

U. S. NOT ENGAGED IN PEACE MANEUVER

One Authorized To Negotiate LBJ Says No

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House says it is not engaged in any negotiations for a Viet Nam settlement and that no one has been authorized to negotiate in behalf of the United States.

George E. Reedy, presidential press secretary, made these points Wednesday after U.N. Secretary-General U Thant said in New York that he had made concrete proposals aimed at a negotiated settlement of the Vietnamese war.

But Reedy said: "I know of no specific proposal for negotiation that has been made to this government."

President Johnson is known to feel that, at this stage, there is no evidence that the Chinese and North Vietnamese Communists are interested in serious talks on Viet Nam.

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Korean Troops Arriving In Saigon

By the Associated Press Three landing craft brought 600 Korean troops in battle gear to Saigon today for noncombat duty. The rest of a 2,000-man detachment is due in the next few days.

Korea thus became the first foreign country other than the United States to commit a substantial number of troops to the war against the Communist Viet Cong. Korea already has several surgical teams and several special advisory groups in Viet Nam.

Vietnamese howitzers blasted Viet Cong positions only 100 yards away today as government troops battled to get out of an ambush 70 miles east of Saigon.

The shelling presumably was taking a heavy toll of Communist forces. But preliminary reports said the government forces suffered nearly 100 casualties - 10 killed, 30 wounded and 83 missing - in the series of fierce encounters along a road near the provincial capital of Ham Tan on the South China Sea.

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BOROUGH PRESIDENT - New York State Senator Constance Baker Motley (D-Manhattan) was elected as Manhattan's first woman borough president. She told newsmen her goal is to "make our borough more liveable." (AP Wirephoto)

Snow Clogs Midwest, Hits Dixie

By the Associated Press Snow, sleet, cold and raw winds gripped broad areas in the eastern half of the nation today - the worst weather of the winter in some sections.

The snow, which extended deep into the Southland, blanketed at least 21 states, from New Mexico and Colorado to Michigan and southward into Mississippi.

The storm disrupted normal activities and inconvenienced millions. Snow, heavy in many northern states, piled up to a foot in parts of Illinois, including Springfield and the Chicago area.

Gusty winds hampered snow removal operations and traffic conditions were described as the worst in many years in some cities. Plane, train and highway travel was seriously disrupted.

Schools in many areas were closed because of blocked highways. Heavy snow headed from the eastern Great Lakes region and the Upper Ohio Valley to interior sections of New England.

Below-zero weather again stung the north-central region. The cold air dropped deep into Dixie, with freezing temperatures as far southward as Mobile, Ala., on the Gulf of Mexico.

Snow fell in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana. Heavy snow warnings were posted for Lower Michigan, Indiana and northwestern Ohio, ranging from 4 to 7 inches.

The mercury dipped to 30 above in Atlanta, a drop of 22 degrees in a few hours. In Mobile, the early morning reading of 31 compared to Wednesday's high of 73, a plunge of 42 degrees.

Government officials are anxious to get the steelworkers' election settled before a possible strike crisis builds up in the industry, which could send economic shock waves through the entire economy.

AFL-CIO President George Meany has urged the steelworkers to extend the contracts due to expire May 1, to make up for time lost in the election battle.

Steel contract negotiations have been suspended for several months pending the outcome of the election.

Now, with the threat of court action and the possibility of government intervention, many sources feel a steel crisis looms even larger.

GALE WINDS WITH SNOW FORECAST

Storm Develops After Thawing Through Area

Riding the wings of wind gusts of up to 50 miles an hour, colder air will sweep into Genesee County this afternoon, heralding the arrival of a late February snow storm.

The cold weather follows an overnight ice storm that made driving and walking hazardous and forced the closing of one area school.

Wyoming Central School was closed because of ice on hills in its area.

Despite the slick going, there was only one report of an accident this morning. That was a property damage collision which involved a tractor-trailer jackknifing on Rt. 5 in the town of Pembroke.

The southwest gale this afternoon was scheduled to bring blowing, drifting snow. Temperatures were slated to fall sharply into the 20s today, after hitting a high of 40 at mid-morning.

High Winds Windy and cold with snow flurries and squalls is the outlook for tonight and Friday with the mercury due to dip to a low of 15 overnight. Gale force winds will subside tonight and Friday.

Highway Departments were forced to send sanders into action this morning when the ice covering made highways slick. This was the result of a combination of rain, sleet and freezing rain which began at 10 p.m. Wednesday and continued through the early morning hours.

Warmer air at mid-morning ended the ice threat.

News Lights Going on Again NEW YORK (AP) - The Times Tower's electric news report, blacked out for nearly two years, will come to life again March 8.

