

Ike Backs Dulles' Warning to Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower today reinforced Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, warning to Western Europe to unite for defense and indicated America might arm its Allies with atomic weapons if war comes.

The President told a news conference Dulles' advice to get together or risk reductions in U.S. troops in Europe was neither new nor blunt but based on the law of our land.

He put his foot down on sharing with the Western Allies the know-how of producing atomic weapons but not necessarily on the sharing of the weapons themselves if war should break out.

Eisenhower also said he still was intent upon peaceful, international development of atomic energy for the good of all humanity and Soviet rejection of his plan for pooling atomic materials for that purpose would not stop him. On that proposal, he said, there has been no official Russian reaction.

The facts are plain for all to see, he said, that the law of our land says half the funds for military aid to Europe shall be channeled through EDC. He drummed a desk top with fingertips for emphasis.

If EDC does not produce, Eisenhower inquired, what do we do?

As for sharing atomic informa-

tion, the President said changes in the Atomic Energy Act will be necessary, but neither he nor the Atomic Energy Commission contemplates any that would disclose how atomic weapons are built or the scientific processes involved.

But he said it is foolish to think we cannot or must not share some of our information with our Allies, who also must rely on the support of nuclear weapons. Furthermore, the President said he sees no reason why the weapons themselves should not be shared in event of war if that would best advance the interests of this country. He said it would depend on military circumstances.

Asked whether an atomic pooling arrangement should be worked out among non-Communist countries, regardless of what happens, Eisenhower said he didn't believe in speculating on the next step until we see where the original proposition leads. He added that he never believed in admitting defeat, and even Russian rejection of his offer would not stop him from seeking every possible way to make the best possible use of atomic energy.

Eisenhower turned up for the news conference a minute late. The conference took a leisurely gait, with the President chuckling at some of the questions and philosophizing in answers to others.

He laughed a bit when asked if he had any objection to being called "Ike" in newspaper headlines—the nickname fits into headlines a lot better than the full name. No, he replied, he always had been called that and he hadn't the slightest objection.

Eisenhower brought along a bit of paper with reminders of some items he wanted to mention:

Vice President Richard M. Nixon's world-girdling tour, on which he said he had received splendid reports both from the press and official circles in every country visited.

The conference with Republican legislative leaders starting tomorrow to exchange views on important problems.

Beria 'Admits' Plot Against Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Thursday, Dec. 17 (AP)—Lavrenty P. Beria has confessed to a traitorous plot against the Soviet Union and is ready for trial along with a group of his former associates in the secret police, the government announced today.

The statement said the Soviet state prosecutor has completed his case against the squat former police boss who was one of the principal men in the Soviet Union until his arrest June 26.

South Korean Claims 3 GIs Want to Return

PANMUNJOM, Thursday, Dec. 17 (AP)—A South Korean clamored out of the pro-Communist prisoner compound yesterday and was quoted as saying at least three of the 22 Americans who stayed with the Reds also want to go home.

The South Korean was the first to ask to be repatriated since Allied interviews broke down last Saturday over prisoner demands that they be allowed to argue at length with explanation teams.

With little hope that explanations can get going again before the deadline Dec. 23, Allied officers prepared to use loudspeakers for last-minute "come home" broadcasts to the balking prisoners.

The South Korean, Pfc. Kim Mun Du, climbed over the barbed wire fence about dawn, walked up to an Indian guard and said he wanted to go home. He was turned over to the UN Command and taken to Seoul.

He was not permitted at once to talk to newsmen. But Col. Choi Kak Kyun, a member of the South Korean explanation team, quoted him as saying:

"A few of the 22 Americans who the Reds say do not want repatriation are willing to come home. I talked with three Americans who desire repatriation."

Guam Plane Crash Kills 16, Injures 17

GUAM, Dec. 17 (AP)—A B-29 Superfortress ripped through Anderson Air Force base housing a fiery swath today that left 16 dead, including five children, and 17 injured.

The plane, coming in for a landing at 6:48 a.m. when many Air Force personnel and their families were asleep, slashed through 800 feet of the dependent housing area.

