

Africans' Bill Hit Nehru, JFK End Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The United States and Britain yesterday opposed an African proposal that the United Nations declare Africa a denuclearized neutral zone.

Despite Western opposition the U.N. main Political Committee appeared certain to approve both the African proposal and an Asian-African move to sound out U.N. members on calling an international conference to ban use of nuclear weapons for war.

Both have strong Asian-African and complete Soviet bloc support.

Sir Michael Wright, the British delegate, told the committee that even Soviet Premier Khrushchev

had declared mere declarations against use of nuclear bombs were insufficient, and that the best solution was through agreement on disarmament.

Wright said in the present atmosphere of East-West suspicion and mistrust, "We should be deceiving ourselves if we believed that an uncontrolled prohibition would be of any security to anyone."

As to the proposal to declare Africa a zone free of nuclear weapons, Wright said he believed it would be improper for the United Nations to take such action either in Africa or any other area. He said each African country should have the right to decide its own foreign policy:

Arthur H. Dean, the U.S. dele-

gate, expressed sympathy with the motives which led the African nations to submit their proposal. But he voiced the belief that only a global approach to disarmament would really solve the problem.

"We are concerned that this particular resolution, however noble its motive, may interfere with the over-all plan of disarmament," he declared.

Eduard Mezincescu of Romania, representing the Soviet bloc, said Western opposition reflected unwillingness of North Atlantic Treaty Organization powers to agree to measures that would decrease East-West tension.

Miso Pavicevic, the Yugoslav delegate, said the cold war would be excluded from Africa if it is declared a denuclearized zone.

WASHINGTON (AP)—India's Prime Minister Nehru recognizes the Western powers' right of access to West Berlin. But he refuses to accept the U.S. position that it must test nuclear weapons to counter Soviet testing.

These salient facts emerged yesterday as Nehru completed four days of talks with President Kennedy and the leaders issued a joint communique—a 700-word document which revealed as much by what it did not say as by what it said.

Earlier, the neutralist leader at a National Press Club luncheon called Moscow's resumption of nuclear testing "a very harmful, disastrous thing" but, as in the later communique, he did not see in it a justification for resumed U.S. testing.

Nehru, 71, told the newsmen also that only war could bring about any early change in the present boundaries of the two Germanys. But he added his belief that, "Russia today aims at and desires peace."

The communique called the discussions between the President and Nehru "especially pleasant and rewarding conversations."

But the communique's omissions, plus Nehru's responses to questions at the press luncheon, made it appear that neither one had convinced the other on such matters as U.S. testing, the division of Germany and how best to assure an independent Laos.

The communique said the two men gave particular attention to areas where peace is threatened, mentioning Berlin and Southeast Asia specifically. It said Kennedy "reaffirmed the United States' commitment to support the freedom and economic viability of the 2.25 million people of West Berlin."



Nehru

X15 Rocket Plane Sets Speed Record

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—An iron-nerved pilot flew the X15 a record 4,070 miles an hour yesterday in an all-out test of the famed rocket plane's top speed. Then he made a perfect landing with a shattered windshield.

Air Force Maj. Bob White, 37, who has maneuvered his way out of many a tight spot in the edge-of-space research craft, said afterward: "I was never in danger at any time."

White pushed the X15 70 m.p.h. beyond its designed top speed of 4,000 m.p.h.

His searing flight—the craft's skin temperatures rose to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit—set a mark likely to stand for years and climaxed the speed half of the X15's dual speed-altitude research missions.

There are no plans to try to fly it faster. Next step, possibly next week, will be a try at hitting the designed maximum altitude of 250,000 feet, 46½ miles.

After that, two years of further research into the heat and stress problems future space craft will encounter in re-entering the earth's atmosphere. As the X15 is expected to far exceed its designed altitude maximum, future

flights could soar to 100 miles or more.

White and the stub-winged X15 were dropped from a B52 mother ship at 9:57 a.m. over the California desert. He rocketed to 95,000 feet, leveled off and hit his 4,070 mark just as the mighty rocket engine exhausted its fuel after 88 seconds burning time.

At 70,000 feet, moving at 1,500 m.p.h., the outer panel on the right side of the windshield shattered—much as automobile safety glass crackles under stress.

The inner panel didn't crack. The left windshield wasn't harmed.

White made a perfect landing, aided by radio instructions from a pursuing jet.

Johnson Flees Blaze

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was among hundreds of persons evacuated from Kansas City's largest hotel, the Muehlebach, when a kitchen grease fire filled the building with smoke last night.

Three firemen were overcome by smoke and were taken to hospitals, but there were no other injuries. The fire was put out quickly.

Scarbeck Receives Maximum Sentence

WASHINGTON (AP)—Irvin C. Scarbeck, former American diplomat, yesterday was sentenced to the maximum possible prison term of 30 years for passing U.S. secrets to Polish Communist agents.

Scarbeck, 41, was convicted Oct. 27, but sentencing was delayed pending a probation report. U.S. Dist. Judge Leonard P. Walsh gave Scarbeck the maximum 10-year prison term possible under each of three counts.

Justice Department attorneys said Scarbeck would not be eligible for parole until he served one-third of the sentence, or 10 years.

Scarbeck was second secretary in the U.S. Embassy at Warsaw at the time he was accused of giving secret information to Communist agents.

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