

# Indian Proposal Approved by UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 1 (AP)—Climaxing the most bitter battle in years, the UN Political Committee tonight approved overwhelmingly India's battered Korean peace plan endorsing the Western stand against forced repatriation of prisoners.

The vote was 53 to 5 (Soviet Bloc) with one abstention—Nationalist China.

The resolution now goes to the full UN Assembly, which is slated to meet Wednesday in a move to speed final approval and rush the UN action to Asia.

Just before the vote, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky doomed any lingering Asian hopes of an agreement on this basis by tongue-lashing India and her delegate, V. K. Krishna Menon, who masterminded the proposal in the committee.

The Soviet Foreign minister said: "We won't be carried away by any false and spurious appeals for unity, thus trying to turn eyes on us. No, the eyes are on you, Mr. Menon. You by your resolution are trying to rush people into the holocaust of war. . . . At best sir, you are dreamers, fantasists . . . at the worst, you, Mr. Menon, don't understand your own position as regards the Americans."

In brief, the committee resolution provides for:

1. A repatriation commission made up of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland to effect the release and repatriation of all prisoners of war.

2. Appointment of an umpire to serve with the commission and vote in the event of tie decisions.

3. All prisoners remaining within the jurisdiction of the repatriation commission at the end of 90 days after the armistice agreement has been signed shall be referred, with recommendations for their disposition, to a political conference set up in the armistice agreement at Panmunjom to work out the Korean peace plan.

4. Affirmation of the principles of the Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, with the express provision that force shall not be used against the prisoners to return them to their homeland or retain them in custody.

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# Britain Claims Russia Doubled German Forces

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Britain accused Russia tonight of nearly doubling the size and firepower of a modern East German land, air, and sea force within the last six months.

A press statement issued by the Foreign Office said the East German "people's police" now is developing into a well organized force with modern weapons closely supervised by Soviet officers.

The three arms of the force constitute cadre units with a high proportion of officers, and as such can be swiftly expanded if present coercive methods of recruitment are intensified, the statement said.

Until recently the people's police was estimated to be about 55,000 strong, the Foreign Office said, but according to evidence which has reached Britain from undisclosed sources in recent weeks, more than 100,000 East Germans now are under arms. It added that they are equipped with Soviet tanks, self propelled guns, howitzers and anti-aircraft artillery.

The Foreign Office commented: "There can be no doubt that final decisions by all countries concerned on the West German defense contribution are a matter of growing urgency in view of increasing East German rearmament as an addition to the military strength of the Soviet bloc."

This was a reference to the agreement of the Atlantic Allies to set up a European Army with 500,000 West German troops in it. Neither France which sponsored the idea nor the West German Parliament so far have ratified the agreement.

# AFL - CIO Merger Suggested

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 1 (AP)—Delegates attending opening sessions of the CIO convention today called for an end of government wage controls and applauded a suggested merger with the rival AFL.

The delegates appeared to be still deadlocked, however, in a furious, behind scenes battle for votes on a successor to the late Philip Murray as the CIO's president.

Forces supporting Walter Reuther, president of the big auto workers union, and Allan S. Haywood, CIO executive vice president, were engaged in a neck and neck race for the top CIO post, with neither side giving any quarter.

A few relatively small unions, including the rubber workers and oil workers, were holding caucuses to determine their positions in the leadership fight, and could hold the balance of power in the tilt for political control of the labor group.

The end of government wage controls was recommended in a resolution unanimously adopted by the convention. It also urged dropping most price controls, but retaining checks on rents and use of scarce materials.

# Commerce, Labor Heads Named by Ike to Cabinet

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—President-elect Dwight Eisenhower's Cabinet was completed today with the announcement that he has designated GOP party official Sinclair Weeks of Boston for secretary of commerce and labor leader Martin P. Durkin of Chicago for secretary of labor.

Durkin is an AFL union leader and a Democrat who voted for Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson. He is the only member of the Democratic party in the Cabinet.

He is general president, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, International Union, American Federation of Labor.

In Washington, he told reporters he was surprised by the appointment but believes Eisenhower will give full consideration to the problems of labor and that he will help all he can to make Eisenhower's administration a successful one.

Announcement of the two designations for the Cabinet was made by Arthur S. Vandenberg Jr., who will be White House secretary in the next administration. Walter Williams, of Seattle, Wash., has been designated to be under-secretary of commerce, Vandenberg announced.

With the two designations today, the Cabinet lineup stood: Defense—Charles E. Wilson, Detroit; State—John Foster Dulles,

New York; Treasury—George M. Humphrey, Cleveland; Agriculture—Ezra Taft Benson, Salt Lake City; Interior—Gov. Douglas McKay, Oregon; Labor—Martin P. Durkin, Chicago; Commerce—Sinclair Weeks, Boston; Attorney General—Herbert Brownell, New York; Postmaster general—Arthur E. Summerfield, Flint, Mich.

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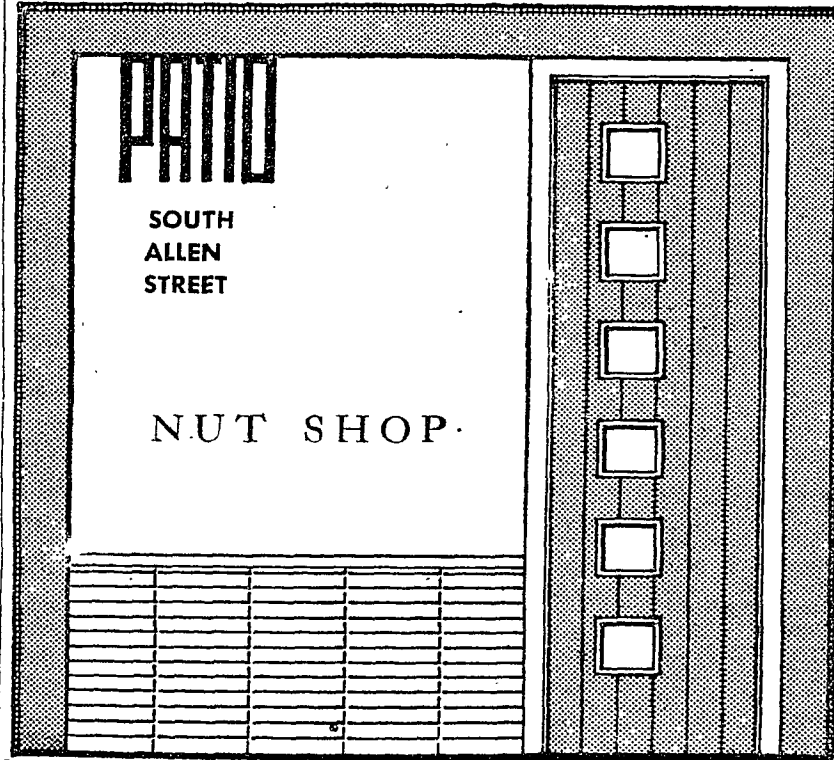
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