

U.S. Anticipates Change In Red Political Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—United States officials expect Moscow to start a powerful new political offensive in Western Europe in the immediate future.

Presenting a dramatic challenge to the West, the drive is expected to stir up a cold war front that has been relatively quiet for months. Since the summit conference last July, Moscow has concentrated on South Asia and the Middle East.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist party boss, laid out the strategy for the new operation in his speech to the 20th Communist party Congress in Moscow this week.

Authorities here believe that the drive which Khrushchev projected explains the changes in Communist party doctrine which he proclaimed in the same speech. It is therefore regarded as the central theme of his talk in its foreign policy aspects—the heart of his purpose and argument.

Khrushchev told his immediate audience and Communist leaders everywhere that they should make an all-out effort to arrange "United Front" action with political groups like the Social Democrats in Western Europe. He gave them a positive argument by declaring that the Communist countries are leading a drive for peace. Opposing this drive, he said are "reactionary forces" of the "capitalist monopolies."

Khrushchev then sought to remove a contradiction in Communist doctrine which has trapped the Reds in their pretensions to peace in the past. They have put themselves forward as the only true advocates of peace even though their own doctrine held that war between communism and capitalism was inevitable. Khrushchev said it was not inevitable or necessary and that "peaceful coexistence" is a sound alternative.

He also struck at the established party doctrine that communism takes power inside a country through revolutionary means. He said violence is not essential, that communism may rise to power by parliamentary processes.

Federal Mediators Ask For Westinghouse Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Federal Mediation Service today invited union and management officials in the 123-day-old Westinghouse strike to meet here Monday "for the purpose of making an all-out effort to effect a settlement of this dispute." The company, at Pittsburgh, accepted the invitation and pledged "our full cooperation."

Reykjavik, capital of Iceland, is 1,700 miles nearer to the North Pole than is New York City.

Demos Call Halt to Tank Shipment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Democratic senators demanded tonight that a shipment of 18 light tanks consigned to Saudi Arabia be halted until Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has explained the transaction.

The tanks, described by a State Department spokesman as training vehicles, are due to sail from New York tomorrow aboard the S.S. James Monroe.

The Israeli Embassy called the shipment to the Arab country "utterly beyond our comprehension."

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D.-Ill.) declared during an hour-long Senate discussion that Dulles "should be brought before the Foreign Relations Committee without delay to explain this whole matter."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D.-Minn.) said the United States "has deplored the arms race in the Middle East and indicated strong opposition to the arms sale to Egypt" by Communist Czechoslovakia.

But now, he contended, "We have lost any moral grounds whatever to try to hold down the arms race."

The Minnesotan said Saudi Arabia "has sworn the destruction of the State of Israel and has been in conflict with our ally, Britain."

Ike Creates Reserve Pool, Goes Hunting

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Feb. 16 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower got in more quail hunting today after acting to create a big reserve pool of top-flight business and labor organization executives to fill government jobs in any national emergency.

Still keeping to himself any decision regarding a second term, the vacationing President had a 7:30 a.m. breakfast of steak and coffee. An hour and a half later a bright sun scattered rain clouds and Eisenhower went off in quest of quail.

He was accompanied by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, host to the President at his big plantation estate. Eisenhower arrived from Washington yesterday for about a week of rest and outdoor exercise—the sort of thing his doctors heartily approve.

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President Issues New Draft Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—A new presidential order today virtually relieved fathers and men over 26 from any present likelihood of being drafted.

They will still be subject to call, a White House announcement said, but they won't be drafted unless military manpower needs cannot be met from pools of younger men and nonfathers.

An executive order, signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower yesterday and announced today, changed the order in which registrants will be called for induction.

It put childless registrants aged 19 through 26 ahead of fathers and older men on the list from which draft boards will fill their quotas. There are now an estimated 1,347,000 registrants in the 19-25 group. Annual additions to the category are estimated at 200,000.

Draft Call at 16,000
By comparison, the annual nationwide draft calls would be 192,000 at the rate of 16,000 a month. The March draft call is at the 16,000 figure, but the February and April calls are for only 6,000 each month.

Up until now fatherhood has not been a ruling factor in the operation of the draft. The practice has been to call the oldest eligible men first, regardless of parenthood, and work down.

A Selective Service spokesman said that while the law permits drafting a man up to the age of 35, the oldest called in recent times was 33½.

Gives Best Men
The spokesman said the new order would give the military services the best available men and would be more economical for the government from the standpoint of dependents' allowances.

The White House itself said the new order would be more advantageous to the armed forces and be less disruptive to the community.

Senate to Investigate Campaign Contributions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Senate Elections subcommittee voted unanimously today for a full investigation of any attempts to control Congress through campaign contributions.

Its members solicited the cooperation of Senate leaders and every senator in a "nonpartisan" inquiry into "contributions to election campaigns, federal elections and such evidence of corrupt practices as may be revealed."