The announcement, published in the official newspaper Izvestia, disclosed the names of six men accused with Beria. They include V. N. Merkulov, former minister of state security who for a long time was Beria's deputy.

The announcement said: "The investigation has established that Beria using the position, had collected a treacherous group of plotters hostile to the Soviet state . . . striving . . . to grab power and to liquidate the Soviet worker-peasant regime with a view of restoring capitalism."

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U.S. Plane Rips Sound Barrier For New Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Air Force disclosed today that an American plane has ripped through the air at about 27 miles a minute—2½ times the speed of sound—the fastest man has ever traveled.

The man who first drove an aircraft through the sound barrier, Air Force Maj. Charles Yeager, piloted the rocket-driven Bell X-1A in the history-making flight last Saturday, the Air Force said.

The new unofficial record of more than 1600 miles an hour, at an undisclosed altitude, topped a record set only less than a month ago. On Nov. 20 a Navy Skyrocket, also a rocket propelled laboratory plane, attained a speed mark of 1327 miles per hour.

The Bell X-1A, like the old X-1 which first cracked the sound barrier in 1947 with Yeager at the controls, is purely a research aircraft. There are no weapons in the little, snub-nosed plane with its wings as thin as the blade of a sword.

Wintry Front Freezes State

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 (AP)—Winter's coldest wave—with temperatures plunging toward zero—swept into Pennsylvania today on the heels of a storm that dumped a foot of snow in some sections.

Hardest hit was the northwestern corner of the state. Erie and Corry measured 11 to 12 inches of snow. The temperature at Corry was 17—coldest of the season.

The unexpected Erie-Corry snow disrupted bus service, closed at least one school and caused numerous bumper-to-bumper car crashes.

Forecasters had no immediate explanation for the fall. Other communities in the area had only three to four inches.

Eastern and central Pennsylvania escaped with snow flurries in the mountain sections and below freezing weather except in the Philadelphia area where the mercury ranged around the 37-degree mark. Snow flurries fell in the afternoon at Philadelphia.

Advice of Einstein Stymies McCarthy

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—A witness defied Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's subcommittee today on the personal advice of world-famed scientist Albert Einstein.

"I worship him," said the witness, Albert Shadowitz, of Einstein, who is a determined foe of congressional spy hunters.

McCarthy threatened the witness with contempt charges, but Shadowitz, 38, an engineer and former employe of sensitive government installations, refused to say whether he had been a Communist and told the Republican senator from Wisconsin:

"I discussed this matter personally with Dr. Albert Einstein and he advised me not to cooperate with this committee or any other committee of a similar nature."

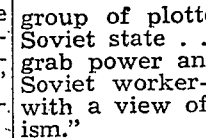
As coached by Einstein, Shadowitz refused to answer most of McCarthy's questions but voluntarily testified he never engaged in espionage or discussed classified government work with any unauthorized person.

At one point, McCarthy asked Shadowitz:

"You mean Einstein told you not to say whether you were a Communist when you were working on classified government work?"

"Not in so many words," Shadowitz replied.

At Princeton, N.J., Einstein confirmed through his secretary, Helen Dukas, that he had talked to Shadowitz and "advised him not to cooperate with the investigating committee on the basis of the First Amendment, but instead of this to make a spontaneous statement about his conduct as a citizen and as an employe."



Einstein

Kidnap Killers Begin Last Day Of Life Today

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 16 (AP)—Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady begin their last day of life tomorrow, just 81 days after they kidnaped and killed six-year-old Bobby Green-lease.

The couple, still apparently impassive, will be executed side by side in the gas chamber of the drab Missouri State Prison a few minutes after midnight Thursday.

They have neither seen nor talked to one another since they were brought here from Kansas City Nov. 20. But they will have a few brief moments together before they die.

That will be when they are taken into a small cell in the gas chamber for their short walk into the lethal gas tank. But they will not be alone. Acting U.S. Marshal William B. Tatman, of Kansas City, his wife and two ministers will be with them.

Mrs. Tatman will be the only woman to witness the double execution.

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