

POW Talks Dispelled; Dean Leaves for Home

U.S. Envoy Hit For 'Wrecking Peace Plans'

U.S. envoy Arthur Dean heads back to Washington today amid angry broadcasts from Peiping charging him with "wrecking" plans for a Korean peace conference.

Dean's chief aide remained in Korea awaiting the possibility of a Communist apology for accusing the United States of perfidy. It was this Red charge that prompted Dean to break off preliminary talks.

Dean, who spent seven weeks in fruitless sessions with the Reds at Panmunjom, turned down a Communist demand to resume the talks yesterday.

The special envoy told a final news conference he believed the Communists eventually might "retract their insult" permitting the talks to be resumed, adding: "But that Red move probably will not come until they feel it is to their advantage."

However, the Peiping radio gave no hint that an apology was being considered. Instead, the Reds repeated the charge.

In a communique issued by the Chinese-North Korean Communist representatives, the Reds said they had sent Dean a letter "notifying him to appear Dec. 15 at the usual time for a meeting."

"Dean refused to come to Panmunjom," the broadcast said. "The Korean-Chinese representatives hold that the U.S. government has once again made it clear to the world that it is determined to scuttle the discussions. . . . It can in no way evade responsibility for wrecking the convocation of the political peace conference."

Port Said Shops Closed to British

PORT SAID, Egypt, Dec. 15 (AP)—Port Said shops and public places today put up signs reading "no sales to British soldiers, whether in uniform or in civilian clothes."

A similar move was made recently at Ismailia, Suez and other towns of the Suez Canal area.

Port Said, at the canal's northern end, is the only city still in bounds for British troops.

McCarthy Says Job to Alert, Not to Prove

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) said today it isn't his job to prove espionage, but merely to alert security officers to it.

And he added that he thinks his Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee has done just that in its investigation of Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and private defense plants.

"More and more, they are doing something about it," said the Wisconsin Republican. ". . . Up to the first of this year there was practically no concern for the security of our secrets."

McCarthy spoke up at the outset of another open hearing into the security situation at Ft. Monmouth, Signal Corps headquarters of the nation's top secret radar defense planning.

After a series of private hearings into Ft. Monmouth several weeks ago, McCarthy claimed evidence of "extremely dangerous espionage."

Thimayya Says 22 Americans Refuse Return

The last faint chance that 22 American war prisoners who stayed with the Communists would appear before U.S. explainers was virtually dispelled today by the head of the Neutral Nation Repatriation Commission.

Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya of India, the repatriation chairman, said in his opinion the Americans had "firm political convictions" and could not be wooed home by explanations, letters, nor appeals to their patriotism.

One Week Remains

Only one more week remains in the 90-day explanation program when prisoners have an opportunity to change their minds and go home. The explanation talks have bogged down both for the Allied and the Communist prisoners.

Thimayya also said in an interview that the legal custody of Indian troops over the 22,600 war prisoners would end on Jan. 22 under terms of the Korean armistice agreement.

Talked With Captives

Thimayya said he had conferred for 90 minutes with the two leaders of the 22 Americans and one British captive refusing repatriation. He came away from the talks convinced that the Americans had "firm political conviction" and nothing could make them change their minds about renouncing communism.

Thimayya also said: 1. He does not think the "come home" talks will ever be resumed either to the Communists or anti-Communists.

2. About 1500 to 2000 Chinese and North Koreans in the anti-Communist camp want to return to the Reds but have not had an opportunity to do so. They will be segregated by the Indians between Dec. 23 and Jan. 22 for return home.

The 22 Americans are suspicious and hostile to all visitors, he reported.

Gouzenko Quiz Delayed Until After Christmas

The Senate internal security subcommittee announced today that Chairman Jenner (R-Ind.) is discontinuing his effort to interview Igor Gouzenko in Canada before Christmas.

Robert Morris, subcommittee counsel, said that does not mean the subcommittee is giving up hopes of questioning Gouzenko later; that it might interview him between Christmas and the opening of Congress Jan. 6.

Nationwide Walkout Hits Italian Industry

Several million Italian workmen stayed off their jobs today in a 24-hour general strike for higher base pay.

Communist and non-Communist unions called out workers in all sections of industry from 6 a.m. today to 6 a.m. Wednesday.

It was the second nationwide walkout in five days in labor's growing agitation for higher wages and more job security. About a million government employees, including railroad and postal workers, struck Dec. 11. Today's strike slowed production in the factories. Buses were halted in cities up and down the peninsula. All but essential utilities were affected. Most construction work was stopped.

