

# Russia Proposes New Plan For Policing Germany

BERLIN, Feb. 17 (AP)—Russia proposed tonight a Big Four agreement on the strength and armament of all police in divided Germany, and creation of all-German committees to promote better relations between the East and West republics.

U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said he would consider this a "rather feeble substitute" for the West's plan of German unification by free elections. The British and French foreign ministers also agreed to discuss tomorrow this new Russian "little solution" for the gigantic German problem.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov offered his surprise motions after failing again to budge the West from its refusal to remove troops from Germany in six months for the sake of "European security."

The troop withdrawal scheme was denounced immediately by Dulles as "what we did under very analogous circumstances in Korea immediately preceding 1950."

"Our withdrawal in that case did not produce security—it produced war," the American said.

Molotov's police proposal followed bitter charges across the conference table in the Soviet embassy that both the East and West were creating big aggressive German armies.

"The United States has very reliable information to reveal that East German military personnel now total 140,200 men under arms," Dulles said.

"Of this number, 100,000 are in the ground forces with an additional 25,000 serving in security formations. There are seven organized divisions of which three are mechanized."

"Air forces constitute 600 jet fighters manned and trained by 5000 effectives."

"These forces are commanded by ex-officers of the Nazi Wehrmacht and the SS Nazi elite guard. They are additional to 100,000 East German police."

"I can assure the Soviet foreign minister that there is nothing comparable in West Germany."

But Molotov rapped the Allied ministers for allegedly allowing West German "police, military and semi-military forces to reach a total of 368,000 men."

He broke this down to 213,000 police and "155,000 men, under the direct control of the Western powers who are going to be the future West German army."

All the quarreling over police stemmed from Molotov's renewed demand that the West kill the six-nation European army project with West German troops.

Most comets weigh very little compared to the mass of the earth, but the amount of matter in a comet may still amount to millions of tons.

## Red Violence Pressures Italy Rule

ROME, Feb. 17 (AP)—Communist-inspired violence pouring pressure on Premier Mario Scelba's new government today spread south to Sicily. Three women and a 16-year-old youth were trampled to death in a stampede flight from police tear gas bombs.

Other clashes occurred in industrial Northern Italy, where several persons were injured in strike disorders.

### Aimed at Mayor

The Sicilian clash occurred at Mussomeli, a town of 13,000 at the island's center. Authorities said about 2000 Red-led demonstrators threw stones at police trying to maintain order in a central square. The demonstration was aimed at the Christian Democrat mayor.

Police retaliated with a tear gas barrage, the rioters stampeded in panic, and the women and youth were trampled to death. The authorities insisted there was no gunfire. Twelve persons were injured.

### Red Stronghold

Mussomeli, center of a sulphur mining area, is a Communist stronghold.

This outbreak was the most serious in the Communist campaign to give an extra push to the Christian Democrat premier's untidy government, which is heading for a parliamentary showdown in about a week in a vote of confidence. Scelba will start the ball rolling in the political fray tomorrow when he presents his pro-Western, mildly left-of-center program to the Senate.

## Coal Stock Pile Asked for U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The federal government should stockpile anthracite, says Rep. Ivor Fenton (R-Pa.) and thus prevent heavy unemployment in the hard coal region where hundreds of miners are losing their jobs as mines close down because of lack of business.

Fenton, of Mahanoy City, made his views public in a letter to Interior Secretary McKay. It was a suggestion similar to one made in 1949 when he asked J. A. Krug, President Truman's interior secretary, to stockpile anthracite and thus save jobs.

Krug turned Fenton down then saying the benefits of stockpiling would be "far outweighed in the eventual disastrous effects to the mine workers and the industry."

## Clark Suggests Pacific NATO

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Gen. Mark Clark says he would like to see the United States and the free countries of Asia set up a Pacific treaty organization similar to NATO in Europe.

"Such an organization could have an overall headquarters at Okinawa or nearby and would be open to all countries desirous of maintaining their independence against Communist encroachment," he said.

Do not ask a man if he has been through college; ask if a college has been through him—if he is a walking university.

—E. H. Chapin

## Senate Alters Bricker Plan For Treaties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The Senate wrote into the Bricker amendment tonight a White House-supported proposal to make all treaties signed since adoption of the constitution and all future treaties subject to court review on their constitutionality.

On a vote closely following party lines the chamber adopted an amendment offered by the Senate GOP leadership to a proposal by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit treaty-making powers.

Bricker supported the change, although Eisenhower has criticized Bricker's own proposed constitutional amendment on the grounds that it would interfere with his authority to deal with other nations and might upset the balance of power between government branches.

