

# Allies, U. S. Clash on NATO

## Ridgway Asks Approval Of Defense Plan Funds

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AP)—American demands for more fighting strength in Europe collided head on at the North Atlantic Treaty Conference today with the European disposition to take it easier.

American Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of European forces of NATO, walked into the 1952 review meeting and asked firmly for quick approval of a 428 million dollar defense building program. He got a soft response.

Lord Ismay, NATO secretary-general, told correspondents after the meeting that it was quite possible no building program would

## 37 Aboard Grounded Navy Ship

LEGHORN, Italy, Dec. 15 (AP)—Thirty seven crewman of the U.S. Navy refrigerator ship Grommet Reefer huddled precariously tonight in the severed stern of their ship as wind and waves pounded it on the rocks 200 yards off shore.

The ship's first engineer, Karl F. Treudler, of Bellaire, N.Y., said the bulk of the crew still aboard had reported by radio they were "all okay." Treudler was one of only three rescued by breeches buoy from the Grommet before the buoy cable snapped.

Treudler said the stranded crewmen reported they were holding up well.

### Stern Holds

"Some of them have even gone to their bunks to try to catch some rest, they said," Treudler reported.

"They are pretty worn out. They reported the engine room was still perfectly dry and the stern was holding together well."

Winds of gale force drove the 3800 ton ship aground as she was trying to tie up at a Leghorn pier early today. Jagged rocks on which the vessel piled up sliced through the hull.

The listing of the severed stern and a 60 mile an hour wind snapped the rescue cable extending to the shore. About 75 U.S. sailors tonight were trying to shake a second cable out to the ship so rescue operations could be resumed. The rescue crews ashore had been cut down because the over-abundance of manpower was slowing down operations.

### Situation "Grave"

The rough seas quieted slightly, giving hope of a less difficult rescue for those remaining aboard.

When efforts to bring the stranded crewmen in got under way, their situation was described by Capt. A. F. White, senior U.S. Naval officer at the American supply base here, as "desperate and grave." Even then, however, White expressed the hope they would be rescued "barring catastrophe."

At that time, the barometer fell to its lowest mark here in two years, and the winds fiercely lashed the seas and the teetering ship's stern.

The stern was surrounded by giant crests of spray thrown up by the waves smashing against it. In contrast to its desperate predicament, the ship was lit up like a pleasure cruiser with light pouring from every porthole.

Since the generator was still working, the captain apparently had ordered all lights on to help rescue operations.

## Striking Pupils Win Return of Administrator

CARBONDALE, Pa., Dec. 15 (AP) Some 400 striking pupils at Benjamin Franklin High School in Carbondale are back at their desks today. So is James St. Ledger, assistant principal, whose two-day suspension prompted the walkout of students.

The 400 pupils walked out last Monday when St. Ledger refused to return to duty until the school board cleared him of charges that he was neglecting his work as director of student council programs.

The Carbondale school board will consider the dispute further at a meeting Saturday.

## GOP Swamped With Job Pleas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Pennsylvania's Republican congressmen are being swamped with bids for jobs.

Some of the applicants apparently believe that the Eisenhower administration already is in power.

They want to come to Washington at once and start work.

Some of the writers know exactly what they want and don't mince words asking for it. Others just want a job. They don't care what kind. They don't even indicate in their letters whether they're blacksmiths or lawyers.

Thus far no plan has been worked out among Pennsylvania's GOP senators and House members for co-ordinating requests and recommendations.

## Acheson, Eden Discuss Iranian Oil Deadlock

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson discussed today an 11th hour move by President Truman's administration to break the Anglo-Iranian oil deadlock.

The American proposals were said to be based on two board principles:

1. That the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company AIOC be compensated for the loss of its more than one billion dollar assets in Iran through some international body, possibly the World Bank which presumably would need to raise money especially for that purpose.
2. That the major American oil companies, the AIOC, and the Iranian National Oil Board join together in a new group to run the oil industry in Iran and market its output.

## Electors Make Vote Official

HARRISBURG, Dec. 15 (AP)—Pennsylvania's Electoral College today formalized the Eisenhower-Nixon sweep in the Nov. 4 general election.