Unions and industry came up with vastly conflicting claims on the scope of the dawn-to-dawn walkout. Union leaders declared virtually 100 per cent of the workers struck. Non-union estimates ranged from 50 to 90 per cent.

The unions want this total take home pay—the \$50 average—to be made the base pay. Thus overtime and other bonuses would mean more, since they would be figured on a base about four times larger than that now used.

Ike to Spend Yule in Augusta

The White House said today President Eisenhower will fly to Augusta, Ga., on Christmas Day or the next day and spend part of the yule holiday working on the annual State of the Union message.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower will take part in the traditional tree-lighting ceremonies on the south lawn of the White House. The event will be broadcast, starting at 4:30 p.m. EST.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said Eisenhower "will have things to say" at the ceremony "but we are not ready to say yet" what the nature of the President's remarks will be.

Group Praises Bill Adjusting River Dispute

A joint legislative committee heard nothing but praise today for a compromise bill that seeks to adjust differences on division of Delaware River water between New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The committee, headed by State Sen. Alfred B. Littell (R-Sussex) who sponsored the bill, conducted a public hearing on the measure which is now before a special session of the New Jersey Legislature.

The bill would settle litigation now before the U.S. Supreme Court. In a 1931 decree, the court permitted New York to take 440 million gallons of water daily from the Delaware River. New York has applied for an additional 360 million gallons daily.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania opposed New York's application on the general grounds it provided no safeguard for their water supply interests.

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New Housing Program Presented to Eisenhower

By The Associated Press

A massive 52-point blueprint for a "new and revitalized" housing program, emphasizing industry's responsibility to shelter low-income families, today was handed to President Eisenhower.

The President's 23-member advisory committee on government housing policy submitted its report through Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, chairman. Highlights included:

Many liberalizations of federal housing administration mortgage insurance, including 4-year mortgages on low-cost homes without a down payment. These could make the monthly payments lower than rent. At present such mortgages must be paid off in 30 years, at the most.

A lease-and-purchase plan to encourage the building of rental dwellings which tenants could buy when their incomes went up.

Continued public housing, also direct federal loans and grants for slum prevention as well as slum clearance, through a new "urban renewal" program.

Liberalized repair loans—up to \$3000 over five years—to help owners rehabilitate their homes. Such loans are now insured up to \$2500, to be repaid within three years.

AIM Elections Slated Tonight for 2 Offices

Election of secretary and treasurer of the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors will be held at 7:30 tonight in 102 Willard.

Elections were necessitated by the resignation of Andrew Jaros, secretary, because of illness, and the placing on departmental probation of Sheldon Odland, treasurer.

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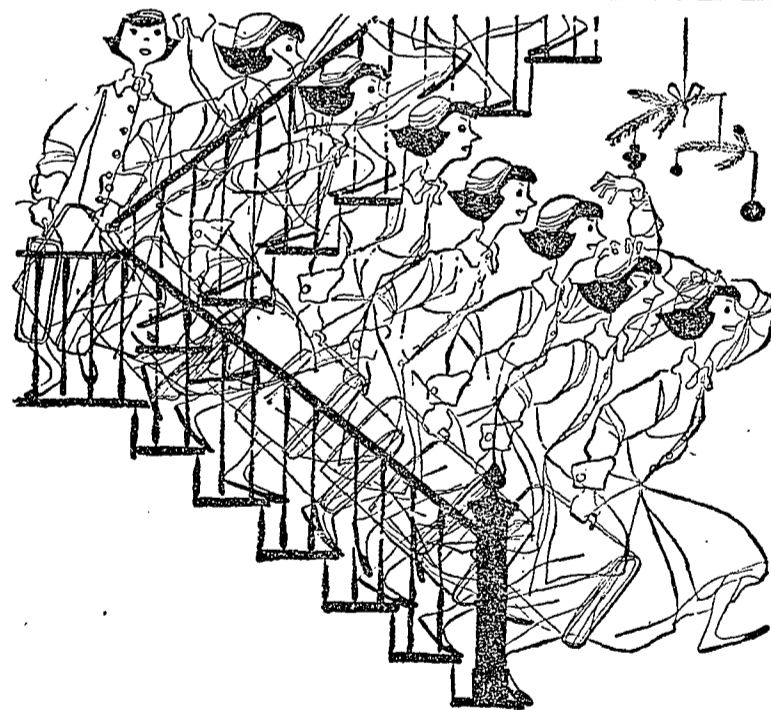


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