Sen. Albert Gore (D.-Tenn.), the subcommittee's new chairman, plans an investigation which will run through 1956. Undoubtedly it will provide some election-year fireworks.

Gore expressed confidence the Senate would approve the investigation and furnish the money to get under way. "I believe there will be widespread support for the work of this subcommittee," he told newsmen.

The inquiry is the result of the disclosure by Sen. Francis Case (R.-S.D.) that he was offered \$2500 for his re-election campaign by an out-of-state lawyer during Senate consideration of the natural gas bill last month.

Case refused the money, and a special Senate committee is now seeking to determine whether the money, which came from oil-gas interests, was an attempt to influence the senator's vote on the gas issue.

There are two other members of the subcommittee, Sens. Mike Mansfield (D.-Mont.) and Thomas Curtis (R.-Neb.). They met with Gore today and agreed on the statement.

Floods Ravaging Continental Europe

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Floods ravaged Continental Europe today while in frozen Scandinavia two small fishing boats were feared lost with all hands and 225 other ships stuck fast in ice. The three-week cold wave already has claimed at least 575 lives.

The mighty Rhine swept into the streets of three German river towns. Residents of Lorch, Lorchhausen and Assmannshausen were warned to pack for quick evacuation.

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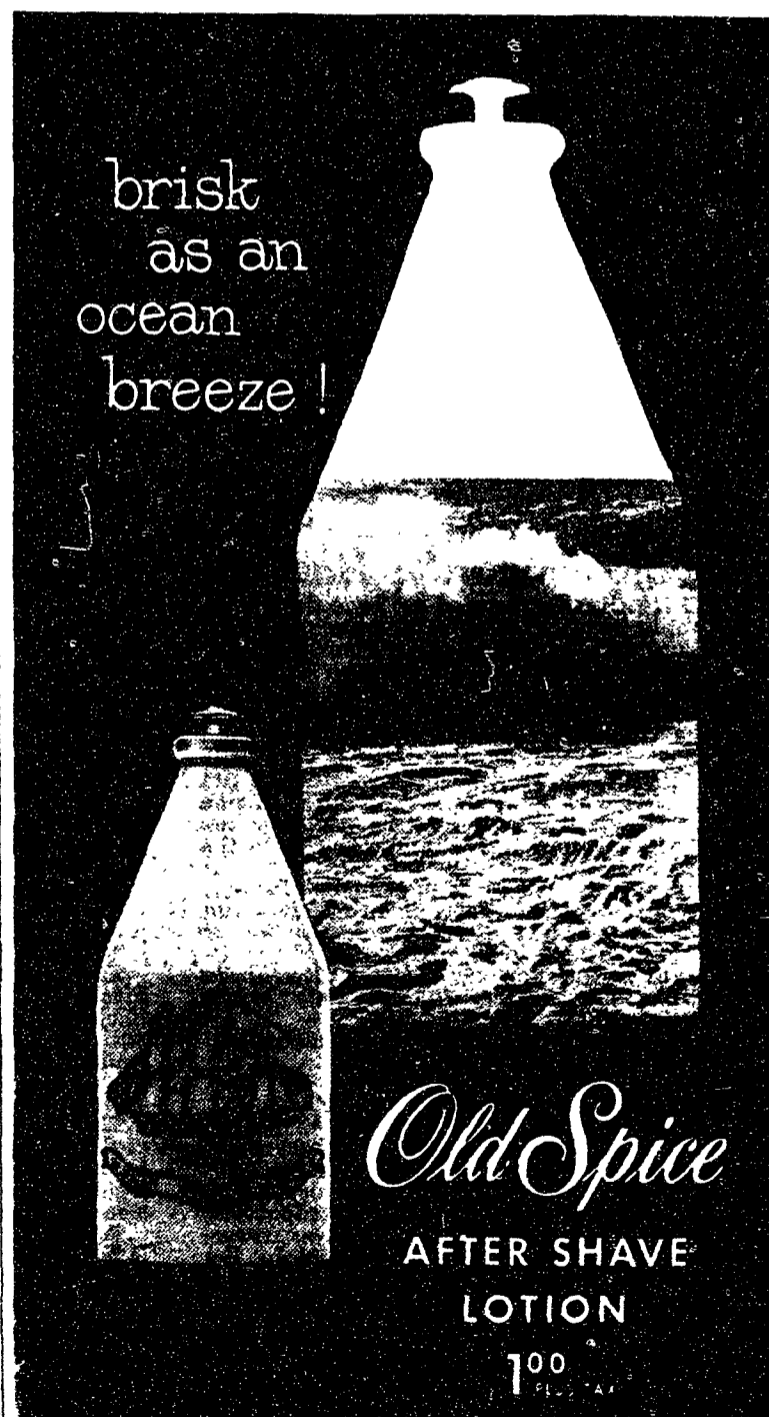
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