

Defense Against Missiles 'Now Seems Feasible'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department's director of guided missiles, William M. Holaday, said Friday a defense against intercontinental missiles now seems feasible.

Work on such a defense is "being pushed to the extreme limits of technology," Holaday told the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Holaday told the 400 editors at their annual meeting that the present over-all status of Russian missile development is not a bit better than our own at the present time.

Defense Department news poli-

cies and public education were other subjects before the editors.

Murray Snyder, assistant secretary of defense in charge of public information, hit back at charges of censorship and news suppression made Thursday by Rep. Moss (D-Calif.), chairman of a House Information subcommittee.

Snyder was challenged in turn by J. R. Wiggins, executive editor of the Washington Post who said Moss was guided by "the most sincere desire to obtain a better flow of information on the government."

Snyder defended news arrangements at the Cape Canaveral, Fla., Missile Test Center in good faith between government and the information media."

Wiggins, a veteran ASNE foe of news suppression, said a temporary agreement at Cape Canaveral which followed the widely publicized failure of a Vanguard launching attempt last December amounted to "a code of voluntary wartime censorship entered into in secret."

The Washington editor said this arrangement, which lasted two weeks, violated two principles established under World War II censorship: 1. that any arrangements between government and press should be made known to the people, and 2. that restrictions on reporters should be limited to matters of secrecy and not matters of policy.

Federal Deficit Enlarges; Care Urged in Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson, standing firm against any quick tax cut, said Friday the federal deficit will be well over three billion dollars when the present fiscal year ends June 30.

This compares with President Dwight D. Eisenhower's estimate of 400 million in January, before the pinch of the recession was felt.

On other sections of the economic front:

•The House Ways and Means Committee approved a 1½-billion-dollar unemployment relief program to be financed wholly by the federal government. Critics protested that it would be a dole.

•The President's Council of Economic Advisers reported the gross national product—the value of all goods and services produced in the country—dropped by \$8,690,000,000 during the first quarter of 1958, when figured on an annual rate basis.

•Anderson told the American Society of American Editors, "We are not headed for a depression, but for new horizons of progress."

•The New York stock market perked up, apparently encouraged by the government's latest moves to make money easier to borrow.

In his ASNE address, Anderson predicted a deficit approaching four billion dollars next fiscal year even if federal revenues remain at a high level, something he said was not likely to happen. Eisenhower in January estimated a 500-million-dollar surplus next year.

The Treasury chief reiterated his opposition to an abrupt tax slash. The tax situation is receiving daily consideration from government officials, he said, but added:

"Modification of taxes in an economy as complex as ours . . . must be based on a very careful review of what in fact can be accomplished—and not on the theory that a single dramatic action will automatically be all that is required to assure business recovery."

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Robert B. Anderson

Relief Bill Favored By Four Dems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four Democratic congressmen from Pennsylvania said Friday they favor a bill extending unemployment compensation benefits and are puzzled by Arthur T. McGonigle's position on the matter.

The four, Reps. Morgan, Dent, Holland and Clark, said in a letter to the Pennsylvania Republican organization that the gubernatorial candidate has asked Congress not to extend the compensation payments.

The congressmen were replying to a telegram from McGonigle to Pennsylvania's congressional delegation asking their support for the extension.

The letter to McGonigle said his telegram "seems as twisted to us as a pretzel" since the Democrats were supporting extension legislation "long before you became a candidate."

McGonigle in private life is a pretzel manufacturer.

The letter identified the National Association of Manufacturers as McGonigle's political Godfather and said the NAM and Rep. Simpson (R-Pa.), also a McGonigle supporter, opposed extension.

"You further confuse us," the congressmen said in their letter "by sending this telegram almost immediately after saying on television that you are proud to be a member of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and that you endorse its principles."

"We remember that the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Assn. did everything in its power in 1955, to prevent passage of the best unemployment compensation bill Pennsylvania ever had."

USW Election Questioned

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Donald C. Rarick, who sought election as president of the United Steelworkers last year, took legal action Friday to obtain a detailed tabulation of the election's balloting results.

Court Drops Indictment On Pound

WASHINGTON (AP)—Poet Ezra Pound soon will leave the mental hospital which has been his prison for 12 years.

A treason indictment accusing Pound, 72, of betraying this country with pro-Axis, anti-American radio broadcasts from Italy during World War II was dismissed Friday in U.S. District Court.

With the indictment out of the way, only a few details remain before Pound can leave St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he has been confined since he was adjudged mentally incompetent in 1946.

For one thing, his wife, Dorothy Shakespear Pound, must file a plan for his care. The Pounds hope to get passports to return to Italy where they lived for 21 years before he was arrested by American troops in 1945.

Mrs. Pound told friends her husband probably will remain at St. Elizabeth's a few more days.

"I've got to have time to turn around," she commented.

Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws dismissed the indictment on the ground that Pound is not and never will be mentally competent to stand trial. At the same time it was held that he would not be dangerous to himself or others if set free.

The court proceeding lasted only about 10 minutes.

