

Ike Satisfied With U.S. Arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower yesterday brushed aside questions of a U.S. missile lag and declared: "I am not in the slightest degree disturbed."

Eisenhower, the very picture of confidence, assured a news conference that when he enters summit talks with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, he won't go in with any feeling of inferiority.

Two Soviets Lose Posts In Shake-up

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexei I. Kirichenko, one of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's proteges, was moved out of the political world of Moscow yesterday to a small-town job as Communist party chief in the Rostov-on-Don region.

The appointment to this post was made under circumstances that convinced foreign observers here his bright days as a member of the party Presidium of the Soviet Union were eclipsed if only temporarily.

He could have been sent in as a troubleshooter, although official notices gave no hint of this.

The transfer was announced in such an icy manner that observers could only speculate that this man, often mentioned abroad as heir apparent to Khrushchev, had been sharply down-graded.

LONDON (AP) — Jacob Malik, veteran Soviet diplomat who served for years as ambassador to Washington and the United Nations, has been relieved of his job as ambassador to London.

Presumably he is heading home. His departure after eight years here had been expected for some time. He has told some of his British friends of his eagerness to return home.

A Tass Soviet News Agency dispatch said only that Malik has been relieved "in connection with his transfer to other work." He will be succeeded by Alexander Soldatov, chief of the American section of the Soviet Foreign Ministry. Malik now is in London.

Eisenhower took his position in a lively discussion that ranged from Soviet rocket tests in the Pacific to the question of whether the 1960 Republican political campaign needs whipping up. It was his first news conference since Dec. 2.

The President almost lost his temper—his face and neck turned red—when he was thrown a question he took to imply that the nation's national security is being handled as a partisan political matter.

"I don't have to be partisan," the former five-star general said in a clipped, precise way, "and I want to tell you this:

"I've spent my life in this, and I know more about it than almost anybody. I think, that is in the country, and on a basis of doing what is good for the government and for the country."

Most of the conference was on an easier, calmer plane.

Eisenhower handled such questions as these:

Rocket Test—"It would seem very unusual for us to make a protest against Soviet tests in the Pacific when we have done the same thing ourselves and intend to do it again."

Campaign—The withdrawal of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller from the Republican presidential nominating contest "does give a certain atmosphere of no competition."

20 at Apalachin Meet Given Prison Sentences

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty underworld delegates to the Apalachin convention were sentenced yesterday to prison terms ranging from three to a maximum of five years. The judge said their backgrounds and shady activities constituted "a tale of horrors."

40 Killed In Peruvian Earthquakes

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Forty persons were killed yesterday and at least 200 injured by an earthquake lasting 50 seconds and felt in three countries, radio reports from the scene said.

A state of emergency was proclaimed in southern Peru.

The quake shook areas of Peru, Bolivia and Chile.

The reports from Arequipa, in southern Peru, said the suburbs of Tingo, Tiabaya and Miraflores were hardest hit.

Another minor quake was felt in the region at 4 p.m., the reports said, but there was no word of additional casualties or damage.

The major quake occurred early yesterday. First reports from the area were fragmentary. Landslides knocked out communication lines, hampering receipt of detailed reports of casualties and damage. But the quake was said to have caused widespread destruction.

The quake also was strong at Cuzco and Ica in southeast Peru and in nearby Bolivia. It was felt as far south as Santiago, Chile, but was not severe there.

Lima was shaken for 50 seconds at 12:43 a.m. There were no reports of damage or casualties in the capital.

Arequipa is about 460 miles southeast of Lima.

Health Officials Warned About Flu

HARRISBURG (AP) — The State Health Department, noting reports of an outbreak in Ohio, yesterday alerted public health officials in Pennsylvania to be on the lookout for widespread cases of Asian influenza.

Dr. William D. Schrack, chief of the department's Communicable Disease Control Division, said the agency has not received any reports of Asian flu cases since the new year began.

Schrack added that an unknown virus called "Q-Flu" that has stricken thousands in Los Angeles apparently hasn't invaded Pennsylvania.

