

# Additional Power Sought by Ike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower will appear before Congress in person at 12:30 p.m. (EST) Saturday to present his plea for special authority to prevent Communist aggression in the Middle East.

What he wants—and what he appears likely to get—is approval of a resolution authorizing him to use American military forces if he should deem it necessary.

# Air Force Halts Airlift To Hungary

McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J., Jan. 3 (AP)—The Air Force wrote finis today to the dramatic airlift of fleeing Hungarian refugees, with the chance another act might be added later.

The last plane, a hospital evacuation transport, landed here at 3:58 p.m. shortly after Lt. Gen. Joseph Smith, Military Air Transport Service Commander, announced the end of Operation Safe Haven.

**35 Persons Aboard**  
Aboard were 35 Hungarians including nine litter cases. Five of these are expectant mothers. The plane was not the last to leave Europe but was delayed by snow in Newfoundland.

Thus ended the greatest airlift since the Berlin blockade.

Since it began Dec. 11 through instructions from the White House, 9700 Hungarians were brought to this country by 110 MATS flights and 46 commercial planes chartered by MATS.

Not a single accident was reported.

**All Types Included**  
Old folk and children, expectant mothers, wounded fighters, laborers, professional people—all were included.

The last refugee signed aboard a plane manifest was 11-month-old Peter Gergely, No. 9700 to board the airlift.

Peter watched attentively as the big C118 Airmaster bearing him and 44 other Hungarians landed here in the chill morning wind. Then they were taken to nearby Camp Kilmer.

## Traffic Death Record Set

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—Deaths in traffic accidents in the United States climbed to a new record in 1956.

The National Safety Council made the announcement today.

# 'Doria' Study Shows Building Standards Not Up to Par

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Congressional investigators said today their study of the sinking of the Andrea Doria shows international shipbuilding standards are not high enough for safety.

They said also that information on the disaster raises "serious questions" as to whether the Andrea Doria and the Swedish ship Stockholm "were being operated in accordance with the precepts of good seamanship and the provisions of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea."

The Andrea Doria, an Italian luxury liner, sank off the Atlantic Coast after it and the Stockholm collided July 25.

**'Objectives Not Met'**  
"It is clear from this accident that the operation of the standards of the 1948 international convention do not meet their objectives," said specialists who made the investigation for the House Merchant Marine Committee.

"It is recommended that the United States propose international study and agreements looking to more effective standards for construction and operation."

The committee sent the report to Congress for study and also recommended that executive agencies concerned consider its recommendations.

**Disclaims Responsibility**  
The report itself disclaimed any intention of fixing responsibility for the tragedy that cost some 50 lives, but it said:

"If the ships had been following the recommended sealanes, the collision would not have happened, for the Stockholm was nearly on the westbound track and

# Democrats Clinch Control of Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats clinched control of the Senate today, 49-46, with the support of Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio). This gives them control of both branches.

Lausche's decision to stick with his party ended a short-lived renewal of Republican hopes that they might be able to seize control of the Senate from the Democrats despite the latter's numerical majority in the election.

However, a death of a Democratic Senator in a state with a Republican governor could challenge the Democratic control.

# Florida Bus Segregation Not Valid

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 3 (AP)—U.S. District Judge Emmett Choate ruled today that Florida and Miami laws requiring Negroes to sit in the rear of Miami Transit Co. buses are unconstitutional.

In an off-the-cuff oral opinion, which he promised to put in writing if necessary, the judge said:

"I have no hesitation in saying that these segregation laws—pertaining to buses—are unconstitutional and hence unenforceable."

He gave the city of Miami 10 days to file a motion in answer to his ruling. The City Commission went into a hurried, special session to map future strategy.

After a brief meeting, the commission instructed the city attorney's office to study the matter further and take "whatever legal action" it feels is warranted.

And Asst. City Atty. Jack Smith, who handled the case for the city, cautioned that "anybody who attempted to intimidate or use force to make a Negro sit in the back of a bus will be in contempt of federal court."

Spokesman for Florida branches of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People hailed the ruling by the 65-year-old Republican judge as a "real victory" in their fight to end segregation.

G. E. Graves Jr. of Miami, counsel for the NAACP, and other attorneys connected with the case indicated they felt it would be futile for the city to file any answer to the ruling, since Choate spelled out so explicitly that he considers any segregated seating requirements unconstitutional. In stating his opinion, Choate cited the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling against bus segregation in the Montgomery, Ala., case.

