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Hearing On Road Bill Still Going

Little Chance Of Vote Today

MONTGOMERY (AP)—The Senate Finance Committee opened the second day of a public hearing on the administration's massive highway development program this morning with little likelihood of a vote on the issue today.

One source said he doubts if the committee will vote on the controversial plan before next week.

The hearing resumes at 10 a. m. today. Unless it is able to vote, the committee probably will have a special session in late tomorrow.

There was speculation that backlogs of Gov. James E. Folsom's highway program would risk a vote while the outcome remains so uncertain.

Yesterday the testimony centered around the governor's request for new highway programs with authority to issue up to 100 million dollars in revenue bonds. The plan also calls for a three-cent a gallon hike in the state gas and diesel fuel taxes to pay for the bonds.

Several Alabama investment bankers told the committee the plan would save as much as five million dollars in interest if general obligation bonds were issued instead of the proposed revenue bonds.

General obligation bonds can be sold at a lower interest rate because they are backed by the state's general credit.

One Birmingham bond broker, M. C. Gentry, suggested that the "prospect of war" and the possible inflation in the near future might influence the interest rate on revenue bonds financed through a curfew.

R. S. Bacon, executive vice president of the First National Bank of Montgomery, said that revenue bonds are always more satisfactory than revenue bonds from an investment standpoint.

General obligation bonds would be an interest paying long period investment, Mr. Bacon said.

That would be a saving to the state of from a \$14 million dollar, he added.

Investment executive Mills Thornton disagreed with the state's plan to issue bonds with a deficit differential between revenue and general obligation bonds.

Mr. Thornton said he thinks the interest on revenue bonds financed by gasoline taxes would be more than the cost of the type of bond greater than the other type.

Stern, who brought up the possible effect of a war on bond sales, said he thought the interest on revenue bonds would be strengthened by a provision guaranteeing the equivalent of a two-cent a gallon increase in the price of gasoline.

Thomas D. Russell, president of the Alabama Automobile Dealers Association, told the committee that businessmen are not opposed to a tax increase, but they do want to know what it will cost and how much the money will be "wastefully spent."

The Alexander City industrialist said that businessmen are "not poor" when it comes to trying to compete with wealthier cities.

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After Molotov's Claim: Russian Hydrogen Bomb Doubtful By American Officials

Fired Or Not? Riddle Remains in Riddle of Muscle Shoals

Chief Gets Letter Of Dismissal

Senate Tells Reds To Keep Off Formosa

Treaty Gets Huge Vote

The status of Muscle Shoals City Chief of Police Robert Riddle, Sr., remained a riddle today.

Police Commissioner Thomas F. (Cotton) Terry said that Mr. Riddle had been fired in the following letter delivered to him by the police department Wednesday night.

"Dear Mr. Riddle: For reasons of incoordination, the Board of Commissioners of Muscle Shoals City are forced to request the return to the police department the equipment you are now holding."

The letter was signed by Commissioner Terry and Mayor Jesse P. Hornum.

However, Mr. Riddle said this morning that Mayor Hornum called him and told him to ignore the letter, that he signed it while under pressure Wednesday night.

Mr. Riddle added that the third commission, Louis F. Ellidge, told him he was going down to the special meeting Wednesday night, and that so far as he was concerned, if they had any business to transact they could conduct it Tuesday and above the board at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the commission scheduled for the 17th.

However, the police commissioner said that J. M. Whitehead, who has been serving with the city as a fireman since November, has been named acting chief of police and was now on duty.

Mr. Riddle said that he believed the people of Muscle Shoals City were behind him in his controversy with Terry and that they would so demonstrate when the commission meets next Tuesday night.

Riddle said that Acting Chief Whitehead has had only a week's experience in police work. He added that Mr. Hornum, a former chief of police at Muscle Shoals and officer of George Fuller now conducting the night force, is only recently enough Ruler, who more recently has been chief of the Muscle Shoals City fire department.

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Enjoy Hot Meal

About Zhukov--

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WASHINGTON (AP)—For the second time in two weeks, the Senate last night approved a mutual security treaty with Nationalist China pleasing American military might in defense of Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands.

A strong favorable vote had been expected in the light of the acceptance given Jan. 28 to the President Eisenhower's request for congressional approval of his use of American troops in the Far East if necessary, but the final action on the treaty came with surprising speed.

