

Swap With Red China For Airmen Is Unlikely

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Top American officials were reported convinced today Red China will free 11 imprisoned U.S. airmen without any deal involving a trade of 35 Chinese students detained in the United States.

However, serious consideration has been given to granting exit permits to the Chinese students so as to cut the ground out from under any Communist accusation that America is holding them as hostages.

Arms Gain Seen Likely By NATO

PARIS, Dec. 14 (AP)—Western leaders, caught in a sudden argument about reliance on atomic tactical weapons for European defense, may be forced to increase the size of their "classic" armament.

On the eve of the "annual review" session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the feeling appeared to be gaining ground in Western diplomatic circles that employment of atomic weapons of any sort should be subject to the approval of NATO's member governments.

Members Convene

Foreign, defense and finance ministers of the 14 members convene here Friday to fix the alliance's "firm" goals for 1955, its provisional targets for 1956 and the planning aims for 1957, including the number of divisions, planes, and other defense items each of the members is pledged to provide.

Official French sources said today the governments are in general agreement that atomic weapons, even "small" tactical ones, are not to be used at the discretion of a military commander.

Forces Sufficient?

But this attitude raises the question of what happens if the governments, when faced with an emergency, decide against using atomic weapons.

This, in turn, raises the question of whether NATO's forces, short of their atomic arsenal, are sufficient to hold the line in Europe, even when reinforced in the indefinite future by the 12 West German divisions envisaged in the recent Paris agreements.

Gov't Contract Biases to End

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Two high officials said today the Eisenhower administration will stress voluntary rather than compulsory methods of ending job discrimination by government contractors.

One of them, Deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers, said however that if any deliberate violations of the federal policy persist "the government will then be left with no alternative but to consider other methods of obtaining compliance."

Rogers and Vice President Richard M. Nixon were the main speakers at a business and industry conference called by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts. This committee, headed by Nixon, has been set up to seek compliance with the official ban on awarding contracts to employers who discriminate in race, religion or color in employment policies.

Representatives of Canada, Britain and other allied countries supporting the U.S. effort to win release of the airmen by marshaling world moral pressure against Red China, it was understood, have urged such a course.

A State Department spokesman, Lincoln White, told newsmen today: "No deal is involved." He said there was no comparing the airmen, uniformed and imprisoned, to the students, who are civilians and at liberty. White told newsmen he wanted to make that "abundantly clear."

Peiping Broadcast

His comments came in response to questions prompted by a Peiping broadcast last night indicating Red China might be interested in a swap. The broadcast accused the United States of "a flagrant violation of international law"—the same charge leveled against Red China for imprisoning the Americans.

This appeared to diplomats at the United Nations and in Washington to be a counter-attack by Peiping against the moral pressure being brought to bear by the United States and its Allies.

Moving to meet such a counter-thrust, American officials were said to have listened readily to their Allies' counsel that the moral case was strong enough without trying to strike a bargain involving the Chinese students. The U.S. contention has been that Red China, in jailing the uniformed fliers during the Korean War and holding them thereafter, violated the Korea prisoner agreement as well as international law and rules of international conduct.

Argument for Release

Any counter-claims by Red China, it was argued, might weaken such a case in some people's eyes and any shred of truth, no matter how small, might tend to strengthen the attack. Thus, the argument went, it would be wise to wipe out the basis for any such claim by letting the Chinese go home promptly.

MacDonald Says Union Merger Possible in '55

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14 (AP)—President David J. McDonald of today a merger of the AFL and the CIO United Steelworkers said CIO is "possible in 1955 if we as men of good will sit down and work at it."

McDonald spoke at a press conference. He said he expects a joint subcommittee to meet within the next few weeks to discuss preliminary plans for the merger. He is one of six members on the committee.

The steelworkers president said he knows of no opposition to the 2 big labor groups joining forces.

Contracts Wanted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—A group of Scrantonians had an hour and a half discussion with defense officials today on the possibility of channeling more contracts into northeastern Pennsylvania.

Anti-U.S. Greeks Smash Windows In Athens Riot

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 14 (AP)—Anti-American violence erupted today over Washington's stand on the Cyprus issue. More than 4000 students smashed windows in a downtown Athens building housing five U.S. agencies.

The students shouted slogans both against the United States and Britain, which rules Cyprus as a colony.

Police supported by fire hoses made a flying charge to disperse the students, who fought back with stones and chairs snatched from sidewalk coffee houses. Sixty-five persons including some police were injured in the two-hour melee.

The outbreak occurred as the United Nations General Assembly's Political Committee in New York began debating Greece's demand that Britain quit Cyprus, strategic East Mediterranean island now headquarters for Britain's Middle East Command. The United States has made it clear to Greece that Washington will not support this demand.

The demonstrating students carrying anti-U.S. signs finally were driven from in front of the American-occupied building, which houses U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force missions to Greece, the U.S. consulate and the U.S. Information Agency.

Several hundred diehards continued to demonstrate around Athens University, several blocks up the street. Lacking other ammunition, they were reduced to throwing oranges.

Turkey to Release Four GI's on Bail

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 14 (AP)—Four American servicemen accused of tearing down and trampling a Turkish flag will be released on bail Dec. 21, the Turkish Criminal Court decided today. Bail was set at \$535 each.

The men have been in jail since Oct. 30. No date has been set for resumption of the hearing against and denied any intention to insult them.

All four have pleaded innocent the Turkish flag. The incident took place at Izmir, Southeast European headquarters for NATO.

Dulles Flies To Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flew off on another mission to Europe late today, saying the Free World will neither be intimidated nor "lulled into a false sense of security" by the Communists.

The secretary of state and other high officials left in a Military Air Transport service Constellation at 5:02 p.m. for Paris and a North Atlantic Treaty Council meeting designed to strengthen the defenses of the West.

An immediate purpose of their trip is to help speed ratification of the London and Paris agreements bringing Germany into the Western alliance as an armed and all but sovereign member.

Flying with Dulles were Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen, and Livingston T. Merchant, assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

Dulles held a hurried conversation with French Ambassador Henri Bonnet as he prepared to board the plane.

Then, reading a prepared statement, he declared the Paris meeting which starts Friday stresses, like all such meetings, the defensive character of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"What we do at NATO need

cause no alarm for any peace-loving country," Dulles said adding:

"We would indeed be glad if the attitude of others was such that we did not have to think steadily about developing the strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

"However," Dulles said, "until we see dependable signs of change in the aggressive and expansionist move of the international Communists, we must not relax our efforts."

"We shall neither be intimidated nor lulled into a false sense of security."



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