

# U.S. Spokesman Agrees Berlin Talks 'Fruitful'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. spokesman went along yesterday with the Russian ambassador's description of the first new Berlin talks as fruitful and business-like.

State Department press officer Lincoln White gave this backing to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin's report after Monday's one-hour meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk inaugurating a new round of U.S.-Soviet discussions on the Berlin crisis. White said further that:

• "No new ground was broken" at the meeting nor had Rusk expected to. Rather, the U.S. and Soviet representatives reviewed what Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko had discussed on Berlin during their Geneva meetings last month.

• Much of the session was devoted to procedure—how, when and where to go ahead with future talks. On this no decision was reached.

Other U.S. sources sought to

play down what has been reported as West German objections that Rusk's Berlin settlement proposals to the Soviets would be giving too much to the Reds at the expense of West Germany and West Berlin.

The informants said Bonn had not complained and that what differences of view there were between the West German and U.S. governments hinged on some different interpretations of wording.

The Rusk proposals include an international authority covering access to Berlin, creation of technical committees between West and East Germany, nonaggression pledges by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Warsaw Pact defense

groups and U.S.-Soviet agreement not to give nuclear weapons to other countries.

Meanwhile in Geneva the United States and Britain began probing to determine whether a compromise proposal for suspension of nuclear weapons tests can be transformed into an enforceable treaty.

At the 17-nation general disarmament conference, U.S. Ambassador Arthur H. Dean and British Minister of State Joseph B. Godber asked a series of questions concerning the proposal advanced Monday by eight middle-group nations.

While the two Western delegates were seeking information, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin avoided getting drawn into the discussion.

On the face of it, the compromise plan falls short of the international inspection and control arrangements demanded by Washington and London, Western sources said.



Dean Rusk

# Blough, Kennedy Meet To 'Clear Atmosphere'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Roger M. Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., spent 45 minutes with President Kennedy at the White House last night in what was pictured as an effort to clear the atmosphere after their head-on clash last week.

The only official comment came from assistant press secretary Andrew T. Hatcher. All he said was that the meeting was cordial and useful.

Blough's visit followed by exactly one week another unheralded call on the President to break the news that U.S. Steel was going to increase its prices \$6 a ton.

Many of the larger steelmakers followed the lead of U.S. Steel but rescinded the increase under pressure from Kennedy and other administration officials.

Earlier, a Republican congressman accused Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara of "an outright violation of the law" in awarding a steel contract to Lukens Steel Co. last Friday.

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Smith denied charging excessive profits for work done by subcontractors.



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