

# Commonwealth Asks for Peace

LONDON (AP)—Leaders of Britain's Commonwealth ended their 10-day talks yesterday with a dramatic plan to halt the world arms race—and to seat Red China at the negotiating table.

The leaders suggested an international army be set up to enforce the laws of any agreed new disarmament pact after all nations' military forces are reduced to the minimum needed to maintain internal security.

## Post Office Told To Halt Inspection Of Unsealed Mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy yesterday ordered the Post Office Department and the Customs Bureau to stop their censorship of unsealed Communist mail coming into the United States.

His order ended a 13-year program that has been criticized by civil liberties groups as ineffectual, foolish and unconstitutional. "Not only has the intelligence value of the program been found to be of no usefulness," the White House said, "but the program also has been of concern to the secretary of state in connection with efforts to improve cultural exchanges with Communist countries."

The program never was based on direct legislation. Instead, it arose out of a ruling by Atty. General Robert H. Jackson in 1940. In a complicated interweaving of the Espionage Act of 1917 and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, Jackson ruled that the Post Office Department could seize large shipments of Nazi propaganda.

# New African Policy Announced by U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States confirmed yesterday that it would pursue an independent policy on African problems while maintaining a deep and common interest with its Western allies.

The U.S. position was outlined in a statement to the press explaining the vote of Chief Delegate Adlai E. Stevenson in the U.N. Security Council Wednesday night on a proposal for reforms in Portuguese Angola.

On this issue, the United States voted along with the Soviet Union and three Asian-African countries. Britain, France and four other countries abstained.

Friday's statement by Francis W. Carpenter, U.S. delegation spokesman, said the U.S. decision to vote for the Angola resolution was made only after Stevenson had consulted with State Department officials and after approval by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and President Kennedy.

"The policy decisions behind the vote, which were all reflected in Gov. Stevenson's speech before the Security Council," Carpenter said, "had been carefully considered."

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# Meeting Set For Rusk, Gromyko

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will confer here today on "international questions of interest" to the United States and the Soviet Union. The State Department announced yesterday.

The conference, set up on Rusk's initiative, will afford a new opportunity for the Kennedy administration to warn the Soviet government of the dangers which it sees in the continuing crisis in Laos.

Laos is considered certain to be one of the main topics of discussion, but the State Department, in announcing the meeting, declined to identify any particular subject.

Other topics considered likely to come up include arrangements for resuming disarmament negotiations, the Berlin situation, the Congo crisis, and perhaps the prospects for an eventual meeting between President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Diplomats said the discussion here will be a new step in the series which have been under way between the Khrushchev government and the new administration in Washington since immediately after Kennedy took office two months ago.

## Income Drop Noted In Feb.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A February drop in personal income dampened hopes yesterday that a six-month slide in business ended last month.

The Commerce Department reported February's over-all personal income rate dropped \$700 million from January's to an annual rate of \$405.9 billion.

This didn't wholly offset Thursday's good news from the Federal Reserve Board. But it gave pause to those who feel the recession hit bottom in February and recovery has begun. And it supported those who insist it's still too early to say whether the hoped-for spring upturn will occur.

The Federal Reserve board Thursday reported February industrial production leveled off at the January rate, halting six straight months of declines. This combined with other favorable items to encourage hope that the low point had been reached and an upturn was starting.

The Commerce Department said drops in February's wages, salaries and dividends were only partly offset by a slight increase in farmer income and a \$200-million rise in unemployment compensation benefits and similar government payments.

# French-Algerians To Negotiate Peace

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—The Algerian rebel government accepted yesterday a French offer for negotiations to end the bloody, six-year-old rebellion in Algeria. Optimism blossomed on both sides of the Mediterranean.

Mohamed Yazid, Algerian information minister, read a communique to newsmen spelling out that the rebels want to talk about self-determination for Algeria, and not such prior conditions as an armistice.

The French offer Wednesday had been guarded about mentioning such conditions, which have stalled all previous efforts at down-to-earth peace talks.

The rebel action appeared to remove all obstacles to beginning negotiations. Neither the rebels nor the French have mentioned time or place. It is reliably reported the talks will begin next week at a French resort city just across Lake Geneva from Switzerland.

The location of the talks would permit the rebels to base in Switzerland, where they would have complete freedom of movement — which was denied them in the ill-fated talks last June when they left in anger, charging the French were attempting to strong-arm the

## Jordan Hits Israeli Plans

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan has told the U.N. Palestine truce chief, Sweden's Maj. Gen. Carl von Horn, it takes a serious view of reports that Israel plans a big Jerusalem military parade to mark the mid-April anniversary of Israeli independence.

It said Jordan reserves a right to take counteraction — as it did three years ago in massing troops and tanks in old Jerusalem when Israel massed troops and arms in the Israeli sector.

terms of negotiations. Immediate reaction in France to the new communique was favorable, although there was no official comment.

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advance. We have a deep and continuing common interest with them. The difficulty and complexity of African questions are, however, such that there are and may continue to be differences in approach in some of them."

The U.S. vote created a sensation at the United Nations and was followed Thursday morning by another U.S. vote which was at odds with the votes of Britain and France. The latter was on a resolution censuring the Union of South Africa for its actions in the territory of South-West Africa.

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