

'War' Will Need Congress Approval

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared today the massive military might America has poised for instant use will never go to war without prior congressional approval.

Eisenhower said that was his answer to a news conference question about what the United States would do if an American technician is killed or captured in Indochina.

He said he wanted it clearly understood. Later, he authorized direct quotation of his exact words.

Drumming on the table before him and stamping his foot, the President asserted he is as concerned about the country's security as any person alive.

For Security

"I am doing nothing in the security departments that I don't believe is for the welfare and the security and the continued safety of the United States of America," Eisenhower asserted, adding:

"And I am not going to demagogue about it."

That came in reply to a request for comment on a speech last Saturday night by Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee Eisenhower defeated in the 1952 presidential campaign.

Stevenson had questioned whether the military "new look" left the nation with "the grim choice of inaction or a thermonuclear holocaust."

No Change

Eisenhower said there has been no change—none at all—in procedures of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's top military strategy body.

As to the new look, Eisenhower said he despises slogans because they don't describe anything. But he said the new look was needed to point America's defense build-up toward the long, indefinite haul and not to any fancied date such as selection by the Truman administration.

Murrow Hits McCarthy In TV Talk

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—A telecast denunciation of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) by commentator Edward R. Murrow brought an avalanche of phone calls and telegrams to the Columbia Broadcasting System today.

CBS said an overwhelming majority sided with Murrow's contention on his "See It Now" program last night that McCarthy repeatedly overstepped the bounds between investigation and persecution.

The network, with wire and phone calls still coming in, gave this tabulation late today: Telephone calls favoring the program, 8841; protesting, 697. Telegrams favoring the program 2764; protesting, 86.

The total telephone calls included a Los Angeles tabulation of 805 favoring the program and 23 protesting.

CBS said it did not have a tabulation on calls or wires received by the network's outlets in other cities, including Milwaukee, in the senator's home state.

Murrow issued an invitation to McCarthy to reply on a later "See It Now" program, but the network said it had not received any word from the senator.

House Passes Excise Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The House brushed aside Eisenhower administration opposition today and overwhelmingly passed the first general excise tax cut in more than 20 years.

The bill, sent to the Senate by a 411-3 roll call vote, would trim 912 million dollars a year from excise taxes on dozens of items like admission tickets, jewelry, furs and telephone bills.

President Eisenhower urged canceling these scheduled reductions, but argued the Treasury can not afford the sweeping tax cuts provided elsewhere in the bill. The administration has announced it will fight when the bill reached the Senate.

Coal Unemployment Problem Is Aired

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Proposals to abate the worrisome problem of increasing unemployment in Pennsylvania's hard coal region were discussed here today but no final decision was reached on what should be done.

Reps. Ivor D. Fenton, Joseph L. Carrigg and Edward J. Bonin said after a meeting with representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the United Mine Workers of America that nothing could be said now about the various approaches that were suggested but that an announcement will be made as soon as a definite plan is decided upon.

Senate GOP Group Lists 7-Point Code

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The Senate Republican policy committee today suggested a seven-point code for conducting committee investigations, but included no provision for enforcing it.

Six of the seven points provided for full committee or subcommittee action in initiating or carrying on investigations, and seemed to be aimed at elimination of one-man operations of the type frequently conducted by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) Among them was a suggested requirement that at least one majority member and one minority member be present at every hearing.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), policy committee chairman, sidestepped questions on whether the suggestions were aimed at McCarthy, chairman of the Senate Investigations subcommittee. He also declined to say whether any pressure would be brought against any Republican committee head who ignores the suggestions.

The code, except for recommending that a witness may be accompanied and advised by counsel, said nothing about protecting a witness from what President Eisenhower called "disregard for the standards of fair play."

Ferguson said the seven rules he recommended today "were regarded as the minimum rules and policies," selected from suggestions submitted by GOP senators.

Eisenhower Supports Separate Statehood Bills

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—President Eisenhower today put his support behind efforts of Senate Republican leaders to keep the Hawaiian and Alaska statehood bills separate.

The President told a news conference he sees no reason why each of the statehood bills can't be handled on its own merits—separately.

Dulles Pledges Aid To Latin America

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 10 (AP)—Secretary of State John F. Dulles today pledged U.S. economic cooperation with Latin America. This was underscored by an invitation for a hemisphere economic conference in Washington.

Latin American delegates at the 10th Inter-American Conference cheered the invitation to meet to work out answers to specific economic problems.

Support continued to grow, meanwhile, for Dulles' proposals for joint action to thwart Communist designs on the Western Hemisphere.

No date was set for the Washington conference. The invitation was conveyed by Samuel K. Waugh, assistant secretary of state for economic affairs. He joined Dulles in an explanation of U.S. economic policy toward Latin America before the conference's Economic Committee.

Dulles told the committee "the United States will not continue to be satisfied merely with good political relations in this hemisphere. We also want good economic relations. We shall seek them on a basis of mutual respect for the economic and social as well as the political beliefs of each other. That is the pledge I give you."

Dulles said he was not offended by the economic complaints directed against the United States at the conference, but added that solutions to economic problems are not as simple as they might appear.

He emphasized that the United States believes in a free enterprise economy with primary responsibility on private effort and that it would continue to depend upon individual effort and private capital for its economic development.

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Cohn to Train Under Zwicker

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—Roy Cohn, chief counsel of the Senate Investigations subcommittee which Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) heads, said today he has been ordered to report to Camp Kilmer, N.J., for training as a National Guard officer June 12-25.

Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, commandant of the camp, has been a storm center in the row between McCarthy and Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens.

The secretary has accused McCarthy of using abusive language in questioning Zwicker, a decorated hero of World War II. A transcript of the questioning of Zwicker made public by McCarthy shows the senator told Zwicker he was "not fit" to hold any Army command.

Cohn said his orders were "a matter of routine." He said he has been a National Guardsman about seven years. A first lieutenant, he said he will serve as "a staff specialist" at Camp Kilmer.

U.S. Will Back Rhee at Geneva

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP)—The United States is expected to give South Korea assurances soon that there will be no "sellout" of its vital interests in the forthcoming Geneva conference on Far Eastern peace.

At the same time, informed sources here said, the United States is due to invite the Singman Rhee government to assign a representative to consult with American officials on policies to be followed in dealing with Communist governments in the Geneva meeting.

Wants Assurance

President Rhee indicated at Seoul today he will send a delegation to Geneva for the conference opening April 26, but he said he wants assurance and clarification on the American position regarding Korean negotiations there.

The Geneva conference was Western powers at the Big Four meeting in Berlin last month. It will actually be two conferences, one concerned with negotiating a permanent settlement in divided Korea and the other aimed at negotiating peace in Indochina.

Planning for the policies and tactics to be followed by the free nations in these meetings will go into high gear when Secretary of State John F. Dulles returns next

weekend from the Inter-American Conference at Caracas, Venezuela.

17 to Participate

The United States, Britain and France have invited South Korea and 13 United Nations members which contributed forces to the anti-Communist fight in Korea to participate in the conference. All except two or three of these have indicated they would attend. Russia, Red China and the North Korean Communist regime are due to represent the Communist side in the Korean discussions.

In the Indochina discussions, the principal conferees will be the Western powers, Russia and Red China, which are supposed to be joined by other interested states yet to be designated.

Diplomats said today the Korean negotiations will very likely develop the same kind of deadlock which the Berlin conference ran into over divided Germany.



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