

L.T.-DELCO. MONDAY, MAY 17, 1955

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The broadcast from the White House tonight was an extraordinary affair. The leading role, played by Secretary of State Dulles. But President Eisenhower was on hand, of course - also Vice-President Nixon, Defense Secretary Wilson, and other high officials. During the Dulles address, President Eisenhower interrupted him occasionally, to comment on various points.

The key sentence of the Dulles address was this:

"What has happened in the last two weeks - may really mark a turning point in the tide of history." That was how the Secretary of State put it.

He mentioned his reasons for optimism - the Austrian Treaty, German rearmament, agreement with France on a policy for Viet Nam, and the better understanding by other nations of our position in the Far East.

Secretary Dulles devoted special attention to

the coming Big Four Conference. He wanted the American people not to expect too much from a meeting of the leaders of Britain, France, Russia, and America. He pointed out that the Conference involves dangers as well as oppositions. And the biggest danger of all, in the Secretary's view, is that we will hope for too much.

At this point, President Eisenhower interrupted the Secretary - to say that the American people know that achieving anything in talks with the Russians is very difficult. ~~xxxxxx~~ The moral of the Dulles address as pointed out by the Secretary himself, is that our policy of dealing from strength is beginning to pay off. The Kremlin, more conciliatory - now that they know ~~that~~ they are ^{not} ~~are~~ in a position to push anyone around.

At the end, President Eisenhower summed the whole thing up by saying: "We will not extinguish the hope that a new dawn may come - although the sun may be slow in rising. An hour + 15 min. From now you can see and

Dulles on the spot - stating

RUSSIA

Austrian diplomats who have just returned from Moscow after negotiations for their freedom - ^{- bring word} ~~say~~ that the Kremlin appears anxious to ease world tensions - because of the strain of the atomic arms race on ~~the~~ Soviet economy. These Austrians ^{say} ~~declare~~ that Premier Bulganin told them that Russia is having a hard time meeting the demands of atomic armament. And so, they think he wants to thaw the cold war a bit - ~~to~~ ^{take} ~~take~~ off some of that strain.

The Austrians also got the impression that the Russians are afraid of a rearmed Germany - remembering how often they have been defeated by the Germans in the past. That's why they expect Molotov to press for the "neutralization" of Germany, at the Big Four conference.

If ~~they~~ ^{then} ~~Austrians~~ are right, [^] the new Russian "peace/offensive" is the result of Russia's inability to keep pace with the West in the arms race. The Soviet economy just not strong enough.

"LITTLE BLOCKADE"

The Ambassadors of the Western Allies are going to meet with the Soviet High Commissioner in Berlin, ~~The purpose~~ to discuss that "little blockade", which the Communists have been imposing on traffic entering the German capital.

The "little blockade" is maintained by exorbitant tolls - the Red regime raising the ^{toll}~~taxes~~ on trucks to ten times ^{what it was.}~~their former amount.~~ The intention being, to freeze the free world out of Berlin. At the same time, the Communists have been seizing barges on the Elbe River - ~~a total of nineteen of them~~ ⁱⁿ recent months. ~~The Charges, almost in text always the same~~ that the papers of the men who run the barges are not in order.

The Allies hold that the "little blockade" violates the right of free access to Berlin. The Russians reply, that the matter falls within the jurisdiction of East Germany, as a sovereign state.

Early this month, the West suggested a meeting between the Ambassadors and Soviet Commissioner Pushkin. Now Pushkin says he'll attend the meeting - although he repeats

that the "little blockade" can only be settled by negotiations between the governments of East and West Germany. But at least he's willing to talk, and so the Western envoys are going to meet with him on Friday.

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TIBET

Communism will not be introduced into Tibet for at least fifty years. The statement comes from a man who ought to know - Chou En Lai. The Chinese Premier is quoted on this by the Indian journal "Economic Review."

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ALGERIA

Tonight, French troops are fanning out through the mountains of northeastern Algeria. Their object, to capture the leader of the so-called "army of God," - Tahar Lassoued, who is directing the terrorist campaign that has plunged Algeria into the worst violence since Nineteen Forty-Seven.

The order to the French troops is - bring back Lassoued, ~~either~~ dead or alive. But it is admitted that this may not be ~~an~~ an easy task, because the rebel chieftain knows modern war tactics. In the skirmishes of the past, he has never been defeated, except when regular troops were ~~rushed~~ ~~up in a hurry~~ brought in.

The latest in this campaign of violence - five persons killed yesterday in clashes between the "army of God" and the French army and police. This makes ~~about~~ thirty ~~persons~~ killed in the past three days. ^{Hence} ~~That's the reason for~~ the order - to bring back the rebel leader, dead or alive.

SYMINGTON

Senator Symington of Missouri wants a Senate investigation of our air power. Because he thinks we may have lost control of the air - lost it to the Russians.

Senator Stu Symington who was Air Force Secretary in the Truman administration, referred to a Defense Department statement about the Soviet Air Force. The one in which it was noted that the May Day fly-past in Moscow included inter-continental jet bombers, and that Russia has drawn even with us, in the development of jet bombers and fighters.

In the Senate, today, Senator Symington said he was "shocked and astounded". And that the announcement shows that Defense Secretary Wilson has been wrong in his estimation of the Russian air force. He thinks Secretary Wilson made a mistake in saying last year that the Kremlin was building an air force that was primarily defensive. Further that Secretary Wilson has failed to take adequate measures to keep our air power up to strength. So he wants a Senate investigation.

