

West Lines Up to Meet Soviets on German Issue

PARIS (AP)—The West has lined up solidly behind a proposal to meet the Soviets in Geneva, probably in May, to tackle the dangerous issue of Germany, informed sources reported yesterday.

Defense Issues Find President Standing Firm

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower was pictured yesterday as standing firm on his position that the nation's defense program is adequate.

Two top State Department officials—Acting Secretary Christian A. Herter and Asst. Secretary Livingston Merchant—were quoted as telling the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that U.S. defense plans are adequate for any eventuality which may arise over Berlin.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) also reported that Herter told the committee in a closed session the United States "is hopeful—but not optimistic" the Berlin crisis can be settled through negotiation.

Eisenhower, who has been under Democratic fire on grounds that he is interested in holding down on spending, got support from GOP leaders in Congress. "He puts defense of our country ahead of budget requirements," Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) told reporters after the weekly White House session of party leaders with the President.

A number of influential Democrats in the Democratic-dominated Senate and House are calling for more money for various defense undertakings.

Snark Missile Performs Successful Ocean Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A jet-powered Snark, destined to be the nation's first operational intercontinental range missile, returned to the cape without a scratch yesterday after completing a highly successful round trip ocean flight.

The launching, which sources said ran smoothly several thousand miles down range and back, was one of the final tuneups for the sleek missile that will soon be deployed at strategic bases.

Space Research Bill Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Without a dissent, the Senate voted yesterday to authorize every penny the Eisenhower administration asked for stepped-up spending on civilian space research this fiscal year.

Nearly half of the \$48,354,000 in the bill would go into Project Mercury, a program looking toward space flight by man.

The Senate acted on a 90-0 roll call vote after hearing Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss) say "the threat to our security could be disastrous" if an enemy nation beat the United States in developing a space vehicle capable of unleashing nuclear weapons.

The actual money would be provided in separate legislation later. It would be used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the remainder of this fiscal year, ending June 30.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas noted the Senate was voting the exact amount requested by the Eisenhower administration for NASA.

But Johnson, chairman of the Senate Space Committee, said he wanted it known this was no rubber stamp action, that it came after careful study.

Simultaneously, Johnson said his committee has decided to put off action on a request for \$485 million for the coming fiscal year. The delay is to allow completion of a special subcommittee investigation of possible duplication and interservice rivalry in the space program.

Democrats Oppose Higher Sales Tax

HARRISBURG (AP)—Gov. Lawrence's proposal to expand the sales tax ran into stonewall opposition in the House Democratic caucus yesterday.

The outcry behind closed doors seemed to have reached a crescendo that threatened the life of the measure unless a compromise is achieved.

Rank-and-file Democrats said privately that sentiment was building up to knock out provisions extending the sales levy to trade-ins on automobiles and to across-the-bar drinking.

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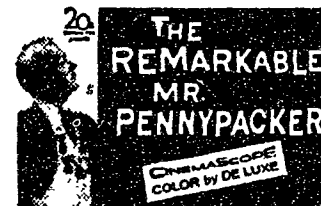
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in complete agreement on a reply to the Soviet Union and were united on a place and time. But they declined to go into details.

The West will reply to a Soviet note of March 2 suggesting a foreign ministers meeting in Geneva or Vienna in April if the West is unwilling to meet at the summit on the German question.

The French spokesman said the West will insist that only the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union deal with German problems.

The Soviet Union suggested Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia attend the foreign ministers conference and both nations have agreed to go. The West will say it has no objection to Poland and Czechoslovakia sitting in on matters dealing with Germany's neighbors, the French spokesman said.

The West will also ask that the agenda not be limited to the question of the future of Berlin and a German peace treaty, the French source reported.

The solid front on a note to the Soviet Union was announced as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain wound up two days of talks with French leaders designed to coordinate Western strategy on Germany once the powers are gathered at the conference table.

Oil Imports Restricted

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government yesterday imposed restrictions on imports of crude oil, gasoline and other principal petroleum products.

The mandatory controls replace a voluntary program which has been in operation since mid-1957. The new controls are effective Wednesday in the case of crude oil and unfinished oils, and on April 1 in the case of gasoline and other finished products.

President Eisenhower ordered the new controls under legislation which permits such action to safeguard the national security.

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