Life magazine announced today it will reactivate the news bulletins. Mayor Robert F. Wagner will throw the switch that turns on the news again high over Times Square.

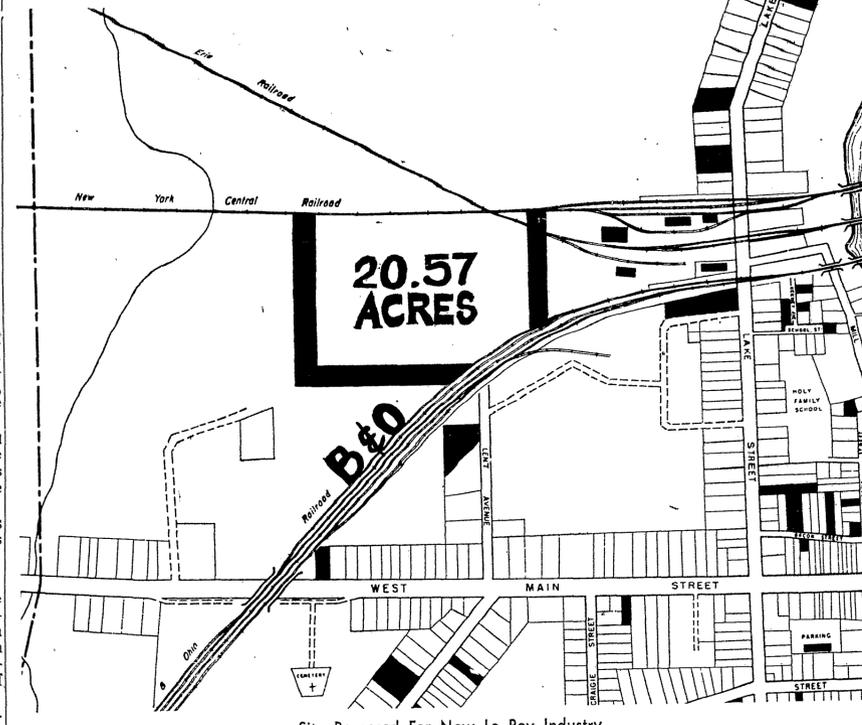
Life said the sign will operate seven days a week, 16 hours a day.

The landmark, at 42nd Street where Broadway meets Seventh Avenue, had been abandoned by the New York Times for larger quarters when Allied Chemical Corp. bought it in 1963.

A massive face-lifting job stripped the triangular-shaped tower to its skeleton and rebuilt it in modern dress.

Death Blamed On Head Wound WALWORTH, N.Y. (AP) - Dominick Alloco died of a bullet wound in the back of his head. His bruised and beaten body, arms and legs tied with clothesline, was found Wednesday in a field.

Alloco, 51, of Rochester, described by police as a gambler, shakedown artist and stool pigeon, was in "nothing crooked" his widow said. Alloco, who police said had a record dating back to 1929, was found lying face down 22 feet off a highway about two miles north of this Wayne County village. A coroner said he died of a .38-caliber bullet wound in the head.



Second Candidate in Race For Democrat Chairmanship



WILLIAM F. HOLIHAN

A second candidate threw his hat into the ring for the post of chairman of the Democratic County Committee today and the party's city chairman said he will decide within a day or two whether to seek the position. One of them charged that the current acting chairman, Mrs. Kaye O. Gill of Batavia, is being forced out as party leader.

Meanwhile, Assemblyman James A. Carmichael, Jr. said he was maintaining a "hands off" policy in the contest for the chairmanship. He is not a candidate.

William F. Holihan of 22 Ross St. is the latest to enter the race. "Yes, I am a candidate," Mr. Holihan said this morning. He declined to discuss any intraparty "differences," commenting, "I don't think there is much that can't be straightened out with a little give and take."

Mr. Holihan is a manufacturer's representative for Auburn Leather Crafters.

Is Considering Peter R. Scibetta, city chairman who is also a member of the county committee, said this morning he has been approached by several committee members urging him to seek the chairmanship.

"I am giving it serious thought, but haven't made up my mind," Mr. Scibetta said, adding that he has been quite busy of late with his union duties. Mr. Scibetta, who is

LeRoy Weighs Sharing Cost On New Line

LE ROY - Owners of homes on the Lake St. Rd. in the Town of Le Roy north of the village will be asked to share in the cost of a new water main to serve the area.

The Village Sewer Commission is currently considering three plans for supplying water to the Mrs. William Green residence about 2 miles north of the village. The well of the residence has been reportedly contaminated by seepage from the village treatment plant.

The residents of the area currently receiving water from village facilities would be asked to share in the cost of a new 6-inch main to serve them and Mrs. Green. Currently, a 3-inch main extends from the village line north about 3,000 feet to St. Raymond's Seminary.

