

Dulles Renews Plea For Solid Americas

Strong Stand Advised Against Red 'Despots'

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 11 (AP)—Already assured of majority support, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made a new appeal to the Inter-American Conference tonight for a strong and united stand against the "international despots of communism."

His speech was directed against efforts to water down with amendments his proposal for joint action should Communists get control of any western hemisphere nation. He particularly opposed changes suggested by Mexico which would permit collective action only in case of an actual invasion from outside the hemisphere.

Guatemala, objecting to "intervention" in her affairs, today threatened an appeal to the United Nations, but ten of the 19 Latin American nations here have gone on record favoring the broad outline proposed by the United States.

The deciding vote on the plan and amendments may be reached tomorrow in the political-judicial committee.

In his speech tonight, Dulles struck at the idea advanced repeatedly by Guatemala Foreign Minister Guillermo Toriello that the U.S. resolution might cover a pretext for other countries to intervene in that country's internal affairs. Guatemala has been charged with being a "beachhead of communism" in this hemisphere.

'Greater Faith'

"Certainly I have greater faith in our American system than to believe it possible that two-thirds of our countries might gang up and conspire against another American state because of some pretext only," the secretary of state said.

But Guatemala notified the conference it would "not permit any intervention in our affairs by any nation or organization under any pretext whatsoever" and would complain to the United Nations if there were such intervention.

Argentina and Mexico denounced communism but opposed adoption of any measure which even hinted that one group of nations in the Western Hemisphere could intervene in the affairs of any American country.

Guatemala Opposed

Guillermo Toriello, Guatemala's foreign minister who has furnished the sharpest opposition to the U.S. program here, reiterated to the committee what he and his government have said many times.

"Guatemala is not Communist," Toriello said. "In Guatemala we give complete political freedom to all parties, including the Marxist Communist party."

Kefauver Raps Army Contracts

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Sens. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) asserted today the Army had made a mistake in putting "all our eggs in one basket" and concentrating tank production with General Motors Corp.

He told the Senate armed services committee the government "soon will be at the mercy" of General Motors on any new contracts, and that the centering of all medium tank production at the General Motors plant in Grand Blanc, Mich., would provide enemy bombers with a fat target.

Moreover, Kefauver contended, General Motors already is producing more than half the automobiles for the nation and is approaching the point where it will "be guilty of monopolization under the Sherman antitrust act."

Army authorities have defended the 204-million-dollar tank contract to General Motor's Fisher body division on the ground that it was 18 million below the next bid, submitted by Chrysler Corp.



John Foster Dulles Appeals for Unity

Senate Forms Hawaii-Alaska Statehood Bill

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The Senate rode down objections of Republican leaders and President Dwight D. Eisenhower himself today and combined statehood for Hawaii and Alaska into a single-package bill.

The vote was 46 to 43, and the fight was almost entirely one of party against party. The Democrats won.

How the result will affect the chances of the two territories for admission to the Union is a matter of dispute. Some senators said it means there will be no statehood for either Hawaii or Alaska at this session.

But one thing was certain—Democrats were almost solidly convinced there would be no admission for Alaska unless it were tied with that for Hawaii.

'Bug Warfare' Exposed . . .

Schwable Tells of Red Mistreatment

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Col. Frank H. Schwable testified today Communist mental torture coupled with harsh physical mistreatment robbed him of his judgment and forced him to make a false "bug warfare" confession.

The appearance of the lean, 45-year-old Marine flyer before a special court of inquiry climaxed four weeks of hearings to decide whether Schwable should face a court-martial for signing the confession while a captive of the Chinese Communists in Korea.

Schwable, hollow-eyed and intense, testified at his own request. The president of the Marine court, Maj. Gen. Harry D. Linscott, told him at the outset he was suspected of "aiding and comforting the enemy" and of conduct tending to discredit the naval service.

Nodding gravely, Schwable said he hadn't tried to evade responsibility for his conduct in the past. "I won't make excuses now," he said.

He said he wanted to clear his mind of some "miserably little details" of his 14-month captivity, most of it in solitary confinement, and straighten out any misunderstandings of previous statements he has made.

Then, his voice rising and falling excitedly, Schwable told his story—a story of constant, browbeating interrogations and propa-

Ruling Expected On Picture Ban

PITTSBURGH, March 11 (AP)—Federal Judge Wallace S. Gourley said tonight he expects to rule soon on the legality of a picture ban issued by the Westmoreland County Court Feb. 25.

Gourley issued a temporary order nine days ago allowing photographers to take pictures in the corridors of the Westmoreland County courthouse under certain conditions.

"I have now received briefs from the attorneys involved and probably will hand down an opinion late tomorrow or Saturday," Judge Gourley said.

The Greensburg Review-Tribune Publishing Co. challenged the Westmoreland Court order, claiming violation of freedom of the press, and obtained the temporary injunction. It was joined in the action by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

2 Are Killed In Army Games

FT. BRAGG, N.C., March 11 (AP)—The Army's largest peacetime paratroop and equipment drop since World War II today brought death to two jumpers and hospitalized 30 here. About 50 other men suffered minor injuries.

