

Russia Blocks Free Austria

BERLIN, Feb. 12 (AP)—Soviet Russia refused tonight to free Austria. It blasted the last chance for European settlement at the Big Four conference.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov knocked out Austrian hopes of independence in the foreseeable future with these new demands:

1. Soviet troops must remain in Austria as long as Germany is divided between East and West.
2. Even a so-called independence treaty for Austria must depend on banning the key Adriatic seaport of Trieste now in American and British hands from use as a Western military base.

The Russian demands, hidden behind the preamble of a resolution piously proposing the completion of an Austrian treaty within three months, appalled the Western ministers.

Grim silence reigned tonight at the West Berlin headquarters of Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl, who pleaded at the ministers' table today for his country's freedom. In Austria, the reaction was one of deep gloom.

Wilson Denies Peace Means Economic Slump

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson said tonight "there is no reason to fear" that the nation's shift from its Korean war footing to peace will lead to depression.

"I have no patience with the people who seem to think that blood spilling and jobs are synonymous," he declared.

In an address prepared for the 68th annual Lincoln Dinner of the National Republican Club, Wilson said that war and production of guns and war equipment makes "no contribution to real prosperity."

"Whatever we put into defense we take out of our standard of living," he said. "All the energy, all the money poured into war goods means less effort and fewer resources than can be devoted to civilian goods."

Wilson said the Communist world's failure to demobilize after World War II had made it essential for this country to "maintain a major defense program"—and it is doing so.

Parties Exchange Blasts In Lincoln Day Speeches

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Democrats hotly accused the GOP today of "rat-sewer" politics and a continuing "plot" to tag them all traitors, in defiance of President Eisenhower's plea to party followers to avoid extreme partisanship.

The assistant Democratic leader of the House, Rep. McCormack, of Massachusetts thundered out in a speech on the floor that:

"Accusing another party of treason . . . goes far beyond immorality. Over and above our party politics, we are all loyal Americans."

From Rep. Rabaut (D-Mich.) came a demand that the President put "teeth into his words" by ousting Leonard W. Hall as Republican National Committee chairman for his "part in this plot to brand millions of Americans as traitors."

In Lincoln Day speeches around the country, Republican orators still kept hammering the Democrats and chanting praises of the Eisenhower administration.

Out on the coast, Vice President Nixon told reporters he thinks it is time to omit "name-calling adjectives from political speeches,"

but not a "frank discussion of all the facts and issues."

The Senate Republican leader, Sen. Knowland of California, took his place today beside Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon in calling for a more moderate approach in Republican criticism of the opposition party. On patriotism and devotion to public duty, Knowland told newsmen, "You can't draw a party line."

Both Knowland and Martin, as much as the President himself, are up against the hard reality that Democratic votes are needed to get much of the administration's legislative program through a closely divided Congress.

Politics Blamed In Ag Shakeup

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Politics and differences of views on future farm policies were credited today with bringing about a big shakeup in the Agriculture Department's multi-billion farm price support and crop control agency—the Commodity Stabilization Service.

Secretary Benson formally announced the resignation of Howard H. Gordon, a North Carolinian generally regarded by Republican critics as a Democrat, as administrator of the service. A New York state Republican farm leader, James A. McConnell, was appointed to succeed Gordon.

Neither Benson nor Gordon announced the reasons for the change, but officials who asked not to be named, said the shakeup followed a "showdown" conference between representatives of the Republican National Committee and Benson last week.

Housing Program Goes to Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—A Republican housing program, following through on President Eisenhower's Jan. 25 recommendations, was formally introduced in Congress today.

The legislation would reduce by as much as \$1000 the down payments required for homes bought with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

It also would allow a stretch-out in repayment periods from the present 20 or 25 years up to 30 years, and give the President broad powers to change interest rates, down payments, and repayment periods on mortgages insured by the FHA and the Veterans Administration.

60 Marine Dead Named

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Marine Corps today identified 60 additional officers and men who have been declared dead in Korea after being listed missing in action for more than one year.

The new list brought to 366 the number of Marines proved or presumed dead since the armistice. No Marines are now reported as prisoners, but 127 remain on the missing list.

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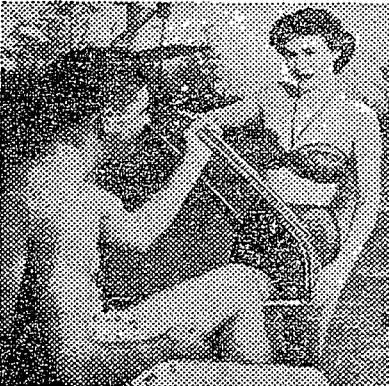
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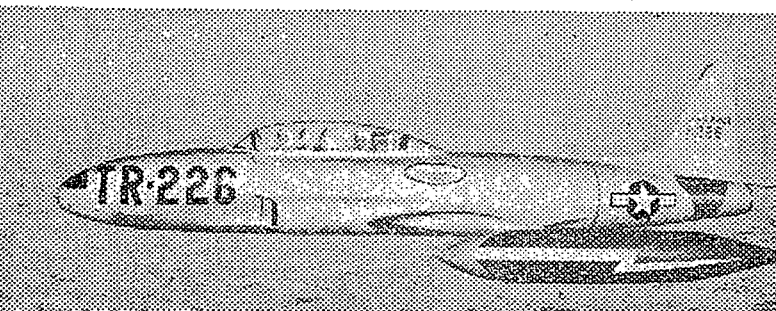
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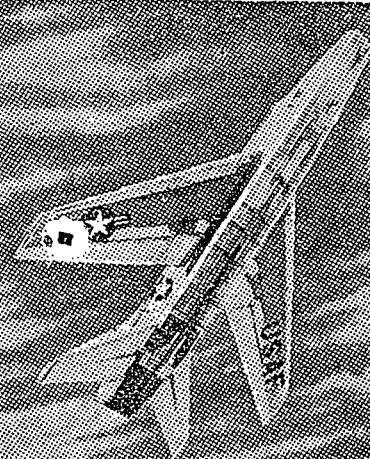
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