FARM BILL

The farm bill ~~has~~ passed both ~~by~~ the Senate and the House, ~~and~~ in its final form, ~~it~~ calls for much more spending than President Eisenhower had requested. In fact, a hundred million dollars more.

This makes the third straight year that Congress has ^{voted} ~~passed~~ more funds than President Eisenhower wanted.

The bill now goes to the White House for the President to sign or veto.

RUSSIA - FARM

Our State Department officially informs the Soviet Union - that a group of ~~see~~ experts are welcome to visit this country and see how our agriculture works. The note was delivered in Moscow today. It says that visas will be granted to about ten Russian specialists. They'll be allowed to visit Iowa, Minnesota, and other farming sections of America during July and August.

The note took the opportunity to mention that our farms are privately owned and operated. This, an implication that private enterprise on the farms is better than collective ownership - which is the system the Russians have. In other words, we're saying that if the Kremlin wants to know why our agriculture is in such a good state, and why ~~theirs~~ theirs is in such a bad state - the reason is that we have private ownership, and they don't.

ATOMIC

An under-water atomic weapon has been touched off somewhere in the Pacific. So announced by the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission. The second under-water test ever - the first being the spectacular Bikini blast in Nineteen Forty Six. We hear this second one was not so vast as that one. Only what they call a small atomic affair - equalling perhaps as little as one thousand tons of T N T.

We also are told that this test has to do with our anti-submarine problem. Military experts are repeatedly telling us how Russia has built up a submarine fleet that now numbers four hundred, of which one hundred are modern, long range subs.

Our answer to the Russian submarine threat will be underwater atomic weapons. Hence this latest test out in the Pacific.

LAWRENCE

One of our leading atomic scientists declares that humanity is not being endangered by the explosion of hydrogen bombs. Dr. Ernest Lawrence of the Berkeley Laboratory is in Tokyo - discussing with Japanese leaders the use of atomic energy for commercial purposes. The famous inventor of the cyclotron was asked at a news conference - whether the atmosphere wasn't being poisoned by the atomic explosions? He replied that too many people become emotional about radioactivity - which isn't nearly as bad as they think. He noted that Japanese rescue teams entered the ruins of Hiroshima and Nagasaki a few days after those cities were destroyed by atomic bombs. And no one suffered any harmful effects from radioactivity.

~~In the view of Ernest Lawrence, it would take a tremendous number of hydrogen bombs actually to poison the atmosphere. But he added, "I hope the Lord will forbid the dropping of a large number of bombs."~~

URANIUM

Near Valdez, Alaska, people are crowding the area of the Richardson Highway. That great continental thoroughfare has seen a lot of traffic - but this is something special. Uranium prospectors, in a big rush to the area - following a report that the Geiger counter on board a plane reacted violently as it passed that part of the highway.

This uranium rush gained impetus when a strike was made in the mountains off the highway. No report yet on how high the uranium content of the ore is. But the Geiger counters are said to be registering - and so, prospectors are still pouring along the Richardson Highway, hoping to strike it rich.

MORSE

Senator Wayne Morse today called on President Eisenhower to fire a member of the Cabinet - the Secretary of Health, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, whom he charges with "incompetence" in the handling of the polio vaccine matter. The Oregon Senator says Mrs. Holly knew months ahead of time that the Salk vaccine would be ready this spring. Also, that it would be in short supply. And, that she should have prepared for a proper distribution of the serum.

His words are quite emphatic. "Guilty of bad administration, that comes close to immorality," was the way he put it. So, he thinks she should be expelled from the Cabinet.

Following the Morse attack, Senator George Bender of Ohio promptly came to Mrs. Hobby's defense. The Ohio Republican, says the Secretary has been protecting the people, and particularly the children. Senator Bender adding, that distribution problems should be handled locally by the States, rather than by the federal government. So he thinks Senator Morse is all wrong in his accusation of Mrs. Hobby.

BRITISH ELECTION

In Britain, from Land's End to John O'Groats, the campaign is on. Today, for instance, two familiar candidates had a go at one another. One of them, Sir Winston Churchill - now a back bencher, but still the leading figure of the Party now led by Sir Anthony Eden. Churchill once again crossing swords with the leader of the opposition, Clement Attlee.

Speaking at Woodford last night, Sir Winston pointed out that Attlee is struggling with a rebellion inside his own Party. Referring to the recent trouble with Aneurin Bevan, who is more radical than the rest of the Party. He noted that Attlee has to try to maintain a common front against the Tories. On this Churchill remarked "The best he can do is be a piebald".

Immediately today, Clement Attlee took up the challenge. He noted that the word "piebald" means having two colours. The Churchill reference to the division in the Labour Party. In response to which Attlee remarked of Churchill that "he started as a conservative,

became a Liberal for many years, and then ended up a Conservative again. Said Attlee "I don't know whether that makes him a piebald of a skewbald".

X All of which is equine terminology:- piebald and skewbald. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "piebald" as "of two different colours, especially, white and black - usually animals, especially horses".

The dictionary, Hugh, defines "Skewbald" as "irregularly marked with white and brown or red, or some other colour - of animals, especially horses".

So Churchill thinks Attlee is "piebald" and Attlee thinks Churchill is "Skewbald".