

U.S. Asks Support In Warning Reds

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—The United States has called on Britain, France, Australia, and New Zealand to join in issuing a stern warning intended to protect war-torn Indochina and the rest of Southeast Asia from further Communist aggression.

The British Foreign Office said terms of the declaration have not yet been completed, but are being hammered out in Washington at conferences between U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and ambassadors of the other countries which would sign it.

Hickenlooper, Truman Clash

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman and Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) hooked up today in a sharp cross-country clash over whether Great Britain still has a veto power over United States use of atomic bombs.

Yes, Britain has, Truman said in an interview at Kansas City. "Not correct," Hickenlooper told the Senate.

"No comment," Truman said when asked about Hickenlooper's statement. "The record speaks for itself."

James C. Hagerty, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's press secretary, declared: "Sen. Hickenlooper is correct."

Everyone agreed, however, that no nation holds veto power over U.S. use of the newly-developed hydrogen weapons.

The Atomic Energy Act prohibits the sharing of atomic secrets with any other nation.

Truman got into the act when he was asked for comment on a statement made yesterday by Hagerty that a secret agreement was made in 1943 but that it is "not in effect at the present time."

Eisenhower Seeks More Aid for Asia

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower made a new move toward bulwarking Indochina today by earmarking nearly one third of next year's cutdown \$3.5 billion foreign aid budget for the Asian war.

The President slashed over one billion dollars—58 per cent from European aid funds in a \$3.5 billion overseas program for the year ending in mid-1955. He sent the measures to Congress today.

The overall program is the smallest since global foreign aid got underway in 1948 and is more than one billion dollars less than the \$4.7 billion voted by Congress last year.

But it includes \$1.1 billion for military and economic aid to Indochina, the largest single item in a budget that otherwise reflects a marked scale down in funds for arms.

Foreign Operations Administrator Harold E. Stassen, outlining the program to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said Indochina is earmarked for \$300 million in arms, \$800 million in military-supporting expenditures and the balance for economic help.

He said this budget is based on the belief that Indochina must be held and that the war there can be won in two years.

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Churchill Issues More Bomb Facts

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill added to Britain's H-bomb furor today by telling the House of Commons that British planes—with American approval—made observation flights at U.S. hydrogen bomb tests last month.

In another of the continuing series of atomic statements, the Foreign Office revealed that the United States asked for and got British permission before dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

The United States acted in accord with a secret pact, disclosed yesterday, between Churchill and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt pledging the two countries not to use the A-bomb without the other's consent.

Churchill told the House that two of the planes assigned to the H-bomb survey were lost, but the Prime Minister insisted this had nothing to do with the bomb blast.

The 79-year-old statesman, engaged in one of the most violent political fights of his career, said the planes surveyed the blast sites March 1 and March 27, a few hours after H-bomb explosions on those dates.

This was the first public acknowledgment that the British government was well enough informed about the tests and their timing to send planes in at the proper time.

NATO Official 'Hit'; May Quit

PARIS, April 6 (AP) The North Atlantic Council handed French Marshal Alphonse Juin a rebuke today which a NATO spokesman described as strong enough to provoke him to resign his Allied command.

The council told the Marshal, commander of NATO forces in Central Europe, it regrets deeply his repeated criticisms of the European Defense Treaty. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization supports EDC without reservations.

To make Juin's resignation easier, the council specified there is no plan to replace him with any but another French general officer.

French Unleash Big Air Attack

HANOI, Indochina, April 6 (AP)—The French launched their heaviest air assaults of the Indochinese War today to aid the beleaguered defenders of Dien Bien Phu.

American-supplied fighters and B26 bombers laid down barrages of thousands of pounds of high explosives and fire bombs on Communist-led rebel troop concentrations. They ranged out to smash rebel supply convoys, strafed thousands of coolies carrying Red war materiel while cargo planes parachuted tons of ammunition and supplies to men in the besieged fortress.

French troops and their Vietnamese allies, bolstered by the air drops, tightened their network of defenses for another expected large scale assault by the Vietminh rebels. Reports were current here that Vietminh Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap intended to throw tens of thousands of men into battle in a supreme bid to wipe out the fortress.

A French Press Agency report said Monday that Vietminh commanders were rushing up 20,000 reinforcements. There was no confirmation of this figure.

As heavy rains hit the mountains and valleys of the pro-French Thai tribal peoples country, Vietminh artillery continued to roar and drew heavy counter-barrages.

Britain Offered Stable Budget

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—Britain's Conservative government announced a "carry-on" budget today—standing pat on substantially the same fiscal program it claimed sent industrial production to record heights last year.

Giving the impression the Churchill government has no immediate plans for a general election this year, Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler put forward a balanced budget calling for expenditures of 4.5 billion pounds \$12.6 billion and leaving a "small surplus" of 14 million pounds.

Butler told the House of Commons: "I will make no change for change's sake" and added that he could offer no major tax remissions. But he emphasized at the same time there would be no new taxes, for the second successive year.

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