

Reds Threaten France Against German Treaty

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—In a blunt note to the French, the Kremlin threatened today to cancel the French-Soviet mutual aid pact if Paris ratifies the agreements to arm West Germany. It said France would bear full responsibility in this event.

The French National Assembly begins debate on ratification Monday.

In a simultaneous move underscoring Soviet Global policy, Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov directed a statement to Japan expressing "a positive attitude" toward normalizing relations with Tokyo. The Soviet Union has never signed a peace treaty with Japan, whose new government is under strong pressure to open up avenues of trade to the huge Communist-held market.

Prof Denies 'World End' Prediction

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP)—Dr. Charles Laughead denied today he predicted the end of the world for next Tuesday but said he believes there may be "violent upheavals" on the earth's surface then.

The president of Michigan State College, Dr. John A. Hannah, said yesterday that Dr. Laughead resigned as a staff physician at the school because of his belief the world would end on Dec. 21.

Dr. Hannah said the physician preached the theory at student meetings.

But Dr. Laughead denied that he resigned voluntarily. He said he was asked to resign. He also denied the end of the world prediction.

However, he said, he has been serving as a "reporter" for individuals who he believes have been receiving communication from outer space telling of the coming "cataclysms."

He did not identify the individuals.

"These communications show," he said, "there will be certain cataclysmic effects Tuesday in certain localities. One of them is in the Midwest around Lake Michigan and others are off the Eastern and Western Seaboards."

Rockefeller Named As Ike's Adviser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Eisenhower today named Nelson A. Rockefeller as a special adviser on how to win allies and friends in this time of cold war and uneasy truce.

Rockefeller takes over the post formerly held by C. D. Jackson, now a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.

Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty said that, while Jackson wrestled with psychological warfare in the cold war, Rockefeller would add to that job consideration of how to coordinate the work of all government agencies toward the President's program for peace.

Big 3 Plan For Atom Is Predicted

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Foreign policy chiefs of the United States, Britain and France talked over today the issue of who should give the word to use atomic weapons in event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

An authoritative source who declined to be identified by name predicted the Big Three would come up with an atomic defense plan that would be okayed by the other NATO members. But this informant did not disclose what the plan was.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden, and French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who serves as his own foreign minister, tackled the atomic and other problems in a three-hour meeting at French Foreign Ministry.

The thinking of the Big Three will have a big bearing on the decision of the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council when it takes up the atomic subject tomorrow.

The United States made its position clear here today. An authoritative spokesman said the United States takes the stand that no surefire system can be set up in advance to determine how the big decision on use of atomic weapons can be made. In the American view, a surprise attack from Russia might wipe out any machinery set up by NATO to make such a decision.

The United States plans to oppose any attempt to put stringent restrictions on use of atomic weapons, on the ground this would reduce their effectiveness as a deterrent to aggression.

The Soviet note to France was appraised designed for its impact on next week's French deliberations. The note was a formalization of previous Soviet warnings and a climax to a number of maneuvers against France, considered the keystone country of the projected Western European Union.

By ratifying the Paris agreements, the note said, France would contradict obligations under the 20-year French-Soviet pact of alliance and mutual assistance signed in 1944. The treaty pledged mutual assistance in the event of a rebirth of German aggression.

"Therefore," the note continued, "ratification only serves the purpose of certain states engaged in preparing a new war."

The note charged that France had allied herself with "anti-Soviet military groupings headed by the United States."

Parties Face Disputes

Democrats --

HARRISBURG, Dec. 16 (AP)—A three-way fight shaped up among Democrats today for speaker of House in 1955 Legislature.

Rep. Albert S. Readinger (D-Berks) is refusing to step aside despite endorsement of Rep. H. G. Andrews (D-Cambria) by both Sen. Joseph M. Barr (D-Allegheny), Democratic state chairman, and Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh.

Rep. James E. Lovett (D-Westmoreland), submitted as a "straw" candidate for speaker in the years when Democrats were in a minority, said he should again be the candidate now that his party will control the House.

Meanwhile, Sen. Joseph J. Yosko (D-Northampton) today proposed a joint Senate-House committee to conduct a continuing investigation of state governmental operations.

The committee, equipped with full subpoena powers, would be authorized to call in former officials of 16 years of previous Republican administration.

Republicans --

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Sen. Edward Martin (R-Pa.) today opposed replacing G. Mason Owlett as Republican national committeeman from Pennsylvania.

He coupled his statement in support of Owlett with a strong plea for all Republicans to close ranks behind President Dwight D. Eisenhower and help carry out the administration's program.

