

Macmillan Urges West Adopt 'Flexible' Position

BONN, Germany (AP)—British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer conferred for three hours yesterday on Western measures to counter the Soviet threat to Berlin.

No Compromise On Sales Tax, Says Lawrence

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Gov. Lawrence said yesterday that the new tax program he presented to Pennsylvania's Legislature "is the best program for the state and I will not make any compromise on it."

The governor told a news conference that he was misunderstood in published reports that he was willing to compromise the program approved unanimously by his Tax Advisory Committee.

This tax program would increase the 3 per cent state sales tax to 3½ per cent and eliminate virtually all existing exemptions.

A group of Democratic leaders refused to go along with the program which provides an additional 400 million dollars in revenue.

Lawrence said that he is "fully convinced that there are enough people in both political parties in the Legislature who will support this tax bill." He added he hopes to have it approved next week.

Bus Accident Victim Files Suit for \$2500

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A damage suit was filed here yesterday for a woman who was injured just two days ago when a bus plowed into a crowd at a downtown street corner.

Atty. Ralph S. Davis Jr. filed the suit for Mrs. Ann Bell, 49, of Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill section. Davis said she is in Divine Providence Hospital, suffering from a fractured pelvis and other injuries. The suit asks for damages in excess of \$2,500.

Two persons were killed and 15 others injured Tuesday when the Brentwood Motor Coach Co. bus veered onto a sidewalk at Smithfield Street and Forbes Avenue and plunged into a crowd.

Clark Urges Fast Action On Redevelopment Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Urging speedy Senate action on area redevelopment legislation, Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D.-Pa.), yesterday said he hopes President Eisenhower will "reconsider his ill-advised action" in vetoing a similar bill last year.

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Late Storm Paralyzes Northeast

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The worst snowstorm of a mean drying winter struck a savage, slushy blow at the Northeast yesterday just nine days before the advent of spring. It also hit the Midwest and across the South to Virginia.

The storm claimed seven lives in Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. Most of the deaths resulted from heart attacks brought on by shoveling snow.

Up to 14 inches of snow, followed by sleet and rain, lashed an area from Indiana to Virginia and Maine.

Falling temperatures were expected to freeze the slush overnight, thus heightening hazardous driving conditions that tied up many of the East's highways. But today is expected to be partly sunny and milder.

As one storm center moved in from the West, a second came off the Virginia coast. Winds up to 60 m.p.h. whistled in with the snow. Tides ranged two to three feet above normal.

Western Maryland and upstate New York measured 14 inches of snow. West Virginia and western Massachusetts had a foot. New Jersey got up to 10 inches. Ohio had 7 inches, Indiana 6.

Air travelers were grounded in Cleveland, Boston, Buffalo, Rochester and New York.

Hundreds of schools were closed in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and upstate New York. All public schools in Boston closed.

Highway traffic conditions were chaotic. In Rhode Island, they were described as the worst in years and nearly all public events there were canceled, including horse racing at Lincoln Downs.

Macmillan flew into the West German capital barely half an hour after Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev left East Germany for Moscow.

Khrushchev wound up an eight-day visit with a bid to the Western powers to meet at the summit "as soon as possible."

Macmillan said on arrival he was convinced there should be talks with the Soviets this summer. He urged the West to adopt a flexible position.

"We all stand together but in the methods of defense we must remain elastic," he said.

In general, the West Germans have taken a chilly attitude toward the British idea of elasticity, on the grounds it could mean giving up long-held defensive lines without any concessions from the Soviets.

Macmillan saw French President Charles de Gaulle earlier this week. Next week he goes to Washington where he will see President Eisenhower.

Macmillan showed awareness of the attitude of the French and Germans when he said at the airport that the West was "still a long way from our goal" of finding a way to counter the Soviet threat to West Berlin.

Official spokesmen gave no details of what had been said.



Harold Macmillan

Iraq Strife Due To Kassem Says Nasser

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic wooed Iraq's people yesterday and denounced their premier as a man trying to spread a Communist reign of terror across the Arab world.

Nasser renewed his attack on Premier Abdel Karim Kassem in a biting discussion of the Mosul rebellion before flag-waving student demonstrators at the presidential palace in Damascus.

He denied Baghdad charges that his United Arab Republic, which links Egypt and Syria, inspired Col. Abdel Wahab Shawaf's nationalist revolt last weekend against the leftist-inclined Kassem regime.

Instead, he said, the revolt sprang from opposition of Iraq's people to a "reign of Communist terror and persecution of free officers and Arab nationalists in Iraq."

"Kassem was trying to drive a wedge between the Iraqi people and the U.A.R.," he said, "assuming that by this policy he would divide the Arabs to strengthen communism in the Arab world and bring it under Communist terror, as in Iraq."

He accused Kassem of opening Baghdad to Syrian Communists fleeing the recent anti-Red campaign within the U.A.R.

Macmillan, Ike Will Discuss Crisis At Mountain Resort

WASHINGTON (AP)—Strategy talks on the Berlin crisis between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan will be held at Eisenhower's retreat in the Maryland mountains.

It appears doubtful that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will play any direct major role.

Present prospects are that Dulles will confer at least once with Macmillan and Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd when they come here.

Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, will likely be the President's chief adviser at Camp David.

Macmillan is due in Washington next Thursday.

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