After decisively rejecting amendments, the Senate approved the treaty with less than six hours of debate. Voting against it were Senator Chavez (D-NM), Gore (D-Tenn), Kefauver (D-Tenn), Lehman (D-Ill-N.Y.), Langer (D-RD) and Morse (Ind-Rep).

The treaty, which pledges that the United States, in accordance with its constitutional processes, will not give Formosa, the Pescadores and other territories as may be determined by mutual agreement.

The Chinese Legislative Yuan already has approved the new pact so its provisions take effect as soon as ratification instruments are exchanged.

Sen. Morse led the small but stubborn opposition and sought unsuccessfully to amend it. He argued that it bolstered Chinese Nationalist claims to sovereignty over the islands and increased the danger of World War III.

"This is not a treaty at all but a military alliance with a Chinese leader involved in civil war," he said.

Kefauver said the treaty "ties our hands" in trying to obtain United Nations action on a cease-fire in the Chinese civil war.

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The Weather
MUSCLE SHOALS AREA - Cloudy and windy with showers early tonight, turning much clearer with a high of 62, a low of 45, Friday afternoon. Low tonight 53, high Friday 58.

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Think 953 Discovery Is Caim's Basis

Any Soviet Lead Said 'Overcome'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's boast that Russia holds superiority in hydrogen bomb development may refer to discovery in 1953 of a short-cut method for triggering the fusion explosion.

But if that was the case, American officials are confident any temporary advantage the Soviet held has since been overcome.

In some atomic circles here there is a suspicion that Soviet nuclear physicist developed a technique for setting off hydrogen bombs through heat, producing creation of a high temperature which required only insignificant amounts of the fissionable material used in conventional bombs.

There is the possibility that the Russian technique was perfected almost a year before American weapons workers out the problem and ran the heat test in the summer of 1953.

However, any Soviet lead made possible by that process involving a huge saving in time and materials would be overcome by the United States now has moved out ahead again in the competition of some American experts.

In a speech Tuesday, Molotov said for setting off hydrogen exploded hydrogen weapons with "such great efficiency that the United States could appear backward."

President Eisenhower was asked yesterday at a news conference about the Molotov statement. The President replied there was no reason to suppose that the Russians would be a rather remarkable feat.

One or two "from" men by the apparently outdated policy of maintaining good relations with their jobs. But these diplomats think Russia will be so happy today to recast the leadership in its way out at home—continue in the satellites as a barrier to any new bloc.

The big effect of the Moscow move is in the hands of the diplomats, and it is likely to be in the resistance of knowledge in one field. It could be a terrible thing for our country if the President is wrong."

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LOVELY WEATHER—Some of the same warm weather that cooked Ruth Lee, Hollywood starlet, to pose by this quiet city on the Arizona desert drifted into Muscle Shoals today. It was a real spring-like day, though bathing suits would have hardly been in order. (NEA Photo).

Spring In Short Visit To Shoals But Weather Is Supposed To Cool

Get out the blankets and overcoats again. It's still a long way from spring and to prove the point there's a cold front moving in from the north which will bring the Shoals tonight.

The U. S. Weather Bureau says tonight's low is going to be in the freezing mark with cloudy skies after some showers. The mercury isn't going to rise much Friday. The maximum expected is around 56.

It will gradually clear Friday. Today will be the last of this week's sunny, warm days.

The renewed low temperature will be a sharp contrast to the air pushing down from the Canadian provinces and is expected to hit the Shoals late tonight.

As the cold front passes there will be a sharp contrast in temperatures, resulting in condensation and the expected rain.

The summary and forecast for the week was attributed to warm dry air flowing up from the Southwest.

Weather remains seasonal over the northern part of the country with light snow flurries over the Great Lakes region, cold in New England, and light rain in the Pacific coast yesterday.

No Evidence Of Klan In Franklin Cross Burning

RUSSELLVILLE (Special)—A careful check has been made by law enforcement officers and reporters on the cross-burning incident which occurred here about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

There is no evidence which has been uncovered that would tie the incident with the now defunct Ku Klux Klan.

A careful check was made of occupants of the dwelling in front of which the cross was burned and they were reported to be entirely respectable citizens.

Officers concerned to Russellville's prank.

At The Theatres

SHOALS & TUSCUMBIA—'Julius Caesar,' with Marlon Brando, James Mason, Greer Garson, Deborah Kerr. Shoals feature 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

PRINCESS—'Cattle Queen of Texas,' with Barbara Stanwick, Ronald Regan.

