

Dulles Believes U. S. Ahead In Atomic Arms Knowledge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said Wednesday he believes the United States is in the forefront in atomic arms knowledge. But he said this is partly a matter of speculation, and this country cannot suspend tests of nuclear devices.

Dulles said the Eisenhower administration believes it is imperative to keep in the forefront in this field.

Until a dependable plan for disarmament has been agreed upon, he said, which includes control and inspection of such weapons it is not safe to discontinue tests.

The secretary's news conference remarks were in response to questions. By implication, they were a reply to agitation among some Asian nations, India in particular, for an end to tests of nuclear weapons.

There have been reports from congressional sources the United States will conduct new super H-bomb tests in the Pacific this year.

On other topics, Dulles made these main points:

1. The United States talks with Red China through ambassadors at Geneva have been a disappointing failure to the extent that some of the things which would make the talks useful have not been done. Dulles cited notably the fact that 13 Americans are still imprisoned despite Red Chinese agreement last September to release them expeditiously.

2. It was common world knowledge, in Dulles' words, that the Western powers were prepared in 1954 to join in united action against Red China unless there was an Indochina truce. Dulles made this comment in response to a question based on a Life magazine article to be published Thursday, as to whether a United States policy of "deterrence" had prevented the failure of the Indochina conference.

The conference results in loss of half of Viet Nam to the Communists and at the time was considered a severe defeat for the Western powers. The question indicated that the Life article conveyed a Dulles claim that the conference had in fact been a kind of success for United States policy.

3. Dulles said the United States would have used whatever military weapons were at hand in action against Red China. This was in reply to a question as to whether atomic bombs would have been employed in the event that the Indochina war had not been settled.

Oswego Man Is Chosen Outstanding Apprentice

PORTLAND (AP)—Walter Herdt of Oswego is Oregon's "outstanding industrial apprentice of 1955" selected by the National Assn. of Manufacturers.

Herdt is a machinist apprentice at Willamette Iron and Steel, Portland.

All apprentices completing two years of training in any manufacturing trade were eligible for the annual contest.



COMMITTEEMEN expected in Roseburg Tuesday for a state legislative interim committee hearing are shown here. Left to right, top row, are Sen. Stewart Hardie, Condon; Rep. V. Edwin Johnson, Eugene; Rep. George Layman, Newberg; Judge Raymond A. Lathrop, Grants Pass. Bottom row, Curtis M. Everts, Portland; John P. Miska, Oregon City; and Rep. Al Loucks, Salem. At last word, Loucks was ill and may not be able to attend.

Nation Urged To 'Wake Up' To Economic, Social Contest

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles Wednesday called for the country to "wake up" to the economic and social contest with the Soviets in which defeat would be "disastrous."

The call was made in a statement which Dulles gave out at a news conference after checking it with the President. He said Eisenhower suggested its release.

The statement was prepared by the U.S. delegation to the recent U.N. General Assembly. The delegation sent it to Dulles who reviewed it with the President just before Christmas.

Dulles said he was giving it out Wednesday, at the President's suggestion, because this was his first news conference since the matter came up.

Discussion made clear however, that he hopes the statement will help swing public opinion behind the administration's foreign economic aid request to Congress.

The statement said in part: "The present period in history may one day be recognized as a major turning point in the struggle between communism and freedom. It appears to be clearly a shift in the cold war, in which economic and social problems have moved to the forefront.

"Members of the United States delegation during this General Assembly session were conscious the Soviet Union, elsewhere in the world, was using economic and social collaboration as a means for jumping military as well as political barriers. Examples of this can be found in India, Egypt, and Burma.

"We believe the United States must counter these Soviet efforts. We can succeed, not by outbidding communism in sheer amounts of economic aid, but by making newly independent and newly articulate peoples feel that they can best satisfy their wants by becoming and remaining part of the community of free nations.

"We welcome more emphasis on economic and educational endeavors, for we have a proven experience in these fields.

"We are in a contest in the field of economic development of underdeveloped countries which is bitterly competitive. Defeat in this contest would be as disastrous as defeat in an armaments race.

"We could lose this economic contest unless the country as a whole wakes up to all its implications."

Man Still Alive With Bullet Hole In Head

WACO, Tex. (AP)—A. B. Shoemaker, who has amazed medics by remaining alive more than three days with a bullet hole through his head may recover, his doctor says.

Dr. Boyd Alexander said last night that Shoemaker is showing improvement and "if the man lives a couple of more days, he could be on the road to recovery."

Shoemaker, president of the defunct U.S. Trust and Guaranty Co., shot himself Saturday night at his palatial estate here. The steel-jacketed bullet penetrated his right temple, went through the brain and came out his left temple. It did not strike the optic or motor nerves and Shoemaker was conscious for a short while after the shooting.

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