

# 'Ike', Churchill Plan Meetings For Next Month

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—President Eisenhower plans to meet in Bermuda next month with Prime Minister Churchill and the Premier of France to strengthen the Big Three alliance and discuss the advisability of a high-level meeting with the Russians. News of the conference was announced simultaneously today in Washington, London and Paris. The French Foreign Office said it will begin June 17.

## Czechs Seek Trade, Travel Ban Lifting

VIENNA, Austria, May 21 (AP)—Czechoslovakia broadcast a call today for the United States to lift trade and travel restrictions imposed on that Communist nation in 1951 for the imprisonment of William N. Oatis, the newsman it called a spy.

A message from President Eisenhower March 30 to Czechoslovakia's President Antonin Zapotocky, made public in Washington only last night, was the peg for Prague's move.

The Communist newspaper Rude Pravo and the government-controlled Prague radio played up a statement by President Eisenhower that if Zapotocky released Oatis the United States "is prepared to negotiate on the basis of full mutual understanding the issues arising from the arrest of Mr. Oatis and now outstanding between us."

The radio broadcast Eisenhower's message, Zapotocky's reply of May 15 that he had pardoned journalist Oatis and a Rude Pravo editorial calling for a lifting of the U.S. sanctions. The restrictions include bans on Czech imports to the United States, all exports from the United States to Czechoslovakia, travel to Czechoslovakia by any American not on official business and flights of Czech commercial planes over West Germany.

In his announcement May 15, Zapotocky said he acted on an appeal from Mr. Oatis.

## Smith Silent Before Senate Questions

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Edwin S. Smith, a National Labor Relations Board member for seven years under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, refused to tell Senate investigators today whether he was a Communist now or when he held his federal job.

Smith was a witness before the Senate internal security subcommittee, which is investigating what Chairman Jenner (R-Ind.) calls "the pattern of Communist infiltration of the government."

Much of the questioning revolved around a visit Smith paid to the Soviet Embassy this year. Morris asked him why he found it necessary to spend "several hours in the Soviet Embassy on April 15 of this year."

"I am not a spy!" Smith burst out. "I resent any implication of that sort."

## ROK's Rout Reds On Eastern Ridge

SEOUL, Friday, May 22 (AP)—Tough South Korean troops yesterday drove off Chinese Reds after a bitter 2-hour battle for an Allied outpost on a jagged Eastern Korean ridge.

Victory came for the South Koreans on their third counter-attack after 150 to 200 Chinese had smashed their way into the outpost southeast of Christmas Hill.

Elsewhere along the 55-mile Korean battlefield, Chinese and North Korean Communists jabbed and probed Allied positions.

Clouds and haze restricted Allied air strikes to fighter-bomber attacks against front-line positions and supply and personnel areas behind Communist lines.

## Alumnus Gets Wings

Second Lt. Theodore C. Geary Jr., former student at the College, was awarded silver wings Saturday during graduation ceremonies at the USAF Basic Pilot School at Reese Air Force Base, Tex.

Soon afterwards, however, the French National Assembly denied Premier Rene Mayer a vote of confidence and his Cabinet collapsed. Presumably Mayer's successor will go to Bermuda, but the French political crisis could delay the meeting.

It was understood Eisenhower proposed the get-together and Churchill suggested it be held on the British island.

The President issued a statement saying the primary purpose of the face-to-face meeting of the Big Three leaders was to tackle the many problems that must be solved co-operatively, so the world cause of peace may be advanced.

But Churchill and Mayer immediately saw in the consultation a path toward a later meeting with Kremlin leaders. "My main hope," Churchill told Parliament, "is that we may take a definite step forward to a meeting of far graver import"—with Soviet Premier Geogi M. Malenkov.

A State Department spokesman here said the agreement to meet "does not commit the United States, or so far as we know, the British or the French to any ultimate four-power meeting."

Eisenhower's statement did not mention the possibility of a later meeting with the Communists.

Members of Congress received news of the Bermuda conference with general approval. Many of them saw in it an opportunity for the Western Powers to iron out the differences among themselves before attempting any sort of approach to Malenkov.

## Disaster Strikes In North, South

By The Associated Press  
Weather catastrophes struck both ends of the nation Thursday.

In the North, a rare tornado ripped across the twin cities of Sarnia, Ont., and Port Huron, Mich., on the U.S.-Canadian border.

And in the South, muddy waters flooded into homes and towns of Louisiana and East Texas.

Several persons were reported killed in each of the Canadian border cities, separated by the St. Clair River. Damage was in the millions of dollars.

## Smith Reveals New Proposals For T-H Law

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) of the Senate Labor Committee made public today a score of proposed changes in the Taft-Hartley law.

Smith declared the program was prepared by the staff of the committee. He insisted it was not "a Republican program," but conceded that in discussions preceding the drafting Republicans on the committee endorsed at least some of the proposals.

