

DULLES *L. J. Dulles* Nov. 9 - '54. Tuesday (Washington)

We may start sending fighter escorts with American planes flying near Communist territory. So announced today here in Washington by Secretary of State Dulles. The Secretary, speaking at his news conference and referring to the shooting down of that B-29 on Sunday. The plane, attacked suddenly by two Soviet MIGS over northern Japan. Today Dulles said ~~that~~ the Russians were lying about their version of the incident. They said that the MIGS fired in self defense. But Dulles mentioned the evidence obtained from ten surviving crewmen of the B-29. And they all say ~~that~~ they did not fire at any time. Actually our planes have standing orders to defend themselves. And the pilot of the plane has been censured by his commander for disobeying those orders. He should have fired back at the Russians - and didn't. The Secretary of State ~~was~~ asked what he thought about the incident, ~~he~~ said ~~that~~ he doesn't feel the Kremlin wants to start a shooting war. And of course this country has no intention of causing a war. But, we're not going to let our planes be shot down - without doing anything about it. So the State Department is considering an order - all planes flying near the Iron Curtain to be provided with a fighter escort. So far all we've done is protest to the Kremlin. ^{See} Dulles conferred with President Eisenhower, ~~And~~ then a note was sent, demanding reparations for the death of one American, and for the loss of the plane.

BOHLEN FOLLOW DULLES

The Dulles note went to our ambassador in Moscow, Charles Bohlen. And what Bohlen did just afterward is causing quite a stir in Washington. A number of senators and congressmen, renewing an old attack on our ambassador. The reason- Bohlen attended an official Soviet party - after he had received the note about the loss of the B-29. His critics think he should have refused to go after hearing about it. Senator Knowland of California and Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, describing themselves as "deeply shocked" that Bohlen should meet Malenkov and Molotov at a party, in spite of the crime. Secretary Dulles mentioned the criticism at his news conference, ~~The Secretary,~~ pointing out that the time element has to be considered. A preliminary report arrived at our Embassy in Moscow at about six p.m. on Sunday. That message had to be decoded before being passed on to Bohlen. Meanwhile, the ambassador was preparing for the dinner at seven. So, he got the information just as he was ready to leave. Since it was just a preliminary report, and since he had to make a snap decision - Dulles thinks it isn't fair to ^{Ambassador} accuse Bohlen of deliberately meeting Malenkov with full knowledge of what had happened.

In Indo-China, a second wave of refugees is streaming toward the sea. Victims of the Red tyranny, now trying desperately to get out of northern Viet Nam. The first wave of refugees were those who fled when Ho Chi Minh moved in. Now the second wave is trying to escape from Ho Chi Minh and his followers. They are moving by land, a vast exodus, through the canals and rivers, an armada of canoes and rafts, floating down to the sea. Trying to get through to French ships lying off Haiphong. One French vessel rescued four thousand of these refugees from a sandbank just before the tide rose over that sandbank. Just in the nick of time. In one sense these French ships are not allowed in Communist territorial waters south of Haiphong. But international law does permit them to go to the rescue of those in danger. Their last real chance to get away from the Reds. Under the Geneva Conference, Haiphong goes to Ho Chi Minh in May. After that this final way out will vanish.

Jawaharlal Nehru does as he said he would do - he steps down as President of India's powerful Congress Party. But stays on as Prime Minister. A dispatch from New Delhi reminds us this is in line with a promise Nehru made during his visit to China. That he was tired of too much work. But that he would not yet retire completely from political life.

The Congress party's "Working Committee" voting to relieve Nehru of his post at the head of the party, but insisted unanimously that no other premier would do.

Nehru has already accepted an invitation to London in January to meet with the premiers of the British Commonwealth. Obviously he intends to stay on as premier. And, today Nehru delivered an important speech; subject, India's future. Declaring that his country is moving toward a socialist society, he added that there would still be room for private enterprise. But he thinks India will definitely go socialist in the sense that the means of production will be owned by the state. So predicts the man who did more than any other person, except Gandhi, to make India an independent nation.

Algeria

The French have successfully sat on the rebel movement in Algeria. That is, authorities in Algiers say the round-up of Nationalist leaders now finds all of them - the top men of the rebellion - in jail. But fighting is still going on in the Eastern mountains of the province. Troops, mopping up against an estimated three hundred rebels. Legionnaires, pushing into the mountains in the final phase of the operation. The French commanders have promised to cover every ravine and every patch of woods in the area. Either capture or kill the terrorists. It's estimated such a wholesale effort may take three months. Seven thousand square miles have to be covered! With at least two combat divisions brought in. The French admit the difficulties. But insist it's just a matter of mopping up - now that the movement has been "decapitated" by the arrest of the leaders.