Of those hospitalized, the Army said one was injured critically and three seriously.

Names of the dead were withheld until next of kin were notified.

The exercise, named "Long Thrust," involved about 9000 men of the 82d Airborne Division.

Rayburn Predicts Democratic Victory In Tax Controversy

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—House Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas predicted today Democrats will win a showdown battle next week to increase individual income tax exemptions for \$100.

He commented as both Republican and Democratic leaders began a strong effort to lineup forces for probably one of the closest and biggest scraps of the year.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin (R.-Mass.) said it was too early to forecast the outcome. But he indicated he thought Republicans could beat the move, especially after President Dwight D. Eisenhower makes a nationwide radio and television appeal at 9 p.m. Monday.

Indications were the President would make a strong personal attack on the proposition.

The proposal alone would save taxpayers about \$2.4 billion a year, but put the government that much more in the red. Sponsors said it would relieve about seven million taxpayers with low incomes or large families from any income tax payment at all.

Democrats plan to try to tack onto an 875-page bill for a general overhaul of all tax laws. The same motion would knock out of the revision program a sharp reduction in taxes on stock dividends.

House Democrats held a 90-minute caucus behind closed doors on the issue this morning.

Rayburn, who was House speaker longer than any man in history while Democrats were in power, said afterward that "mighty few if any" Democrats would vote against the big tax cut.

Democrats charge that the revision program is loaded with benefits to big business and wealthy stockholders, and say they are trying to make the program fairer by giving relief to "the little fellow."

Rayburn added to reporters that if the proposal is beaten, "and they (Republicans) give all this tax relief to the high income brackets, with almost nothing for the little fellow, I think it would be very embarrassing for them."

WWI Flier Nominated For Secretary of Navy

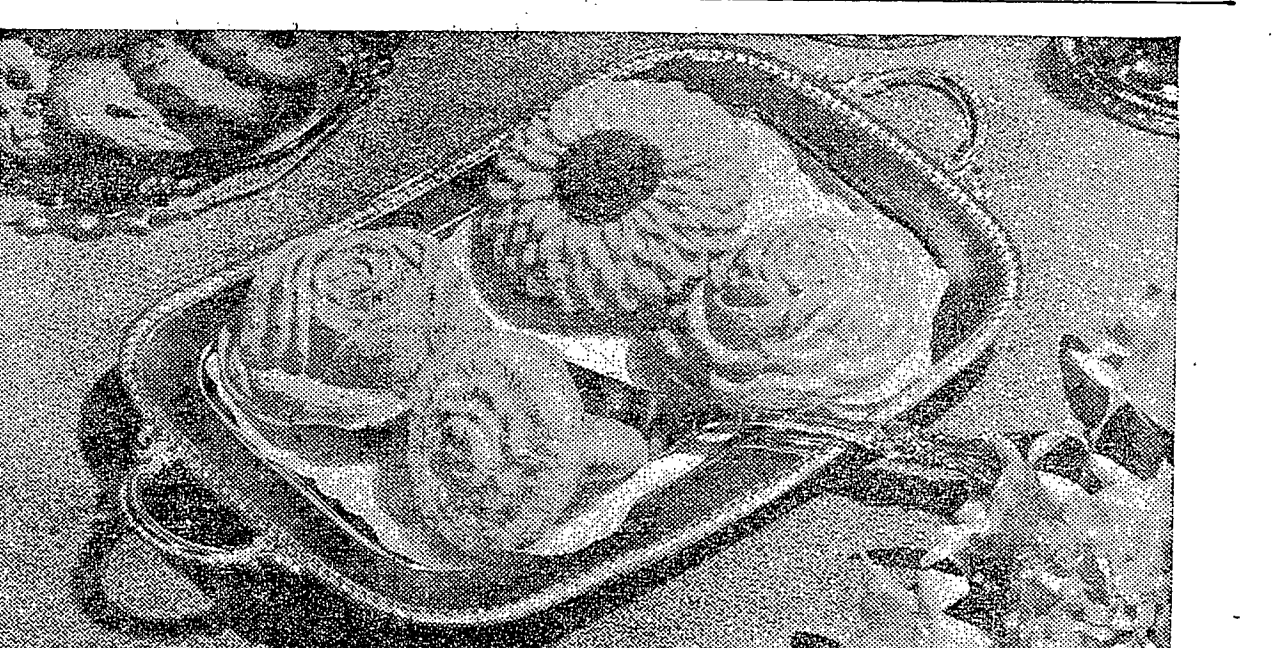
WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Charles S. Thomas, whose first naval job was flying an ancient and under-powered plane in World War I, was nominated today to be secretary of the Navy.

Thomas already has held two Pentagon jobs in the Eisenhower administration.



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