

Mendes-France Suggests Big Four Conference

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 22 (AP)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France today suggested a Big Four conference on outstanding problems—but only after the Western European nations and the United States have ratified the London and Paris agreements to free and rearm West Germany.

The French Premier told the UN Assembly that a conference of United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union could be held next May in Paris. He said the agreements should be ratified by the countries concerned by that time and added that an agreement on an Austrian treaty would be a happy prelude to such a session.

Rejecting with few words the recent Soviet proposals for a security conference of 20 to 25 countries, Mendes-France said that an agreement on Austria "would do more to improve the international climate than ten spectacular announcements of conferences published solely for propaganda purposes."

He praised President Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace program and said France would cooperate in it and in measures being pursued in the Disarmament Commission to limit armaments.

The short, stocky Premier, who formerly served as a delegate to sessions of the UN Economic and Social Council, touched on a variety of international problems in his 37-minute address. However, he obtained the greatest attention on his suggestion for a meeting of the Big Four. He was applauded by all delegates except the Soviet bloc.

The absence of Soviet Chief Delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky from the assembly hall while Mendes-France spoke was the first tip that all was not well with the Russian delegate. He died before the Premier spoke but his death was not made known until almost an hour after Mendes-France finished.

Vishinsky Dies—

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Star performer on the world stage since he prosecuted Stalin's blood purge two decades ago. He was a master of withering scorn and searing satire.

Vishinsky's death, while it removes a colorful figure from the cold war, can have little effect upon the course of Moscow's relations with the Western world. Vishinsky, however brilliant his performance, consistently carried out orders from the Kremlin to the letter.

He was the mouthpiece abroad of the regime of Premier Georgi M. Malenkov, just as he was the mouthpiece of the Stalin regime, relaying Soviet policy in speeches laced with fiery invective.

To many in the West, Vishinsky became a symbol of Soviet stubbornness, the man who time after time used a Security Council veto to block any decisive action opposed by Moscow. There were times when he appeared to have overstepped his authority, but he always escaped serious consequences—just as he was one of the few earlier followers of Leon Trotsky to escape Stalin's wrath.

A Thanksgiving Present

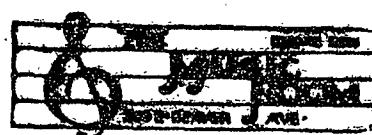
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Old School Chum Says Sheppard Spoke of Divorce

CLEVELAND, Nov. 22 (AP)—An old school chum testified today Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard spoke twice within three years of divorcing his slain wife, Marilyn. The osteopath is on trial for her murder July 4.

On the second occasion, said Dr. Lester Hoversten, he warned Dr. Sheppard that his wife was a tolerant woman and that "he might actually be jumping from the frying pan into the fire."

During less than half a day on the witness stand, Dr. Hoversten also testified:

1. He saw no sign of unhappiness or discontent as a guest in the Sheppard home.

2. When he saw Dr. Sheppard a day after the murder, the defendant wept and told him, "Why couldn't they have killed me instead of Marilyn, because Chip—his son—would need Marilyn more than he would need me."

3. During this same conversation, Dr. Sheppard's elder brother Stephen advised the defendant, "You should review in your mind several times a day the sequence of events as they happened as that you will have your story straight when questioned."

The defense apparently saw little harmful in Hoversten's testimony. He was under cross-examination less than 10 minutes—the shortest period of any state witness thus far in the trial, now in its sixth week.

Dr. Hoversten, a tall, almost bald man with rugged, weathered features, is a Glensdale, Calif. osteopath. He and Sheppard were freshman osteopathic students in Los Angeles a decade ago and close friends ever since.

McCarthy Says He May Leave Hospital Soon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) was reported to be feeling better today but he told one caller at his Bethesda Naval Hospital room that he didn't think he would get out until next Monday.

That is the day the Senate is to resume debate on whether to censure him. He is under treatment for bursitis of the elbow, attributed to an injury from an over-zealous handshaker.

Meanwhile the National Broadcasting Co. without comment turned down a request from Mrs. McCarthy that the senator be allowed 15 minutes free television time Thanksgiving Day to discuss the censure issue.

Sen. McClellon (D-Ark.) commented before the NBC turndown that the request "is some indication" that McCarthy "is not incapacitated." McClellon also said that if the request were granted, "95 other senators might like to have the same time and consideration."

Ike Signs Civil Service Orders for Gov't Workers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—An estimated 450,000 government workers stand to gain greater job security under an executive order signed today by President Eisenhower.

The order, effective next Jan. 23, will grant civil service career status, or conditional career status, to most of the 673,000 federal employees who now hold only an "indefinite" standing.

