

# Reds Ask Resumption of Korean Talks

## First Official Red Move Since Talks Ended Dec. 12

PANMUNJOM, Tuesday, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Communists yesterday formally asked for resumption of talks to set up a Korean peace conference—their first official move here since negotiations broke up Dec. 12.

The brief note was handed over in Panmunjom to a U.S. State Department representative who relayed it to Washington and said he was awaiting instructions.

## British Edict Grounds Comet Jets

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Britain grounded all her world-famed Comet jet airliners for a searching inspection tonight, after the third fatal Comet crash in ten months.

Thirty-five persons, including two Americans, were killed in yesterday's crash off Elba. High-ranking British airline and civil aviation officials pushed a probe into the tragedy.

The grounding order temporarily suspending British Comet services between London, South Africa, and the Far East at midnight was ordered by the government-owned British Overseas Airways Corp., BOAC.

The airline said it had taken its seven four-jet, 500-mile-an-hour plus Comet out of service for "a minute and unhurried technical examination." It called the action "a measure of prudence."

It was not an official government grounding such as can be ordered by the Air Registration Board when the airworthiness of an aircraft is in doubt.

BOAC said the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation concurred in the grounding decision. Canada and France were informed of the action so they could make their own decisions regarding their Comets.

Two French airlines, the government-subsidized Air France and the privately owned Aero Maritime Transport (UAT) Co., also announced they were grounding their British-made Comets for the time being.

Three Comets are operated by Air France, three by the UAT and two by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

## Atomic Planes Are Predicted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Gen. James H. Doolittle predicted today atomic-powered aircraft will fly "probably within 25 years."

He added that it is "entirely probable" that an earth satellite will be built within the next 50 years, and that attempts will be made to send missiles to the moon. By an earth satellite, Doolittle meant a platform suspended just outside the gravitational pull of the earth, to be used for various scientific purposes.

The famed aviator and World War II leader of the first carrier-based bomb attack upon Japan looked into the future in an article in "Planes," official publication of the Aircraft Industries Association.

Doolittle, now retired, said high-speed, long-range jet transports should be flying on U.S. scheduled airlines by the end of this decade, probably will be in wide use in the mid-1960s, and within 25 years should attain speeds of 1000 miles an hour under certain conditions.

## Storms Hit Europe

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Continuing blizzards and scores of avalanches roared over western and central Europe today, leaving a trail of dead and missing, isolating hundreds of towns and paralyzing transportation.

## Waltz Composer Dies

VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 11 (AP)—Oscar Strauss, 83, one of the last of the great Viennese waltz composers, died today in the resort town of Bad Ischl.

## Truman Says President's Job Is 'Man-Killing'

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Harry Truman, who as a former President knows how tough that job can be, said today "You will never hear me attack the man who holds that office."

"He has troubles enough without a former President criticizing him," Truman told a luncheon meeting of the Radio and Television Executives Society. "It's a man-killing job."

At the end of his speech, Truman tackled a number of written questions passed up to him from the audience. Among the questions and his answers:

Question: What are your plans for future activities?

Answer: "I've had every job politically from precinct to White House. Now I want to show my gratitude for the honors given me by the people."

Q. Should the White House press conferences be televised?

A. "I think that's up to the President of the United States."

In his talk, Truman said the opening of the atomic age promised such great improvements in people's welfare that "our children will no doubt bless us for breaking the atom."

## Reuther Case Key Witness Given \$5000

DETROIT, Jan. 11 (AP)—The missing key witness in the Walter Reuther shooting, named today as a defendant in the strange, tangled case, was given \$5000 of the \$220,000 reward money, it was disclosed tonight.

The CIO Union Auto Workers Union, which Reuther heads, said it paid the money to Donald Ritchie's wife after he had told authorities a story implicating four men in the attempted assassination.

The four have been charged with assault with intent to kill and with conspiracy.

After telling his story, however, Ritchie slipped from the protective custody of two policemen in a downtown hotel suite and fled to Canada. That was last Friday and he hasn't been found since.

Convinced that Ritchie would not return on his own, Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien today obtained an assault-with-intent-to-kill warrant against the 33-year-old Canadian.

The Reds' action came amidst a swift series of developments, including a bid by India to reconvene the UN General Assembly over the Korean question.

The Reds' note was handed to the U.S. State Department representative, Kenneth Young, under unusual circumstances. Young had not been advised to expect such a message but went to the area strictly on a "hunch."

### Note Sent to Capital

"I have sent the request on to Washington and am waiting official reaction," he said. "Any decision will have to come through the State Department."

The note proposed that liaison officers meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday and discuss a time for resuming the talks.

The request from the Chinese and North Korean negotiators made no reference to their charge of perfidy against the U.S. government which figured in the Dec. 12 breakup of the talks.

### Dean Quit Talks

U.S. Envoy Arthur H. Dean called the charge an insult, walked out and said he would not be back until the charge was withdrawn. Then he left Young, his aide, behind just in case.

There have been hints since that the United States might not insist on a formal apology if the Reds took the initiative in resuming the talks and showed willingness to negotiate.

