

DULLES *W.P. & G. Thurns. Feb. 5 - '53.*

We hear that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has received assurance that West Germany will soon ratify the European defense treaty. This belief expressed - by ~~West German~~ Chancellor Adenauer.

The Secretary of State arrived at Bonn, the West German capital ^{today,} with Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen. They flew from London, where they had been confabulating with ~~Prime Minister~~ Winston Churchill.

At Bonn, they went into talks with Adenauer - and ~~Secretary~~ Dulles is reported to have given the German Chancellor the same warning he gave in London. That - the West European countries will have to stop delaying the creation of an international army, under the North Atlantic Treaty - or they'll risk the loss of any further American aid. ~~Dulles is reported to have~~
~~have warned that if West Germany does not ratify the~~
~~European defense treaty which includes a West German contribution~~
~~that would put German troops into the military forces of NATO.~~
~~Adenauer gave no assurance~~

(But Dulles and Stassen also confabulated with leaders of the Social Democratic opposition, and they said they'd fight to the end - against treaty ratification. Urging - the United States to accept their demand for a national German army, not German soldiers incorporated in a Nato army.

However, the word in Bonn is that the Dulles warning, with a sort of seventy-five day deadline, will help Adenauer get the treaty through the West German Parliament.)

ADD DULLES

A later dispatch states that Dulles has told West Germany - that the only possibility is an international army for West European defense. No chance - of a national German army.

PARLIAMENT

The London House of Commons, today, began its debate on the Formosa decision - with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden telling the M.P's he is "convinced" the United States does not plan to extend the war to the Chinese mainland.

Eden's declaration was in response to a statement by a leader of the Labor opposition, former Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison. Who warned that, if hostilities should spread into China, the United States could not expect any ~~and~~ British help.

There's lively British criticism of that Eisenhower move, but the debate today did not reflect any of the popular agitation. It was reasonable and moderate - with Morrison of the Labor Party beginning with expressions of amity toward the United States. He said that any remarks he might make should be ~~and~~ considered over in America - as between friends.

Tonight we have a prediction that President Eisenhower's plans and ideas for Korea will bring about a solution of the stalemate over there. So says the Speaker of the House, Joe Martin - in a broadcast.

Meanwhile, diplomatic observers are waiting for a Moscow reaction to the new Formosa policy. That Eisenhower decision has been assailed bitterly by Red China - but Moscow has made no comment as yet.

Soviet propaganda is expected to blast against the Formosa decision. The question being - how far will President Eisenhower be assailed personally? This, they say, may give an indication of whether or not the Kremlin really wants a Stalin-Eisenhower meeting. If Moscow propaganda comes out with a nasty diatribe against the President - it will mean that the Kremlin has given up the idea. But, if the Formosa decision is assailed, without much attack on the President personally - that would mean that the Kremlin still has ^{notions} ~~nothing~~ of a Stalin-Eisenhower conference.

EISENHOWER

There was a "prayer breakfast" in Washington today - just about the largest and most distinguished ever held. President Eisenhower attended, together with about five hundred other high government officials. Members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of Congress. The "prayer breakfast" held - by the International Council for Christian Leadership.

"Prayer," said the President, addressing the gathering - "prayer is simply a necessity." In these trying days we have an urgent need for what he called - "some sort of help outside of ourselves."

He reasoned that our system of freedom is connected closely with religion. "Free government," said the President, "must be imbedded soundly in a deeply felt religious faith, or it makes no sense."

MILITARY BASES

The Senate Armed Services Committee has received what is called a "startling" report on our overseas bases. The document is being kept "top secret", and we are merely told that it criticizes blundering and extravagance.

Last year, Senators Russell Long of Louisiana and Wayne Morse of Oregon, then members of the Committee - made an extended tour of our military bases, all the way from Labrador to the ^{coasts}~~coasts~~ of the Mediterranean, as far as Turkey. They drew up reports on what they had observed. The one today - presented by Senator Long.

We hear that it finds "no scandals" in the construction and maintenance of those military centers. But - a huge waste of money.

