

New Arms to Be Used In Formosan Defense

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said tonight the Red Chinese seem bent on conquering Formosa, but he warned them the United States has new "weapons of precision" which can annihilate their military centers.

He said the United States, pledged to defense of Formosa, stands ready "to meet hostile force with the greater force that we possess."

In a speech prepared for nationwide radio-TV broadcast, Dulles did not name the new weapons. But he said they can be so pin-pointed as to "utterly destroy military targets without endangering unrelated civilian centers."

This could mean "baby" atomic bombs, or guided missiles—or something not yet disclosed. His mention of not endangering civilian centers could be taken as a form of assurance to those—some American allies among them—who oppose the use of hydrogen bombs or conventional A-bombs as indiscriminate slaughter.

Warning to Reds
It also could be taken as a warning to any Red Chinese leaders who might figure they would be safe in launching an attack because the United States would never risk world-wide revulsion by the use of massive atomic or hydrogen weapons. Dulles was saying in effect that there would be no need to use these ultimate weapons, that others would suffice.

Dulles' speech was a report on his just-completed tour of Asian countries and the Far Pacific.

Reds Want Formosa
Red China, he said, seems "determined to try to conquer Formosa," and is spreading the propaganda that the United States is only a "paper tiger."

While practicing restraint against such taunts, Dulles continued, the United States must not let the free world of Asia get the idea that "our love of peace means peace at any price."

Prepared to Stand
"We must, if occasion offers, make it clear that we are prepared to stand firm," he said, "and, if necessary, meet hostile force with the greater force that we possess."

If the Chinese Communists engage in open armed aggression," he said, "this would probably mean that they have decided on general war in Asia."

Defense Treaties
"They would then have to take into account the mutual defense treaties of the United States with the Republic of Korea and the Republic of China, and the forces maintained under them."

"The allied nations possess together plenty of power in the area. The United States in particular has sea and air forces now equipped with new and powerful weapons of precision, which can utterly destroy military targets without endangering unrelated civilian centers."

CIO Transport Workers, PRR Reach Settlement
PHILADELPHIA, March 8 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Rail Road and the CIO Transport Workers Union reached a settlement tonight in a dispute which had threatened a strike of 20,000 maintenance workers on the nation's largest railroad.

A TWU spokesman called it "a terrific agreement." He said the union will strive for similar pacts with other railroads.

Tent with Windows Made
WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The Army proudly reported today an invention that, as far as the ordinary soldier is concerned, may rank with the great technological military achievements of all time.

It has produced a tent with picture windows. Well, anyway, windows. Along each side of its new squad tents will be rows of vinyl-film windows that roll as easily as canvas.

Nor is this all. The Army says each window also has a built-in nylon screen so the window can be rolled up and the air let in.

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John Foster Dulles Warns Reds

Official States Reds Could Attack Quemoy, Matsus

TOKYO, March 8 (AP)—A top U.S. military leader said today the Communists are in position to attack the Nationalist Chinese offshore islands of Quemoy and the Matsus at any time.

The Chinese Communists have reinforced air units in the area and have moved in ground troops to positions near the islands, the officer, who cannot be named, told correspondents.

Should the Communists attack, he emphasized, the decision to defend them with U.S. forces is up to the President of the United States.

British Talks On Cease-Fire At Stalemate

LONDON, March 8 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed today Britain's secret negotiations for a Formosa cease-fire have bogged down. He called on Nationalist China to open the way for a settlement by surrendering the off-shore islands.

Eden told the House of Commons his soundings of Peiping show "The necessary conditions for progress" toward ending the China war "do not yet exist."

Want Cease-Fire
But he said secret contacts with Russia and Red China are continuing in an effort to get a Formosa cease-fire through "a conference or other discussions."

Eden's disclosures came during a report on his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Dulles at the Bangkok conference and his 16-day swing through capitals of Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Eden Gives Warning
Warning that further fighting in the Formosa Strait could lead to "grave" consequences, Eden urged Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists to take two steps:

"First, we would like to see them withdraw their armed forces from the other coastal islands (Quemoy and Matsus). Secondly, they should let it be known that they... while maintaining their claims, will not prosecute them by forceful means, and will abstain from all offensive military action."

Eden appealed to Red China to refrain from attacking Quemoy and Matsus and "to make apparent" that it does not intend to take Formosa by force.

