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SEOUL FAILS TO CHINESE

Legislators Await Biennial Report From Governor

BY ARTHUR JOHNSON
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RALEIGH, Jan. 3.—The North Carolina General Assembly was launched today and went through the formalities of electing its officers. Tomorrow the house and senate will hear Governor Scott's biennial message in a joint session.

House Dries Muff Chance At 'Gag'

House and senate officials were formally elected at the opening session today after 119 members of the house and 49 senators took their oaths of office.

Taylor named last night at a Democratic caucus was elected speaker of the house, and Senator R. Gray Rankin of Gaston was named president pro tem of the senate.

Speaker Taylor said he will name the elections committee tomorrow to speed consideration of the controversy, although most of his committee appointments will not come until later.

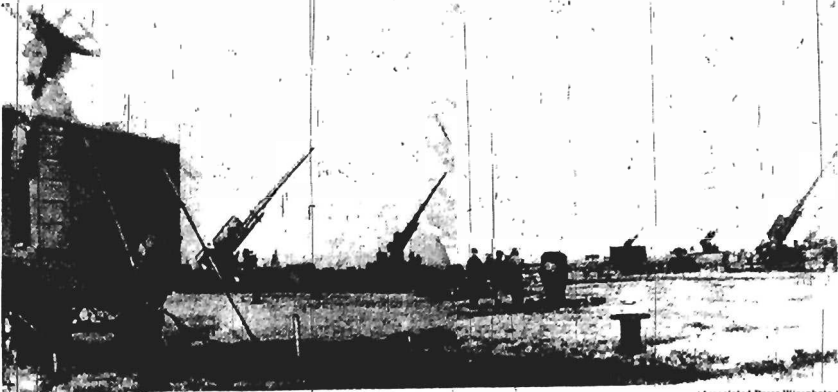
House members were sworn in by Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill of the State Supreme Court.

Praised by spokesmen for both sides in the Democratic controversy over the speakership, Taylor also had the support of Republican Spokesman B. G. Brock of Davis in speaking for his nomination when the matter came to a floor vote. Taylor was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Annie Cooper was named principle clerk, Ralph Menger, Jr. of Lee County, reading clerk and Fred B. Pass of Clay, sergeant-at-arms.

Rankin, sworn in as senate president pro-tem, was named by Lieutenant Governor Taylor as chairman of the rules committee for that body.

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Ready to protect the New York metropolitan area against a possible sneak air attack, these 120 mm. anti-aircraft guns and their radar unit (left) were set up on Ft. Totten, Queens, yesterday. These guns and some 90 mm. ones were readied at Ft. Tilden, in Queens, also. The 120 mm. guns can fire a 30-pound projectile up to a distance of 20 miles and an altitude of more than 40,000 feet. Radar and an "electric brain" operate the guns. The crews just pass the ammunition.

Republican-Southern Democrat Bloc Seizes Reins Of Power In House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A Republican-Southern Democrat coalition, strengthened by G. O. P. election gains, grabbed the reins in the new House today by giving back to the Rules Committee its old power to bottle up legislation.

The vote by which that was accomplished—244 to 178—indicated that much of the Truman "Fair Deal" program will have slim chances in the 82nd Congress opening today.

Between them, the G. O. P. and Dixie Democrat groups which pushed through the rules change bill, voted control of the Rules Committee. Thus, on issues on which they see eye to eye, they now can prevent legislation from even getting to the floor for debate.

The issue was over the so-called "24-day rule" put in when the Democrats took top-heavy control in the House two years ago. Under that section the chairman of legislative committees could bring up committee-approved bills without clearance from the rules group if the Rules Committee sat on them for 21 days.

Today's vote knocked out that provision. Now, as was the case before the 1949 amendment, the only way to get a bill up for consideration is to persuade the Rules Committee to put it on the House's order of business, or get a petition signed by a majority—218—of the House.

With 199 Republicans on the new House roster, and Southern Democrats numbering nearly 100 more, administration Democrats can't get 218 signatures without help from that source.