(After the Committee had a look at the report, Senator Byrd of Virginia told news reporters that it was, in his words - "pretty startling in showing excessive extravagance."

The Committee has ordered all copies to be locked up,

~~for the time being at least "top secret." The chairman,~~

~~Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts, announces that~~ General

Omar Bradley, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been invited to appear at a closed hearing next Tuesday - and give his comments on the report made by Senator Long.

FILES

In Washington, ~~the witness~~ more testimony today about the disappearance of documents from the State Department files. The witness, testifying before a Senate Investigating Committee, was John Matson, a security officer in the State Department.

He said that, in Nineteen Forty-Nine, he was on the job at Quito, in Equador, inspecting the U.S.Embassy there, and sent back a report on an Embassy official. Later, returning to Washington, he discovered that his report had vanished from the files.

This, he told the Committee, was only one of several instances - in which "damaging" documents had been removed. Some of these were "morals" cases - in one of which a Foreign Service official was cleared for promotion after "derogatory" material had been taken out of his personal file.

(~~The Committee, headed by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, is calling State Department officers who have authority to decide - what should stay in the files and what should be removed.~~)

REVENUE SCANDAL

Testimony in Washington - that the former chief of Alcohol Tax, Carroll Mealy, spent forty thousand dollars more than the income he reported on his tax return. Federal Revenue agents declared that, during his term of office, from Nineteen Forty-Six through Nineteen Fifty -- he reported a total income of fifty-one thousand dollars, but his actual income was ninety-two. ~~EF~~ thousand, or more.

In Nineteen Fifty-One, Mealy resigned as head of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department - and is now being investigated in the scandals of income tax, which have been in the news for two years.

HOLLAND

This was the big rescue day - in Holland. An armada, boats on the water, and planes in the air, took thousands of people to safety - from flooded islands. An international work of mercy - by rescue teams of half a dozen nationalities.

The star part played by squadrons of American and British helicopters - and, as night fell, they were still on the job, ~~at night~~ ~~still~~ taking out people still marooned in washed-out villages. But only a few remained to be saved - after this day of wholesale rescue.

C.I.O.

The C.I.O. has appointed a Committee to discuss a merger with the A.F. of L. The project has often been talked about - a reunion of the two great labor organizations which split apart back in the 'Thirties. So now, C.I.O. President, Walter Reuther, announces that a ten-man committee will negotiate with the A.F. of L. But Reuther warns that, in any unified labor movement, all Communists and racketeers will have to be thrown out.

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FIRE

The Brooklyn Navy Yard had a spectacular blaze tonight when fire destroyed a big warehouse full of machinery and oil. The leaping flames visible in mid-town Manhattan, but mobilized firemen got control after three hours, and only the Navy Yard warehouse was destroyed.

But most of the long line of people who poured in on him - wanted state jobs. They asked for every kind, on the ground that they were good Republicans, who had worked hard for the cause of the G.O.P. in the political campaign. But, as usual, there are not enough jobs to go around. The Governor may have "open house" but there are not so many positions open.

TREASURE HUNT

Here's an example of gallant courtesy - at St. Paul, Minnesota, ^{where they are} ~~they are~~ having their annual winter carnival. ^{And} the St. Paul Pioneer Press-and-Dispatch ran a treasure hunt to advertise the gala event. Clues were published - for figuring out the place where a check for a thousand dollars was buried in a chest. The lucky winner, Mrs. Catherine Harmon, who found the thousand bucks.

She puzzled out the clues, as they were printed, and figured that the treasure chest was buried in a park along the Mississippi River. So, armed with a hoe, she went to the park - intending to dig all over the place. But, when she got there, she saw another treasure hunter, who had also figured the park as the place - a man who had been digging away all night.

Seeing the lady with a hoe, he said to her: "Why don't you try over by that tree?"

So Mrs. Harmon did. She took a couple of swipes with her hoe - and hit something hard. The ^{other treasure hunter} ~~man, noticing this, said~~ noticed this, and said quickly: "That's it, lady." And - walked off.

You might have thought he'd be disappointed and chagrined. But he never gave a second look, as the lady found the treasure - thanks to his good advice,