GOP's Sure Senate Will Pass Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Republican leaders expressed renewed confidence today that the Senate will turn back a Democratic drive to reduce income taxes by \$20 a person. The showdown could come early next week.

Coming away from a White House conference, Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland of California predicted rejection "by a very substantial margin."

A short time later Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson (Tex.) announced in the Senate that the bitterly debated tax measure will be taken up Thursday. He commented "many members will want to express their views" and said no vote would be called before Monday.

Deadline Set
Democrats supporting the general income tax cut were given until Wednesday midnight to send in more ammunition. The six Finance Committee Democrats who voted for the \$20 provision originally were to have submitted their report at noon today, but the Senate agreed unanimously to extend the deadline.

Two other Democrats on the committee—Chairman Harry F. Byrd (Va.) and Walter F. George (Ga.)—sided last week with the seven GOP members to disapprove the section of a House measure which has caused all the argument. It would allow a \$20 credit for every income taxpayer and dependent, beginning next Jan. 1.

Substitute Plan
Johnson appeared to have made little headway in an effort to rally Democrats around some sort of substitute for the \$20 plan. George, for instance, said he remains opposed. But the influential Georgia senator added he expects as many as 40 of the Senate's 49 Democrats may vote for the House provision.

With almost solid Republican opposition, that still wouldn't be enough. Only Sen. William Langer of North Dakota among the Republicans has said he will vote for the \$20 cut. Langer's colleague, Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.), said he isn't sure yet.

Knowland talked with newsmen after a delegation of GOP congressional leaders huddled with White House aides on tax matters.

House Group OK's Pay Hike For Services

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The House Armed Services Committee voted 30-0 today to give career men in the armed services pay raises running from 6 to 25 per cent.

House approval is expected on Thursday, with Senate action to follow. President Eisenhower asked the legislation, in order to cut down on what military officials described as a dangerous and expensive loss of good men who leave for jobs in private life.

The pay raises, averaging an estimated 11.9 per cent, would become effective on the first day of the month after the bill has been signed into law.

The House committee adopted without change a subcommittee version of the measure which finally will add about \$19 million a year to original Pentagon estimates. This will bring the cost to about 745 million dollars a year.

The congressmen voted to increase the pay boosts in some categories, and Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo) reminded officers that "Congress has been more generous than the Department of Defense."

The bill boosts pay for all enlisted men and warrant officers with more than two years' service and all commissioned officers with over three years' duty.

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

Senate Group OK's Racing Vote

HARRISBURG, March 8 (AP)—A bill to put up to the voters at a statewide referendum at the Nov. 2 election the question of legalizing horse race betting in Pennsylvania won committee approval today in the Senate.

The action placed the question before the full Senate for a vote—the first time since 1937 a horse race betting bill has reached the floor of either House or Senate. The House defeated such a bill in that year.

Sen. Rowland B. Mahany, Republican floor leader, predicted the referendum bill would pass the Senate with at least 30 votes. Twenty-six is necessary for approval. It could come up for a vote next Tuesday.

But both Republican and Democratic leaders of the House were non-committal on prospects there of the bill, strongly opposed by church forces.

The House rejected 93-79, a proposed constitutional amendment permitting the governor to succeed himself. It was the first time in the 1955 session that a bill fell for lack of the constitutional majority of 106 votes.

In another development, Speaker H. G. Andrews made a personal plea at an unprecedented Republican-Democratic caucus in the House for higher compensation for members of the Legislature.

Andrews speech to the representatives came shortly after legislators learned Gov. George M. Leader opposed the idea of increasing the expense allowance of members of the legislature, longer a part-time, reasonable "The affairs of state are no

job," Andrews said, adding the standing of the legislative branch must be re-established to prevent it from becoming "a mere convenience of other agencies of government."

Legislators now receive \$1500 yearly and \$1800 expenses annually. Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate got together last week on a proposal to increase the expense allowance, without fixing an amount.

Flying Boxcar Crashes At Pittsburgh Airport

PITTSBURGH, March 8 (AP)—An Air Force C119 Flying Boxcar crash-landed and skidded along a Greater Pittsburgh Airport runway for 500 feet today. No one was injured.

The crash occurred on a runway reserved for military planes. No civilian craft was endangered. The plane did not burn. Military personnel said the landing gear was down as the craft approached but it was pushed back into the plane by the impact. Cause of the crash was not immediately determined.

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