

4000 Approve Bao Dai Ouster

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, May 5 (AP)—A foot-stamping, shouting 4000-man National Congress declared by acclamation today the end of ex-Emperor Bao Dai's rule over South Viet Nam as Chief of State.

At the same time another Congress, made up of 700 local and provincial councilors and tribe chiefs, demanded that Bao Dai's powers be given now to American-supported Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, leaving it to an elected National Assembly to depose Bao Dai.

Shell-fire, Air Attacks Hit Quemoy

TAIPEI, Formosa, May 5 (AP)—The Chinese Communists today loosed one of the heaviest shellings of the year in the Quemoy area across Formosa Strait close on the heels of their first aerial thrust in the Matsu area.

The Defense Ministry said that in 45 minutes Red artillery on Amoy fired 150 rounds into little Quemoy Island, four miles away. There were no further details.

Little Quemoy, 22 square miles and stoutly defended, guards the western flank of Quemoy, largest and strongest of the offshore islands.

Planes Attack

Nationalist planes only yesterday attacked five small Red gunboats in Amoy harbor and claimed three damaged. They also fought off an attack of four MIG15 jet fighters 50 miles north of the Matsus.

The appearance of the MIGs for the first time near Matsu and little more than 150 miles north of Formosa itself was not unexpected. The Communists have finished a big air base at Lukiao, 200 miles north of the Matsus.

Reds to Follow Previous Tactics

Nationalist officials predict that the Reds will follow the same tactics in the Matsus as they did in the Tachens farther north. The Nationalists quit the Tachens after the fall of nearby Yikiangshan Island.

The Reds first made occasional flights over the Tachens, then bombed them heavily and invaded Yikiangshan. There is speculation that the Matsu group island of Kaocheng will be the next "Yikiangshan." It is but four miles from the Red mainland. Matsu, main island in the group, is 9 1/2 miles from the mainland.

Senate Votes Pensions, Privileges for Presidents

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Former presidents would receive a \$11,500 annual pension, a staff of assistants, office space and free mailing privileges under legislation passed unanimously by the Senate today.

The measure, which goes to the House, would provide a \$10,000 annual pension for widows of presidents. Congress in the past occasionally has voted presidential widows \$5000 a year, although they do not now get automatic compensation from the government.

Troops in Tanks, Trenches Unhurt By Atom Blast

SURVIVAL CITY, Nevada, May 5 (AP)—Savage atomic power ripped into this Civil Defense test town today, but the smashing nuclear blast left unhurt men and women in close-up trenches and soldiers in stout steel tanks.

An immediate check on what the explosion of the test device, equalling the energy of 35,000 tons of TNT, did to Survival City was impossible.

A vast cloud of dust welled up from the desert floor instantly and cloaked the town from all but a sketchy sight by observers.

What little could be seen in the first hours after the explosion indicated that the homes built on Doomsday Drive, less than a mile from the 500-foot tower for the bomb, probably were crushed or burned or both.

A newsman passing by in a helicopter about one hour after the explosion caught a glimpse, through the dust shroud below, of shattered timbers poking up out of debris; a tall red steel tower, which presumably was one of the two 150-foot radio towers, still standing above some kind of wreckage.

What lay outward from this closest-up edge of Survival City—how far beyond Doomsday Drive destruction reached—was obscured until Civil Defense and Atomic Energy Commission officials could fly or drive in, after dust and possible lingering radiation had subsided.

147 Polio Cases Found in Week

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The Public Health Service said today new polio cases reported by the states for last week totaled 147 as compared with 106 in the previous week.

Last week's figures also showed a gain, of about one-fifth, above the 122 for the corresponding week of last year.

The service said the number of confirmed cases of polio contracted after inoculation with the new Salk vaccine has reached 41.

In another report today, the service said there have now been 41 confirmed cases of post-inoculation polio, an increase of eight over yesterday's figures. Seven of the eight were vaccinated with vaccine made by the Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., and one with vaccine made by the Eli Lilly Co., of Indianapolis, it said.

Navy Supplies Probed

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Armed with a stack of documents two feet high, Hoover Commission spokesmen today stood pat on their report the Navy has a 60-year supply of canned hamburgers.

