

U.S., Arabia Pact OK'd 5-Year Arms

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP) — The United States and Saudi Arabia today announced formal agreement on the five-year airfield-for-arms pact approved last February by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and King Saud.

The agreement was signed at the State Department last Tuesday. It extends for five more years the authority for U.S. use of the Dhahran airfield 1000 miles from Russia's Middle East border. For the Saudis, who want to double their 15,000-man armed force, it means:

1. The United States will continue to sell it military gear, eventually, including jet trainers and small patrol boats.

2. Dhahran's civil air facilities will be improved with a new air terminal building, and the nearby Persian Gulf port of Damman will get and bigger dock facilities.

3. American officers will train Saudi army, navy and air personnel, both in the United States and in Saudi Arabia.

However, a ban on American Jews is continued. It was in the old agreement signed in 1951 which the new pact extends.

U.S. officials said they tried to lift this ban during negotiations. But they said the Saudis refused. They said the Saudis argued that they could not issue entrance permits to American Jews until there is an improvement in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Senate to Probe Scranton Unions

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP) — Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark) said today the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee hopes to conduct several days of hearings here next week, probably starting Tuesday, on alleged union malpractices in the Scranton, Pa., area.

McClellan, the committee chairman, gave that word to reporters after a closed door session of his group. He did not give any details.

UAW Acts on Union Ethics

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., April 8 (AP) — The United Auto Workers convention overwhelmingly approved today a precedent-setting review board of private citizens to act as a public watchdog on union ethical practices.

The 7-member board also will share authority with the convention as the ultimate appeal body for grievances of union members.

The World at a Glance

Traffic Restored In Suez Canal

CAIRO, April 8 (AP) — Two floating cranes of the UN salvage fleet hoisted the sunken frigate Abukir today and restored a clear channel throughout the 103-mile length of the Suez Canal. The Abukir was towed away to a ship graveyard in the Bitter Lakes.

Only an Egyptian announcement is needed now to open the canal to all vessels adapted to its 34-foot depth. That would be up to about 40,000 tons.

Whistles shrilled and hundreds of persons watched from the bank. The hoist essentially was completed—in less than 3½ months—a job which Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, American boss of the salvage fleet, once forecast would take five months.

Dems Request Cut In State Budget

HARRISBURG, April 8 (AP) — House Democrats tonight challenged Republicans to show where Gov. George M. Leader's proposed budget can be cut by 100 million dollars.

Rep. Joseph Andrews, assistant Democratic floor leader, put the question as the House passed 173-18 a series of amendments designed to strengthen enforcement provisions of the 3 per cent sales tax law.

The new sales tax enforcement measure went to the Senate where Chairman John Kessler (R-Lancaster) of the Senate Finance Committee predicted quick action.

The amendments deal with complex refund, penalty and assessment provisions of the sales tax law.

Elizabeth's Smile, Kiss Charms French Crowd

PARIS, April 8 (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II captured France today with a regal smile, a gracious kiss and a moment of near tears for France's Unknown Soldier.

Perhaps the largest crowd ever packed on the fashionable Champs Elysees glimpsed the regal smile as the happy Queen drove by. Television watchers saw the young monarch's tense moment at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Lancaster Truck Crash

LANCASTER, Pa., April 8 (AP) — A troop train struck an Army pickup truck at a Pennsylvania Railroad crossing near here during a heavy rain storm today, killing the two occupants of the truck. Tentative identification of the victims was made from papers found at the scene.

Ike Supports Postal Increase

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP) — Spokesmen for the nation's organized postal workers said today they had been assured that President Dwight D. Eisenhower is giving "complete support" to Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield's demands for more money from Congress.

Summerfield, seeking 47 million dollars extra to finance postal operations until July 1, has ordered a drastic cut in postal services effective next Saturday unless he is assured of the money. The House Appropriations Committee has agreed so far to give him only 17 million dollars.

The spokesmen for six affiliated postal employee organizations called on presidential assistant Jack Anderson at the White House and told him they are solidly behind Summerfield. William C. Doherty, president of the National Letter Carriers, quoted Anderson as telling them the postmaster general has Eisenhower's full support.

Federal Aid Given To State Highways

HARRISBURG, April 8 (AP) — Gov. George M. Leader said today Federal aid totaling \$90,036,000 has been credited to Pennsylvania for construction and purchase of right-of-way of 128 miles in the Federal interstate system.

Leader, in a statement issued through the state Highways Department, said the overall costs of the projects would be upwards of \$133,300,000, including the state's share of 10 per cent.

The statement said a definite designation has yet to be made on Leader's recommendation for inclusion of the 290-mile Keystone Shortway in the interstate network.

State Income Tax Rate To Continue 2 Years

HARRISBURG, April 8 (AP) — The House concurred 195-0 in minor Senate amendments to a plan to continue for another two years the corporate net income tax at 6 per cent.

Carnegie Tech Begins \$24 Million Program

PITTSBURGH, April 8 (AP) — Backed by a committee of nationally prominent business executives, Carnegie Institute of Technology announced today a 10 year 24 million dollar program for expansion and improvement of its facilities and curriculum.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson arranged a special trip here from Washington to serve as announcement sponsor at a dinner meeting.

AEC Reports Nuclear Explosion in Russia

WASHINGTON April 8 (AP) — Another nuclear explosion occurred in the Soviet Union Saturday, the Atomic Energy Commission reported today.

The blast was also reported by the British Ministry of Defense. It was the eighth touched off by the Russians in a series of tests which began last August. The last reported explosion took place last Wednesday and was announced by both the Americans and the British.

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