The bearded Pound was brought to the hearing by a hospital attendant. He sat among the spectators and listened with bowed head. Before the hearing started he chatted animatedly with friends and admirers who stopped by to greet him.

Asked if he wanted to return to Italy he replied with a vigorous: "Yes."

Artist From Pitt To Talk Today

Bruce Mitchell, newly-appointed artist-in-residence at the University of Pittsburgh, will speak to students at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Hetzel Union Building.

Mitchell will give his speech in connection with an exhibition of his jazz drawings which will be in the HUB from today until Wednesday.

The exhibition, under the auspices of the School of the Arts, will open at 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 4 p.m.

Mitchell, known as "The Artist Impresario of Jazz" has written and illustrated jazz articles for Esquire magazine and has also designed covers for Dial and Debut record albums.

Alpha Phi Omega to Hold Meeting For Officers' Election

Alpha Phi Omega, men's national service fraternity, will hold a brothers' meeting for the election of officers at 8 p.m. Monday in 217-218 Hetzel Union.

There will be a pledge meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in 212-213 Hetzel Union.

Indonesians Close In On Rebel Forces

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Government forces drove Friday toward Bukittinggi, capital and last stronghold of the tottering rebel regime on Sumatra, a military spokesman said.

"It will all be over soon," he predicted.

He refused to say how far the troops had advanced on Bukittinggi. The town lies 58 miles by twisting mountain road and 40 miles by air north of Padang, the rebel port the government said its forces seized Thursday.

Rebel Premier Sjafruddin Prawiranegara and his government of young Indonesian colonels apparently must soon make the hard decision of whether to stand and fight or flee to the jungles.

Other government columns operating for weeks in eastern and northern Sumatra are moving on the rebel capital along all the other roads from north, east and south.

Rebels reports reaching Singapore asserted there still was some street fighting in Padang up to noon Friday and that rebel forces still held positions five miles south of the port.

But a delayed dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Murray Fromson at Bukittinggi said a Sumatran military spokesman there had announced the loss of Padang. The spokesman said it was occupied at 6:30 p.m. Thursday by two Jakarta battalions.

On April 12, 1955, the Westmoreland County Court convicted six newspapermen and a freelance photographer of direct criminal contempt and sentenced each to pay a fine and costs and to serve time in jail. In October, 1956, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed the conviction but fixed the penalty at fines only, erasing the original prison sentences.

The case then was taken to the federal court in Pittsburgh, in the avowed belief that a federal court would have jurisdiction because civil rights were involved. In August, 1957, Judge Wallace F. Gourley ruled that courts have the right to deny the taking of pictures in or near the courtrooms.

The test of such a ban on the taking of news photographs with concealed cameras rose out of the 1954 murder trial in Greensburg of John Wesley Wable, "phantom killer of the turnpike."

The government charges the merger would lessen competition, and is trying to block it with an anti-trust action in federal court.

Teamsters' Fund Search Begun by Court Monitors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The court-appointed monitors of the Teamsters Union have started a hunt for any funds missing from the union's 40-million-dollar treasury.

It was learned Friday the monitors have hired the private auditing firm of Price Waterhouse & Company to make a thorough checkup.

The firm is expected to complete a preliminary audit within the next few weeks, ahead of a Teamsters Union Executive Board meeting sometime in May.

The monitors, keeping a close watch on disclosures being made

Two Papers Appeal To U.S. Court

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Two Pennsylvania newspapers sought from the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Friday a decision which in effect would void a contempt conviction against them for taking pictures outside a courtroom.

Counsel for the Greensburg Tribune Review and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette asked an injunction restraining the sheriff of Westmoreland County—Howard Bud Thomas—from enforcing any part of the contempt order and from interfering with photographers in the future.

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The Sweetheart of the freshman class will be crowned in a garden setting tonight at the freshman class dance, "April in Blue." The dance will be held from 9 to midnight in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

She will be chosen by ballot by those attending the dance. Nominees are three freshman coeds: Margaret McPherson, Judith Tifenberg and Barbara Green.

Local merchants will donate gifts for the Sweetheart. Among the gifts is a shampoo, cut, and set from a local beauty shop.

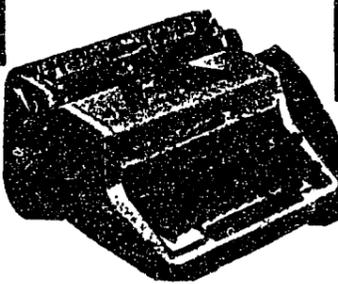
Candidates State Views on Taxes

Republican voters in Pennsylvania were given a look at their gubernatorial candidates views on taxes Friday.

Arthur T. McGonigle, the organization choice, said he would never promise to reduce taxes because "I would rather lose the election than make promises I couldn't keep as governor."

Harold E. Stassen, independent Republican candidate, pledged to cut the state's 6 per cent corporate net income tax to the level of that in Ohio and California. "Present taxes are much too heavy on manufacturing and industry," he said.

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