

Ike, Advisers Confer on Ship

ABOARD USS HELENA, En Route to Hawaii, Tuesday, Dec. 9 (AP)—Talks reportedly centered on the Korean War problems were shrouded in secrecy today as President-elect Eisenhower, four members of his future Cabinet and close advisers conferred in shirt-sleeves for the second straight day.

The conference which began Monday afternoon was resumed this morning as the cruiser Helena rode through the Pacific toward Pearl Harbor at a steady 25 knots.

No communiques were being issued on the meetings. What news has developed from the top side conference was relayed through Eisenhower's press aides.

Reports Squelched

At the President-elect's side today were four men vital in the shaping of foreign and domestic policies after he takes office Jan. 20. They were the future secretaries of state, the Treasury and the interior and the attorney general.

Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, made clear that even the subjects discussed would not be disclosed, at this time and probably not until after the new administration takes office Jan. 20.

To Reach Pearl Harbor

However, one source close to Eisenhower squelched recurring reports that the general favored enlarging the Korean War.

"Nothing is definite yet," the source said.

The Helena was due to complete its 3300 mile trip from Guam at 9 a.m. Thursday Hawaiian time 2 p.m., EST. Eisenhower and his staff are expected to continue their meetings at Pearl Harbor for at least two days.

The high level talks began in earnest only two hours after a helicopter brought Secretary of State designate John Foster Dulles aboard from Wake Island Sunday. He had flown there from the United States under security wraps.

Also joining the general's party

Czechs Purged By Moscow Order

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 8 (AP)—Belgrade radio reported today "a new wave of arrests in Czechoslovakia" and said five top Communist leaders were among those being purged on orders from Moscow.

The radio quoted the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug as the source of its report but gave no indication how the information was received. There was no direct word from Prague, the Czech capital.

The purge list, as broadcast, included such noted figures as Gen. Ludwig Svoboda, first postwar minister of defense; Antonin Gregor, former minister of foreign trade; Eugene Erban, minister of labor and social security; Augustin Kliment, minister of heavy machinery; and Vladimir Kopriva, former minister of national security.

by helicopter were:

Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon, next secretary of the interior; George M. Humphrey, Cleveland investment banker, and secretary of the Treasury designate; Gen. Lucius Clay, former head of the Allied occupation of Germany, an old friend; Joseph W. Dodge, Detroit banker who may be the next budget director; C. D. Jackson, editor of Fortune magazine, who helped to draft some of Eisenhower's campaign speeches, and Emmet Hughes, who will be one of the General's White House assistants.

World at A Glance

Korean Action Light

SEOUL, Tuesday, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Korean ground war lapsed into a fitful quiet Monday with only sporadic actions along the frozen front.

In the aerial war, Sabre jets downed a Communist MIG over Northwest Korea while Allied planes pummeled Red communications.

With the exception of a few 40 man sorties on the Central and Eastern Fronts, Chinese and North Korean Communist forces appeared to be holding their fire.

High Schoolers Revolt

CARBONDALE, Pa., Dec. 8 (AP)—More than 400 students at Benjamin Franklin High School refused to attend classes today, and instead marched through downtown Carbondale, because Vice Principal James St. Ledger was not on the job.

St. Ledger was suspended for two days last week after an argument with Principal Gertrude Krause over the handling of a student council program.

The students, in their parade, carried signs reading "No Jim—No School" and blew bugles and beat on drums.

Harmony Between Ike, Taft Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Vice President-elect Nixon today forecast smooth working harmony between the Eisenhower administration and Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) despite a sharp break between the two Republican leaders over an Eisenhower Cabinet appointment.

"Sen. Taft is a team man," Nixon told a reporter. "There is no doubt in my mind he will be able to work smoothly with the new administration."

Taft Protests Appointment

Taft, the man Eisenhower beat for the GOP nominations, rocked Republican circles last week with a blast at Eisenhower's appointment of Martin P. Durkin as secretary of labor.

The Ohio senator said the President-elect's choice was "incredible." Durkin, he protested, is a staunch Democrat who opposed Eisenhower's election and has urged repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor relations law.

Nixon to Help Harmony

But Nixon, who will preside over the new Senate, discounted any suggestion that all this could lead to a permanent or deep rift between the new president and Taft, long considered the most influential Republican senator.

Lewis Re-election

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The United Mine Workers will meet tomorrow to re-elect John L. Lewis to another four year term as president.

The 72-year-old UMW leader has been unopposed for the union presidency since 1920.

In fact, Nixon added, "there isn't any question—no doubt at all in my mind—that both the House and Senate will furnish very substantial majorities for Gen. Eisenhower's legislative program."

One of Nixon's roles in the new administration is to help in liaison work between the White House and Congress. He said he is anxious to start talking to lawmakers immediately to work toward smooth relations.

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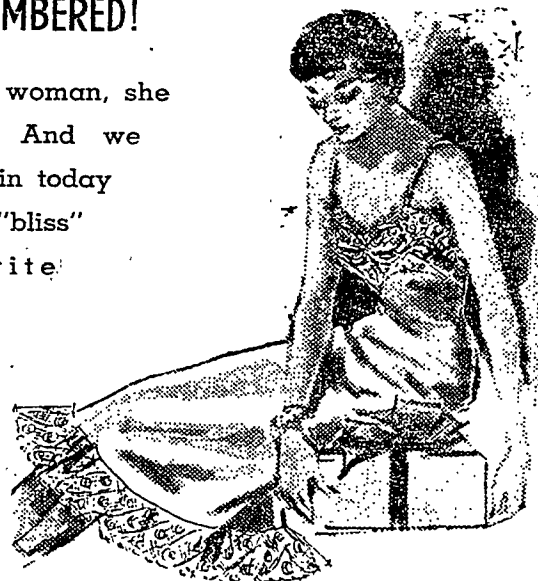
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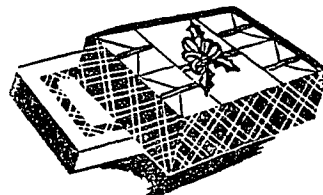
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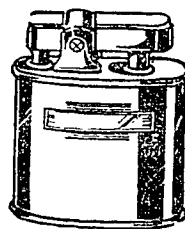
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