It was the first time in 24 years that the state GOP electoral vote went for a winning presidential candidate. Eisenhower carried the popular vote by 269,000 in Pennsylvania.

The ceremony was heavy with tradition that extends back to the time when Pennsylvania was one of the founding 13 colonies.

Almost simultaneously, electoral colleges in all the states voted for the presidential candidates who won the popular vote in their respective states. The result was 442 for Eisenhower and 89 for Gov. Adlai Stevenson, defeated Democratic nominee.

## U.S. Refuses Truce Compromise in UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 15 (AP)—The United States tonight laid down a "no compromise" policy on a Korean truce and served notice it cannot see any purpose in sending fresh plans to the Reds for settling the prisoner of war issue.

"The responsibility for whether there shall be peace in Korea clearly lies with the Chinese Communists and North Korea authorities and their supporters," the State Department said in an official statement after Red China rejected the UN plan for ending the Korean War.

Their study was being made against the background of U.S. President-elect Eisenhower's statement on Korea that "we must go ahead and do things that induce the others to want peace also."

### Britain Backs U.S.

A British spokesman quickly followed with a statement that the Chinese refusal "raises serious problems which will require careful consideration by her majesty's government."

He promised that Britain will continue to stand by the U.S. in Korea in maintaining issues of principle, with the hope that "some way around this deadlock" can be found.

France called the answer "destructive of hope."

The United States statement came as UN delegates studied carefully the blunt rejection by Red China of the UN Assembly's Korean peace plan and Peiping's stiff counter proposals.

The terms laid down by the Chinese Reds are identical to those put forward earlier by Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky and rejected by the Assembly in a one sided vote.

The U. S. said it regretted the Chinese Communists "flouted" the views of the Assembly and again rejected peace in Korea.

**Offer Alternatives**  
"The United States government reaffirms its determination to continue to fulfill its responsibilities in Korea," the U. S. statement added. It continued: "... There can be no compromise with the basic humanitarian principles contained in the resolution of the General Assembly of Dec. 3, 1952. If the Communists accept these basic United Nations principles, the proposals now outstanding provide numerous alternative methods for settling the question of prisoners of war."

Until the Communists accept these basic United Nations principles, the United States government cannot see what useful purpose will be served by having the United Nations propose to the Communists still other plans for implementing these proposals."

### Brink Case Probe On

BOSTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Defense counsel tonight summoned two FBI agents as witnesses to appear tomorrow at the contempt arraignment of a Boston couple in a federal grand jury investigation of the unsolved \$1,219,000 Brink's holdup.

be approved this session despite the wishes of Ridgway and his staff to get it going with the first good weather.

### Need Stronger Forces

Lord Ismay said possibly some of the more urgent requests might be approved but he felt generally that action on it would be deferred to later meetings.

This afternoon's meeting was secret and Lord Ismay declined to say what Ridgway had asked, but sources close to the general said he was prepared to make "a strong speech." Only last week the SHAPE commander said the need for stronger forces was as great now as it ever had been and Europe now was not adequately defended against possible Russian invasion.

### Asks Communist Defeat

Announcement was made in London today that the United States had ordered 90 million dollars worth of Centurion tanks, spare parts, and ammunition from Britain for use by NATO forces. The tanks, weighing 50 tons and in use now in Korea by British troops, eventually will go to the Netherlands and Denmark. The order was placed under the U.S. Mutual Security Program.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi of Italy brought a storm of applause from the meeting with a demand that NATO turn all its forces of propaganda, economics, and political pressure to beat back communism in the member nations.

Military solidarity, he said, is only part of NATO's goal. The nations must fight with other weapons, he said, against "the policy of systematic penetration and erosion pursued by the Soviet Union, a policy openly formulated and extolled by Marshal Stalin in his recent speech before the Communist congress of the USSR."

## Top Court Rules Korean War Legal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Supreme Court today turned a deaf ear to a contention that the Korean War is unconstitutional.

It did so in refusing to intervene in the case of Stanley Dale Sydow who was sentenced to three years imprisonment for refusing to report for induction into the armed forces.

Sydow asked the high tribunal to issue a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the county jail in Omaha. His request was filed by Atty. Eyke Farmer of Nashville, Tenn.