## Group Sees '54 As Good Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said today that 1954 business may not be as buoyant as that in 1953, but "will be good by any standards established before 1950."

But three labor leaders called for prompt action to increase employment and halt "recession."

CIO President Walter Reuther called for more aggressive action for "a bigger and more prosperous America," and said "certainly we will not get it by meek acceptance of 1954 projections forecasts which are lower than last year's achievements."

AFL President George Meany declared Congress should consider urgently "measures essential to bolster consumer buying power and check the present recession before it gains momentum."

# Unemployment Worries Ike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today that if employment fails to pick up in March it will be a warning of economic trouble calling for government action.

One of the first measures that might be considered, Eisenhower told a news conference, is a cut in taxes to spur consumer buying. That, he said, is something that will be used if necessary.

March, the President said, should be a sort of key month in determining whether the country actually is in a recession because employment usually begins to pick up then.

To Use Every Weapon  
If things develop to the point that a major downturn appears likely, he said, he will not hesitate to use every single weapon available to the government to head it off. He recalled he had said that repeatedly and he tapped his fingers on a desk and stressed his words to give the idea renewed emphasis.

At the same time, Eisenhower said he doesn't want to send the government on a wild course of action.

Since he planned to leave by plane for a five-day vacation at Palm Springs, Calif., shortly after

When milk cows are given free access to water in hot weather, their production may be as much as 4 per cent higher than when they are watered only twice a day.

the conference, Eisenhower hustled into the meeting three minutes ahead of schedule. And he gave reporters a big grin and fervent thank you when they broke the session up earlier than usual.

Butter Action Upheld  
Butter—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's decision to cut price supports for butter April 1 certainly had his tacit approval in advance. He said the step has been under consideration since last March and he has no thought now that it should be reconsidered in the light of complaints from farm state congress members.

Coffee—The government's investigation of high coffee prices is proceeding, the President volunteered, and it is designed to find out if there are any road blocks between suppliers and consumers. He said it doesn't mean that the government is looking into inter-

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## Lawmaker Tells H-Bomb Effects

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (AP)—A congressional atomic authority hinted today that the United States may have increased the destructive potential attained in its first full-scale hydrogen explosion and is working toward development of a versatile line of hydrogen weapons.

Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.) revealed officially for the first time that the 1952 thermonuclear test in the Marshall Islands completely obliterated the test island in the Eniwetok Atoll and gashed a crater in the ocean floor a full mile in diameter and 175 feet deep at its lowest point.

He said the explosion crater was large enough to hold 140 structures the size of the nation's capitol.

Cole said Russia soon will have the capacity to hit the United States with a crippling hydrogen and atomic blow. But, he added, it is "entirely within our capacity" to produce "tens of thousands" of atomic anti-aircraft defensive missiles as "a barrier of atomic firepower."

Cole, chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, said the 1952 American hydrogen blast, if exploded over a modern city, would have:

Blanketed an area covering 300 square miles.

Created an area of complete devastation six miles in diameter.

Spread moderate to severe damage seven miles in all directions. Resulted in damage as far as 10 miles from the point of explosion.

"That test whose fearful effects it has been my duty to describe took place almost a year and a half ago. Security keeps me from commenting on where our hydrogen weapons program now stands, and from outlining the directions in which it now is moving. But I can assure you that it is moving."

## Senators Agree On Nominees

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Sens. Edward Martin and James Duff (both R-Pa.) announced tonight they have agreed to recommend John W. Lord of Philadelphia and John Miller of Pittsburgh to be U.S. district judges in Pennsylvania.

Martin told reporters after a meeting with Duff and Leonard W. Hall, Republican national chairman, that the two men were also acceptable to the Justice Department and that he expected their nominations to be sent to the Senate in the near future.

There are now six U.S. District Court judgeship vacancies in the state—three in the east and three in the west.

## Scientist Says U.S. May Lose A-Plant Race

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Feb. 17 (AP)—The pressure of dwindling coal reserves in Europe may bring about atomic power plants there while the United States still dreams about them, a leading nuclear physicist said here tonight.

Conversely, said Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, an abundance of fuel reserves in this country relieves it of any "urgency" in the development of atomic power.

"The U.S. view—that nuclear power has a hard road ahead before it becomes economical—is considered a little irrelevant in Europe," Weinberg declared.

## Pa. Senators Disagree On Bricker Amendment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—Sens. James H. Duff and Edward Martin (both R-Pa.) voted on opposite sides today as the Senate accepted by a 44-43 vote a White House-approved section in the Bricker amendment designed to make all treaties subject to court review as to their constitutionality.

Martin voted for the amendment. Duff voted against it.

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