand characterized it as "deliberate, planned and disciplined." He and Victor Andres Belaunde of Peru spoke of "governmental responsibility" for it, apparently meaning Israel's responsibility. But some noted the Council had only preliminary reports and needed all the facts to reach a decision. Wadsworth, speaking first, proposed the invitation to Burns. The others all agreed. Members also said the Council should wait for the decision of

Income Tax Bill May Face Battle For Compromise

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—The Democratic-sponsored \$20 income tax cut for everybody today appeared headed for Senate defeat and a compromise struggle with the House.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), who won a 9-6 vote against the tax cut in his Senate Finance Committee, said "a minimum of 10" Democratic senators will side with him when the issue comes to a vote on the Senate floor.

If Republicans hold firm behind President Eisenhower's opposition to the measure, and GOP leaders predicted they would, the administration should win handily with this much Democratic support. The division in the Senate is 49 Democrats to 47 Republicans.

That would send the measure to a conference with the House, which voted 210-205 to add the \$20 income tax reduction effective next Jan. 1 to an administration revenue bill.

Byrd said he wants Senate debate to start by next Wednesday, but an aide to acting Democratic Leader Clements of Kentucky said March 14 still was a good possibility. Byrd declined to name the 10 Democrats he said would side with him in the impending floor battle.

Teachers Ask School Boycott

IRVING, Tex., March 4 (AP)—Striking teachers, feuding with the school board of this suburban community near Dallas, today asked mothers to keep their children away from schools now run by volunteers and substitutes.

A teacher committee called on a group of mothers of take their children out of schools and close them until the row is over. There was no immediate reaction from the mothers.

This happened after quarreling trustees and teachers held their first meeting since an estimated 200 of the 300 teachers and other school employees failed to show up Tuesday. The walkout, in its fourth day today, is in protest of the firing of Supt. John Beard and "intolerable conditions."

At the meeting, the board repeated a standing offer that employees may apply to return to their jobs and be passed on individually, even though 30 new persons have been hired. The board considered the employees broke their contracts when they struck and failed to return by a deadline yesterday.

WDFM to Carry AP Radio News

Campus radio station WDFM will carry Associated Press news through the courtesy of WMAJ. The station receives its local news through the Daily Collegian and weather reports from the meteorology department.

The University's library is named in honor of Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, former professor of American literature at the University.

Senate Committee Wants Betting Vote

HARRISBURG, March 4 (AP)—An informal poll of a Senate committee showed today a majority of members favoring bringing a horse race betting referendum bill to the floor for a vote.

At least nine of the 16 members of the Senate Law and Order Committee indicated they would go along with a proposal to ask the state's voters whether they want legalized betting in Pennsylvania.

The committee is currently studying the measure which is co-sponsored by its chairman G. Robert Watkins (R-Delaware.) Watkins has put off a committee vote on the measure until at least next week because of the pressure of other Senate committee business.

Committee Vote Postponed Postponement of a committee vote lessened the possibility of getting the referendum question on the May 17 primary election ballot.

The bill as introduced in the Senate would add the question to the November ballot but Watkins had expressed the hope of moving it up to May.

Wants Voters View The measure merely asks the voters whether they want legalized horse race betting in Pennsylvania. It would require additional legislation to set up regulations for the sport should voters approve.

Long a controversial issue in the commonwealth, horse race betting has been opposed by some church groups and reportedly by out-of-state racing interests.

\$35 Million Revenue Watkins said Pennsylvania could pick up as much as 35 million dollars a year in revenue that now is going to tracks in surrounding states.

Most committee members, though declining to disclose their identity at this time, agreed with Watkins that the people should have a chance to state their preference in the issue.

Mail Opposes Bill Other members said they personally did not oppose the bill but would vote the way their constituents felt. Two said they had received much mail opposing the measure.

It was pointed out that even should the referendum be authorized and votes approve horse race betting, it would not necessarily follow that the Legislature would pass an enabling act to institute a betting system.

Governors Agree On Water Project

HARRISBURG, March 4 (AP)—Agreement was reached between governors of Pennsylvania and New Jersey today on proposed construction of a large dam and a general plan for development of Delaware River water resources.

Gov. George M. Leader, following a 2 1/2 hour conference here with New Jersey's Gov. Robert B. Meyner, said he will press for passage of legislation to implement Pennsylvania's part in the program.

New Jersey already has legislation on the books authorizing that state to participate in construction of a dam proposed for Wallpack Bend, above Stroudsburg.

Pennsylvania must pass similar enabling legislation by July 1—a deadline set by the New Jersey legislature in 1953, to await Pennsylvania action.

Leader said an administration bill, a companion measure to New

House OK's Government Pay Raises

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Pay raises for the armed forces and postal service were approved today by House committees.

Increases of between 6 and 25 per cent for career servicemen were okayed unanimously by an Armed Services subcommittee. The House is expected to adopt the measure, representing 735-million dollars in extra pay a year, next week.

The House Post Office Committee voted an average 7 1/2 per cent increase for half a million Post Office employees, at an annual cost of 150 million dollars, the minimum increase is 6 per cent.

The military pay raise bill, which President Eisenhower has termed essential to keep trained men in uniform, provides an average 11.9 per cent increase for two million servicemen.

Enlisted men with over two years' service and officers with more than three years' duty would get boosts of from \$7.80 to \$8.15 a month. In general, others are not affected because the bill is designed to provide more incentive for experienced men to stay in uniform.

The measure increases special monthly pay for hazardous air and submarine duty, establishes a new dislocation allowance of one month's basic pay for service families making a permanent change of station and ups the daily travel allowance from \$9 to \$12.

Chairman Kilday (D-Tex.) said the measure would be submitted Tuesday to the full committee and might reach the House floor Thursday.

Harriman Conferences Closed to 'Daily Worker'

ALBANY, N.Y., March 4 (AP)—The state Capitol correspondent for the Communist New York Daily Worker has been barred from all future off-the-record conferences between Gov. Averell Harriman and reporters.

Charles Van Devander, Harriman's press secretary, today announced the ban against the newspaper's present correspondent, Michael Singer of New York City, a veteran legislative reporter.

Van Devander said the action was not directed at Singer personally but would apply to "any correspondent of the Daily Worker," the Communist party organ in the United States.

Correction

James Jacoby, fifth semester journalism major was awarded a \$100 award not \$1000 as was reported in the Daily Collegian yesterday.

Jersey's, will go on Monday to the House of Representatives—where Democrats hold a majority.

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