Chairman Philip Young of the Civil Service Commission told a questioning reporter he would guess about half the 450,000 employees affected were persons hired since the Eisenhower administration took office.

However, he said a civil service bar against political discrimination is given formal status in the new order. The White House also called attention to this. The provision says:

"No discrimination shall be exercised, threatened, or promised by any person in the executive branch of the federal government

against or in favor of any employee in the competitive service, or any eligible or applicant for a position in the competitive service because of his race, political affiliation or religious beliefs, except as may be authorized or required by law."

It also says no one with authority to recommend any personnel action shall inquire into the race, politics or religion of any employee or applicant.

Young told a news conference he saw no conflict between the new job order and recent White House instructions on recruiting employees, partly through the Republican National Committee.

Court Awaits Airing Of Segregation Ban

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—The Supreme Court decided today to wait until it has a full membership of nine justices before hearing arguments on how and when to end segregation in public schools.

Arguments scheduled to begin Dec. 6 were called off "in view of the absence of a full court."

Jackson Vacancy

A vacancy was created by the death of Justice Robert H. Jackson on Oct. 9. President Eisenhower has named Judge John Marshall Harlan of the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York to fill the vacancy but the Senate will not act on the nomination before January.

The court set no new date for the argument. This will be done after the ninth justice takes his place on the high bench.

Subcommittee

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee last week put off consideration of the Harlan nomination until January. It did so at the request of Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.). Eastland said he wanted to delay so that additional information about Harlan, may be obtained.

Eastland's request automatically put off consideration of the nomination until the next session of Congress. No nominations to which objection has been made are being considered by the Senate during the session called to consider whether Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) should be censured.

In a unanimous decision last May 17, the court ruled that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. The decision, however, left unanswered—pending further arguments—the question of how and when desegregation must be carried out.

Sons of Italy Trustee

OIL CITY, Pa., Nov. 22 (AP)—Joseph A. Latona, 61, a supreme trustee of the Sons of Italy of the United States, died today in Oil City Hospital.

Asian Aid Suggested By Stassen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—Foreign Aid Director Harold Stassen suggested today the time has come for the free nations of Europe to help the United States build up the free nations of Asia.

Such a program of economic development, Stassen told a news conference, would be of "great world significance."

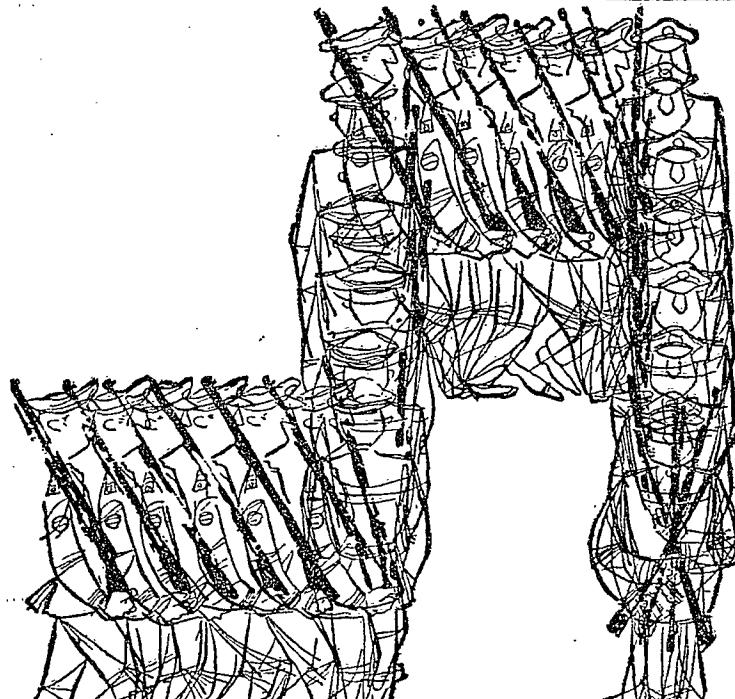
He said Western European countries have recovered sufficiently from the effects of World War II to join this country in improving living conditions in friendly Asian lands, expanding their power and transportation facilities and generally making the area safe against possible subversion.

The United States, Stassen disclosed, has begun informal conversations on the subject with the Organization for European Economic Cooperation, which was set up to help the American program to aid to Europe.

The head of the Foreign Operations Administration made it clear he was not inviting European participation with any idea of cutting back American aid to Asia, but because the need for aid in Asia has increased.

Anthracite Health Fund

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Nov. 22 (AP)—The Anthracite Health and Welfare Fund instituted suits today against 11 hard coal producing companies, six of them in Luzerne County, to force payment of \$3,275,685.90 in delinquent royalty payments.



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