# Right to Inquire Upheld For Investigating Groups

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The right of congressional committees to inquire into political beliefs and associations of witnesses "in the exercise of legislative duty" was upheld today by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The court acted in the cases of two witnesses who had refused to answer questions from congressional committees relating to Communist affiliations.

# 8 Rescuers Saved By Helicopter; 2 Die

CHAMONIX, France, Jan. 3 (AP)—Daring helicopter pilots snatched eight men off the frigid face of Mt. Blanc today. But two young Alpinists that the eight had tried to save were left for dead in the wreckage of a rescue helicopter on Europe's highest mountain.

The grieving parents of the two men declined a final offer by a noted Swiss army pilot to make one more rescue attempt. The flier, Hermann Geiger, proposed that three light ski planes be landed on the mountainside to whisk the two men away.

But under conditions of swirling snow and subzero temperatures the parents considered—and said no.

**Drama Closed**  
Thus closed one of history's most drama-filled mountain rescue efforts—a 10-day trial of men and machines against biting cold and lashing snowstorms high on 15,781-foot Mt. Blanc.

Scores of veteran climbers and parachutists and several helicopters had joined in repeated attempts to rescue the two alpinists, Jean Vincendon, 23, a Frenchman and Francois Henry, 24, a Belgian.

On Friday they were seen through a telescope, slogging painfully along a ledge through "Uneasy Pass" at an altitude of 12,500 feet. They were only a dozen or so yards below Vallot Refuge, a sturdy retreat for exhausted climbers.

**Little Hope Seen**  
But because of the snow and cold and the men's obvious fatigue, there appeared little hope they would reach the haven.

Lionel Terray, a French veteran of Himalayan expeditions including Annapurna, organized a rescue party. On Saturday an Italian rescue group began the climb. That afternoon a light French helicopter dropped drugs to the stranded men along with a message telling them to stay put until rescued.

Early Monday a helicopter was about to land near the tent when air currents brought it down with a crash. The four crewmen—two of them slightly injured—joined Vincendon and Henry.

# Postal Increase Being Proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—A proposal to raise the postage rates on letters to five cents is under consideration by the Post Office Department.

The department said Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has approached members of Congress on the idea. Congress would have to approve. In the last two sessions it has turned down Summerfield's request that the first-class rate be increased to four cents from three.

In saying that a five-cent rate is under consideration, the department said nothing had been put in a final form, but that when it is it will be announced in detail.

The department has long been operating at a loss, which is made up from general funds derived from taxation.

# Railroaders Call Strike In Canada

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 3 (AP)—Scores of towns and hamlets tightened their belts today as a countrywide strike brought operations of the Canadian Pacific Railway to a stop.

For isolated communities depending upon Canadian Pacific service alone, a prolonged strike meant serious shortages of food, fuel and mail in midwinter. Some industries already had laid off men, though the most serious consequences would be several days in developing.

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, returning to his office in Ottawa after a holiday, met with his Cabinet to consider the situation created by the walkout which began at 4 p.m. yesterday. He refused to comment on questions about possible strike-ending legislation that might be submitted to Parliament when it meets Jan. 8.

**Calls Strike**  
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen called the strike by its 3000 members in a dispute over a proposed gradual elimination of firemen from diesel engines on freights and in yards. They said the walkout was "totally effective" from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Victoria, British Columbia.

The railroad said 64,000 employees were idle over the 17,000-mile system. About 11,000 non-union employees and telegraphers were still working.

The dispute did not affect the government-owned Canadian National Railway, largest in Canada.

**Agree to Proposal**  
In an 11th-hour peace attempt by Cabinet ministers, which collapsed on New Year's Eve, both sides agreed to a proposal for an independent tribunal to study the firemen-duties question. But the railroad insisted that the tribunal's report should be binding on both sides, and the union refused.

# Schools Ask Federal Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Rep. Augustine B. Kelley (D-Pa.) today introduced the first House bill of the new session of Congress, a \$3,600,000,000 school aid measure.

The bill, formally labeled House Resolution 1, provides for a six-year program of federal aid in building schools in every state at the rate of \$600 million a year.

some 20 miles north of the recommended track for vessels east-bound to Europe."

However, the report noted that use of the sealanes, which have been planned and recommended since 1855, is not mandatory even on countries, which, like Italy and Sweden, signed the 1948 safety convention.

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