Smith said the program would be the committee "work sheet" when it gets down to consideration of actual amendments to the T-H law next week.

One major change in the proposed amendments would return to the states the power to regulate strikes, lockouts and picketing, no matter what the federal law might say on those subjects.

This would upset two Supreme Court decisions involving Wisconsin and Michigan labor laws. It would throw out the doctrine that the federal law must take precedence over any conflicting state law in the regulation of strikes, lockouts or picketing, and would vastly increase the power of states to handle labor disputes.

## Dulles, Nehru Plan Talk

NEW DELHI, India, May 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles and Prime Minister Nehru stirred intense speculation here today by agreeing to an unscheduled conference after their second confidential talk in as many days.

Dulles and Nehru emerged smiling after talking together for an hour and three-quarters and announced they would meet again tomorrow. They had had their first serious talk yesterday.

Dulles refused to tell newsmen what he and the Indian Prime Minister had talked about, but Nehru said:

"Certainly we discussed Korea. But we were able to talk about a great many things this morning—I would say Korea roughly was one-tenth of what we covered."

Before their talk yesterday, Dulles had U.S. Secretary of State working overtime preparing a digest of Indian votes in the UN on Korea. The United States has taken the lead in the UN to stop aggression in Korea. India is a leader of those Asian nations trying to maintain a neutral attitude between East and West.

The most recent example of a divergence in Indian and United States policy was the statement of Nehru May 15 in which he backed the latest Communist proposals in trade negotiations at Panmunjom over those advanced by the United States command.

# Claudy Resigns As Western Pen Head

PITTSBURGH, May 21 (AP)—Charges and countercharges over responsibility for last January's riots at Western State Penitentiary and Rockview Prison were climaxed today with disclosure of the resignation of Warden Dr. John W. Claudy.

The announcement came while an Allegheny County grand jury met at the bleak Western Penitentiary to hear testimony on 80

Dr. Claudy revealed his resignation shortly after a report by Gov. John S. Fine's special investigating committee criticized the warden's administration. He called the timing of his resignation and the report coincidental. A loyal subordinate, state executioner Frank L. Wilson quit as soon as he heard his boss had resigned.

Accompanying Dr. Claudy's disclosure was a letter to Fine from the Western State Penitentiary board of trustees answering, point-by-point, the criticisms of the committee.

Dr. Claudy, a 63-year old Presbyterian minister, will retire June 30, two months before completing his third year on the job.

The investigating committee's report had recommended that all eight Pennsylvania penal institutions be transferred from the Welfare to the Justice Department.

It also rapped Dr. Claudy's administration for poor food handling, haphazard work assignments for prisoners, bad security regulations and unsanitary premises.

At Rockview Prison, executioner Wilson resigned after 4 years. Wilson said he had wanted to quit three years ago, but remained on the job only out of loyalty to Dr. Claudy.

Dr. Claudy first entered prison work in 1932 when former Gov. Gifford Pinchot named him superintendent at Rockview. He served there until September, 1950, when he was appointed warden at Western Penitentiary and Rockview.

## Governor to Speak At Boalsburg Shrine

HARRISBURG, May 21 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine will address the annual memorial services at the 28th Division memorial shrine at Boalsburg Sunday.

The service, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs and the Society of the 28th Division, honors all Pennsylvania soldiers killed in the world wars and the Korean conflict.

# New Korea Truce Plans Take Shape

TOKYO, Friday, May 22 (AP)—An optimistic view was taken today by authoritative sources watching a revised Korean truce proposal round into shape at Allied headquarters. But Peiping's Red radio, anticipating the plan's presentation next week at Panmunjom, sounded a sour note.

The authoritative Allied sources, otherwise unidentified, said the revised plan—born out of long-range consultations with Allies—possibly would be offered on a "now or never" basis. The Panmunjom talks will be resumed Monday.

Peiping Red radio, still insisting the Allies were to blame for the deadlock over the prisoner exchange issue, said reports of a revised plan amounted to "propaganda deception."

The authoritative Allied sources said the revised plan would include some of the India plan adopted last December by the UN General Assembly. The India plan called for a post-armistice political conference to consider the future of 48,500 Red prisoners refusing to go home.

## Strike Idles 77,400 In Motor City Dispute

DETROIT, May 21 (AP)—Labor disputes sharply cut automobile production Thursday and made idle 77,400 workers in the Detroit area. About 126,000 workers were idle in major walkouts across the nation.

Off the job in Detroit were 29,600 at Ford plants, 19,000 Chrysler workers, 8,000 at the Budd body stamping plant, and 800 at Kaiser-Frazier.

The 126,000 total included the 77,400 in Detroit; 8,500 in Toledo, Ohio; 4,500 in Kenosha, Wis.; 2,500 at Danville, Ill.; 8,500 at Ford plants in several cities, and 4,900 at Muncie, Ind.

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