

DeGaulle Proposes Arms Destruction

PARIS (AP)—President Charles de Gaulle called yesterday for the destruction of existing nuclear weapons stocks, and urged a conference of major powers on destruction or control of nuclear weapons delivery systems.

The French president, replying to Soviet Premier Khrushchev, coldly ignored the Soviet leader's proposal for a summit conference on disarmament, and merely said France is ready to discuss destruction, banning and control of weapons delivery systems. Khrushchev had proposed a disarmament meeting of the heads of 18 nations in Geneva on March 14.

PERHAPS WITH Red China in mind, De Gaulle said discussions on nuclear disarmament should be limited to the four nuclear powers—Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States—and those states which might soon have nuclear weapons at their disposal.

The text of De Gaulle's letter, delivered Sunday in Moscow, was released yesterday by the French Foreign Ministry. In it, De Gaulle said that to achieve real disarmament, nations should concentrate on the destruction of existing weapons stock, coupled with a ban on further construction of those weapons.

THIS HAS BEEN a long-standing policy of France, which entered the atomic race late and is lagging far behind the United States and the Soviet Union in the development of nuclear weapons. France also is behind Britain in

this race. The French president put the spotlight on weapons delivery systems and said their destruction would be easier to verify. Nuclear weapons are now so numerous and so dispersed that it would be easy for a country to hide them, and thus violate any agreement for their destruction, De Gaulle said.

Britain and the United States already have snubbed Khrushchev on the idea of a March 14 summit meeting on disarmament.

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Allies Defy Russians in Corridor

BERLIN (AP)—Western Big Three planes, flying in the face of a Soviet warning of possible unpleasant consequences, ranged the Hamburg-Berlin air corridor again yesterday at levels which the Soviets sought to monopolize. There were no incidents.

The Soviet warning was contained in notes delivered to the U.S., British and French embassies in Moscow Sunday and made public in part by Communist East

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JFK Presents Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy asked Congress yesterday to allow him to kick off a \$2-billion public works program whenever a recession seems imminent. The request drew prompt Republican opposition.

THE PROPOSAL, one of three parts of an administration anti-recession program, would permit the President to trigger up to \$2 billion worth of public projects whenever unemployment trends signal the start of a recession.

The same general feeling exists that prevailed in Republican opposition to granting the President standby authority to cut taxes," said Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois. "Congress has the feeling that it is accessible. If the need develops to take action to ward off a depression it could act with reasonable dispatch."

EVEN BEFORE details of the plan were made public, ranking Democrats in Congress had given

their approval. Republicans had denounced it as an attempt to invade congressional authority. And some saw it as a tool which could be used for political leverage in an election year.

Kennedy previously had asked for standby powers to reduce income taxes—subject to a congressional veto—and an increase in unemployment benefits on a permanent basis.

Soldiers Fix Dikes

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—German soldiers labored last night to repair North Sea dikes broken in weekend floods that left 232 known dead and property damage which officials said might total a billion marks—\$250 million.

As many as 100 persons were reported still missing as water drained slowly from debris-strewn cities and farms.

Hard-hit Hamburg, West Germany's biggest city, reported 208 bodies recovered.

School Aid Recommended By Committee

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—The Resolutions Committee of the American Association of School Administrators proposed yesterday that the federal government pump an astronomical \$8 billion more a year into the public schools.

This is 10 times the amount requested by President Kennedy, and is by far the largest program of federal aid to education ever suggested. The administration's current proposal is for \$2.5 billion, spread over three years.

THE RESOLUTION will be debated by the full convention of the AASA tomorrow morning. If it is approved, as expected, it will become the basis for the association's legislative and lobbying platform.

The resolution calls for direct federal grants to the states of at least \$200 for each of the 40 million public school pupils enrolled from kindergarten through publicly supported junior colleges.

The states would use the money as they saw fit, for such as classroom construction and teacher salaries, with no federal strings attached.

Paul D. West, superintendent of the Fulton County, Ga., public schools and chairman of the Resolutions Committee, said the \$200 a pupil figure is considered an average need.

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