## Mayor Named in Waterfront Rackets

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—The mayor of Hoboken, N.J., was described today as a power behind the New Jersey waterfront—a jungle of shake-down artists, loan sharks, and strongarm men.

Witnesses before a state crime hearing testified that Mayor Fred N. de Sapio and his police and fire commissioner, Michael Borelli, swept longshoremen from the docks and paid off political pals with their jobs.

Their straw boss on the piers, according to the testimony, was Edward J. Florio, 57, a shifty, shady official of the AFL International Longshoremen's Association. He is president of a New Jersey ILA local.

De Sapio, in his turn on the witness stand, blustered and fumed but firmly insisted he didn't use the docks as a dumping ground to pay off political debts.

His testimony backed and filled so much that Crime Commission Chairman Joseph M. Proskauer finally snorted in disgust: "And you're the mayor of Hoboken."

At another point, de Sapio barked angrily: "Let's get ourselves straight. I didn't come here to be ridiculed by the chairman or anyone else."

"Let's answer the questions," Commissioner Ignatius Wilkinson reprimanded him, "not make speeches."

De Sapio admitted knowing Florio but testified he had "no direct connection with me personally, politically, or otherwise."

The Crime Commission, after a five day recess, resumed hearings into waterfront rackets that cost New York's \$7 billion a year shipping industry \$350 million a year in losses.

As the spotlight shifted to New Jersey, Florio emerged as an alleged shakedown expert who took

shipping and stevedoring firms for \$10,000 in four years. He currently is awaiting trial on perjury charges growing out of a grand jury probe of waterfront rackets.

Florio was pictured as a swaggering would-be strong man who broke down and blubbered once when his life was in danger at the hands of his own longshoremen.

One witness, Anthony Tony Mike de Vincenzo, testified he lost his Jersey dock job in 1950 because he bucked Florio and Fire Commissioner Borelli on a payroll faking racket, even though he is a cousin of Borelli.

Said de Vincenzo, who admitted nursing a hatred for Florio: "You can't get a job until you see Borelli and he sends you to Florio."

"You can't get a job?" he was asked. "That's correct," replied de Vincenzo, who came to the hearing under a police guard because he said his life was threatened.

## Government Suspends Diplomat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The State Department today suspended career diplomat John Carter Vincent after a government board found "there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty."

The action is subject to review by President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson.

At the same time, the department announced that the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Loyalty Review Board has found "no reasonable doubt about the loyalty" of John Paton Davies Jr., another key State Department career officer.

Both Vincent and Davies have figured in repeated inquiries into charges of Communist infiltration into the government.

The department announced that Vincent, now U.S. minister at Tangier, Morocco, has been summoned home.

The Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission recommended that Vincent be fired, the department said.

The department only suspended Vincent, however, and announced that President Truman will discuss the case with Secretary of State Acheson when Acheson returns from the NATO Conference at Paris this weekend.

Davies is deputy director of the Office of Political Affairs in the office of the U.S. high commissioner for Germany, at Bonn.

## Increases Face New Stabilizers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The government put its wage controls program in the hands of a new Wage Stabilization Committee today and Chairman Charles C. Killingsworth promised fast action on a backlog of 12,000 pay increases awaiting approval.

"We will make every effort to get the maximum number of cases out before Christmas," Killingsworth told reporters.

He said the new Wage Stabilization Committee, WSC, was sympathetic with desires of workers to get their pay increases before the holidays, and with the year-end tax problems of many employers.

The WSC was formed today by Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam to keep the pay controls program going in view of the resignation of all seven industry members from the Wage Stabilization Board.

The industrymen quit in protest against President Truman's action in reversing the WSB on a coal miners pay increase which the WSB had partly disallowed. Truman okayed the full amount of \$1.90 a day.

### Snow, Ice Hit State

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15 (AP)—Snow mixed with cold winds sent the mercury plunging to the low 20s in Western Pennsylvania today and made highway travel dangerous.

Ice and snow covered the Pennsylvania Turnpike from the Butler interchange to the Allegheny tunnel and also a four mile stretch between Donegal and Somerset.

The cold wave will continue tonight and tomorrow.