

Dulles Attacked On Bohlen Choice

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Sen. McCarran (D.-Nev.) charged today that Secretary of State Dulles overrode objections of his chief security officer in backing Charles E. Bohlen for ambassador to Russia. Dulles promptly denied it.

The Nevada senator asserted the security chief, R. W. Scott McLeod, refused to clear Bohlen for the strategic diplomatic post; but that Dulles gave him clearance anyway in testimony before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday.

Dulles, in turn, said there was no difference between him and McLeod on the final evaluation of an FBI report on Bohlen's background. There is absolutely nothing in the report, the secretary said, which reflects on Bohlen as a loyalty or security risk.

Sen. McCarthy (R.-Wis.) jumped into the argument with a declaration that Dulles' statement "would appear to be untrue" from what he knows of the situation.

"My information is in complete accord with what Sen. McCarran said," the Wisconsin senator told a hastily called news conference. "I know what's in Bohlen's file."

McCarthy said the foreign relations committee should recall Dulles, "put him under oath," and then ask him whether he still contended there was no disagreement between himself and McLeod.

When reporters arrived at Dulles' office for a previously arranged news conference, they found the secretary flanked by Sen. Wiley (R.-Wis.), chairman of the foreign relations committee.

Wiley's committee voted 15 to 0 Wednesday to approve Bohlen as ambassador to Moscow, and Wiley expressed confidence that the nomination would come up in the Senate Monday as scheduled. Sen. Taft of Ohio, Republican floor leader, has predicted Bohlen's confirmation by a wide margin.

Rain Hits Korean Front

SEOUL, Saturday, March 21 (AP)—Soldiers grappled briefly in the mud and raiding planes searched low in the drizzling skies for the sight of Communist trucks Friday as the Korean War sputtered through its 1000th day.

Gillette Attacks Coffee Prices

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Sen. Gillette (D.-Iowa) said today coffee drinkers in the United States have been gouged billions of dollars.

Coffee prices are soaring again, he told the Senate, with the end of price controls.

Gillette revived a three-year old international controversy by contending that speculators in this country and South American nations, manipulated coffee prices sky high.

Malenkov Relieved As Party Secretary

MOSCOW, March 20 (AP)—The Moscow radio announced today that the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has freed Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov at his own request from his duties as secretary of the Central Committee.

The committee in plenary session simultaneously elected a five-man Secretariat headed by 58-year old Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The other four members of the Secretariat listed in order were identified as Mikhail Suslov, Peter Pospelov, Nikolai Shatalin and Semyon Ignatiev.

Khrushchev was identified in western circles as a fast rising Soviet politician from the Ukraine. First reports of his new job were heard on broadcasts picked up in London.

The Moscow radio reported the committee met in plenary session March 14 "to accede to the request of the chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Prime Minister, G. M. Malenkov for his release from duties as secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist party of the Soviet Union." The committee elected a five-man Secretariat.

Khrushchev's name was the first mentioned, indicating that he would be head man of the Secretariat. He already is a member of the ruling Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Malenkov used the job of secretary of the Central Committee as a stepping stone to the premiership which he took over following the death of Joseph Stalin.

A British-American company has taken over Nicaragua's only cigarette factory.

Jelke Draws Prison Term

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—Playboy Minot (Mickey) Jelke drew an eight months term in the workhouse today as a gun-toter, but his sentencing as a cafe society vice procurer was postponed a week.

"He had guns at his disposal nine-tenths of every day," Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony J. Liebler told the sentencing court.

The sentence stunned the 23-year-old heir to oleomargarine millions, who had pleaded guilty to illegal possession of the firearms.

"We think it's harsh, excessive and unwarranted," said defense lawyers Sam Segal and Martin Benjamin.

Jelke originally went before General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente for sentencing on two charges of compulsory prostitution—involving Pat Ward, 19 and Marguerite Cordova, 23.

Judge Valente postponed sentencing to March 27, because Jelke's probation report still isn't ready.

Reed Renews Battle For Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The oldest Republican in continuous service in the House said today the GOP "will have sold the people down the river" unless it reduces taxes at this session of Congress.

Chairman Reed (R.-N.Y.) of the tax-writing ways and means committee threw that challenge to his party in proclaiming "I have not surrendered to anyone in the tax reduction battle."

The 77-year-old New Yorker said he is confident House leaders will bring to the floor "in the very near future" his bill to chop personal income tax rates 10 per cent annually starting June 30.

However, Chairman Allen (R.-Ill.) of the House Rules Committee—which now has the Reed bill bottled up—said he knew of no assurance to Reed as to when the proposal will be brought to the floor. Allen and other House leaders denied they are warring on campaign pledges. They said the GOP promised to do just what it is doing, balance the budget and then cut taxes.

In a new statement today, Reed said he wanted to make it perfectly clear he is not capitulating but merely shifting his tactics to fight for either:

1. Action by the rules committee clearing his bill to the floor under a rule barring amendments.
2. A petition to force his bill out of the rules committee. If he could get 218 signatures from the House membership of 435, such a petition could bring the bill to the floor with amendments barred.

Flanders Cites 'False Report' In Plane Case

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Sen. Flanders (R.-Vt.) told the Senate today the Air Force issued a "false report" in saying a U.S. bomber which fought a brief air battle with a Soviet plane off Siberia Sunday was on a routine weather reconnaissance flight.

Flanders said he had information that if the American plane had followed a routine flight course, it would not have come within 400 miles of Soviet Kamchatka.

Moreover, Flanders declared: "The Russians appear to have been discreet in warning it (the American plane) off."

At the Pentagon, the Air Force declined any immediate comment on Flanders' statement, and at the White House, President Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said there would be no comment from there.

Later, the Air Force said in a brief note it had "nothing to add" to its original statement "except to emphasize the fact that at no time was the RB50 closer than 25 miles to Kamchatka, and was not in air space claimed to be under any national jurisdiction."



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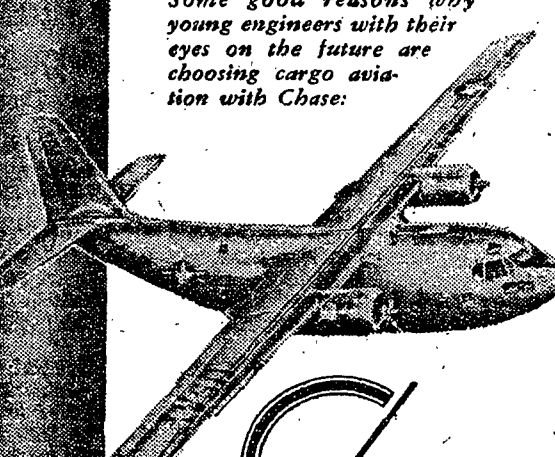
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