

Chou-En-lai Steps Down; Chen Becomes Premier

HONG KONG, Feb. 11 (AP)—Chou-En-lai stepped down as Red China's foreign minister today and a close associate, tubby Vice Premier Chen Yi, took his place. Chou remained on as Premier with his high standing in the government apparently as firm as ever.

Peiping radio said the change was recommended by Chou himself as part of a shakeup in ministries aimed at streamlining the Communist machinery for the start of the nation's second five-year plan.

Westerners here felt the move frees Chou to concentrate on internal problems and to bolster his position within the Communist party. At this stage, foreign affairs take a back seat to the mighty task of making backward China an industrial power.

All of Chou's recommendations for reorganization of the many government ministries were approved by the Chinese Peoples' Congress as it wound up its session. The Congress also approved measures for the five-year plan, including a 1958 budget.

Peiping radio said Chou had proposed readjustments to carry through the spirit of the regime's rectification campaign and to cope with the new situation that Red China now faces in Socialist construction.

Army Marshal Chen Yi, the new foreign minister, is a onetime ironworker with a college education. His star began rising on the Chinese scene a few years ago after an outstanding military career.

Chou became foreign minister as well as Premier in 1949 when Chairman Mao Tze-tung became chief of state. Chou, dynamic yet suave, had a stormy career in the old China. He served in the army under Chiang but later deserted him when the Communists began their move for power.

As foreign minister, he was Red China's mouthpiece at the 1955 summit conference in Geneva and later at Bandung.

Dulles talked about the French-Tunisian crisis at a news conference where he carefully sought to steer a middle course. He hinted, however, he might favor international discussion of the quarrel unless the French took quick steps to calm the situation.

Dulles spoke out an hour after French Ambassador Herve Alphand called at the State Department to advise that his government is considering paying an indemnity to the families of the 78 persons killed and 84 wounded in the bombing assault.

At the same time, Tunisian Ambassador Mongi Slim in New York sounded out other nations in an effort to obtain support for a protest to the U.N. Security Council.

Attorney Protests McSorley Conviction

HARRISBURG, Feb. 11 (AP)—G. Franklin McSorley, former Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission chairman, was convicted on speculative evidence, his attorney claimed today.

McSorley, a Pittsburgh businessman, was found guilty of misconduct in office. The charge specified he allowed a chauffeur to remain on the turnpike payroll while he drove for a former commission chairman, Thomas J. Evans.

Harold McCamey, McSorley's lawyer, told the Dauphin County Court en banc today: "You just can't assume a man is guilty, as was done by the prosecution—you have to show motive—you have to show gain."

He later asserted: "The prosecution speculated a lot in this case and failed to overcome a presumption with evidence."

Dist. Atty. Huethe F. Dowling contended the state had presented "a good case." He said the defense was "capably represented" and the trial "eminently fair."

Fergus Heads 'Wilt' Project

Dr. Charles L. Fergus, associate professor of botany and plant pathology, has been elected chairman of the technical committee of Northeastern Regional Project NE-25, "Tree Wilts."

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U.S. Missile 'Redstone' Blasts Off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Feb. 11 (AP)—A fire-belching Redstone ballistic missile—the workhorse of the American space weapon arsenal—blasted off its firing pad tonight.

The Redstone, first-stage backbone of the Jupiter-C rocket, which hurled the first U.S. satellite into orbit around the earth Jan. 31, roared up into a black, overcast Florida sky at 7:52 p.m.

Its test flight out over the Atlantic Ocean may yield much information vital to America in her effort to beat Russia to a solution of the secret of outer space.

A few minutes after 7 p.m., the Redstone service gantry was wheeled away and the missile began to shine through the blackness of the night like a huge, bullet-shaped icicle.

It had frosted over as liquid oxygen was pumped into its fuel tanks at 300 degrees below zero.

The ocean shores outside the top-secret missile test center were deserted until the Redstone began to blaze through the darkness with icy white brilliance.

Then the word spread like wildfire that a firing was imminent and soon a long line of automobiles poured out onto the hard white sand beaches.

The Army announced minutes after the firing that it had made a routine test firing of the Redstone.

Turkey Bans Strip Tease

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 11 (AP)—Gov. Muntaz Tarhan today banned strip tease acts in Istanbul's night clubs on the grounds such performances are too damaging to youth.

The ban has the support of the Turkish Students' League, which has charged that strip tease and rock 'n' roll are leading Turkish youth down the wrong path.

France Gives Gaillard Solid Confidence Vote

PARIS, Wednesday, Feb. 12 (AP)—The French National Assembly gave Premier Felix Gaillard a solid vote of support today after hearing him firmly defend a French air strike against a Tunisian village.

The vote was 339-179. The issue was not one of formal confidence, but if it had gone against Gaillard, his 3-month-old government would have had to quit.

Assembly endorsement of the government's North African policies came against a backdrop of widely ranging protests and mounting tension over the bombing raid. Tunisia says the attack last Saturday on the frontier village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef left 68 persons dead, 84 wounded and 10 missing. France says the raid was in reprisal for Algerian rebel action against the French forces from Tunisian soil.

Gaillard deplored the killing of civilians "in this most regrettable incident," but declared most of the victims were Algerian rebels.

Employment Rises; Stocks Down Again

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP)—News of the biggest monthly rise in unemployment since World War II brought no cheer to recession-conscious Wall Street today and the stock market fell again.

It was the fifth straight daily decline since the market reached its 1958 recovery high a week ago.

The fall was equal to the declines of yesterday and Friday, based on the drop in The Associated Press average. On the same basis, the estimated drop in the quoted value of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange was about \$1,600,000,000 today.

The market was doing rather well until news came that unemployment leaped by 1,120,000 last month. Up to then, stocks were narrowly mixed and there was a quiet recovery movement underway among so-called secondary issues. Changes among the blue chips were slight.

After that, however, prices declined slowly until they were hit hard by a temporary selling climax in mid-afternoon. During this period the ticker tape was behind floor transactions for four minutes. A steady movement followed but it amounted to little and prices closed around the day's lows.

The retreat affected most major groups with the sharpest losses among coppers, chemicals, oils, rails, aircrafts and rubbers.

U.S., Russia Square Away For Summit Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The United States and Russia squared away today for diplomatic talks prior to any summit conference.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles boosted things along with a news conference display of U.S. open mindedness on the general subject of negotiating with Russians. For one thing, he said a foreign ministers' meeting was not a necessary preliminary to a summit conference.

And President Eisenhower accepted the credentials of the new Soviet ambassador to Washington, Mikhail A. Menshikov.

Labor Supports Leader on Jobs

HARRISBURG, Feb. 11 (AP)—Labor leaders from across Pennsylvania today endorsed Gov. George M. Leader's job development program to reduce unemployment in the state.

Joseph A. McDonough, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, said representatives of central unions and building trades councils from 46 cities backed the governor's plan at a meeting here to map a program for coping with mass unemployment.

McDonough said union representatives would attend area meetings called by the governor to review problems in each of the state's stricken regions.

The first regional meeting will be in Erie Thursday. That port city is currently listed by the U.S. Labor Department as having between 9 and 12 per cent of its work force unemployed.

The meeting today agreed that steps would be taken on a local basis by individual central unions and building trades councils to accelerate plans for public construction programs.

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