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India Joins In Blast At U. N. For Release Of Anti-Reds

PANMUNJOM (AP) India joined communist Poland and Czechoslovakia today in a 3-2 vote of the Korean repatriation commission disapproving the release of nearly 22,000 anti-Red Korean and Chinese prisoners by the U. N. Command.

Swiss and Swedish delegates backed the Allied action.

Commission chairman Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya of India said the vote was taken to get the five delegations' views on the record. The outcome had been expected.

On three previous occasions, India had sided with the Red stand that the prisoners must be kept in captive status until their fate is decided by a Korean peace conference.

The U. N. command released the prisoners as civilians Saturday, asserting that was required by the armistice.

THREE SAFE WHEN PLANE CRASHES

Dirk Pherson and his two passengers, Ronald Mayo and Juan Munoz, emerged unhurt Friday from the wreck of his Seabee seaplane on Friday morning.

Pilot Pherson and the two Juneau men, employees of the Geological Survey, took off at 9 a. m. Friday to check stream gauges in Mist Cove on Baranof Island.

A fuel pump gave out forcing the pilot to attempt a landing in the very rough waters. Most fortunately the large ocean going tug Shinn of Alaska Freight Lines was in Chatham Straits, towing a barge. Mr. Pherson succeeded in landing without capsizing near the tug, then taxied to it. He and his two passengers were taken off but the plane became tangled in the tow line and sank before it could be saved.

A Coast Guard cutter from Ketchikan met the tug and brought the three men to that city. Mr. Pherson returned home here Saturday.

Watchcombing

● Paraphrasing that old rallying cry of the Republicans: "Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of industrial growth in Sitka!"

● If this weather keeps up we should reach zero by Thursday. — But we still have a long way to go before we hit the record of 8 below.

● So darned many things happened over the weekend that we most likely will be all week catching up.

● The Big Three is meeting with the Big I (not one) who wants to be the Big Two.

● I could stand a nice big cut in income taxes, retroactive to 1942. Or a cost of living bonus for just being alive.

CIVILIAN ENGINEER VISITS FROM ANCHORAGE

Kenneth Hoyt, civilian engineer with the U. S. Army Engineers at Anchorage, arrived Friday to make an appraisal of the damage at the ANB float.

It was understood the information was desired by Army Engineers in connection with the possibility a new boat harbor might be built.

Fight Looms Over Where Tax Cuts Will Be Made

WASHINGTON (AP) Some house Democrats talked today of a drive to get more tax relief for families and less for stockholders and businesses in any tax revision program enacted this year.

They threatened a floor fight aimed at drastically revising a two billion dollar tax reduction and revision plan strongly championed by President Eisenhower and other Republicans.

Several Democrats on the tax writing house ways and means committee said they hope to eliminate sections providing sharp reductions in taxes on stock and bond dividends, and much more rapid tax reduction to business for the cost of new plants and equipment.

These proposals, already approved by the committee, would reduce revenue an estimated 615 million dollars the first year and provide much bigger savings to the taxpayers involved in the second and third year — perhaps three times as much.

Republicans have hailed them as the most important points in a project for rewriting almost all the nation's tax laws. Sponsors say they will encourage investment, business growth, more and better jobs and a higher standard of living for everybody.

But some Democrats argue it would be far preferable to increase personal income tax exemptions, thus reducing taxes more for large families and low income groups, and shoring up the economy through their increased purchasing power.

Democrats already have proposed to add to the program a \$100 increase in each personal exemption.

Reach Agreement To Deal With Each Fisherman

SEATTLE (AP) Attorneys for the three sides in the Alaska salmon price fixing controversy signed a consent agreement Saturday on a proposed solution, which now goes to the fishermen, the Alaska Salmon Industry and the Federal Trade Commission for ratification.

The agreement provided that packers will negotiate prices with fishermen individually or through cooperatives.

Industry representatives said the document still doesn't make clear whether fishermen outside the Bristol Bay area are individual operators or packers' employees.

NEW LOW TEMPERATURE THIS MORNING

Dropping a point-a-day over the weekend, the thermometer hit the low for the current winter at 9:35 a. m. this morning with a reading of 4 above, the Coast & Geodetic Survey station reported.

On Sunday evening a low of 5 above was registered, and the previous night the low temperature was 6 above.

Need Help To Bring Industry To Alaska And Sitka

AN EDITORIAL

Currently being circulated among congressmen and senators in Washington is a statement of the position of the American Pulp and Paper Association to the effect that sale of publicly owned forest resources in Alaska to the Japanese "would not be in the national interest," and "that our government for political, moral and economic reasons must in good conscience reject this proposal."

At first this appeared to be just another move in the fight being waged by the Pacific Northwest timber interests against development of Alaskan timber resources. But in the past few days, advices from Washington indicate this can well sound the death knell of the Japanese plans to build a saw mill and pulp mill at Sitka.