The Rules Committee is composed of eight Democrats and four Republicans. Four of the Democrats are Southerners. While there have been times when one or more of the Dixie members have voted with the administration, the G. O. P.-Southern team has been in almost constant control. With full committee attendance it takes seven votes on the Rules Committee for approval of a bill.

U. S. Troops To Fight On, Austin Says

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The U. N. cease-fire committee today acknowledged failure in its efforts to stop the fighting in Korea. U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin promptly said American troops will fight on against aggression in Korea and urged the free world to stand together in the hope of averting a world war.

Sir Bengal N. Rau of India, told the 60-nation Political Committee of the General Assembly that the three-man cease-fire group was not able to find a satisfactory arrangement to stop the fighting. He said the group had no recommendations now, but insisted that "every honorable avenue should be explored to maintain peace."

"If by mischance there should be a third world war," Rau said, "then history would record that the United Nations had done everything humanly possible to avert it."

Austin called on the U. N. to show the Chinese Reds how bad their Korean adventure is bound to prove for them, saying in that way "we can hope to avert the tragic consequences of an extension or a continuation of the conflict."

"No Appeasement
In the view of my government, aggression must be resisted," Austin said. "There can be no appeasement. The United Nations is engaged in its peace-making functions in the use of such force as has been used and will continue to be used. The people of the free world, acting through the United Nations, must decide how the Charter can best be upheld."

Voicing American determination to continue fighting against aggression, Austin said: "If hostilities continue, our troops will fight on in Korea. This is in keeping with our understanding of the responsibilities laid on all members of the United Nations by the Security Council and of the General Assembly."

Austin said the United States believes that the U. N. should keep on trying to achieve its objective in Korea by peaceful means.

Graham Seen Still Choice For Post

BY BRUCE JOLLY
Greensboro Daily News Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Although there was apparently no definite action today, Dr. Frank P. Graham still considered top choice for the head of the National Science Foundation.

Members of the 24-man committee who were slated to act on the chairmanship of the foundation at their meeting today announced no decision.

Others Considered
However, at least three other persons besides Graham were reported under consideration in the group of names that is expected to be presented to President Truman.

Reports of a fight pending over the possible selection of Graham because he is not a scientist were in the air.

However, the legislation which sets up the act suggests that a non-professional scientist head the foundation. There were also strong indications that the Senate would go

Harrison Gets Command Of Production

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—President Truman today gave William H. Harrison command over the battle of defense production.

On recommendation of Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, the President gave Harrison a new agency, the Defense Production Administration, to govern all stages of production from mine to factory.

Harrison can pull the trigger on rationing of consumer goods, if that becomes necessary. He becomes boss of the emergency agencies scattered in the Commerce and Interior Departments and Interstate Commerce Commission.

Same Authority
In the production realm, he will wield the same authority over production—including industrial priorities, power, fuel and transportation—that Alan Valentine now wields in the field of price and wage stabilization.

Further, the new DPA will have certain powers, not defined in detail, that will not work.

Light Company, Housewives Team Up To Move Frail Boy In Iron Lung

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 3.—(AP)—A frail 17-year-old boy who owes his life to a machine is going to put his life in the hands of people, people who have guaranteed to protect him on a unique journey.

The boy is 17-year-old Donald Fasnacht, so stricken by infantile paralysis that he can live only in an iron lung.

Donald has been in an iron lung at Lancaster General Hospital since October. But his physician, Dr. Page M. Schildknott, says Donald must be moved to a different hospital where he can receive long range treatment.

No Easy Matter
It is no easy matter for Donald to move. He is so severely afflicted that the doctors don't believe he can live more than a few minutes in a portable lung, the ordinary device used to transport polio sufferers.

In desperation, Dr. Schildknott called on the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company for assistance. The P. P. and L. people promptly

Advancing Hordes Push Into Capital As Allies Retreat

(Wirephoto Map on Page 2)
TOKYO, Thursday, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Chinese Reds today entered Seoul, the flaming, abandoned South Korean capital.

