

U.S. Reaffirms Intention Not to Recognize China

CANBERRA, Australia, March 12 (AP)—The United States reaffirmed before its South-east Asia allies today a determination not to recognize Communist China.

Seeking to dispel rumors the Eisenhower administration might soften its stand on Red China, Secretary of State Dulles declared:

"United States diplomatic recognition of the Chinese Communist regime would serve no national purpose but would strengthen and encourage influence hostile to us and to our allies and further imperil lands whose independence is related to our own peace and security."

Dulles told the SEATO Council of Ministers the United States "adheres steadfastly" to its recognition of Nationalist China and its opposition to giving China's seat in the United Nations to the Peiping government.

Eight Nations
SEATO is the eight-nation organization formed three years ago against Communist aggression aimed at the countries on Red China's southeast and southern borders.

Andrew H. Berding, assistant secretary of state for public affairs, told newsmen later Dulles' statement was meant to dispel numerous rumors during the past three or four weeks that the United States was considering a change in its policy toward Communist China.

"Obviously a number of nations were wondering about the rumors, and what their policy would be if the United States were to make that change," Berding said. "The secretary felt it was imperative to make it perfectly clear U.S. policy had undergone no change."

Dulles Statement
Dulles' statement at a closed session of the SEATO conference was welcomed by the Philippines. Vice President Carlos P. Garcia said U.S.-Filipino agreement on the China issue means that U.S.-Filipino joint defense agreements "will continue to operate in a spirit of mutual understanding and harmony based on an essential policy agreement."

Britain, which recognizes Communist China, made it clear Dulles' statement could not be considered a common policy of the eight-nation SEATO organization.

A British delegation source said: "We have a somewhat different practice in the matter. Recognition of a government, however, does not necessarily imply approval and recognition of its policy."

Appointee OK'd As New Envoy

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee gave unanimous approval today to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's nominee for ambassador to West Germany—David K. E. Bruce, a 1956 Democratic campaign contributor.

Some Republicans had complained about Eisenhower's choice of a Democrat but Chairman Theodore F. Green (D-RI) said no political questions were raised at the committee's hour-long closed session.

Also approved without dissent was the nomination of Amory Houghton, Corning, N.Y., to be ambassador to France and those of three other top diplomatic appointees.

The others were William J. Sebald, a career foreign service officer, to be ambassador to Australia; Thorsten V. Kalijarvi for promotion from deputy assistant secretary to assistant secretary of state for economic affairs, and Elbridge Durbrow to be ambassador to Viet Nam.

All the nominations now go to the full Senate for action.

U.S. Asks Military Base In Ethiopia on Red Sea

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, March 12 (AP)—The United States has asked Ethiopia for a Red Sea military base on Egypt's southern flank, reliable sources said today. The locale is south and east of Suez.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, now visiting Ethiopia, has discussed the idea with Emperor Haile Selassie, informants said. Selassie was reported receptive provided he gets more U.S. aid.

The informants said the United States wants an Air Force communications base and naval anchoring facilities at the Red Sea port of Massawa.

Massawa Near Gulf
Massawa is within easy reach of one of the Middle East's hot spots, the Gulf of Aqaba, and would provide bunkering for U.S. Navy Middle East units operating in the Red Sea.

Israeli forces withdrew from Egyptian positions on the Gulf of Aqaba last week on an assumption Egypt would not interfere with Israeli ships bound up the gulf to Israel's port of Eilat.

The United States shared this assumption, but the Egyptian press has indicated Egypt intends to block Israel's ships from the Gulf, as it did before the Israeli invasion last fall.

Word Leaked Out
The word that the United States was seeking the base apparently leaked out and touched off furious diplomatic activity.

The Soviet Union is reported to have advised Ethiopia it might be dragged into a major war because—it contended—the United States wants to store atomic and hydrogen bombs on its territory.

President Nasser of Egypt sent a special mission to Addis Ababa

three days before Nixon arrived. The envoy reportedly carried an urgent message asking the Emperor to visit Cairo.

Two Hour Conferences
Both Nixon and Selassie met the American press after nearly two hours of conferences.

Nixon did not say the base was discussed. He said he had talked with Selassie about increased "United States activity." Nixon said he was withholding details on grounds of security.

Selassie received the reporters at his palace. He was asked about the possibilities of granting rights to such a base.

Ethiopia Wants to Help
"Ethiopia desires to collaborate with the United States," he replied, "but only on an equal footing."

High U.S. and Ethiopian officials reported, however, that Nixon and Selassie had "very frank" talks about the Red Sea base.

Nixon told reporters one problem Selassie discussed with him was "Ethiopia's great stake" in reopening the Suez Canal.

Nixon said Ethiopia "suffered tremendously because 70 per cent of her commerce normally passes through this waterway."

New Legislation May Open Official Records

HARRISBURG, March 12 (AP)—Legislation designed to throw open to the public all records of official agencies reached the House today.

