

Tibetans Battle Reds In Border Provinces

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Fighting has broken out between Tibetan rebels and Chinese Communist forces in Tsinghai and Sikang Provinces on Tibet's frontier, press reports said yesterday.

The Times of India said rebels had cut off Chamdo, deep in Sikang Province on the main supply road between China and Lhasa, the Tibetan capital.

Education Board May Be Created

HARRISBURG (AP)—Legislation setting up a powerful State Board of Education rule Pennsylvania's school program may stem from a Senate probe of the Public Instruction Department.

The state has no administrative board now. Power to run the department's vast program is concentrated in the hands of Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of public instruction.

The key word in the minds of the three Republican and two Democratic senators running the investigation is "discretion." They question whether the power to run the state's \$19-million-dollar-a-biennium school program should dwell in one man.

Boehm is answerable only to Gov. Lawrence in running state education. However, much of the money he administers is earmarked by the Legislature for specific items, such as teacher salaries.

Architect F. L. Wright Dies at 89

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Colorful Frank Lloyd Wright, 89, master architect who fashioned a world reputation for brilliant design, died in a Phoenix hospital yesterday.

Known as the "rebellious old gentleman" of his profession, Wright entered the hospital last Saturday and underwent surgery Monday for removal of an intestinal obstruction. Physicians felt he was holding his own up to an hour before his death.

Wright was the center of controversy throughout his professional life. Many of his designs were unusual in appearance and radical in engineering.

"Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility," he said a few years ago. "I chose honest arrogance and have seen no occasion to change."

He designed more than 700 buildings around the world, including the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, the Price Tower in Bartlesville, Okla., and the still unfinished Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Born June 8, 1869, in Richland Center, Wis., Wright began his career as an apprentice without waiting to graduate from college.

Some of his sharpest verbal blasts were at the American Institute of Architects and its members.

But in 1948, the institute named him the 15th winner in 42 years of its gold medal "for distinguished service to the advancement of the art and the profession of architecture."

"The only thing wrong with architecture is architects," he once said.

Wright called cities "vampires sterilizing humanity" and apartments "sanitary slums."

Arabs Consider Anti-Red Bloc

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Shocked by the threat of a Communist take-over in Iraq, Arabs may be moved to form their own home-made anti-Communist bloc. It could succeed where a Western attempt to stem communism in the Arab East failed.

The Baghdad Pact, formed in 1955, linked an Arab country, Iraq, to Britain, Turkey and Pakistan in a northern wall against communism. But Arab nationalists rejected it. They associated the West with imperialism and colonialism, suspected its motives.

Only the Iraqi monarchy, dominated by the late Premier Nuri Said, went along with the alliance, giving the pact its name. The lack of Arab unity was clear at the Arab League meeting of foreign ministers here this week. For reasons of their own, some leaders hesitated to join United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser's vigorous anti-Communist campaign.

There is a parallel between what is taking place in the Middle East now and what happened in Europe a decade ago. As one Eastern European country after another fell into the Communist net, Western European countries rallied to the concept of NATO. Even then the defense alliance lacked teeth until the shock of the Korean War.

Soviet Seaman Found Injured

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A critically injured young Soviet seaman was brought here by plane yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong met the amphibious Coast Guard plane when it landed at 12:03 p.m. at Elmendorf Air Force base.

Armstrong lent a hand as the litter bearing Evgemij Ivanovich Gneushev, 23, of Vladivostok, was lifted from the plane to a waiting ambulance. The seaman was taken quickly to the Elmendorf hospital for treatment.

Gneushev, unconscious and partially paralyzed, suffered a damaging brain injury when he fell five days ago into a hatch on the Soviet fishing factory ship Pischavaya Industriya in the Bering Sea.

Seven Officers Named For Space Travel

WASHINGTON (AP)—America's first space travelers-to-be were put on view yesterday—seven calm steel-nerved married men in their 30s. They say they're sure they'll come back safe from the most terrifyingly dangerous voyage yet conceived for a human being.

One of the seven will be the first American—the first of any nation, if things go right—to be rocketed into orbit around the earth.

Nobody knows yet which one will get the first historic ride. Each of the seven says it's something of which he has long dreamed.

Each also said at a news conference that it's okay with the wife and children for him to make the first satellite flight.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced last Monday that seven space candidates had been selected as the final team for this country's first manned satellite program, Project Mercury.

But not until Thursday did the agency name the seven: Three Air Force jet pilots, three Navy fliers and a Marine test pilot making up the training group.

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