Allied fliers reported they inflicted 100 casualties on the vanguards of seven Red armies rolling in on the heels of four retreating American divisions and a British United Nations ships off the West Coast stood ready to evacuate retreating U. N. troops, if necessary. A Red entrapment force to the east threatened to swing south-west and cut roads of retreat south of Seoul.

Four American divisions and a British brigade pulled back through the 900-year-old city, deserted by most of its civilian population.

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City Flames As Forces Withdraw

SEUL, Jan. 3.—(AP)—United Nations troops began withdrawing from Seoul this afternoon.

Long columns of vehicles jammed with soldiers moved south across bridges over the frozen Han River.

There were flames in the city as the departing refugees set fire to homes and some bridges.

United Nations troops still hold positions well to the north of the city, but evacuation of the battered capital was ordered this morning.

Seoul was a blazing, paralyzed, nearly abandoned capital.

Chinese Ready To Attack
Only a remnant of its population remained within the ancient walls as a massive wave of Chinese forces gathered strength for the final assault upon the city.

Fires raged in big buildings. No one tried to check them. The wind banged the doors of deserted homes, with desolate rhythm. No one secured them.

A last-minute stream of refugees fled through the bleak streets, past boarded-up shops, almost hopelessly seeking safety somewhere in the south.

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AUTO INSPECTION LAW TO BE EFFECTED

RALEIGH, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Legislation for a return to compulsory mechanical inspection of motor vehicles is being readied for submission to the Legislature.

This was reported today by L. C. Rosser, state motor vehicles commissioner.

Rosser said the bill being drafted for introduction within a few weeks calls for state-owned and

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Chinese Copied U. S. Rockets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The Army said today rockets used against U. S. troops in Korea are Chinese copies of an American-made 4.5-inch rocket.

A statement noted that press reports had indicated the rockets were of American manufacture.

However, the Army said experts in the field had found them to be copies of the U. S. World War II rocket.

Today's Chuckle

"Can you define matrimony?"
"Sure. It's just like making a call. You go to do, you ring a bell, you give your name to a

Casualties

- (Defense Department Official Report)
- ARMY
Killed in Action
CPL THOMAS AMBROSE, son of Mrs. Ruth B. Ambrose, Route 2, Elizabeth City (Previously missing in action).
 - PFC ROGER G. McDONALD, son of Mrs. Mike McDonald, Wilmington.
 - M/SGT. C. D. M. STARKEY, husband of Mrs. Wilma A. Starkey, Charlotte.
 - Wounded
CPL WILLIAM L. MOORE, son of Mrs. Beulah S. Moore, Mooresville.
 - PFC CLYDE R. SLATE, son of Luther C. Slate, Route 1, King.
 - Injured
CPL WILLIAM L. FAULK, son of R. L. Faulk, Bolton.
 - PFC JESSE E. HOLLOWAY, son of Mrs. Lillie A. Holloway, Rocky
- band of Mrs. Rosa L. McWilliams, Enfield.
M/SGT. JESSE P. SURLS, son of Mrs. Lillian R. Surlis, Durham.
LT. COL. LAYTON C. TYNER, son of Mrs. Pearl P. Tyner, Raleigh.
Missing in Action
M/SGT. METRO COSTON, son of Mrs. Mary E. Coston, Clarkston.
CPL DAVID E. HARDY, son of Mrs. Henry N. Hardy, Route 1, Ruffin.
SGT. HENRY N. PORTER, brother of Thompson, Rockyboro.
Returned to Duty
SGT. I. C. BILL C. KLUTZ, son of Mrs. Ora B. Klutz, Oakboro. (Previously wounded).
M/SGT. JACK T. HOLLIFIELD, husband of Mrs. Jack Hollifield, Shelby.
MARINE CORPS
Killed in Action
PFC WILLIAM P. WINNINGTON,