The bill would fix a \$100 fine for anyone convicted of prohibiting or preventing the public inspection of such records.

Teamster Official Admits Union Records Destroyed

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—A top official of the Teamsters Union in Oregon acknowledged to the Senate rackets committee today that some union records sought by the committee have been destroyed.

"I think there are some records of invoice and canceled check status that have been destroyed," said Clyde C. Crosby, the union's international organizer in Oregon.

But Crosby said he would be "disturbed" if he found that all the books and records had been disposed of.

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, has said the senators are "vitaly interested" in what the documents contain. An unsuccessful attempt to subpoena them was made last month.

Under questioning, Crosby testified he didn't "know for sure" whether the records of Teamsters Union Joint Council 37 from mid-1954 onward had been destroyed.

Kennedy said this was the period when Tom Maloney and Joe McLaughlin, two Seattle gamblers, were associated with union officials in Portland, Ore. Witnesses have alleged Maloney and McLaughlin were brought to Portland as part of a scheme to take over gambling and vice operations there.

"Have they been destroyed?" Kennedy demanded, referring to the records.

"I don't think there's the slightest connection," Crosby replied.

"If you will tell me the truth..." Kennedy began.

"I am telling the truth," the witness broke in, "and I certainly feel you are taking unfair advantage of me when you imply that I am not."

Crosby then went on to report his belief that some of the records are gone.

"Do you have authority to inquire into it?" asked Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.)

"Only if there is evidence that some attempt is being made to defeat some legitimate purpose," Crosby replied.

McClellan then asked, "Do you regard this investigation as a legitimate purpose?"

"You know I'm going to say 'yes' to that," Crosby said.

U.S. Urges Egypt's Help In Mideast

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The United States urged Egypt today to cooperate with the United Nations and not make trouble for those trying to pacify the Middle East.

In a statement which officials said was meant primarily for Egypt, State Department press officer Lincoln White said "The United States government is closely following developments in the Middle East respecting the Gaza Strip and the Suez Canal."

"We have consistently and strongly supported the role of the United Nations in these issues, and specifically the functioning of the UN Emergency Force in its attempt to restore conditions of tranquility."

"We hope that all the parties concerned will continue to cooperate with the UN and its agencies in efforts to maintain peace and tranquility in the area."

White issued his statement to a news conference some three hours after President Dwight D. Eisenhower's special Middle East ambassador, former Congressman James P. Richards, took off for Beirut, Lebanon.

Richards' mission is to find out, in 18 countries beginning with Lebanon, where and how much military-economic aid can be used in the Middle East.

His recommendations will guide Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles in putting into effect the Eisenhower program for blocking communism in the area.

Hemorrhage Kills Josephine Hull, 71; Was Stage Star

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP)—Stage star Josephine Hull, 71, died today at St. Barnabas Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Miss Hull had been ailing for several years. Her last Broadway appearance was in "The Solid Gold Cadillac" from which she withdrew in May, 1954 following a stroke. She later unsuccessfully attempted to resume the role.

A small, roly-poly comedienne known for expressively arching eyebrows and a stage manner of matronly determination, she had played in recent years in such other stage hits as "Harvey" and "You Can't Take it With You."

She also appeared in many motion pictures and in 1951 won Hollywood's Oscar as the best supporting actress of the year in the movie version of "Harvey."

Fishing Fees May Rise

HARRISBURG, March 12 (AP)—A bill to boost fishing license fees from \$2.50 to \$4 annually starting Jan. 1 was introduced today in the House.

House Asks Ike to Point Out 'Substantial Budget Reductions'

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Over almost solid Republican opposition, the House tonight asked President Dwight D. Eisenhower to point out where "substantial reductions" can be made in his record peacetime budget.

It sent the President a resolution saying his \$71,800,000,000 budget must be cut "in the public interest," and requesting him to "indicate the places and amounts in his budget where he thinks substantial reductions may best be made."

The resolution was passed by roll-call vote of 219-178.

Voting Listed
Voting for the measure were 10 Republicans and 209 Democrats. Opposed were 175 Republicans and 3 Democrats.

The resolution does not go to the Senate since it is merely an expression of House opinion. Eisenhower doesn't have to sign it nor does he have to pay any attention to it. It has no binding legal effect.

Its passage had been foreshadowed a few hours earlier when the House voted to call up

the resolution for immediate debate. Republicans proposed to send the resolution back to committee but this move was defeated 214-185 just before the final vote on passage.

In an apparent effort to offset the House action, the conference of Republican senators unanimously approved tonight a resolution calling on Congress to cut President Eisenhower's budget "wherever possible consistent with the security of national defense."

Resolution Explained
Chairman Everett Saltonstall of Massachusetts announced after a closed meeting that the resolution was for the "guidance" of Republican members. He said more than half the 47 GOP senators attended the meeting at which it was adopted.

The resolution was framed speedily as the House debated. In their resolution, the Republican senators said they are "in accord with the President's recommendation that the Congress reduce the budget wherever possible."

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