Committee to Study School Finances

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. David L. Lawrence yesterday ordered creation of a special committee to make a study of school financial problems in Pennsylvania and report its recommendations to the 1961 Legislature.

The action dimmed prospects of increasing state aid to schools during the 1960 session. Conceivably, however, the lawmakers could go ahead on such a plan if at the same time they increase taxes to pay for it.

"It is our hope and our intention to make this review one of the most intensive and far-reaching ever conducted in Pennsylvania or, for that matter, in any state in the nation," said the governor.

He made the statement to Republican and Democratic legislative leaders called together to consider an agenda for the 1960 session.

Under a new constitutional amendment, the current session is limited to revenue and appropriations measures, plus constitutional amendments, legislative investigations and Senate action on gubernatorial appointees.

A ground rules committee set up to examine the score of what can be acted upon in the 1960 session said the constitutional limitation was rather severe.

It ordered the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft a set of rules for the House and Senate to allow screening of all bills before they are printed.

The procedure would rule out legislation considered unconstitutional within the limits set up for session in even-numbered years.

An example cited was a proposal by Philadelphia Democrats to legalize bingo games in Pennsylvania. The governor, when asked whether he considered bingo as a form of gambling, replied:

"I have no set conviction on it." The legislative ground rules committee plans another meeting Jan. 19. On the following day, the governor will again meet with GOP and Democratic leaders on an agenda for the 1960 session.

DeGaulle Fires Finance Boss

PARIS (AP)—President Charles de Gaulle dropped Antoine Pinay as finance minister yesterday rather than let him exercise a veto over Gaullist economic policy.

A conservative who revived an ailing French economy, Pinay had quarreled with Premier Michel Debre and some of his ministers, insisting they were swinging toward the left the economic policy Pinay founded.

In Pinay's stead, de Gaulle named Wilfried S. Baumgartner, 57, governor of the Bank of France and a financial wizard in his own right. Baumgartner's financial orthodoxy equals Pinay's, but he is considered somewhat more flexible.

The switch followed days of political suspense which wobbled the stock market as vain efforts were made to have Pinay patch his quarrel with Debre and the Cabinet's Gaullists.

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Hearings Set on Payola, Jets, Food

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional inquiries were set up yesterday into radio-TV payola, jet age airline safety and the law on food additives which set off the cranberry scare last fall.

They were announced by Rep. Oren Harris (D.-Ark.) as chairman of both the House Legislative Oversight subcommittee and its parent Commerce Committee.

The food additive hearing was scheduled for Jan. 26.

Harris said the subcommittee will begin its long-awaited radio-TV investigation about Feb. 8. He said the group will go into all phases of payola—under-the-table payment to disc jockeys and others for plugging music and other commodities on the air.

Other than indicating that several disc jockeys will be invited to testify, Harris declined to say what witnesses would be called. Nor would he say what

other phases of broadcasting would be looked into.

Last year the subcommittee held a sensation-packed, two-week inquiry into rigged TV quiz show scandals.

Harris said the subcommittee staff is now preparing an interim report to cover this and other of its activities last year. He indicated that the report would be ready for publication in about two weeks and would contain legislative recommendations to curb such irregularities as rigged quiz shows.

He was not definite about what the Commerce Committee will cover in its investigation of the law covering food additives.

Without amplifying, Harris said the problem has become more acute because of recent bans on cranberries and poultry containing certain food additives.

Secretary of Welfare Arthur S. Flemming has said he wants Congress to modify the law because the mandatory ban on use of any suspected cancer-producing agent

forces his agency into unfair application of it.

A subcommittee headed by Rep. John Bell Williams (D.-Miss.) will conduct the inquiry into what effect the switch-over to jets is having on air safety, service and scheduling.

"I regard this as one of the committee's most important tasks," Harris said.

He indicated the committee has received complaints that airlines are cutting corners in training personnel and providing maintenance in order to get jets into service. No date was set for the investigation.

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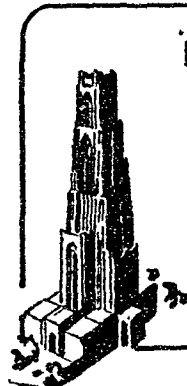


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