

## Acheson Opposes Proposal Of Vandenberg For Arms Aid For Europe On Stop-Gap Basis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson flatly rejected today a proposal by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) that Congress provide only stop-gap arms aid to Western Europe until next year.

Acheson told the Michigan senator, who has been a leading supporter of the bipartisan foreign policy that such a course would be little more than a gesture.

In an obvious reference to Russia, Acheson told the Senate foreign relations and armed services committees:

"In dealing with the forces with which we are dealing, you gain no advantage by assuming an attitude. We must deal in realities. The sooner we fill the vacuum of military weakness in Europe, the better it will be for our own security."

Vandenberg contended that the Administration's \$1,450,000,000 arms program sets a pattern for the military defense of Western Europe before the council to be formed under the North Atlantic treaty has come into being and set up a defense committee to make military plans.

He complained that the United States is going ahead without consulting its North Atlantic allies. He said that he favors instead an interim program which will show clearly that this country intends to furnish arms, but will not preclude further joint planning.

Vandenberg asked Acheson if he would "resist the idea" of proceeding with a stop-gap that would "demonstrate our attitude at the moment but wait until the next session of Congress for passing upon the pattern of the total program."

"Yes, Senator Vandenberg, I would resist that," Acheson replied quietly. "I think we must go forward on both fronts."

He favored furnishing military aid while strategic plans are being drawn under the treaty.

Weakness invites attack, Acheson told the combined Senate committees earlier today that Congress should approve foreign arms aid because "the United States is open to attack on its own territory to a greater extent than ever before."

In a prepared statement Acheson told the senators that the Western European allies of the United States are now so weak in military power that their situation is an invitation to any

would be aggressor to strike. "The first line of defense is still in Europe," Acheson said, "but our European allies do not have the military capacity to hold that line."

The Secretary said that Russia is maintaining the largest armed forces in the peacetime history of any country. And, he added, Moscow "has used or attempted to use its obvious military superiority to intimidate and coerce, smaller nations."

Nothing For China

Acheson turned thumbs down on proposed military aid for China's Nationalist government.

"We do not feel justified in asking arms for China or for the Far East as a whole," the Secretary said in reply to a question by Senator Smith (R-N.J.).

A group of 12 senators has introduced an amendment to the arms bill to earmark \$175,000,000 for aid to China.

Acheson said a "small amount" which could be used in the Far East at the discretion of the President would be helpful.

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## Senator's Charge Of Subversives In U. N. Organization Draws Sharp Retort

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) Monday told the Senate that persons have gone "directly from fields of subversive activity" in the United States to positions of authority in the United Nations.

He declared "two typical examples" are Ludwig Rajchman, executive director of the UN international emergency children's fund, and Norman Corwin, McCarran said Corwin's appointment as a member of the radio division of the UN department of information was announced by the international agency last March 8.

"If the case of Norman Corwin were an isolated instance," the senator said, "it would not be so greatly disturbing. It is, unfortunately, characteristic of a number of people who have been selected to serve in the secretariat of the United Nations."

McCarran is chairman of a Senate judiciary subcommittee which has been investigating the entrance of allegedly subversive

persons into this country.

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Norman Corwin said Monday "I believe I am a vastly better patriot" than Senator McCarran (D-Nev.).

"At least," said Corwin, a writer in the radio division of the United Nations, "I have worked at the job of helping to broaden an appreciation of American institutions, our democracy and our form of government. My sentiments have never been secret from any one and are on record in print and on transcripts for every one to see."

Corwin issued a statement repeating previous denials that he was a Communist.



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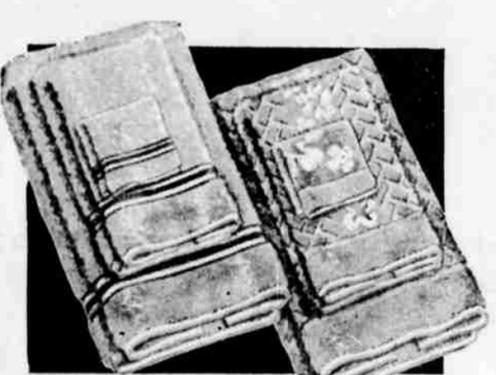
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