

# Ike Challenges Soviets' Peace

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—President Eisenhower today challenged Soviet Russia's new regime to prove its peace overtures are sincere by agreeing to global disarmament and by taking concrete steps to ease the tensions that threaten World War III.

"The first great step along this way must be the conclusion of an honorable armistice in Korea," the President said in a speech widely heralded as America's answer to the Soviet peace offensive.

Once the path of peace has been clearly charted, once the fears of East-West strife have abated, Eisenhower proposed setting up a multi-billion dollar fund from the savings of disarmament to wage a "new kind of war"—an all-out global war against "the brute forces of poverty and need."

### New Editors Meet

For this purpose, Eisenhower suggested that a "substantial percentage" of the savings achieved by calling off the arms race should go into a fund for "world aid and reconstruction."

Some 400 of the nation's leading editors volleyed applause as Eisenhower addressed the American Society of Newspaper Editors in his first full-dress speech on foreign policy since he entered the White House on Jan. 2.

The President proposed that a Korean armistice should be followed by political discussions leading to "free elections in a united Korea." He also called for an end to Red aggression in Indochina and Malaya; an Austrian peace treaty; unification of Germany; independence for East European satellites of Russia;

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers of both parties gave the President high praise and support for his challenge to the Kremlin's new masters to do more than merely talk peace.

### Asks Red Path

Even as Eisenhower set forth this country's position, the Soviet bloc in the United Nations in New York withdrew its controversial Korean proposals and joined with the rest of the UN in an appeal for further truce talks at Panmunjom.

Urging Russia to turn from what he described as the Stalin-dictated course that has left humanity "hanging from a cross of iron," Eisenhower put it squarely up to the Kremlin to show its hand without trickery or deceit.

Eisenhower's address, however, was noticeably free from the barbed warnings to the Soviets that have marked some past presidential speeches in recent years, but he made it emphatically clear that if Russia turns to aggression, the free world will hit back with tremendous strength.

# POWs' Return Spurs Korean Peace Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, April 17 (AP)—The first Allied disabled prisoners reached Kaesong Thursday, just six dusty miles from freedom, and the United Nations Command today is expected to agree to early resumption of the Korean armistice talks.

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Friday, April 17 (AP)—The United Nations Command told the Communists today that UN liaison officers would meet with them Saturday or as soon thereafter as agreeable to discuss reopening of the armistice talks.

The Fifth Air Force reported the first Red trucks bearing Allied sick and wounded drove into the Communist armistice base camp at Kaesong late Thursday, six miles west of Panmunjom where the prisoners exchange will begin Monday.

Other Communist truck convoys—probably carrying more of the 50 Koreans and 50 Americans and other non-Koreans included in Monday's first exchange—bumped down bomb-pocked roads toward Kaesong.

For the second straight day, the Communists were using the convoys as shields for a massive movement of military supplies to the front. Red trucks ran almost bumper to bumper, certain that Allied planes would not dare attack lest they hit their own wounded.

# Red Bloc Agrees On Peace Appeal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 16 (AP)—The Communist bloc suddenly ditched its catch-all peace plan today and joined the United States in a historic unanimous vote appealing for an early Korean armistice.

The vote was taken on a Brazilian resolution in the 60-nation political committee. It was the first time the United States and the Soviet Union had voted together on a Korean issue.

Informed diplomats credited the break in the long and explosive debate to two delegates—V. K. Krishna Menon, India, and Joao Carlos Muniz, Brazil, political committee chairman.

Menon set the stage by stating he would support the Brazilian resolution and appealing to Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzyszewski to withdraw an omnibus plan introduced by Poland.

# The World At a Glance

## 19 Persons Killed In Chicago Fires

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—Two wind-whipped fires that started with an explosion in a factory and by a child playing with matches in an apartment house killed at least 19 persons today.

An explosion and fire like a blow torch trapped 17 men and women in the four-story main building of the Haber Company on the city's North Side. The fire raced through the old building and 36 workers were injured.

A fire which flashed through the apartment house nursery home shortly afterward killed two babies and injured two other children and two women.

## 8 Refuse to Testify

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Eight silent witnesses refused to say today whether they figured in a \$60,000 fund transmitted to Henry (The Silent Dutchman) Grunewald allegedly to "fix" a \$213,000 criminal tax case.

## Reds Repulsed in Korea

SEOUL, Friday, April 17 (AP)—Hundreds of Chinese Reds attacked eight Western Front hills Thursday night including Pork Chop Ridge, where they swarmed into the trenches and were hurled back by U.S. troops.

## Peron More Powerful After Bomb Incident

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, April 16 (AP)—President Juan D. Peron emerged with a stronger grip on Argentina today after a night-long reign of terror in which groups of his supporters looted and burned buildings symbolizing the opposition.

The explosion of two bombs at a big mass meeting addressed by Peron in the Plaza de Mayo touched off the violence. Six persons were killed by the blasts or crushed to death in the milling crowd. Ninety-three others were injured.

Many politicians expressed belief that Peron's opponents, although weak, have been reduced to helpless impotency by the show of force that shook this city of four million from 7 p.m. yesterday until 4 a.m. today.

# S. Africa Vote Returns Malan

PRETORIA, South Africa, April 16 (AP)—Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan swept back to power with an increased parliamentary majority in returns today from Wednesday's general election. The results signalled a dangerous era ahead in racial relations.

With 14 seats in the lower house of Parliament still unsettled, the stern ex-preacher's Nationalists had captured 80 of 159 seats.

As in 1948, the Nationalists won with a minority vote.

They were able to do this because by tradition South Africa, like some American states, is so divided by districts that a rural vote has more weight than a city vote.

The Nationalists have declared that their first aim is to crush the developing non-white resistance to segregation laws and to scrap the right of the independent judiciary to pass upon laws enacted by Parliament.

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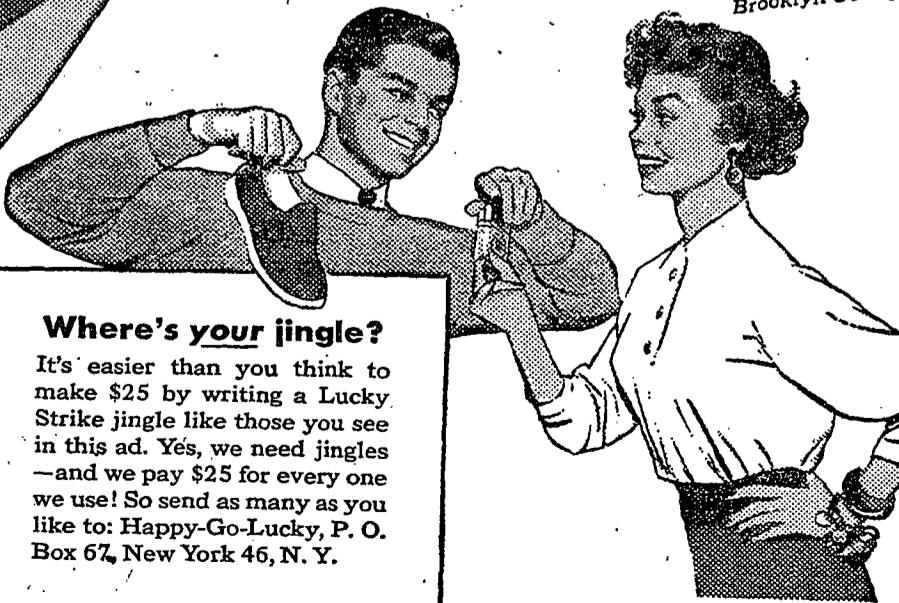
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