General Elections

Both congresses called for general elections within four to six months to choose the National Assembly and set up a workable government. They urged Diem in the meantime to use his Nationalist troops to crush the Binh Xuyen rebels, his foes in South Viet Nam's week-old civil war.

The Executive Committees of the two congresses split over whether to give Diem full power to organize the elections. The National Congress wanted the Premier to form a provisional government which would prepare for the voting. The second group favored giving Diem himself full power to make these preparations.

Details of Resolutions

When all details of their formal resolutions have been finally settled, Diem will forward them to Bao Dai with a request that he choose among them. Bao Dai, once Emperor of the small Indochinese state of Annam, was appointed Chief of State of Viet Nam by the French in 1949. He has been living on the French Riviera more than a year.

Out of the two political meetings today came one fairly certain conclusion: Bao Dai is finished in Viet Nam. Also there appeared to be little support for the American idea of a constitutional monarchy as the surest means of establishing a stable government in the country.

Promises Bao Dai Deposal

One of the National Congress leaders, Gen. Nguyen Thanh Phuong, commander of the Cao Dai religious army, promised the cheering group that not only would Bao Dai be deposed but the monarchy would be abolished. Informants said the French have put forward a new plan for solving the political crisis.

Eisenhower Seen Bungling — Leader

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania said today that President Eisenhower must accept the responsibility for "a bungled foreign policy." He predicted that will be the main issue in the 1956 elections.

The 37-year-old Democrat told a news conference he does not think that "any executive, on the national or state level, can avoid accepting responsibility for his administration."

"No one is invulnerable," he said. "No one is above criticism." Leader thus lined up with a growing group of Democrats who have reported themselves as being prepared to take on Eisenhower directly in the '56 campaign.

House Group OKs Cut in Army Forces

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The administration's military budget calling for an 87,000-man cut in the Army during the next 12 months was approved by the House Appropriations Committee today.

The committee voted \$31,488,206,000 in new defense funds and said the present structure of the armed forces will be maintained "for an indefinite period." This means there is little likelihood of any big reductions in defense spending in the near future.

Flood to Block Manpower

Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) announced he will try to block the manpower cuts now contemplated by proposing that 750 million dollars be added to the bill when it comes up for floor debate next week. Flood's proposal, defeated in committee by a reported vote of 29-7, is virtually certain to attract enough followers to provide a lively floor battle.

The new funds approved by the committee, added to unobligated money left over from previous appropriations, would give the Defense Department a total of \$48,081,000,000 for the budget year starting July 1.

More Promised in Need

More was promised in a hurry "in the event of drastically worsened world conditions."

In a report written by Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.), the committee said the budget offered for House and Senate approval lays stress on "continental air defense and our increasing potential for massive retaliation in the event of enemy attack."

The committee said present Air Force strength "rests more on counteroffensive capability than actual defense." It said it had been assured that the Air Force "is reasonably ready to counter any major threat to this country."

Army, Navy Marines Reduced

Whereas the Army, Navy and Marine Corps would be reduced in strength during the coming year, the Air Force would be increased from 970,000 to 975,000. Its budget, as approved by the

Unity Sought By Democrats

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The Democratic high command held out a forgiving hand today to any Democrats who bolted the party ticket in 1952 and now "want to return to the fold."

One of the bolters, Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, indicated he would like to come back-provided the Democrats don't nominate Adlai E. Stevenson for the presidency again.

Shivers and National Chairman Paul M. Butler took a few puffs on the party peace pipe in a 15-minute conference in the pantry, at a breakfast at the Capitol of seven Democratic governors and Senate and House Democratic leaders.

But the exact extent to which things were patched up between national headquarters and Texas Democrats who backed President Eisenhower in 1952 was obscured a bit in the smoke.

The committee, is \$14,401,904,000. a cut of \$381,774,000 from requests but \$3,473,000,000 more than this year's figure.

Over-all, the military strength next June would be 2,852,000 as against 2,954,000 this June.

The total new money provided in the bill is \$744,609,000 less than President Dwight D. Eisenhower requested but much of the cut was offset by bookkeeping transfers making money available from other sources.



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