

Ike, MacArthur Confer on Korea

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur discussed across a luncheon table today the problem of how to achieve peace in Korea and the rest of the world.

"We discussed the possibility of peace in Korea with particular reference to the world situation, in which, of course, such Korean peace would have to be determined," Eisenhower said afterward.

Eisenhower and MacArthur conferred for more than two hours as guests of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state designate, in Dulles' town house on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

No Details Given

The meeting stemmed from a Dec. 5 speech in which MacArthur said there "is a clear and definite solution" to the stalemated Korean fighting.

Neither Eisenhower nor MacArthur gave any details on the views they exchanged nor did they reveal whether they were agreed on a course to follow to achieve peace.

"Our general topic of conversation was peace," Eisenhower said. We discussed the possibility of peace in Korea with particular reference to the world situation, in which, of course, such Korean peace would have to be determined.

"I hope my former commander will say a few words."

Peace Discussed

Eisenhower had served under MacArthur years ago in the Philippines, and later when MacArthur was chief of staff.

MacArthur told the cluster of newsmen at the Dulles home that the discussion centered around "the problem of peace in Korea and in the world in general."

Eisenhower, while en route home from his Korean inspection tour, radioed to MacArthur on Dec. 10 that he had read excerpts of the Dec. 5 speech and was looking forward to a discussion with him.

MacArthur, who commanded the troops in Korea until ousted by President Truman last year as Far East commander, responded that he was grateful "for your interest in my views."

New York Post Sues Columnist for Libel

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Walter Winchell, columnist and commentator, was sued for libel today in twin suits totaling \$1,525,000 brought in Supreme Court by the New York Post and its editor, James A. Wechsler.

Wechsler is seeking \$775,000 damages and the Post \$750,000.

The suits charge Winchell tried in his syndicated column and in radio and television broadcasts to convey the impression the Post and Wechsler were supporters of the Communist party and disloyal to the U.S.

Ike Set to Move Into White House

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—President-elect and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower began preparing today for their move into the White House. They shipped off two large crates of belongings for indefinite storage in a warehouse.

A member of Eisenhower's staff said the things were being stored now to eliminate confusion in the Eisenhowers' move next month from the president's home at Columbia University to the President's home in Washington, D.C.

Jets Overcome Odds in Battle With MIGs

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 18 (AP)—A handful of Sabre jets fighting against high odds clashed with the Communist Air Force over Northwest Korea Wednesday and sent one Red MIG crashing in flames, the Air Force announced.

Four more MIGs were damaged in the series of four dogfights involving about 43 Communist planes and ten Sabres. In one encounter, two Sabres fought 24 of the swept wing MIGs, the Air Force said.

It was the fourth straight day of aerial battles and brought the Allied bag of MIGs this week to five destroyed, one probably destroyed and eight damaged. Allied losses, if any, will be given in a weekend summary.

While the Sabres patrolled the Manchurian frontier, Allied fighter bombers pounded Communist supply and troop areas near the front lines, destroying six Red gun positions and damaging 14.

Ground fighting dwindled to minor clashes Wednesday.

Reflecting the recent reduced tempo of battle, the Defense Department in Washington announced the U.S. battle casualties increased 209 in a week, bringing the total since the start of the Korean War to 127,867. The figures, based on notification to relatives through last Friday, included 66 killed in action.

FMA Discusses New Constitution

Incorporators of the Fraternity Marketing Association, Inc. discussed suggested changes to its proposed constitution and by-laws Monday night.

A constitution has already been approved by the Interfraternity Council and the Fraternity Counselors Association, whose joint committee is at present purchasing canned goods and potatoes for 15 fraternities.

The constitution, in its final form, will be presented to the corporation members Jan. 14.

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Morse Favors Taft Leadership

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 17 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon independent, said today he favors Sen. Robert A. Taft for Senate majority leader because the Ohio Republican "unlike Eisenhower, does not compromise his principles."

