

'Ike' Says West Defense Must Come From Within

WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was quoted by his top aide today as saying the defense of Western Europe "must come basically from within" the nations of Europe themselves.

"I am happy to report this effort is now being made in good measure," said Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, Eisenhower's chief of staff in Europe. Gruenther testified at a closed session of the Senate

foreign relations committee. His prepared statement was later made public.

There was reported to have been no discussion of politics at the session, although Gruenther's indication of good progress in buildup of Europe's defense forces could mean that Eisenhower considers his task there to be about completed.

When reporters sought to get from Gruenther some estimate of when his boss, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) commander, might feel free to return to the United States, he replied:

Would Re-examine Position

"The boss told me several months ago I'd be of very much more value to him if I stayed out of political matters."

Eisenhower said last week he was being forced to re-examine his personal position by the results of primaries which show that many Republicans want him to be their party's presidential nominee. He had said in January he would take no part in pre-convention activities, although he would accept the nomination.

The Senate committee is holding hearings on the Truman administration's request for \$7,900,000,000 in new foreign aid funds for the year starting July 1. The consensus is that Congress will cut the amount by a billion dollars or more.

Has Vital Bearing

Gruenther's strongest general endorsement of the foreign aid program appeared to be in these words, included in his statement after he had discussed Western European defense goals for 1952: "On this firmly scheduled buildup of forces, the decision of the Congress on fiscal year 1953 aid has a vital bearing."

"In part, this aid will make possible the continuation and extension of the buildup which is already under way in the NATO countries, including the new members, Greece and Turkey."

"In addition, this aid will make it possible to go forward with the initiation of the buildup of German forces at such time as a German program may be finally approved and placed in effect."

Steel Strike Seen As Economy Peril

WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—Charles E. Wilson said tonight there is no question but that government recommendations for settling the steel wage dispute, if put into effect, would threaten the economic stabilization program.

"Of that I am sure," he said. Wilson, the mobilization director, talked with newsmen on his return from talks with President Truman at Key West, Fla., where he had said he had a plan which would avoid the steel shutdown now threatened for next month.

Wilson said he planned to arrange conferences as soon as possible with leaders of the steel industry and the CIO steelworkers union.

The World At a Glance

Pinay Plan Approved

PARIS, March 24—(AP)—The French cabinet tonight approved Premier Antoine Pinay's new budget designed to meet the country's staggering defense burden without boosting taxes.

Loyalty Reminder

HARRISBURG, March 24—(AP)—Pennsylvania school officials were reminded today that all new school employes must be screened under the state's new loyalty oath law.

The new act requires all prospective job applicants to be investigated for possible subversive tendencies.

Three MIGs Downed

SEOUL, Korea, Tuesday, March 25—(AP)—American jet fighters shot down three Communist MIG-15s, probably destroyed two and damaged 11 Monday in four air battles over Northwest Korea.

Mexican Riots

MEXICO CITY, March 24—(AP)—Scattered machine gun fire was heard in this tense state capital today as rioting between peasants and city dwellers entered its fourth day. The death toll rose to seven, five of them convicts.

Order Returns In Disaster Area

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 24—(AP)—The chaos left by tornadoes and floods which claimed 236 lives gave way today to the order imposed by the hard working, sometimes grimly silent survivors of that terrible weekend.

Throughout the afflicted areas in six Southern states freshly turned earth in green cemeteries testified to a long, seemingly unending series of burials.

Slowly all but the most seriously hurt among the 1100 injured left the crowded hospitals, turning aching heads and bandaged limbs to the somber task of rebuilding.

In Arkansas, worst hit, Gov. Sid McMath toured the devastated areas. He estimated that damage to public buildings alone in White County amounted to more than a million dollars.

McMath already has appealed directly to President Truman for financial assistance.

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Big Three to Query Reds On German Peace Treaty

PARIS, March 24—(AP)—The Western Big Three will deliver notes to the Kremlin tomorrow asking many more details on Soviet proposals for four-power talks on a peace treaty with a unified and rearmed Germany.

French Foreign Secretary Robert Schuman said today the West will ask for answers to many pertinent questions before agreeing to the conference the Soviet Union proposed in a note to the United States, Britain, and France on March 10.

It was announced that the three notes from the Western nations will be similar and the texts will be published in all three western capitals after delivery to the Kremlin.

Schuman told reporters the western reply is not negative in spirit. The West, he said, wants to know:

1. Just what form of central German government Russia has in mind, if Germany is unified.
2. What would be the powers of such a government, which presumably would remain under the

Allied occupation regime until a new treaty is signed.

3. Would German rearmament be limited under such a set-up. If so, what guarantee would there be that the limitations are observed.

"We do not want a German national army, particularly if Germany must be evacuated (by the Allied occupation forces)," Schuman declared. "According to the Soviet note, Germany would have a defensive army. But all armies are defensive."

"Germany would have the liberty to make arms 'within the limits fixed by the peace treaty.' Now, if this Germany may not make any alliance, she will need an even stronger army." He added:

"I am inclined to believe that it is perhaps the key point of the Soviet note, to make Germany a reservoir, a potential for turning out arms which would serve the eastern group, with Germany being able to receive raw materials from the West and export the finished products."

Iron Curtain Refugee Aid Requested

WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for more money to help people who escape from behind the Iron Curtain.

He also proposed letting in 300,000 European immigrants in the next three years, not only to aid victims of tyranny and Communism but to relieve some of Europe's overpopulation.

Specifically, the President proposed in a 4000-word message sent to Congress from Key West, Fla.:

1. An unspecified appropriation to aid victims of oppression and tyranny who are escaping from behind the Iron Curtain.

2. Easing immigration rules so that 300,000 Europeans may enter the U.S. at the rate of about 100,000 a year. He said this would "aid in alleviating the problems created by Communist tyranny and overpopulation in Western Europe."

3. Continuation of U.S. support for an international campaign that is assisting in the migration and resettlement throughout the world of "a substantial number of persons" from overpopulated European areas.

The President's statement said 15,000 to 20,000 Germans escape monthly from the Russian to western zones of Germany. It estimated another 1000 people are fleeing every month from behind the iron curtain of Communist countries to the south and east.

Cleanup Bill Delay Asked by Senator

WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) asked the Senate today to delay voting on a bill to give the White House—but not President Truman's cleanup man Newbold Morris—broad powers to investigate government corruption.

The Senate complied with McCarran's wish.

McCarran said such a matter should not be passed by unanimous consent, but should come up when senators had a chance to discuss it at length.

Truman has asked that Morris be given subpoena powers to help him ferret out wrongdoing in the administration.

News Blackout Issue Garbles Truce Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday, March 25—(AP)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators wrangled Monday over a new issue—whether to impose a partial news blackout on the prisoner exchange talks.

In Monday's truce supervision session the negotiators inched toward complete agreement on a secondary item—detailed maps of ports of entry through which troop replacements and supplies would flow during an armistice.

Frenzied Teen-agers Ask Return of Trieste

TRIESTE, Free Territory, March 24—(AP)—Thousands of frenzied teen-agers paraded in Trieste, Rome, and Milan today, demanding the return of this free territory to Italy—a claim also made by Yugoslavia.

Authorities said there was no sign the young nationalists belonged to any particular political party, but British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared in London yesterday "the majority have been found to be members of the Neo-Fascist party."

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