

# Hope Held for New Dawn of Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and his secretary of state held out cautious hope Tuesday night for a new dawn of peace in the world.

Joining in an unprecedented radio-TV report to the nation, the President and Secretary Dulles voiced hope of real progress in forthcoming top level talks with the Russians.

**"New Dawn . . .?"**

It was Eisenhower who spoke of a possible "new dawn," though he cautioned this country must stay strong and vigilant—mustn't get its hopes too high or be misled by any false appearance of agreement.

But he voiced confidence the American people have the ma-

turity to take the right attitude. Dulles, just back from clear-the-ground negotiations in Europe, said recent events may have "turned the tide of history."

Dulles referred to such things as the signing of an Austrian independence treaty and the seating of West Germany in the Atlantic alliance.

**Russia—No Religion**

Dulles said he was by no means convinced the Russians have "got religion." But he said it does look as if they have decided—in some fields at least—to quit "bucking" the moral standards of the world. And he attributed this mainly to strong and persistent pressure from the West.

Sitting in the President's oval office, Dulles told the chief exec-

utive and the far-flung TV-radio audience of his recent trip to Europe. The President introduced him, prompted him with questions and pointers, nodded and smiled as the secretary talked.

**Informal Discussion**

It had the air of an informal, chatty discussion of momentous issues, though Dulles had some notes with him and he and the President had conferred Tuesday afternoon, presumably to go over what was to be said.

Dulles declared that in the decision of the NATO allies to rearm West Germany as an ally, Soviet Russia has suffered its "greatest diplomatic defeat" since World War II.

Furthermore, Dulles declared Russia's decision to withdraw troops from Austria as part of

the Austrian treaty settlement "is bound to have a tremendous impact" on satellite countries where "Soviet armies are in occupation."

**Freedom 'Contagious'**

Furthermore he asserted the joy of the Austrians in their promised freedom will be "contagious." The Soviets know, he said, "the people of the satellite countries are going to want to get for themselves the same things the Austrians are getting. They want to dance in the streets some time too."

Dulles built his talk up to the climatic subject of the Big Four meeting and said many people are puzzling over why the Soviets have undergone some change. He said he personally thought "the Soviet Union may be feel-

ing it is more convenient for them to conform to some of the rules and practices of the civilized community."

**'Soviets Softening'**

"We find for the first time," Dulles said, "a softening of the Soviet attitude."

From time to time the President interrupted Dulles with some comment of his own. At one point he did this to express confidence that the American people have developed "a greater maturity" with respect to negotiating with the Russians than they possessed some years ago.

The President was prompted to this comment when Dulles warned that there is a danger in Big Four meetings of the kind in which Eisenhower may join some time in the summer.

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