

# Ike, Supporters Confer On 'Supporting Freedom'

ABOARD U.S.S. HELENA, Dec. 9 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower and his eight-man team of specially summoned brain-trusters conferred for the third straight day today on means of better "supporting freedom in the world."

## Small Fights Mark War In Korea

SEOUL, Dec. 10 (AP)—Minor patrol clashes sputtered along the icy Korean front as Allied and Communist forces huddled in bunkers and trenches, waiting for a break in the long lull.

In the air, a sharp shooting Royal Air Force pilot flying a U.S. Sabre jet downed a Communist MIG in a duel near the mouth of the Yalu River frontier of Manchuria.

The Air Force credited Flight Lt. Graham F. Hulse of Hanley, Staffordshire, Eng., with downing the Red jet—the ninth destroyed in three consecutive days of air battles.

Allied losses, if any, will be announced in a weekend summary.

Fifth Air Force Shooting Star jets caught a Red truck convoy in the open yesterday, near Singye in Western Korea. Pilots said two explosions ripped through the convoy, demolishing six trucks, indicating the trucks were loaded with ammunition.

Four more trucks were wrecked and highways cratered near Kumchon on the Western Front, northwest of Kaesong.

Two Chinese squads—about 20 men—harassed Pinpoint Hill, the key height on a battered Sniper Ridge, but were driven off.

## Constructionist To Speak Tonight

Harry J. Engel, a partner of Modjeski & Masters, bridge constructionists, will speak to the American Society of Civil Engineers at 7 tonight in 1 Main Engineering.

"The Design and Building of a Bridge," will be his subject. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The heavy cruiser Helena crossed the International Dateline late last night. That gave Eisenhower and his staff another Tuesday-for talks on various facets of the complicated problems of Korea and the rest of Asia.

The warship is due at Pearl Harbor tomorrow at 9 a.m. (2 p.m., EST).

### Indicated Direction

There were no announcements or progress reports to show the trend of the talks.

Eisenhower himself, however, had indicated the direction those conferences would take.

Before leaving Korea last week, the President-elect said he intended to meet with different members of his staff "so that when the new administration in the United States takes over Jan. 20 it will be better able to pursue its policy of supporting freedom in the world."

In Washington, one of Eisenhower's close friends, who declined to be quoted by name, predicted the new White House chief "would not ignore" a plan of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for solving the Korean War deadlock.

### MacArthur's Views

MacArthur said in a speech before the National Association of Manufacturers Friday that he has a plan for "a clear and definite solution" of the Korean War without involving undue casualties. He did not disclose the plan, but indicated he would be glad to discuss it with Eisenhower.

Senators McCarthy (R-Wis.), Butler (R-Md.), and Stennis (D-Miss.) in separate interviews all said they thought Eisenhower should and probably would seek MacArthur's views.

Eisenhower met first today with his full group of advisers, then the party broke into small units to tackle individual problems.

With Eisenhower were four of his incoming Cabinet members—men assigned to chart foreign policy, handle finance, control power and other resources, and direct the government's legal affairs including the war against internal corruption and subversion.

A fifth future Cabinet member, Charles E. Wilson of defense, had flown ahead to Pearl Harbor for separate talks on military service.

## \$70,000 Is Price Paid In Fur Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—A broker testified today he paid \$70,000 to union leaders in order to free a multi-million dollar batch of Russian furs during a "patriotic" boycott by AFL longshoremen.

The State Crime Commission thus got an intriguing behind-the-scenes peek at the 1950 boycott of Soviet manufactured goods by the AFL International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

### Called 'Patriotic Gesture'

While longshoremen were bypassing Russian cargoes against the wishes of President Truman, fur broker Gregory Butman testified he paid off union leaders to free \$3,000,000 worth of Soviet furs from the docks.

The late summer boycott two years ago was represented as a patriotic gesture by longshoremen "sick and tired of working for Russia and helping communism finance its war machine with American dollars."

### Rebuked by Truman

It had the backing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Roman Catholic Bishop John F. O'Hara in Buffalo lauded the dock workers.

But President Truman rebuked them and said it wasn't up to longshoremen to set this nation's foreign policy. Secretary of Labor Tobin also criticized them and the boycott finally was called off.

Butman told the State Crime Commission inquiry into waterfront rackets that he paid \$25,000 to have \$659,000 in Russian furs unloaded from the Finnish freighter, Tornator, at Port Elizabeth, N.J.

# Vishinsky Calls UN Far From Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 9, (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky said today that "unfortunately at present the organization of the United Nations is far from being an instrument of peace."

As he sailed for home in luxury aboard the French liner Liberte, a reporter asked Russia's chief UN spokesman:

"Are you coming back for the UN meeting in February?"

"I don't know," Vishinsky replied with a smile. "That depends on a number of things."

### No Formal Good-bye

Vishinsky left behind Andrei Gromyko as head of the Soviet delegation to the UN. Gromyko, Russian ambassador to London, saw him off.

There was no formal good-bye from the UN because Vishinsky ignored the custom of giving notice of his departure. Normally, an agent of Secretary General Trygve Lie is on hand, but Vishinsky and Lie are not on speaking terms these days.

As he boarded the liner earlier, Vishinsky was asked to say a few words for the newsreel and television cameras.

"You asked me to say a few words before my departure," he responded. "I do that with pleasure. The holidays are coming and I will say a few words."

### 'Duty Is Fighting For Peace'

"Actually, the first thing I would like to say is about the United Nations. Although the work of the Assembly isn't finished yet, it shows that the General Assembly does not fulfill its duty for peace."

"Its duty is fighting for peace. The very fact the Assembly adopted a resolution which is not promoting peace shows that its work as an instrument of peace is not satisfactory."

Vishinsky apparently had in mind the UN adoption of an Indian resolution to end the Korean War. It provided protection for Communist prisoners who do not wish to return to their homeland. Russia has demanded the return of all prisoners, willing or otherwise.

His remarks were translated by Alexandre Soldatov, an aide.

## 47 Cities Show Financial Troubles, Survey Indicates

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9 (AP)—Governments—like housewives—sometimes have difficulty making both ends meet, and Pennsylvania's cities are no exception.

The commonwealth has 47 cities with less than 135,000 population—and all are struggling now to meet the budget requirements of the League of Third Class Cities. That group's code calls for final budget approval by the local governing body before the end of the year.

A poll of third class cities throughout the state by The Associated Press today showed practically all were in agreement on one point—it will cost more money to run things in 1953 than this year.

## Acheson Given Award

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson today was presented a "Speaker of the Year" award by Tau Kappa Alpha, an honorary forensic fraternity.

The award was for "effective, responsible, and intelligent speaking on significant public questions" in 1951 in the field of national affairs.

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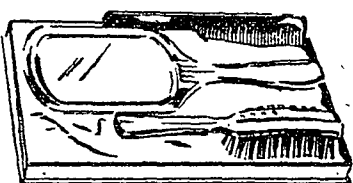
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