Here for a student forum speech at the University of Wichita tonight, Morse told a reporter:

"If I were a member of the Republican caucus in the Senate I would support him (Sen. Taft) for floor leader.

"I believe that Senate leadership should be put on him.

"I disagree with Sen. Taft on the merits of many issues but I have the highest respect for Sen. Taft's devotion to his convictions."

Tito Severs Ties With Vatican City

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 17 (AP) Premier Marshal Tito's Communist government cut diplomatic relations with the Vatican today, charging in effect that the recent nomination of Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac to the College of Cardinals was a slap in the face.

The Holy See was accused anew of hostility toward Yugoslavia and interference in her internal affairs, Deputy Foreign Minister Ales Bebler called in the Vatican's charge d'affaires, Msgr. Silvio di Oddi, to notify him of the break and asked him to leave as soon as possible.

Yugoslavia has had no diplomat at the Vatican since last year, when Charge d'Affaires Oren Ruzic packed up and left an otherwise deserted legation building.

The people of the United States drink more coffee than do the people in all the rest of the world.

Truman Says U.S. Needs Air Buildup

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—America's air power buildup must be pushed forward to keep the Communists from "plunging the world into war," President Truman said tonight.

Commenting briefly on "startling technical advances" made in military aviation, the President said that only by such development "can we build up the power which is necessary to keep aggression and conquest in check."

Truman's speech was prepared for the Wright Memorial Dinner of the Aero Club of Washington honoring Lt. Gen. James W. Doolittle for his life long services to aviation. He presented to Doolittle the Wright Memorial Trophy in recognition of his contributions as a civilian to aviation.

Actions Must Be Approved

Truman spoke of the difficult decisions confronting presidents on international air routes, and made what might have been a suggestion to President-elect Eisenhower to get ready to handle "hot potatoes."

The president must approve actions of the Civil Aeronautics Board on certificates dealing with international air routes.

"One of the results of this system is that it gives the president a good many hot potatoes to handle," the President said. But, he added, "the president gets a lot of hot potatoes from every direction, and a man who can't handle them has no business in the job."

Military Advances Made

Truman said that from April 12, 1945, which is the day he took over as president upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to Sept. 30, 1952, the route mileage of United States overseas carriers increased from 75,000 to 240,000, and other operations figures have gone up in proportion.

But he said the most "startling technical advances" have been made in the military field.

"We are throwing our energies into military aviation because we want to prevent war," Truman said. "We are developing new techniques and new weapons with the hope that they will never have to be used."

"Our aim is peace: We must never forget that. But we cannot have peace by being weak, or by falling behind in the technical race."

Neyhart Conducts School

Amos E. Neyhart, director of the Institute of Public Safety, is conducting a school in driver education at Camp Roberts, Calif., this week and Fort Lewis, Wash., next week.

France to Open Political Talks With Morocco

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 17 (AP)—Over last minute opposition of the United States, the UN Political Committee today called on Europe to open urgent talks with Morocco on self-government.

The UN call was more moderate than one backed by the Arab-Asian bloc, but a Moroccan independence leader termed it a "moral victory."

The vote was 40 for, five against, with 11 abstentions.

The Moroccan vote cleared the way for debate on demands by Brazil, Mexico, Lebanon and The Netherlands for a speed-up in writing a treaty of independence for Austria. The United States, Britain, France and Russia have been trying to agree on a treaty since 1947. The three Western powers have accused Russia of stalling.

France was absent as the committee voted on the Arab-Asian and Latin American resolutions on Morocco. The Arab-Asian resolution's operative sections were defeated, 25-27, with three abstentions. It was the second defeat for the Arab-Asian bloc this session.

Steel Allotment Increase Set for Coming Spring

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The government today authorized makers of automobiles and other civilian goods to increase their use of steel in the second quarter of next year up to 70 per cent of the amount they consumed before the outbreak of the Korean War.

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