

Opposition in Congress Sighted for Ike's Plan; Public Favors Program

Secret Atomic Tests Planned for Pacific

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—The United States disclosed tonight it will make a super-secret series of atomic tests in the Pacific soon, and there was immediate speculation that a mighty hydrogen weapon would be exploded.

Signaling that the time has arrived for another advance in the science of atomic warfare, the Atomic Energy Commission said men and materials would start moving to the proving grounds in the Marshall Islands this month.

The carefully-worded AEC announcement did not say that preparations are under way for the greatest man-made blast in history. But it did state that weapons tests of all categories would be made.

Reports Strengthened

This lent strength to unofficial reports that American scientists are ready to unleash a blast of awful proportions. It has been frequently reported, and never denied, that a hydrogen test device was exploded at Eniwetok in 1952.

The tests will be made against a background of determination to use American atomic power against an aggressor if necessary to preserve this country's freedom.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower told Congress in his State of the Union message yesterday that he wants to use atomic power to serve the purposes of peace, but:

"We take into account our great and growing number of nuclear weapons and the most effective means of using them against an aggressor if they are needed to preserve our freedom."

Eisenhower declared American air power, needed to deliver atomic weapons and to defend against them, would be built up in the next year. He also urged Congress to authorize the sharing with Allied countries of certain knowledge of the tactical use of our nuclear weapons.

British Statesman, Lord Geddes, Dies

CHICHESTER, England, Jan. 8 (AP)—Lord Geddes, 74, former British ambassador to the United States who helped mobilize Britain's defenses in two world wars, died today.

The tall, scholarly former college professor rose to prominence after he was discovered by Lloyd George in World War I.

As a result of his services in directing Britain's wartime recruiting program, Geddes was named envoy to Washington in 1920, a post he held for four years.

Bobo Rockefeller Takes \$5.5 Million Settlement

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—Barbara Sears (Bobo) Rockefeller today accepted a \$5.5 million settlement to end her Cinderella marriage. Time ran out on her just as it did on the original fairy tale heroine.

\$5 Billion Cut In Expenses Received Coolly

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Members of Congress took a second look at President Dwight D. Eisenhower's legislative program today and let it be known that he will have to fight to get major parts of it through the House and Senate.

Public reaction to yesterday's State of the Union message, as measured by telegrams received at the White House, is overwhelmingly in favor of the Eisenhower program, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty reported.

He said that up to 4 p.m. today 30 telegrams had been received praising the President's message and 4 criticizing it.

Opposition Sighted

But storm signals were hoisted on Capitol Hill, where it was evident the President will face stiff opposition when he tries to raise the national debt limit, hold taxes generally at present levels, and put farm price supports on a more flexible basis.

Even Eisenhower's estimate of a \$5 billion cut in expenditures during the next fiscal year was received coolly in some congressional circles.

Chairman Taber (R-N.Y.) of the House Appropriations Committee said he expected the administration to submit a tight budget, but he added:

"I never saw a budget that couldn't be cut. That applies to all of them, Republican and Democratic."

Voting Age Supported

There was early support, however, for the President's proposal to give the vote to 18-year-olds, young citizens who, as Eisenhower put it, have, in time of peril, been summoned to fight for America.

Two resolutions have already been introduced in the House, and one in the Senate, for a constitutional amendment extending the right of suffrage to citizens when they reach the age of 18.

The White House said public reaction to lowering the voting age has been particularly favorable, and that considerable support has been shown for Eisenhower's proposal to strip citizenship from convicted Communist conspirators.

Potter Denounces Atrocity Film Delay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Sen. Potter (R-Mich) today blistered the State and Defense Department for postponing release of an Army film showing Communist atrocities in Korea.

"It's silly, utterly ridiculous," said Potter, who lost both legs in World War II combat.

"I'm getting damn tired of our policies being based upon what the Communists might think about it."

Police Report Reuther Shot By Gangsters

DETROIT, Jan. 8 (AP)—A high-ranking police official said today that the shotgun blast which seriously wounded Walter Reuther in 1948 has been traced to gangster elements which tried to seize control of the big CIO United Auto Workers union which Reuther heads.

Wayne County Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien, told in an interview today some of the details which led to the naming of four men Wednesday as conspirators in the assassination attempt.

O'Brien indicated his staff will outline the fight for power in detail when the four men are brought to trial.

O'Brien said the gangsters' struggle to control the gigantic auto union's affairs was a more important factor in the assassination attempt than their desire to keep a multi-million dollar gambling ring operating in auto plants at the time of the shooting. Reuther was an outspoken opponent of such gambling.

Investigators said the mass of evidence collected since the shooting in April 1948 indicated that the gambling issue merely served to bring together labor leaders and racketeers and set the stage for ensuing events.