Kenneth G. Woodward of K. G. Woodward Associates of Webster, consulting engineer, has submitted three alternative plans to the commission.

One, the extension of the 3-inch line to the residence at an estimated cost of \$7,000; two, extension of a line from the treatment plant about 1 mile northeast of the residence at a cost of \$24,000; and extension of a 6-inch main from the village line at a cost of \$20,000.

The engineer said the first suggestion might not provide sufficient pressure to serve the Green residence and the second would involve excessive costs because of the need to blast through rock to install the line.

The Sewer Commission indicated it would contact the Le Roy Town Board and ask its co-operation in requesting the sharing of the costs by the users outside the village. The new main would provide better service because of an increase in size and because the old line is now corroded.

The present line serves about six homes and the seminary outside the village.

PROPOSED PLANT SITE AGREEMENT OBTAINED

Over 20 Acres Would Be Given For New Firm

The "P. F. C. Development" committee announced today it had reached an agreement with the American Brakeshoe Corp. for the purchase of a site for the construction of the proposed can-manufacturing plant in Le Roy.

The site indicated is a 20 1/2 acre parcel in the northwest section of the village north of Lent Ave. It is currently owned by the brakeshoe firm, but was the former site of the Watkins Salt Co. plant.

The development committee, a co-operative group of representatives of the Le Roy and the Batavia Area Chambers of Commerce, is engaged in a drive to raise \$30,000 for its purchase. The announcement of the agreement defines the exact location the group intends to purchase.

Authorizes Sale A spokesman for the committee reports the American Brake Shoe Corp. Board of Directors has authorized the sale of the property. A transfer can be arranged on completion of the drive.

Recent returns have put the appeal over the \$20,000 mark and a concerted effort is now being made to reach the goal by March 5. Jack Brady of Le Roy and Neil T. Burns of the Batavia chamber are heading the drive committee.

Pro-Pac Cooperative Inc. and Curtice-Burns Corp. have announced plans for the construction of the plant on the site, if provided. The facility would furnish containers for the Pro-Pac food processing plants in Western New York and other industries in the area.

Half-Million Plant The proposed plant would be a \$500,000 building of 140,000 sq. ft. floor space. It would be constructed in the next year with

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State Church Council Urges Divorce Law Ease

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The State Council of Churches says "it is high time" there was a full review of New York State's 177-year-old divorce law, which makes adultery the sole ground for divorce.

The Protestant organization announced Wednesday its endorsement of a bill, proposed by Sen. Jerome L. Wilson, D-Manhattan, that calls for the review, with an eye toward liberalization.

Opposition of the Roman Catholic Church, which does not recognize divorce, has been viewed as a major bar to any changes in the divorce law.

In other legislative action, bipartisan support was announced today for a bill that would emphasize treatment and not imprisonment of alcoholics.

Brain Surgery For Cardinal

CHICAGO (AP) - Albert Cardinal Meyer, 61, archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, undergoes brain surgery today at Mercy Hospital.

Dr. John L. Keeley, the cardinal's personal physician, said the surgery was decided upon after examinations by three brain surgeons. He said the surgery would "release the increased intracranial pressure that has been causing the cardinal's persistent headaches."

The cardinal has been in the hospital since Feb. 17. Last month he was hospitalized for 12 days for treatment of gall bladder.

\$405,134 To Replace Kits ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The Civil Defense Commission plans to replace thousands of blood collection kits that deteriorated while stored with other emergency medical equipment in Syracuse, a health official says.

Dr. James Lade, director of Medical Defense for the State Health Department, said the plastic tubes and needles in the kits had changed color.

Gov. Rockefeller's budget for the next fiscal year includes \$405,134 to replace the kits.

No Onions

BRIDLINGTON, England (AP) - The Bridlington Town Council Wednesday night approved sale of hot dogs on the seafront but only without onions.

Some members contended that the aroma might offend visitors to the resort.

Warning Note Opens Parley

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) - A five-day international conference of students at Cornell University has opened with warnings about too much governmental concern with higher education.

Some 100 students from 60 nations heard the warnings Wednesday night from F. Cyril James, president of the International Association of Universities and principal emeritus of McGill University in Montreal.

James said too much governmental aid to universities could make the schools regard "all the rest of the world as unimportant, even hostile."

Jury to Probe Robbery Count

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Paschal Calabrese was free today after a charge of first-degree robbery in connection with the theft of \$229,130 from the city treasury was dismissed in City Court.

Judge Ann T. Mikoll granted the dismissal Wednesday on grounds of failure to prosecute.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Thomas P. Cleary said the case was going to the Erie County grand jury. Cleary said the dismissal will have no bearing on the results of a grand jury investigation because a hearing in City Court is not binding on a grand jury.