A prime argument included in the APPA statement is that "the American people will never benefit directly from the utilization of this wood," if for eign interests are allowed to purchase Alaskan timber. Apparently members of the APPA do not consider Alaska a part of the United States nor its residents to be American citizens taking the selfish position that Alaskan resources are a reservoir to be exploited "if and when" stateside timber interests see fit.

At the present time the United States as a whole is receiving no benefit whatsoever from the timber resources of Alaska, which are being permitted to deteriorate for lack of intelligent harvesting. This is shown by the recent investigations of the Ketchikan Pulp Co. which has claimed that as high as 25 per cent of the trees show "heart rot."

On the other hand, benefits from such a plan as the Japanese proposal are of course obvious to Sitka as the preferred site and to Southeastern Alaska as a whole from increased employment, a larger population, improved transportation and communications and the like. If Alaska is recognized as a part of the U. S., these benefits add to the economic soundness of the country.

Anyone who has viewed the forests of Southeastern Alaska with any knowledge of timber characteristics realizes that these vast stands of timber must be harvested soon or more (continued on page four)

SITKA YOUTHS SENTENCED IN DISTRICT COURT

Cyrus Williams and Richard Daniels, Sitka youths charged with four counts of taking liquor from Conway Dock while in interstate commerce, were found guilty by a district court jury late Friday afternoon.

Judge George Folta sentenced each to serve 15 months on two counts to run concurrently, and to two years each on the other counts, the term suspended.

Elijah Phillips, who entered a guilty plea and was the main prosecution witness, has not as yet been sentenced.

Doris Says She Will Not Oppose Bob

WRANGELL (AP) Territorial Sen. Doris M. Barnes has advised the Wrangell Sentinel that she will not be a candidate for Delegate to Congress. Mrs. Barnes, who had said earlier she was considering filing for the post on the Republican ticket, said she preferred to continue as a territorial senator. Her present term runs until 1956. She currently is on a visit to Seattle and Portland.

Spanish Students Riot; Demand Gibralters Return

MADRID (AP) Police on horse back and afoot Monday battled thousands of Madrid university students who staged a demonstration demanding the return of British-held Gibraltar to Spain. Ten policeman and five students were injured.

Police fired revolvers in the air and charged with night sticks to break up the wild demonstration in which the student knocked five guardsmen from their mounts. The 15-minute clash took place just 100 yards from the British Embassy, which was damaged in a similar stone-throwing demonstration Jan. 22.

Driven back from the embassy Monday, the students marched on to a nearby British bank and broke several windows with brickbats. Then they paraded to the Spanish Foreign Ministry. Alberto Martin Artajo appeared on a balcony and sang with them the Falange party's anthem.

Police estimated there were at least 15,000 students in the mob, who reportedly had been given a half-day holiday to stage the demonstration.

SEATTLE (AP) Bishop William J. Gordon, Jr., of Fairbanks received a plaque here Saturday night as one of the nation's "10 outstanding young men of 1953" and observed: "I hope to serve in Alaska for another 30 years."

JUNEAU (AP) Ed Locken, Petersburg banker, filed Saturday for reelection to the territorial legislature and Vern Metcalfe, of Juneau, a former member, also tossed in his hat on the Democratic ticket.

Big Four Start Talks Today; France Will Back U. S. - Briton

BERLIN (AP) Foreign minister Georges Bidault proposed to the Big Four today that German and Austrian problems be settled ahead of any discussion of Asian problems.

Bidault's statement was made at the opening session of the Big Four conference in Berlin called to ease world tensions.

At this first such meeting in five years, Bidault said:

"Clearly our meeting should be devoted to European problems. I do not believe that agreements reached on a broad plane will be advisable or even effective. We do not see why the fate of Austria should depend on that of Korea, why there should be established a link between the unification of Germany and a change in the international accords governing communist China."

This proposal by the French foreign minister served direct notice to Soviet foreign minister Molotov that the Western powers were united in their stand against his prodding for a Big Five meeting with Red China sitting in. Molotov arrived here Saturday with this proposal on his lips.

Secretary of state John Foster Dulles, Molotov, foreign secretary Anthony Eden of Britain, and France's Bidault began their historic but not too hopeful Berlin sessions in the Allied control authority building in the American sector.

The four sat down together with their advisors around a square table under a ceiling painting of the Angel Gabriel tooting his trumpet of Doom.

Their first business was to pose for photographers of four nations and two half-nations—East and West Germany. They allowed 15 minutes for the picture taking.

Dulles and Molotov arrived more than half an hour early to have a preliminary talk on conference arrangements, such as the choice of a chairman. Attention was centered on any meeting of these two principals particularly in view of the impending discussion on world atomic energy control proposed by President Eisenhower and received sympathetically by Moscow.

ANOTHER ROOF FIRE AT FRANK PAUL'S

On Saturday afternoon another fire alarm took the Fire Department to the home of Frank Paul on Back Street — the second roof fire at that location within a week.

Sparks apparently had ignited the roof. Little damage was reported.

Weather

Marine forecast from Monday to Tuesday.

Outside waters Dixon Entrance to Yakutat northeast winds 20 to 25 mph with strong gusts.

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