Duff Working On '54 Strategy

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8 (AP)—U.S. Sen. James H. Duff left Pennsylvania's Republican leaders still guessing about his political strategy for the 1954 governorship campaign after a quick trip to his home state today.

"There's no news in my trip here," he said. "I'm on a non-political trip and that's about all I have to say on that."

Was he ready to announce whether he would seek the party's nomination for the position he held from 1946 until 1950?

"No, I'm not ready to make any announcement. Any announcement I make will depend on events."

He dimmed seriously, for the time being at least, the prospects of a harmony meeting of leaders of all groups in the party to talk over possible candidates for the top post on the state ticket this year.

Help People Buy Homes—Capehart

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.) today suggested a billion-dollar government program to help people buy homes on 50 to 60 year mortgages with little or no down payment.

Capehart, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee which will consider President Eisenhower's housing proposals, advanced what he called a radical idea of making homeowners of citizens otherwise unable to afford their own dwellings.

He told a CIO housing conference he has long been worried about the plight of citizens who cannot afford either a down payment on a home or the high rents they are forced to pay today.

Capehart disapproved past programs under which public housing has been built with federal subsidies for rent to low-income families. He said it would be better to help such families finance their own homes.

"We could go into it on, say, a billion-dollar basis figuring on losing \$200 or \$300 million," Capehart said.

"Even if we took a licking financially, because some of the people couldn't keep up their payments, I think we'd be better off as a nation than with the public housing plan. I think the vast majority would become successful homeowners."

Capehart said encouraging home

ownership among low income citizens would be a good investment against any spread of communism.

Leon Keyserling, former chairman of the Economic Advisory Council under the Truman administration was another speaker at the CIO conference. He advocated stepping up the nation's housing output from the present one million to two million units a year by 1960. He said this must be done to meet housing needs and avoid depression.

Federal Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole said President Dwight D. Eisenhower will offer a very realistic housing program to Congress Jan. 25.

Anti-Red Liberation Set for January 22

PANMUNJOM, Saturday, Jan. 9 (AP)—It seemed a cinch today that 22,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners in the anti-Red compounds will be released after midnight Jan. 22.

Top authoritative sources in Korea say it is inevitable that the prisoners will stream south through the early morning darkness of Jan. 23.

These sources smile over the letter writing, note passing and arguments of the Communists, the Allies and the Indians. The Indians guard the prisoners.

"All this stuff now going on at Panmunjom," one said, "is just for show. The issues have been settled a long, long time."

Allies Demand Release

The Allies demand release of the prisoners at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 23. The Reds insist they be held while come home interviews are resumed and until a Korean peace conference can determine their fate.

The Indians maintain a gentlemanly, wavering position, irritating but not actually antagonizing either side.

It is possible Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, under instructions from his government, might even throw his vote to the Communist side of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission by deciding the prisoners should be held past the Jan. 22 date. The commission chairman thus would side with the Poles and Czechs and against the Swiss and Swedes.

Break-Out Planned

If the Reds win such a ruling, plans already have been made for the anti-Red prisoners simply to break out of their 55 compounds in the neutral zone and start walking south, it can be said authoritatively.

It also can be disclosed that the Indian troops would make no move whatever to stop them or slow them.

Truman Denies Use of Phrase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman said today it was a reporter at a news conference who referred to congressional spy hunts in 1948 as a red herring. Truman said he himself did not use the phrase.

An unofficial transcript of the Aug. 5, 1948 news conference showed that the reporter first used the words in a question, but that Truman later said "Yes, you can quote me . . . they are using this as a red herring to keep from doing what they ought to do."

Truman's version was given in an interview recorded for television today. The interview was between the ex-President and Drew Pearson, columnist-commentator whom Truman once called an "S.O.B."

ILA Cites Dewey, AFL As 'Unfair'

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—The old International Longshoremen's Association, accused of gangster tactics in a recent waterfront bargaining election, filed unfair labor charges of its own today.

Its targets were Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and AFL President George Meany.

The union accused them of conspiring to interfere with last month's bargaining election among 22,000 New York longshoremen—the same charge both Dewey and Meany already have lodged against the ILA.

In Albany, Dewey's office said: "The governor never responds to charges made by racketeers."

Amid this picture of complete confusion, the threat of a general waterfront strike led the City of New York to send 550 policemen onto the docks.

It was feared that two small strikes already under way in Brooklyn might explode into a full scale strike.

The ILA and a new AFL longshoremen's union are locked in a bitter battle for control of the New York waterfront.

Meany and the top echelon of the AFL are behind the new union.

The ILA is strongly backed by John L. Lewis, powerful president of the independent United Mine Workers.

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