

Ike Still Keeps Own Council For 2nd Term

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower took the position today that it will be up to him personally to decide whether it is his duty to run again in 1956.

He also joined other Republicans in defending Vice President Richard Nixon, his 1952 running mate, from Democratic criticism. He suggested that words taken out of context from the Nixon's 1954

Signs Show Dag's Talks Not in Vain

HONOLULU, Jan. 12 (AP)—Dag Hammarskjold flew into Honolulu today on his homeward trip from Peiping as signs mounted that his mission to free prisoners held in Communist China was not in vain.

While the United Nations secretary general remained silent, a personal aide, Per Lind, told reporters in Tokyo that the families of 11 American fliers jailed as "spies" must "have a little more patience."

And in London, the British Foreign Office endorsed a UN spokesman's statement that Hammarskjold had not failed in his talks with Premier Chou En-lai of Red China.

In Washington, the State Department said the United States is completely uninformed on "the substance" of Hammarskjold's efforts but has received only "estimates from official sources" on the mission's success or failure. Inquiries to Press Officer Henry Suydam brought answers which added up to this: So far as the American government knows Hammarskjold has not told anyone outside his own mission about the results of his talks.

In response to reporters' questions in Honolulu, Hammarskjold said that this was "not the time or place" to comment on his mission for a "fairly obvious" reason.

That reason is that he will make no statement until his report to the United Nations General Assembly, which sent him to Peiping, possibly later this week. Hammarskjold told reporters, however, he had not yet set any definite time for making the report.

Hammarskjold declined all comment to reporters on his one-hour stopover in Tokyo, just as he did when he left Hong Kong Tuesday.

Lind said in Tokyo any statement made now about the 11 fliers and other UN prisoners held by the Communists in China "might not be in their (the prisoner's) best interests."

Hammarskjold is due in New York tomorrow.

Leader Selects Two

HARRISBURG, Jan. 12 (AP)—Gov.-elect George M. Leader tonight selected Joseph Kennedy of Wilkes-Barre to be his Secretary of Mines.

Earlier, Leader said he will appoint Dr. James C. Charlesworth, a University of Pennsylvania faculty member, as secretary of administration, a new post which replaces that of budget secretary, now held by Dr. Edward B. Logan.

Fifteen Die In Kentucky Plane Crash

BURLINGTON, Ky., Jan. 12 (AP)—Fifteen persons died today on bleak snow-covered northern Kentucky hillsides as a TWA Martin Skyliner and a privately owned DC3 collided in the air and crashed a half mile apart.

There were no survivors to explain the accident.

The TWA plane had left the Greater Cincinnati Airport only minutes before, bound for Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio. It carried 10 persons and a crew of three.

The DC3, with two aboard, was being flown from Battle Creek, Michigan, and was to have picked up Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Van Lennep in Lexington, Ky., wealthy Detroit race horse owners.

Just what happened no one seemed to know.

Tower control officials said they had no word that the DC3 was in the area.

C. Woodrow McKay, chief controller at the tower, said he saw the transport plane head southwest for about two minutes, make a right turn and then disappear. Seconds later he saw a flash and then smoke.

Charles Rising, Cincinnati supervising agent for the CAA, said he knew of no reason for the DC3 to be flying in the area. Another CAA official, who declined use of his name, said marks on the wreckage made it appear that the planes were approaching each other as at the apex of a triangle and that it was their wings which apparently hit first.

Stassen Responsible For Ladejinsky -- Ike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—President Eisenhower upheld today the right of officials to reach conflicting decisions in the Wolf Ladejinsky case—a case in which he said he himself has formed no judgment.

Eisenhower also told a news conference that without inquiring into all the circumstances or studying the other side of the question, he once remarked to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson that a summary of the case would scare him—the President.

Yet he said he would uphold the right of Harold E. Stassen, foreign operations administrator, to hire Ladejinsky after Benson turned him down as a security risk. Stassen, he said, will be held responsible if his judgment turns out to be wrong.

Ladejinsky is a 55-year-old Russian who became a naturalized American. He was cleared for security by the State Department and served as U.S. agricultural attaché in Tokyo. When agricultural attaches were shifted to the Department of Agriculture, Benson ousted Ladejinsky on security and technical grounds.

In the midst of a lively row over the case that reached into Congress, Stassen took on Ladejinsky for a land reform assignment in Viet Nam.

The President said that honest men obviously had reached different answers, that one unquestionably attached more importance than others to past associations, particularly with Amtorg, the Russian trading agency. He said he believed Ladejinsky had written a book condemning communism, so there is a nice balance in the case.

Italy Backs France On Arms Control

ROME, Jan. 12 (AP)—Two World War II enemies—France and Italy—agreed today on a need for wider controls of armaments to insure world peace.

A joint statement winding up two days of swiftly paced conferences between France's Pierre Mendes-France and Italian government leaders indicated the French Premier had been successful in winning a friendly Italian reception for his proposed European arms pool.

The statement said the French and Italian leaders agreed to study further Mendes-France's arms pool plan.

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