

# Dulles Quits as Advisor To Secretary of State

## West Tells Russians to Lift Curtain

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—The United States, Britain, and France challenged Russia today to lift its Iron Curtain around East Germany if it sincerely wants to talk about a peace treaty for all of Germany.

At the same time the three nations firmly turned down Russia's proposal for allowing a unified Germany to revive its army, navy, and air forces.

In identical notes delivered today, they told Moscow it must allow "free elections" in East Germany before they will discuss a four-power peace treaty with the defeated Reich.

"As the Soviet government itself recognizes, the conclusion of such a treaty requires the formation of an all-German government expressing the will of the German people," they said.

### Peace Conference

The American-British-French notes, drafted after two weeks of careful consultation, replied to a surprise Russian note sent March 10.

This Soviet note called for a German peace conference "in the nearest future" but specified its boundaries must be limited to those agreed upon at the Potsdam Conference in 1945.

### Russian Intentions

The three-power answer in turn insisted Russia must first permit a United Nations investigation commission into Eastern Germany to check on whether conditions for free elections exist.

Top rank American officials in elaborating on this said Russia's reply would be a judge of its sincerity. If Russia bars the UN group, they said, it is clear Russia has no real intention of agreeing to a free, unified Germany.

## Gruenther Testifies World War III Can Be Averted

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's chief deputy testified today the Soviet threat is "much less" now than it was a year ago and said World War III can be averted altogether.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther said he does not expect the Russians to attack within the immediate future, and he told the House foreign affairs committee:

"It is in our power (by helping U.S. Allies to re-arm) to prevent a war from ever taking place."

In response to a question by Rep. Judd (R-Minn.), he agreed it would be a "smart thing" for Russia to delay attacking Europe until she also felt capable of striking also at the United States directly.

But he said it would be "dangerous" for the United States to base its plans on such an assumption.

## House Committee Votes To Investigate WSB

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—The House rules committee today voted 7 to 4 for an investigation of the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB).

Those voting for it made plain they were moved largely by the controversy over the board's recommendations in the steel wage dispute.

The committee decision was to send to the House floor a bill by Rep. Allen (R-Ill) authorizing the House Labor committee to find out if the WSB has violated national labor policy as spelled out in the Taft-Hartley Labor act, or has adopted policies or recommendations "inconsistent with the intent of Congress with respect to stabilization."

No animal or plant life can live in the Dead Sea because of the high percentage of salt.

KEY WEST, Fla., March 25—(AP)—John Foster Dulles today gave up his post as an advisor to Secretary of State Acheson in a move designed to give himself a free hand in the coming presidential campaign.

In a Washington statement, he said he looked forward "to the possibility of expressing my views about foreign policy under conditions which will not risk embarrassment to the administration or to any presidential candidate."

Being a Republican, he said he naturally believes his party can "provide a leadership in foreign policy which the country will want to follow."

He added that in debating foreign policy issues he would seek to avoid hampering "bi-partisan accord on basic foreign issues."

Dulles' decision to sever formal connection with the administration was announced at the "little White House" here by release of an exchange of letters with President Truman.

In his letter, dated March 21, Dulles noted that the task he primarily assumed—that of handling the Japanese peace treaty and three Pacific security pacts—has been completed with their approval by the Senate.

He thanked the President for his "indispensable and unwavering support in this nonpartisan dedication."

Replying under today's date, the President said Dulles had conducted the Japanese negotiations "with devotion and outstanding skill."

## Stassen Asks His Delegates To Support 'Ike'

MILWAUKEE, March 25—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen announced tonight he has asked half his 30 delegate candidates in the Wisconsin April 1 GOP presidential primary to support Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on the first ballot at the Chicago nominating convention.

Stassen said his delegation agreed to this unprecedented move.

The former governor of Minnesota made the announcement tonight in a speech prepared for a Sheboygan rally.

In another pre-election development, a supporter said Gen. Douglas MacArthur's campaign organization has been approached—and had rejected—a proposal to throw the general's strength behind Sen. Robert A. Taft.

A Taft man promptly replied his telephone conversation with the MacArthur backer was "misinterpreted."

A total of 30 Republican delegates will be elected in next Tuesday's primary. Taft, Stassen, and Gov. Earl Warren of California, are the main contenders for their votes. Eisenhower's name is not on the ballot.

Stassen did not indicate whether the promise would hold beyond the first ballot. Nor did he say whether it would apply if he gets fewer than the total 30, as most observers here believe he will.

## Newark Port To Be Opened

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—The Port of New York Authority agreed today to reopen Newark Airport on a limited basis for military planes.

The big airport has been closed since Feb. 11, when the last of three airliner crashes in neighboring Elizabeth, N.J., boosted the death toll to 119 lives in less than two months.

Residents of Elizabeth have demanded that the field be abandoned permanently. It is operated by the port authority.

However, Mayor Ralph Villani of Newark, said he has no objection to a partial reopening as a staging area for military planes enroute to Europe.

The first signal transmitted by wireless was the letter "S"—three dots.

# The World at a Glance

### Robbers Get \$600,000

DANVERS, Mass., March 25—(AP)—Three robbers rifled an untended armored car of some \$600,000 in this peaceful, little community today while the driver and two guards sipped coffee in a nearby drugstore.

The robbers disdained several bags, heavy with coin, as they fled in a stolen car, later found abandoned. The amount of coin was not estimated officially and unofficial guesses ranged from a few hundred to \$100,000.

### Pal Involves Sutton

NEW YORK, March 25—(AP)—Bank bandit John De Venuta betrayed his old friend, Willie (the Actor) Sutton, today, tapping him as mastermind of a \$64,000 bank stickup.

"I'm doing this for my wife and unborn child," he said of his testimony against the nation's king of bank robbers. De Venuta hopes to win a lighter sentence for his part in the holdup.

### Steel Free-for-All

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP)—President Truman was expected today to intervene soon to halt a bitter free-for-all over steel wages—a fight which threatens to wreck the government's price-wage control machinery.

### Tornado Aid Given

KEY WEST, Fla., March 25—(AP)—President Truman tonight allocated \$700,000 from his emergency fund for tornado relief in Arkansas.

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