Martin was in Pittsburgh attending a Republican meeting called by Thomas Witten, Republican chairman of Allegheny County. The Senator's statement was issued through his Washington office.

Martin praised Owlett as a Republican "tower of strength in time of success and a rallying point during adversity."

UN Chief Asks Talk On 11 Jailed Airmen

UNITED NATIONS N.Y., Dec. 16 (AP)—UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold hopes to have a face-to-face talk in Stockholm this weekend with Red China's ambassador about the 11 American airmen jailed as spies by Red China.

He may learn at that time whether Premier Chou En-lai will receive him in Peiping, as Hammarskjold asked last week. So far Peiping has made no reply.

Informed sources disclosed today that Hammarskjold sent a private message to Chou last Friday informing him he would be in Stockholm next Saturday and that he would like to see Red China's ambassador at that time.

Peiping is represented in Stockholm by an ambassador who is said to be an admiral in the Red Chinese Navy. Sweden is represented in Peiping by Ambassador W. H. W. Wistrand, who formerly was stationed in Washington.

The private message reported today was the third known attempt by Hammarskjold to see Chou or his representative. The first message was the direct communication which was made public last Saturday, 25 hours after it was dispatched. The second was the private message.

A third communication was sent from New Delhi, according to news dispatches from the Indian capital. These reports said Prime Minister Nehru of India had suggested to the Red Chinese it might be useful to see Hammarskjold, but there were indications that Nehru merely had passed on a message from the UN and has not yet made any attempt to persuade Chou to see Hammarskjold. India has tried to steer a careful neutral course in this controversy.

First Treaty Reading German House Passes

BONN, Germany, Dec. 16 (AP)—West Germany's lower House of Parliament tonight approved the first reading of the Paris treaties to arm 500,000 German soldiers in Western Europe's defense.

The Bundestag (lower house) agreed to send the treaties to committees for further study. Earlier


U.S. to Await Chinese Move

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The United States went back today to its watchful waiting attitude toward seeking the release of Americans held by Red China.

That left it up to the Communists to make the next move.

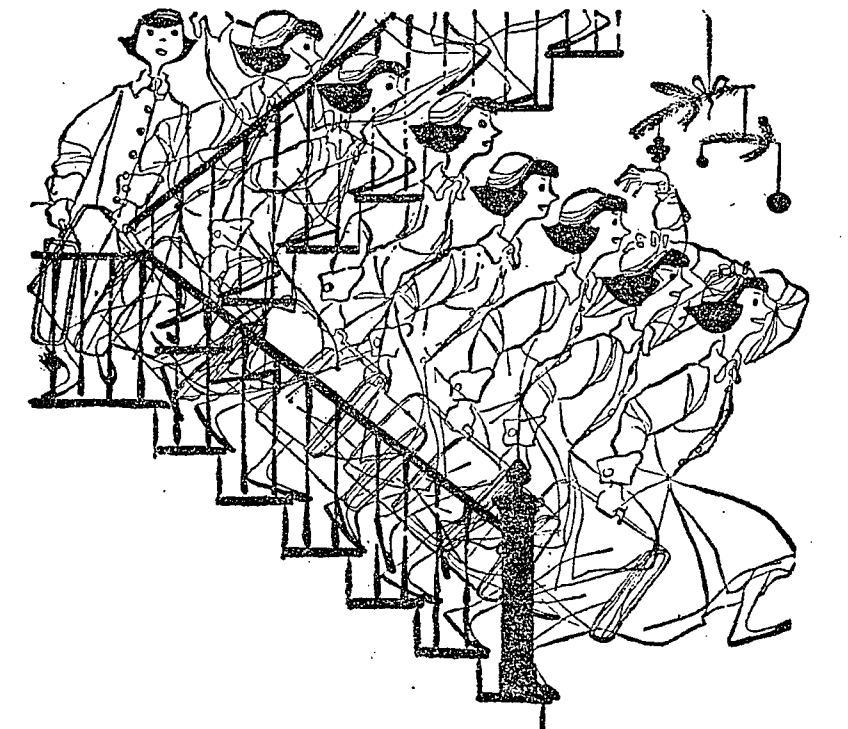
And it returned the U.S. government to the silent back seat it chose after the United Nations General Assembly assumed responsibility last Friday.

After the 47-5 UN vote to seek release of 11 U.S. airmen imprisoned by Red China as "spies," American officials let it be known they were keeping hands off. They gave UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold a free hand at least until his Dec. 31 deadline for filing a report.



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