There was little chance that a peace conference could be set up in time to pass on the fate of 22,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners before Jan. 23. That is the date on which the Allies insist that the prisoners, now held in an anti-Red camp, must be allowed to go free in South Korea and Formosa. The Reds want the prisoners held until a peace conference deals with them.

### India Asks Parley

There were other developments related to the Korean crisis:

India yesterday formally called for the UN General Assembly to meet Feb. 8 and 9 on the Korean question but an Indian government spokesman said this was not intended to delay release of the prisoners beyond the deadline.

## Storm Hits the Northeast

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—A raging snowstorm, the worst in five years, buried the northeast today, and high winds piled up road-blocking, man-killing drifts. Freezing rain and sleet moved in behind.

Temperatures hit new lows for the winter—a blood-chilling 27 below zero in Maine, for instance. At least 33 persons died in the

storm from New England to Maryland. Many toppled with heart attacks as they bucked the snow afoot or tried to shovel it. Auto accidents and sledding mishaps also took lives.

The storm, the Weather Bureau said, will continue into tomorrow. Snow up to a foot or more was in prospect in some areas. Others faced the hazzard of icy rain freezing atop the snow blanket.

The great arterial highways that snake along the coast from New England south lay lonesome beneath a restless sea of drifting snow.

Airlines fought a stubborn but losing battle against the storm as their planes were delayed or grounded.

Schools closed tight in many areas.

At Farmingdale and Port Washington, N.Y., Republic Aviation Corp. shut down, affecting 29,000 employees. General Motors Corp. shut its Linden, N.J., plant when few of the 2000 employees showed up.

Telephone systems along the coast bowed under record burdens, as housewives and school children, marooned in their homes, turned to phones for shopping and gossip. Eleven million calls were anticipated in New Jer-

sey alone—half a million above the previous record.

Philadelphia was hardest hit of the major cities with some 10 inches of snow—heaviest in seven years. All city schools closed and many offices and factories limped along with skeleton work forces.

New York took on a strange small-town look as the storm dumped 8.3 inches on the city in the first 24 hours—the worst since the 15-inch fall of 1949. Then rain and sleet punched the city anew.

Municipal transportation held up well. But the normally auto-choked midtown streets were as open to traffic as a snow-plowed country lane.

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## Atomic Talks Open

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The United States and Russia today launched "private-as-can-be" talks on how to go about discussing President Dwight D. Eisenhower's plan to put atomic power to work for peace.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles received Soviet Ambassador Georgi M. Zarubin at his office this morning. They talked, through an interpreter, for half an hour. But what they said or what written memos they exchanged, if any, was their secret.

This was in accord with the President's Dec. 8 proposal and with a Nov. 18 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, stressing privacy.

### Tight Lips

Both sides, while evincing mutual cordiality not always evident in East-West talks, were keeping their own counsel as far as the public is concerned. It resembles a two-handed poker game, played close to the chest.

Eisenhower suggested the talks in an address to the United Nations on Dec. 8. He said they should be private talks into which the United States would carry a "new conception."

This new conception calls for the "powers principally involved"—words from the UN resolution of Nov. 18 calling for a study aimed at settling the atomic problem—to pool their nuclear energy and know-how for peaceful purposes.

### Five Nations

Such nations would include the United States, Russia, Britain, Canada, and presumably Belgium, which controls the Belgian Congo uranium fields.

Dulles expects to leave at the end of next week for the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Berlin, which starts Jan. 25, and this has lent an air of urgency to getting the preliminary atom-for-peace talks started.

## Ike Proposes New Farm Support Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP)—President Eisenhower today asked the Senate to ratify a defense pact with South Korea designed to head off future attacks against that war-ravaged far Pacific country.

The language of the treaty made it clear that the pact would not require the United States to go to the aid of South Korea in the event that country attacks North Korea in an attempt to achieve unification by force.

Eisenhower described the treaty as a move "to deter aggression by giving evidence of our common determination to meet the common danger."

The President further declared it "reaffirms our belief that the security of an individual nation in the free world depends upon the security of its partners, and constitutes another link in the collective security of the free nations of the Pacific."

The treaty was negotiated by Secretary of State Dulles on a visit to Korea last August. It was signed in Washington last Oct. 1 but still requires Senate ratification.

The White House made public a letter Dulles wrote to Eisenhower last Dec. 30 in which Dulles described the pact as "a defense treaty firmly dedicated to peace."

Dulles emphasized that the promise of the two parties—the United States and South Korea—to aid the other would be operative only in the event one of the countries is the victim of an armed attack from outside its borders.

Dulles wrote the President "an armed attack by either party does not obligate the other to come to its assistance."

Dulles said the treaty is another step in the creation of a Pacific

## Businessman Sees No Slump

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Fears of a business recession or anything worse than a mild readjustment aren't justified, Don G. Mitchell, chairman of Sylvania Electric Products Inc., declared in a statement today.

He said he agreed with the administration that "The economy is merely in the midst of a minor adjustment, a tapering off to lower prices and far healthier levels of production."

Mitchell predicted that the administration would continue well into the year, although the decline probably would be greatest during the first half.

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