

Thailand Leader Rejects Reds

BANGKOK, Thailand, March 13 (AP)—Thailand's staunch anti-Communist Premier P. Pibulsonggram spurned neutrality today, declaring "we believe you must choose a side—Thailand chose the free world."

He spoke at a ceremony in which U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Thailand's foreign minister, Prince Wan Waithyakon, signed an agreement by which the United States will cooperate in construction of an experimental atomic reactor here.

Ike Reported Ready to Hear Bricker Plan

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) reported today that President Dwight D. Eisenhower told a conference of Republican leaders he would be "glad to discuss" the new version of the Bricker amendment.

Eisenhower has opposed previous versions of the proposed constitutional amendment, offered by Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio), on the grounds the result would be to limit the executive power to make treaties.

The new version was worded by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), with Bricker's backing. It says:

"A provision of a treaty or other international agreement which conflicts with any provision of this Constitution shall not be of any force or effect."

Knowland said Eisenhower told his callers he was agreeable to the idea of holding a conference on the revised version as soon as Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gets back to Washington later this month.

"I believe the President's mind is open on this question," Knowland said.

Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate Republicans Policy Committee, said earlier that the amendment probably will be pushed in the Senate whether Eisenhower opposes it or not.

Kefauver Takes Lead In Primary

MANCHESTER, N.H., March 13 (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn), piled up an early lead over Adlai Stevenson tonight in the New Hampshire presidential primary's feature fight—a battle for control of the state's delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

In the contest for eight convention votes, returns from 26 of the state's 297 precincts gave Kefauver a 7-1 margin over Stevenson.

Kefauver also opened up a wide lead over Stevenson in the other section of this first-in-the-nation primary—the presidential preference poll.

With 26 precincts reporting, Kefauver—who was unopposed on the ballot—received 614 votes. Stevenson's admirers gave him 75 write-in votes. President Eisenhower drew 2 Democratic write-ins and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York 1.

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower was crushing delegates favorable to Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif) in the battle for 14 seats at the Republican National Convention. Eisenhower candidates were leading by impressive margins in all contests.

The President's supporters were also endorsing him by a whopping majority in the preference poll where he—like Kefauver—was unopposed on the ballot.

The count in 26 precincts gave the President 932 votes. His closest write-in rival was Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) with 5 write-ins, followed by Knowland with 4, Presidential Asst. Sherman Adams 3 and Chief Justice Earl Warren 2.

year—a 50 per cent increase over this year's allocation—and give India about 10-million-dollars worth of technical aid.

The decision presumably was made during Dulles' visit to India.

Leader Charges Sales Tax Unfair

PITTSBURGH, March 13 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader told delegates to the state CIO convention today he signed Pennsylvania's sales tax into law "with bitterness in my heart because it is unfair to the majority."

The Commonwealth's chief executive blames the Republican-controlled Senate for passage of the three per cent tax and said: "It is up to the people of Pennsylvania to work toward a Democratic victory this November. Not only must we elect another Democratic House, but we must win the Senate, too."

Workers Granted Paid Voting Time

HARRISBURG, March 13 (AP)—Registered voters required to work during hours the polls are open would be granted time off with pay to cast ballots under a bill approved tonight by the House.

A 177-16 vote sent the proposal to the Senate.

The measure provides that any person entitled to vote at an election in Pennsylvania should be permitted to leave work for two hours while the polls are open if he is scheduled to work during all voting hours.

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