

Ike Thinks Summit Meeting Likely For Berlin Agreement

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today he believes the Western Allies will have to meet at the summit with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to get any sort of valid agreement on German problems.

But no one is going to command the United States and the other Western powers to show up at a top level conference, the President told a news conference emphatically.

The West will not be bluffed or blackmailed into going to the summit, he said.

Eisenhower thus said anew, although indirectly, that his attendance at any summit meeting will be contingent on progress at an earlier conference of East-West foreign ministers.

The President was asked specifically whether he attaches any

conditions to meeting at the summit with Khrushchev and this country's Western Allies.

At the time of Eisenhower's talk with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan there were reports from British quarters that Eisenhower had agreed unconditionally to go to a summit meeting.

Public To Hear Reply

Today the President noted that the reply of the Western Allies to a March 2 Soviet note regarding a summit conference has now been coordinated with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. That reply, he added, will be made public soon, and the answer to the matter of any conditions in connection with a summit meeting will be disclosed in that note.

But he went on to say that his

convictions concerning a summit conference have been known for years and that he never has changed them.

He added he doesn't expect to change them unless something cataclysmic develops.

That was an obvious allusion to his statements, as recently as a week ago, that he would go to a summit meeting if developments in the meantime should warrant it.

At another point Eisenhower was asked to explain just what he had in mind when he said last week in a nationwide television-radio address that there must be justification for a summit meeting.

He replied that he meant progress—obviously at an earlier foreign ministers conference—that would justify a top level conference.

Nikita Has Authority

Still later at today's session with newsmen, Eisenhower was asked whether he felt anything worthwhile could come of a meeting with Soviet representatives at anything less than the summit level.

The President replied it is perfectly clear that Khrushchev is the only man with sufficient authority to negotiate for the Soviet Union with the West and make it stick.

Any Russian of lesser status, he said, would have to be on the telephone to Moscow all the time, checking with Khrushchev.

The President went on then to say if we are going to get anything of substance from the Russians—if we are going to get a valid agreement—then Khrushchev has got to be in the picture.

Eisenhower's news conference was dominated by discussion of the prospects for a summit conference and a settlement of the Berlin crisis.

But the President did touch on these other matters:

DULLES—He will never let Dulles leave government service so long as Dulles feels able to work in some capacity.

Without saying so specifically, the President thus indicated that he has given thought to keeping Dulles on, possibly as a foreign policy adviser, even if Dulles' illness should make it necessary for him to resign as secretary of state.

Dulles advised him this morning, the President reported, that he is planning to leave for Florida Monday for a period of recreation and convalescence.

Dulles' doctors, Eisenhower said, are hopeful he will be able to get back into harness in a reasonable time, but so far have given no specific information on whether radiation treatments Dulles has been receiving have checked his cancer.

PROJECT ARGUS—The government will make public later in the day a report on Project Argus—the explosion last September of three atomic devices about 300 miles in outer space.

Eisenhower made that announcement when a reporter asked whether the Argus tests would alter the U.S. position in attempts to negotiate a ban on nuclear testing with Russia and Britain.

Eisenhower said the Argus tests were a new development and that it has taken months to evaluate the results. That evaluation amounted to separating the scientific aspects from the military, the President said. As for the prospects of a ban on nuclear weapons testing in the atmosphere alone, it still is too early to tell about that, Eisenhower said. The basic question, he added, is the Soviet insistence so far on the right to impose a veto in any agreement negotiated. That has been one of the big stumbling blocks at the negotiations which started last October.

PRICES—Eisenhower once more called on both labor and management in the steel industry to display statesmanship and try

to avoid any price increase for steel.

CONGRESS—Asked to assess the record of the Democratic controlled 86th Congress as it is about to take an Easter recess, Eisenhower replied with a smile that the lawmakers are unpredictable. He has found, he said, that Congress' actions usually come in spurts toward the end of the session.

NEPOTISM—A reporter asked what Eisenhower thought of Congress members who put relatives on their payrolls. Again with a smile, the President replied he would leave that one for the reporters' editors.

TREATY—Any separate Soviet peace treaty with East Germany in advance of a summit conference would not in itself end Western rights in Berlin, Eisenhower said, adding that the Allies are determined to protect those rights.

NIXON—There was consideration given to having Vice President Richard M. Nixon sit in at the Eisenhower-Macmillan talks last week. While that idea was abandoned, the President said he has held a long meeting with Nixon since the talks and the Vice President is fully acquainted with what went on there.

JOHNSON—A reporter, suggesting that Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) might win the Democratic presidential nomination, asked whether Eisenhower feels that Johnson is well qualified. Eisenhower ducked that one. He simply referred to the Texas senator as a warm personal friend of many years—a man, who like himself, belongs to the cardiac club. This referred to the two men's heart attacks.

SPENDING—A bit sharply Eisenhower said that during the political campaign last fall he never labeled all Democratic members of Congress as reckless spenders. He said he tagged only some of them that way and that it was a perfectly legitimate thing to do in a political fight.

BYRD—Told that Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) is urging him to veto legislation which the Senator feels would cut the administration's \$7-billion-dollar budget out of balance, Eisenhower said he has no agreement with Byrd regarding possible vetoes. But he added he does agree with Byrd on the necessity for safeguarding the nation's financial status.