COLORBET—'A Star Is Born,' with Judy Garland, James Mason. Feature 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

JOY-LAN—'Black Widow,' with John Garfield, Barbara Stanwick, Ronald Regan.

WILSON—'Princess of the Nile,' color, with Debra Paget, Jeffrey Hunter, James Mason, Greer Garson, Deborah Kerr.

PARK-VUE—'Dial M for Murder,' with Ray Milland, Grace Kelly, Show days.

For \$126: They Got Jerry's Goat, Gave It Back

By MARTHA VAN BIBBER

Ellis Wilson and Charles Stewart got Jerry Riddle's goat—just what he needed for his new office.

Jerry Riddle, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rich, R. 6, Florence, who has a goat named Jerry, lost May, offered his goat to the March of Dimes Auction on Radio Station WJOL last Saturday night. Jerry's father gave him the goat last August, when Jerry, then 11, had a birthday party and a car that he could "get around." So the Wilsons had a "goat" for his birthday business, bought a goat for \$125 and then gave it back to Jerry.

Jerry got this goat idea while in the Crippled Children's Clinic in Birmingham where he is undergoing polio treatment. Every day at breakfast he would see a man with a cart and two goats come by the clinic and stop for a moment. He decided right then and there that he was going to "help Daddy" when he had his birthday in August, he was to remain until Thanksgiving, he had a pair of goats and a cart waiting for him.

Jerry is now back in the Crippled Children's Clinic where he will stay until he has his first taken last May when he was stricken and then again last Thanksgiving.

Jerry doesn't need the goats now, however. He has a brand-new, modern wheelchair which is taken to his school. He is proud to be in his wheelchair and he is proud to be in his wheelchair.

It was this goat which was the first thing that was brought to his attention that it was especially made for him. It is equipped with high arms and leather straps that brace his arms and elbows and give him extra support when he sits in his wheelchair. He can move his left hand and his right hand and his left hand. He can roll the wheelchair backward, but not forward, yet.

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THE GOAT—Shown with the goat on the courthouse steps are (left to right) Red McLaughlin, Charles Stewart, and Ellis Wilson. The goat was given back to Jerry Rich after it had been bought by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Stewart. (Craff Photo).

ENJOY HOT MEAL—Chinese Nationalist troops with guns and gear on ground before they enjoy a hot meal on the dock at Keelung, Formosa, today. They were among the first troops evacuated from Pison Island, 32 miles south-west of the Tachew. On board they were given food and tea, and then whisked away to relocation centers by train and truck. (AP Wirephoto).

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Georgia Is A Very Decent Face Trouble Fellow,' Said Eisenhower In Germany

Editor's Note—Eddy Gilmore was an AP correspondent in Moscow for 11 years, starting in World War II and ending soon after the death of Joseph Stalin. He wrote "Me and My Russian Wife" an account of his life in the Soviet Union. Currently assigned to AP's London Bureau, he just now returned to the United States on a brief leave.

Associated Press Staff Writer

The time was a late summer day right after the war. The place was the Blue Room of Spassko House in Moscow. The man seated in the chair was Gen. Eisenhower.

I remember asking the question, "What do you think of Zhukov?" The general hesitated for a moment. The slanting rays of the sun fell across his face. He frowned slightly as he replied, "Great," he said in a very decent fellow.

American and British correspondents had covered the war from the Russian side. Had they not stood just behind the shoulder, square jawed Soviet commander. A tough guy all right, a man who could smile and a man who might many other Red commanders—would give you a straight answer to a question.

"Do you think we could ever do business with Zhukov?" I once asked the supreme Allied commander who was later to become president of the United States.

"Well, left on his own," said Eisenhower. "I believe I could do business with him."

That seemed to be a good endorsement of George Zhukov, Russian new ruler of defense. I filled in with what I knew of this man who was a very good politician.

I remember Zhukov sitting around a big table in Berlin shortly after the war. Eisenhower was across the table. Field Marshal Montgomery, of Britain was down on one end, a French general whose name I can't remember was at the other end.

Beside Zhukov sat the late Andrei Vishinsky, then deputy foreign minister. I stood just behind Zhukov and Vishinsky, so close I could have inhaled cigarette smoke over their necks.

Eisenhower made a proposal. You will find unfounded charges against me are particularly vicious because they are aimed at and hit all of us men, most of us men, all of us men. I remember exactly what effect upon the confidence of the people of Florence have in their law enforcement officers in Berlin.

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