

Ike Willing to Meet Stalin's Successor

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—President Eisenhower took a position of alert watchfulness toward Russia today while expressing willingness to meet a successor to Joseph Stalin half-way in the interests of world peace.

But Eisenhower declared he is unable to say at this point what the effect of Stalin's incapacity will have on the struggle between the free world and the Communist world.

Regardless of personalities involved, the President told a news conference, the goal of peace must be pursued seriously.

If there is any way to promote the cause of world peace, he said,

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—President Eisenhower tonight instructed the secretary of state to transmit the "official condolences" of the United States government on the death of Premier Stalin of Russia.

he can think of no personal inconvenience or sacrifice he would not make.

It was Eisenhower's third news conference and it produced a third packed house. The President volunteered at the start some remarks on the Russian situation, government reorganization and price controls. The result on a variety of subjects added up to this:

Van Fleet—No, the President does not favor extending the draft from 24 to 30 or 36 months as proposed to Congress yesterday by Gen. James Van Fleet.

Congressional Investigations—There is nothing new Eisenhower can say on the Korean situation as a result of a White House visit from Van Fleet, retiring Eighth Army commander.

McCarthy—When the congressional investigations get into fields that seem to be misunderstood or when dangers rise, he will show his convictions. But he hopes to avoid anything like that.

Enslavement—How senators settle their disagreements over a resolution condemning Soviet pervasions of international agreements so as to enslave free peoples is their business, in Eisenhower's opinion. All he wants is to show that America never has agreed to such enslavement.

Ike Approves Moderation—So far as the President knows, he said, there isn't the slightest sign of a rift or break between himself and the Senate Republican leader. That was in answer to a reporter who said some people have interpreted Sen. Taft's backing of the amendment to the enslavement resolution as a break with Eisenhower.

Controls—The President said American business has shown admirable moderation in its price policies since the removal of controls.

U.S. Planes Pull Record Korea Raid

SEOUL, Friday, March 6 (AP)—U.S. Air Force and Navy planes sowed flaming ruin in Northeast Korea Thursday climaxed by a record-breaking 1000-mile Thunderjet raid only 50 miles from Siberia.

Three raids struck Northeast Korea in trip-hammer succession while other fighter-bombers in the Northwest pounded targets near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, an area where a smoke haze still hung from a Superfort smash the night before.

At Wonsan, the "Mighty Mo" steamed boldly into harbor and churned the rubble of that eastern port for three hours with its 16-inch rifles. Not until the battleship Missouri began to move away did Red shore guns dare to fire back, and then they missed badly.

The blows by sea and air overshadowed small clashes along the 155-mile front. Industrial buildings, and power and mining installations went up in smoke and debris in the three raids in the Northeast.

Fifteen Thunderjets on their longest combat mission of the war flew 500 miles from base and smashed an industrial district near Chongjin, on the East Coast 50 miles south of the Siberian border.

West Secures First Red MIG

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 5 (AP)—A Polish Air Force lieutenant, fed up with life in his Red homeland, zipped through the Iron Curtain and landed on a hazardous short Danish runway today in the first MIG 15 jet fighter ever to fall undamaged into Western hands.

Within a few hours after the pilot screamed to a halt on the Baltic island of Bornholm, Danish and British Air Force officers from Copenhagen were taking apart his Russian-built Polish Air Force plane to learn its jealously guarded secrets.

Meanwhile, Polish Minister Stanislaw Kelles-Krauz called at the Danish Foreign Office and demanded that the MIG be returned to Poland without delay.

The World At a Glance

Italian Commission OK's Defense Treaty

ROME, March 5 (AP)—Italian ratification of the European Defense Community Treaty passed its first hurdle today with approval by a special parliamentary commission. The treaty now will go to Parliament for action.

Communist and Communist-line Socialist members of the special commission fought bitterly against approval, and walked out when it came to a vote.

Vishinsky Will Leave For Moscow Today

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 5 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky will leave New York tomorrow for Moscow, Russian officials said today.

Soviet Delegate Valerian A. Zorin said Vishinsky would go to Moscow, get a report from his government, and return to the UN. A Russian diplomat said that Vishinsky would sail on the Liberte.

Record Budget Asked

LONDON, March 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill called today for a record peacetime defense budget, warning there's a long pull ahead and Britain is already straining her economy. The House of Commons promptly approved the government's defense policy, 295-254.

'Scientist X' Acquitted

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Dr. Joseph W. Weinberg—the man called "Scientist X" during a congressional investigation of alleged atomic spying—was acquitted today of falsely swearing he had never been a member of the Communist party.

Hawaii Bill Cleared

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The House Rules Committee today cleared the Hawaii statehood bill for House action with a rule calling for four hours general debate and permitting amendments from the floor. As a result, the House will take up the bill on Monday.

Army Needs Ammunition - Van Fleet

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet told Congress today American troops in Korea have been handicapped by a "serious shortage of ammunition including hand grenades needed for close-in fighting on the battlefield."

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) promptly dispatched an urgent message to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson demanding that the Pentagon punish officials responsible for what he termed "this criminal inefficiency."

Defense Secretary Wilson's office said he has already been giving "urgent attention" to the reported serious shortage of ammunition in Korea.

A Defense spokesman said that Wilson received Byrd's letter late this afternoon. The spokesman said that the letter "will be given full consideration, that the points raised will be looked into thoroughly and a factual reply will be made."

"Gen. Van Fleet testified this shortage of ammunition has been continuous since he took command and that almost daily he had reported it officially and through channels," the Virginia senator wrote Wilson.

More Price Controls Lifted

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Price controls were lifted from another big block of consumer goods today, leaving only about 3.5 per cent of America's household budget under ceilings.

Price Chief Joseph H. Freehill said higher prices may result for bread, household appliances, laundry and dry cleaning, and automobile parts.

President Eisenhower told his news conference, however, that American business has shown admirable moderation in its price policies since the controls began vanishing.

Eisenhower said the absence of price gouging confirmed his belief that the American people were ready to be considerate and moderate.

Miners Vote to End Walkout in Waynesburg

WAYNESBURG, Pa., March 5 (AP)—Striking soft coal miners at the big Robena mine of U.S. Steel Corp., heeding an order by United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis, voted today to end their walkout.

The 2900 diggers at one of the world's largest soft coal mines will return to work tomorrow, President Alfred Cavalcante of the Robena local said.

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