

Chou-En-lai Steps Down; U.S. Missile 'Redstone' Blasts Off

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.

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

Fergus Heads 'Wil' 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."

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 sharper losses among coppers, chemicals, oils, rails, aircrafts and rubbers.

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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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.

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

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