

Soviet Weakens Hopes For Nuclear Tests Ban

GENEVA /—The Soviet Union yesterday dashed Western hopes for a quick break-through toward Big Three agreement on a suspension of nuclear weapons tests.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko refused to commit his government to a proposal of the United States and Britain for a broad scientific study of the technical problems involved in any suspension.

Strauss Passes Committee; Fight Continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nomination of Lewis L. Strauss to be secretary of commerce squeaked through the Senate Commerce Committee yesterday on a 9-8 vote.

The fight against him, which President Eisenhower has called mystifying, is by no means over. "When the hearing started, there were predictions that the committee would favor Strauss heavily. The one-vote margin yesterday indicates how much the facts developed in the hearing reduced his support," Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM) said.

"Now the scene shifts to the Senate floor. I believe that opposition to the nominee will continue to grow during the floor debate as it did during the hearings, and his confirmation is now most unlikely."

Strauss, around whose head has swirled thousands of words of praise and condemnation during the committee hearing, confined his comment yesterday to one sentence.

"I am grateful for the vote of the committee," he said.

Officials Ask More Worker's Insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of state governors and federal officials yesterday recommended applying workmen's compensation laws to all employers, regardless of how many workers they employ.

In 23 states workmen's compensation laws now make no exemption based on the number of employees. In the other states, laws vary. The range of exemptions extends from two to 15 workers.

The committee's recommendation was directed only toward types of work now subject to the various state compensation acts.

Ike Informs Congress Of 3 Power Atom Pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress was informed officially yesterday of U.S. agreements to provide Britain and France certain materials to promote work on atomic submarine and nuclear weapons.

President Eisenhower sent to Capitol Hill agreements signed May 7. Unless both the Senate and House say no, the pacts will go into effect automatically in 60 days.

McElroy May Not Resign Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy yesterday suspended his plans to resign and said he may not leave the Eisenhower Cabinet.

His decision put a damper on speculation that Thomas S. Gates Jr., whom President Eisenhower nominated Monday as deputy secretary, had been persuaded to stay in government service so he could step into McElroy's shoes.

Gates, 54, Philadelphia investment banker, had been planning to retire July 1 as secretary of the Navy.

McElroy had announced his intention to return to private business probably by the end of this year. Then came the death May 8 of the man expected to succeed him, Deputy Secretary Donald A. Quarles.

The possibility that Gates, or someone else, would eventually take over from McElroy was not ruled out by the two in talking to newsmen at the White House after they called on Eisenhower.

"I have suspended my plans for departure," McElroy said. "I don't know when I will be leaving if at all."

McElroy was asked whether that means he intends to stay indefinitely. He replied that was the best way to put it—meaning he could quit next year or stay until the end of the Eisenhower regime in January 1961.

However, the three atomic powers agreed to keep in contact for a further exchange of views.

U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd presented the case for the 3-power scientific study at a mid-day meeting in Gromyko's villa.

The Westerners wanted an investigation of the problem of policing high-altitude and underground atomic and hydrogen weapons explosions.

They also sought the establishment of a technical standard of judgment as to when an on-site inspection of a suspicious disturbance would be warranted.

Gromyko endorsed only one part of the proposal—the part dealing with blasts at high altitude. This was in line with the position taken by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in recent letters to President Eisenhower and Britain's Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

After the 80-minute meeting, a U.S. delegation spokesman said: "The meeting was inconclusive."

Valley Forge Cadet Is Out Playful 17-Year-Old Girl In

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AP)—A 17-year-old girl with a snub nose, gaminque hairdo and the pert ways of a bright sister in a situation comedy, yesterday took the blame for standing Valley Forge Military Academy on its ear.

Penny Greiner is half of a playful team that put over on the academy brass a trick so ingenious that it went unexposed generally for nearly two weeks.

Her partner in the prank was Cadet Charles F. Halsted III, 16, a junior from Durham, N.C. His father, a major, is a ROTC instructor at Duke University. The boy has been expelled.

Penny and young Halsted dreamed up the scheme of getting her, in full-dress uniform of a trooper and mounted on a horse, in a ceremonial parade and review May 7 honoring Women in the Services Day. Taking the salute were top leaders of the WAC, WAVES and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

It was the first time also, so far as anybody knows, that a girl paraded in the gray-clad ranks of the proud and eminently proper school.

Longden to Retire

CHICAGO (AP)—Johnny Longden, the world's winningest jockey, said yesterday he'll probably retire from competitive riding at the end of this season.

Hoffa to Call Strike If Unions Harnessed

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—James Hoffa Tuesday threatened a nationwide strike of all labor if Congress harnesses unions with antitrust laws.

"They talk about a secondary boycott," the short, husky Teamsters president said in scorn.

"We can call a primary strike all across the nation that will straighten out the employers for once and for all."

The antitrust proposal came from Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) in a recent Senate speech, Hoffa said. Some business interests have proposed in congressional hearings that all unions be put under antitrust laws.

In Washington, AFL-CIO President George Meany made it clear Hoffa could not count on AFL-CIO unions in any such protest strike.

The 300 delegates to the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast district convention of the International Longshoremen's Union cheered wildly when Hoffa threatened severe reprisals if an antitrust law is passed.

"The only answer is that if such a law passes, we should have all our contracts ended on a given date," the turbulent Teamsters chief declared. From the context of his talk it was plain he referred to all unions, not just the Teamsters.

Such a uniform contract expiration would permit all unionized workers to strike at the same time.

In Washington, Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), himself a onetime Detroit union official, said any such strike "would be suicidal, just crazy."

Hoffa said the aim of the antitrust proposal is to prevent nationwide unions. But union workers must affiliate somewhere, he said.

Dulles Weakens But Not in Coma

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported yesterday to be growing still weaker in his struggle against cancer and pneumonia, but not to have fallen into a coma.

Denying the coma report, press officer Lincoln White said at the State Department:

"Mr. Dulles continues to grow weaker. He is receiving analgesics (pain killers) and in general is comfortable."

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