EGYPT

The man who tried to assassinate the Premier of Egypt pleads guilty. Mahmoud Latif, admitting that he fired eight shots - while Abdel Nasser was addressing a mass meeting in Alexandria. The Premier was untouched, but two persons on the platform were wounded. ~~Now~~ Latif admits ~~that~~ he fired the shots, ~~And he~~ adds, that the assassination attempt was ~~instigated by~~ ^{an order - from} the Moslem brother-hood.

WINDSOR

The Duke of Windsor issued one of his rare public statements today. An angry statement - in reply to the assertions of a former Nazi Minister to the Netherlands. The Nazi, Count Julius von Zech-Burkers-Roda - who died shortly after the war. The British government has just published captured war documents including some of the Count's letters; and that's where the Duke of Windsor comes in. He's mentioned several times as one who might be useful to the Germans - because he's called "disgruntled." One memoranda even states that the Duke of Windsor revealed a decision of the allied war council - the decision to form a defense line behind the Belgian-French border. The Count's papers are causing a furore in London. Hence the Duke of Windsor's angry statement today. He says he never knew the Count or had any communication with him.

McCARTHY

The motion to censure Senator McCarthy is now formally before his colleagues in the Senate. The motion, introduced by Senator Watkins of Utah. The censure motion contains two ~~the~~ accusations against the Wisconsin Republican. First, it says he refused to cooperate when a Senate sub-committee was investigating him, in 1951 and 1952. The report of the Watkins Committee calls McCarthy's attitude "contemptuous." And adds that it was "without reason or justification." Senator Watkins and ~~the men~~ ^{those} on his committee think ~~that~~ this amounted to obstructing the Senate. [The second accusation is that McCarthy was abusive when he had General Zwicker on the witness stand. McCarthy telling Zwicker that he was not fit to wear the uniform. The censure motion condemns ^{Senator} McCarthy for wanting the General to criticize his superior officers. The formal statement by the Watkins sub-committee declares, "The Senate disavows the denunciation of General Zwicker by Senator McCarthy." ^{So} That's the censure motion the Senate will ~~begin~~ discussing tomorrow. We hear ^{Senator} that McCarthy's friends intend ~~to do a lot of talking - trying~~ to tone down the findings of the Watkins Committee. There's even talk of a filibuster. McCarthy says he'll speak several times during the debate. So no one expects a quick decision on the problem. ~~introduced into the Senate in the case of~~ The Junior Senator from Wisconsin, McCarthy promptly delivered a blast against his critics, ~~he~~ ^{saying those} ~~saying those~~ who are trying to censure him are cooperating

McCarthy - cont'd

in the achievement of Communist goals. Of the Watkins sub-committee he remarked, "I am saying it was the victim of a Communist campaign and having been victimized, it became the Communist party's involuntary agent." ~~Then he went on to defend himself on both counts included in the censure motion. He says he was right in both cases.~~

STRIKE

News of the strike in the West Virginia coal fields brings an item concerning minor violence. The worst so far, the dynamiting of a bridge over the Elk River, near Marlinton. The explosion tore up enough of it to prevent coal from being hauled across the bridge. No one injured. Five arrested. The walkout now ten weeks old.

STOCKS

Canadians peeved at the Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. All because of an article about how some Canadian salesmen operate in the United States. The able and highly successful Keith Funston, saying that a lot of smooth operators have been working out of Montreal during the recent big mining and oil boom, Funston referring to them as "rat hole salesmen of phony securities."

The angriest retort comes from O. E. Lennox, Chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, who says his Commission maintains drastic disciplinary measures to stop "stockateering," as he terms it. And, that a lot of the swindling that goes on is done by Americans, who put the blame on our northern neighbors. In the words of this angry Canadian; "American investors are being swindled at home - without any outside assistance."

CAPTAIN

The crew aboard the liner Queen Mary threatening to strike. When the Queen Mother travels by sea, the Cunard Line assigns her a special captain, to take over the ship on which she sails. Commodore Ivan Thompson to take control of the Queen Mary when our royal guest is ready to return home. But the crew of the Queen Mary - they want their regular captain! They insist that Captain Donald Sorrell - the regular skipper - stay on for this trip. So about half the crew have signed a petition. And, they say they'll take further action, if their petition is turned down.

As for the Queen Mary's regular captain - Sorrell - he doesn't like the protest at all. "It embarrasses me," was the way he put it. But, it's quite a tribute to his popularity with his men. Even if it does embarrass him, and maybe embarrass Commodore Thompson - and maybe even embarrass the lovely Queen Mother who has so charmed us.

SUICIDE

An Englishman named William Wilson committed suicide in London today. The story, being the way he did it. William Wilson threw himself in front of four buses in succession. The first three times the drivers managed to stop. Each time, Wilson picked himself up, and apologized courteously to the driver. The fourth time he was successful - the driver couldn't stop in time, and ran over him. ^{And} that's how one eccentric Englishman ^{ended it all.} ~~committed~~ ~~suicide.~~ Said the London coroner, "I say, most ~~most~~ extraordinary." Well, rawther.....