

Senate Postpones Farm Bill Passage

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The Senate approved an additional \$200 million for a pork purchase program tonight and then decided to postpone final action on its election-year farm bill until next week.

After a session lasting more than nine hours, the Senate recessed at 7:05 p.m.

French Forces Ambush Rebels

ALGIERS, Algeria, March 16 (AP)—French forces ambushed a big rebel detachment in eastern Algeria today and killed 107 in a running battle that went on into the night.

Parachute troops and mechanized units joined forces to clamp a steel pincers on the band in the region of Lafayette, a village of 2500 about 150 miles east of this capital city. Other rebels had just struck Algiers in a series of fire raids.

Spotter planes directed the French pursuit in the Lafayette operation, carried out across a land of grain fields, cork-oak forests and olive groves. The French admitted only one French death and said they expected the rebel casualty toll to soar.

It agreed to go back to work on the huge and complicated farm bill at 11 a.m. Monday. The legislation is designed to add between \$3 and \$5 billion to farmers' incomes this year.

Some 60 amendments remained to be acted on when Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) interrupted the debate and proposed the weekend recess. The bill couldn't be passed tonight even "if we stayed to midnight," Johnson said.

Minority Leader William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) supported him in the move.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Agriculture Committee and floor manager of the bill, tried to get an assurance from Johnson that the Senate would be kept in session Monday until the bill was passed, but the Democratic leader said he did not want to accept responsibility for keeping the Senate at work all night.

With the planting season not far away, President Dwight D.

Diplomat Reports Khrushchev Called Stalin 'Murderer'

LONDON, March 16 (AP)—A diplomat in a Continental capital said tonight Nikita S. Khrushchev has called Joseph Stalin a murderer.

The informant said Khrushchev, the chief of the Soviet Communist party, told a secret meeting of top Communists last month that Stalin murdered 70 out of 133 members of the party's Central Committee in 1937.

There were reports that Khrushchev broke down in tears at least four times while describing the campaign of terror.

Khrushchev was said to have charged Stalin with blundering in foreign relations and domestic affairs and turning Moscow into a city of plot and counterplot where none was safe.

This account of the Khrushchev speech reached London from a continental diplomat who took special pains to insure he would not be named. Presumably he got it through diplomatic channels from Moscow. Other—more vague—reports of the speech, all in a somewhat similar vein, were current in other capitals in Europe.

Eisenhower and many Senate leaders are pressing for speedy action on the farm bill. The legislation will figure prominently in the struggle by both parties for the farm vote next fall.

The World at a Glance

Britain Expels 30 from 'Murder Zone'

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 16 (AP)—Britain expelled 30 householders and shopkeepers from a terrorist "murder zone" in downtown Nicosia today.

Field Marshal Sir John Harding, the governor, issued the order as collective punishment for a screen of silence shielding a bloody challenge to Britain rule by pro-Greek gunmen.

West German Bundesrat Approves Rearmament

BERLIN, March 16 (AP)—The final legal green light flashed here today on West Germany's road to rearmament within NATO.

The West German Bundesrat (upper house)—sitting for the first time in the Allied sector of this divided city 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain—unanimously approved measures authorizing the buildup of federal armed forces that are to total 500,000 men by 1960.

State Primary Bars Veep Preference

HARRISBURG, March 16 (AP)—There will be no way for Pennsylvania's voters to express their vice presidential preference in the April 24 primary.

Albert E. Eberman, director of the state election bureau, said today he had been asked about the vice presidential ballot situation because of the write-in votes received by Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the recent New Hampshire primary.

UN Group Agrees on 'Atoms' Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 16 (AP)—A 12-power group was reported agreed today on a compromise plan removing the main stumbling-block to creation of an atoms-for-peace agency proposed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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