TIBET—Reports reaching him regarding a revolt in Tibet are so fragmentary, Eisenhower said, that it is impossible for him to evaluate the situation. He did say that picture there reflects restiveness over the Communist control.

TRADE—He and Macmillan discussed Anglo-American trade—such matters as wool fabrics, machinery and airplanes—during their talks last week. He and Macmillan agreed to study the picture as seriously and as exhaustively as possible, Eisenhower reported.

Nikita Pledges Work For A-Ban

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has said he will make every effort to settle the problem of discontinuing nuclear weapons tests, Moscow Radio said.

Khrushchev made the statement in a letter replying to a message from 22 American politicians, scientists and industrialists, the broadcast said.

Khrushchev asserted his government had done a "great deal to insure success at the conference in Geneva." He indicated he felt the U. S. and British governments were doing everything to prevent an agreement.

The Geneva conference on a nuclear test ban treaty has been deadlocked over Soviet insistence on the right to veto the work of a control system to be set up for policing a test ban.

Hatfield Urges Red Cross Aid

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield urged continued strong support Tuesday for the Red Cross as he received a report on the organization's activities in the state during 1958.

In the report, presented by Ray Vestler, Red Cross national fund vice-chairman in Oregon, the Red Cross reported 1,000 Oregon residents served as volunteers last year.

Another 40,800 persons in the state were trained in first aid and water safety, care of the sick and injured and baby care by the 1,623 Red Cross-trained instructors in the state's 36 chapters.

Red Cross regional blood centers in Portland, Yakima, Wash., and Boise, Idaho, collected 33,702 units of blood in Oregon counties covered by their bloodmobiles. The blood was provided for emergency use in hospitals throughout the state and for civil defense stockpiling.

Nearly 11,000 servicemen or their families, or veterans, or their survivors, were aided by the Red Cross in Oregon.

Commenting on these statistics, Gov. Hatfield declared: "Behind every statistic is a story of service and mercy...not only in Oregon communities, but throughout the nation and world as well."

"The Red Cross provides an outstanding example of brotherhood, and it is the responsibility and privilege of each of us to do our utmost to help carry on its great work."

NASSER FOE DIES

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Sir Abdel Rahman El Mahdi, 73, bitter foe of Egypt who headed stubborn opposition to President Nasser's ambitions to control Sudan, died Tuesday night.

Porter To Aid HST Birthday Jubilee

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said Tuesday he has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the honorary committee for the Truman Diamond Jubilee, a nationwide celebration of former President Harry S. Truman's 75th birthday.

The birthday will be marked by a 90-minute closed circuit television program May 8 that will feature noted stage, movie, television and music personalities, and a dramatization of Truman's life.

Porter said by agreeing to serve he was reciprocating for Truman's pledge to help launch an Oregon centennial wagon train. Truman agreed to be honorary wagon master for a covered wagon caravan to leave April 19 from Independence, Mo., on an overland trek along the old Oregon Trail route to Independence, Ore.

Urban Director Named By Eugene

EUGENE (AP)—Nile B. Paull, 38, city administrator for Florence, Monday night was hired as urban renewal director for the city of Eugene.

The action was taken by the Eugene City Council, sitting as the urban renewal authority following its council meeting.

Paull is expected to take over his new job in mid-April. He will receive a salary of \$62 a month, the same as that paid other major city department heads.

It will be Paull's job to direct an urban renewal planning study for which the city recently received a \$7,000 federal advance grant.

Higher Education Board Gets Fund For Dormitories

SALEM (AP)—The state Board of Higher Education has won authorization to build almost nine million dollars worth of new college and university dormitories.

Gov. Mark Hatfield signed into law the bill increasing the ceiling on dormitory construction bonds from \$15,500,000 to 24 million dollars. Since the bill had an emergency clause, it became law today.

The dormitory bonds are self-liquidating, being paid off by dormitory fees.

The increased authorization was made possible when Multnomah County increased its valuation last year, and thus boosted the state valuation which governs the amount of dormitory bonds that can be issued.

However, since Multnomah County is putting the valuation back to the former level, the dormitory bonds will have to be sold before Aug. 15, when the state valuation will be reduced again.

Daylight Saving Bill Introduced

SALEM (AP)—The House Planning and Development Committee introduced its bill Tuesday to let the people vote in November 1960 on whether they wish to have daylight saving time.

This is a companion measure to the bill to have daylight time in 1959 and 1960 from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in September.

The House is expected to debate both bills Thursday.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to strengthen and simplify the four-year-old law which regulates billboards on state highways. The bill provides for a full-time billboard inspector in the Bureau of Labor.

It would exempt business signs at the place of business, and is intended to make the law easier to enforce.

The Senate sent to the House a proposed constitutional amendment providing that increased tax receipts resulting from urban renewal projects could be used to finance the projects. This is the same measure that the people defeated last November, 268,716 to 221,330.

The Senate also sent to the House a bill to permit the legislative council to recommend substantive changes in the state laws. The purpose is to eliminate dead wood and conflicts from the laws.

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