

France Seeks U.S. Help In Economic Aid Move

PARIS, May 2 (AP)—France today urged the United States to join in organizing a new international agency to distribute economic aid to the world's needy.

French officials said Foreign Minister Christian Pineau laid the plan before U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a two-hour conference at the foreign office.

Leader Orders Overdue Funds For Schools

HARRISBURG, May 2 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader tonight ordered \$48 million in overdue state subsidies paid Dist. Second, Third and Fourth Class school districts "within four or five days."

The money represents one-half of the \$96 million due in payments falling due during March, April and May.

"Due to the financial condition of the Commonwealth finds it impossible at this time to pay the full amount due to the school districts for this subsidy payment," the governor said in a statement.

He added that the state "will try" to pay the balance due by the end of June.

Payments ordered made for subsidies, and reimbursements for school construction rentals and medical school subsidies:

To First Class districts—\$5 million.

To Second Class districts—\$4½ million.

To Third Class districts—\$16,871,000.

To Fourth Class districts—\$21,546,000.

Fourth Class districts are the smallest with population under 5000 and are generally in rural areas.

Payments due all districts earlier in the school year also were delayed because of a lack of money in the state's general fund.

The governor explained that the present shortage of money is due to "the influx of tax monies being less than the demands for expenditures."

Leader Opposes Teacher's Bonus

HARRISBURG, May 2 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader was reported today opposed to a new plan by the Pennsylvania State Education Association to give teachers an immediate \$100 cost-of-living bonus.

Leader and PSEA representatives met during the day on the new proposal which also calls for giving teachers an extra \$200 a year for the school year starting July 1 in addition to the automatic \$200 boost they will get under a 1951 law.

Neither the governor's office nor the PSEA would comment but sources in a position to know what went on told a newsman that the governor refused to budge from his previous position.

Leader said last month that he favored giving teachers an extra \$200 a year starting July 1 provided that the state's share for financing it is not paid out until the following year.

The governor has contended that the 31 million dollars appropriated in December for increased teacher's salaries is actually not available because revenue estimates from the 3 per cent sales tax are way down.

Capital Says Farewell to The 'Veep'

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The nation's capital said farewell to "the Veep" in a moving funeral ceremony today that left political partisanship wilted and forgotten.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and other top figures from both parties joined in the solemn tribute to Alben W. Barkley—senator, former vice president and by common agreement one of the most genial men ever to walk the American political stage.

A few hours after the ceremony in Foundry Methodist church, the body of the 79-year-old Democratic senator was taken by special train for burial at Padukan, Ky., where another service will be held tomorrow.

Eisenhower postponed a news conference until Friday in order to attend today's ceremony.



Alben W. Barkley

It was raining lightly as the President, wearing a black club coat and striped trousers with a black homburg, entered the church at 11 a.m. Twenty minutes later, when the President came out after bowing his head in respect toward Barkley's coffin, the drizzle had become a downpour.

Nonetheless, scores of ordinary citizens stood—many with umbrellas—outside the church in silent tribute to the senator whose public career spanned much of the 20th century.

Impressive Turnout

Few men ever have been honored by so imposing a turnout of White House, congressional, Supreme Court and diplomatic personalities.

The Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, captain of the Senate and a long-time friend of Barkley's conducted the funeral ceremony and described the senator as "one who found constant fun in living, who reveled in laughter, who loved folks more than fortune, and who was valiant as a knight in righting wrongs and enthroning justice."

The two ministers met shortly after Dulles flew into Paris for what Western diplomats say may be a momentous session of the Ministerial Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Before leaving Washington, Dulles said one of the main aims of the session is to plan the reshaping of NATO "into something more than a military alliance."

The secretary apparently favors widening NATO into the political and economic fields to meet the challenge of Russia's worldwide trade-and-aid offensive.

A White House statement said Dulles had conferred with President Dwight D. Eisenhower on "the political development of the Atlantic community." The use of the term "Atlantic community" was considered significant. This would include such non-NATO members as Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Informants said the French plan calls for a new aid agency set up outside NATO and "within the framework of the United Nations or some similar world organization."

Presumably Russia would be free to join.

The agency would aim not only to bolstering underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, but also such depressed European areas as southern Italy.

Pineau told Dulles the agency must be kept outside of NATO to avoid having it looked on as another instrument of the cold war. The minister argued this would be the best way of rallying the uncommitted nations of the world to the support of Western ideas.

The informants declined to give Dulles' reaction to the plan. An American spokesman also refused comment.

Stevenson Accused Of Playing Politics

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The Republican National Committee said today that Adlai Stevenson "tried to play politics" with the H-Bomb and thus gave "dramatic evidence of addleheadedness on a life-and-death issue."

In the May issue of its publication, "Straight from the Shoulder," the committee referred to Stevenson's April 21 suggestion that the United States call off all H-Bomb tests. He said this would help regain the "moral initiative" in world affairs which he asserted the Eisenhower administration has lost.

An editorial in the GOP publication said Stevenson's "timing was as poor as his reasoning," and added:

"About this time Russia's Nikita Khrushchev warned the British: 'Never shake your fist at a Russian. I am quite sure we shall have very soon a guided missile with a hydrogen bomb warhead which could hit any point in the world.'"

The editorial went on to say that President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who "keeps our guard up" while striving for peace, "moved with dispatch to undo the harm

Soviet Union May Announce Big Cut in Armed Forces

LONDON, May 2 (AP)—The Soviet Union may announce a big cut in its armed forces soon in spite of the apparent deadlock in disarmament talks with the West, diplomats predicted tonight.

This expectation apparently was based on secret talks which British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and Harold E. Stassen, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's personal representative on disarmament, had separately with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev during the Russian's 10-day visit to London.

Since the Russians' visit, Stassen also has had private meetings with Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister and representative on the five-nation disarmament subcommittee which is winding up its unsuccessful negotiations here.

Delegates to the subcommittee of the UN Disarmament Commission—representing the United States, Britain, France, Russia and Canada—began drafting their report to the UN tonight.

There were frank admissions that the days of the parley were numbered but none would admit the seven-week meeting had been a complete failure.

Segregation Hit By Methodists; Action Planned

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2 (AP)—The Methodist Church today condemned racial segregation "by any method or practice"—and laid down new laws to put the principle into action.

In a fervent display of unanimity, the big denomination's policy-making general conference swept through measures opening the door to full integration in the church.

The action brought delegates to their feet in a prolonged roar of applause.

"God has been good with us," declared the Rev. C. Cooper Bell, of Lynchburg, Va. "He has worked a miracle."

The changes in the church constitution passed with only a few hands raised in opposition, easing procedures for all-Negro church units to move into the regular organizational framework.

Edwin L. Jones, of Charlotte, N.C., said he had come to the conference "determined not to budge," in modifying the segregated system, but he had undergone a change of mind that must have been "the work of God."

"When I met with people from other sections," he said, "something happened."

The action went beyond that recommended by the church's Council of Bishops, who called only for a four-year study of problems.

West Germany Rejects Red Trade Treaty Offer

BONN, Germany, May 2 (AP)—The West German government today rejected a Russian offer of a trade treaty. Such a treaty could not be concluded until Germany was reunited, a government spokesman told a news conference.

Ike's Tariff Body Fails to Pick Up Backing of C of C

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Despite a White House appeal, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce refused to give its endorsement at this time to American adherence to the Organization for Trade Cooperation.

The Chamber's annual convention decided instead to hold a national referendum among its members on the issue.

By a vote of 227-163, official delegates to the convention overrode a recommendation of their Policy Committee. It asked immediate approval of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's proposal for United States entry into the 35-nation tariff body.

This organization would administer and coordinate the reciprocal trade program under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which was set up in an international meeting at Geneva, Switzerland.

Before getting to the policy resolutions, the convention heard a call from Ray D. Murphy, chairman of the board of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, for standby authority for the Federal Reserve Board to impose direct controls on consumer credit.

"Typical storm signals of inflation are flying," Murphy said.

Nautilus Tangles Fishing Boat Net

GROTON, Conn., May 2 (AP)—The Nautilus, world's first atomic submarine, had an undersea encounter with a fishing boat which has resulted in a \$1,300 claim against the Navy, the submarine base here said today.

The incident occurred off the New Jersey coast April 22 while the Nautilus was cruising submerged on a voyage from Key West, Fla., to her base here.

The top gear of the submarine hooked into the fishing boat's net, ripping and dragging it until the cable attaching the net to the boat broke.

The skipper of the fishing boat has filed a damage claim.

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