

Acheson Warns Atlantic Allies Path Not Easy

NATO Conference
Opens in Lisbon

LISBON, Portugal — (AP) — A grave-faced Dean Acheson told the Atlantic Allies, opening their ninth council session Wednesday: "We must take actions that will strain all of us to the utmost."

"It is a task for governments and for peoples," the U.S. Secretary of State said. "We must develop the concrete military strength which alone can insure our people against the destruction and suffering of another war."

TWO NEW members, Greece and Turkey, joined the 12 Western Allies in a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization council—composed of foreign, defense and finance ministers.

Portuguese Foreign Minister Paulo Cunha, in the role of host, broke into the usual welcoming pleasantries with a plea for the admission of Spain to the alliance.

He blasted Spain's exclusion as a strategic absurdity, and said defense of the Iberian Peninsula was indivisible.

Acheson's words came shortly after reliable reports said North Atlantic Treaty Organization economic experts had reported that 1954 will fall 12 per cent short of realization.

BUT HE declared the creation of the European Defense Community, the diplomatic name for a European army uniting Germans and French with the soldiers of four other nations, "has been brought to a point where the approval of this council for its form and authority can be obtained."

The planners look for the Germans to provide 12 divisions in this force.

Acheson was fresh from a meeting in London with British and French foreign ministers and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer which apparently paved the way for West German participation in the supra-national army.

While doubts and details still must be resolved, Acheson said, he had deep conviction that "all the nations concerned can move forward confidently to make the European army a reality."

"The West wants peace above all," declared Acheson. "We do not desire military forces great enough to launch a preventive war."

BUT HE said, the Allies must make sacrifices to make the alliance work, and NATO "will be of little value unless we finish the job."

Solemnly, Chairman Lester B. Pearson of Canada warned that this session may well determine whether the Atlantic coalition will be a strong and enduring association for the defense of peace, or merely a tenuous and uneasy alliance.

The session is faced with the necessity of producing enough concrete results in Western military and civil co-operation or risking a possible clash by the United States Congress in multi-billion dollar aid.

Dorman in Hospital

PORTLAND — (AP) — Harry Dorman, state finance director, who has been in a Portland hospital for a short time under treatment for an undisclosed ailment, was to be released Wednesday.

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THE GRUMAN F9F-6 Cougar, latest member of the U.S. Navy fighter plane family, knifes through the sky in a test flight. The streamlined jet fighter craft, rated for security reasons in the "over 600 miles per hour" class, is a swept-wing successor to the Panther, first jet to be used in combat by the Navy. (AP Wirephoto)

Most U.N. Planes Obsolete in Korea

By PHIL NEWSOM
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The Air Force has four types of fighter planes which are the "work horses" of the Korean War. Of these, only one—the F-86 Sabrejet—can stand up in combat against the Russian-built MIG-15.

THE OTHERS are the slower F-80 Shooting Star and the F-84 Thunderjet, and the World War II propeller driven Mustang. The Mustang was our most successful fighter in the closing days of World War II, but against the jets it has about as much chance as a kite in a whirlwind.

The Shooting Star, the Thunderjet and the Mustang are all obsolete—even though the former two weren't even heard of at the close of the last war.

Yet, because our Air Force has been fighting a sort of "starvation" war in Korea, all three have been doing a tremendous job as fighter-bombers against enemy troop concentrations and supplies and in close support of our own ground troops.

Until the B-29 medium bombers were limited to night work, the F-86 frequently were assigned to them as escort and downed their share of MIGs. But it was an uneven battle in which, if we won, we did so because our pilots were better trained and were equipped with a better gun sight than the enemy.

As air-to-air fighters, the shooting Stars and Thunderjets now have been replaced in Korea by the Sabrejet.

Combat figures illustrate that so far as a comparison between the Sabre and the MIG are concerned, our lack has not been so much in quality as in numbers.

The F-86 boys are the ones who take off early in the morning for the MIG Alley patrol.

Their chances of finding a fight are good and they usually are outnumbered at least three to one, and sometimes by as much as eight to one. We have about 150 Sabrejets in Korea as opposed, according to official estimates, to about 700 MIGs available to the Reds.

Yet, with the odds against them, our pilots have been killing off the MIGs at about the rate of eight to one.

But, for the man alone in the sky, cruising along at 30,000 feet, those odds cannot be discounted. I talked with some Sabre pilots one day, just as they climbed from

County Democrats Hear Howard Morgan

Lane County Democrats met in Springfield VFW Hall Monday for an evening of potluck and speeches. National committeeman Monroe Sweetland spoke briefly before Dr. Jay C. Hicks introduced Mrs. Margaret Caywood, of Portland, state vice-chairwoman for the Democratic party. Mike Gleason, Multnomah County Commissioner, explained the Get Out the Vote campaign being organized by State Junior of Commerce members which will begin March 23 when Bob Hope launches the project in Portland.

Howard Morgan, new state chairman of the party was the main speaker. He pointed out the real campaign issues as not being milk costs and deep freezes but access roads, timber, electric power and rail road service to this northwest region.

Home Builders Discuss Prices

Economy Stressed
In National Parley

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Price tags on houses must come down. That is the consensus of more than 50 home builders meeting in Washington to share "trade secrets" on how to cut housing costs.

They said that even if the actual dollar costs of houses doesn't come down, the price must represent a smaller percentage of the purchaser's salary or income than it has in the past.

Some of these builders already are producing homes for as low as \$6500 for a two-bedroom, flat-roof design and around \$10,000 for a three bedroom, 1½-bath plan. These are final costs after land-scaping.

Al Balch of Seattle and V. A. Place of South Bend, Ind., both well known home builders, said possibilities for builders to economize in housing costs barely have been scratched.

Other builders said the public in many localities already had been educated to prefer basementless and atticless homes, with utility and storage rooms or spaces on one floor.

They said economy-minded builders also are saving money by using such other things as truss-type roofs that eliminate the need for heavily-built partitions inside; new radiant heating, and carports instead of garages.

Roy Rogers Corralled

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Roy Rogers, the movie cowboy, is in a hospital and expected to stay there the rest of the week with a "minor lung congestion." The ailment followed a virus attack.

President Sees Backyard Fire At White House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman went to a fire in his own backyard Tuesday. The blaze, cause undetermined, wrecked a storage shack on the White House grounds. The executive mansion was not endangered.

The President walked the half block or so from his office to watch firemen quickly douse the flames.

The shack was built by workmen remodeling the White House. The Trumans live across the street at Blair House pending completion of the five million dollar job.

DPA Approves Mill Building

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Defense Production Administration Wednesday okayed the building of three new multi-million dollar paper mills which will boost this country's newsprint by more than 20 per cent.

The agency issued certificates of necessity—which provide for federal tax benefits—to aid the construction of the projects.

They are: Bowater Southern Paper Corp., Charleston, Tenn., \$5,500,000; Southland Paper Mills, Inc., Hart, Tex., \$15,040,000; and West Tacoma Newsprint Company, Stellacom, Wash., \$5,000,000.

Despite DPA approval, the building work cannot be completed unless the government allots certain scarce materials now under priority to the project. But since newsprint is high on the government priority list, approval is considered likely.

Born With Organs Outside Baby Girl Survives Surgery

PENDELTON, Ore. — (AP) — A baby girl who was born with her abdominal organs outside the body is believed to be on the way to full recovery, the attending physician said here Tuesday.

Dr. Clifford Wagner said he rushed Deborah Kay Warren to surgery immediately after the girl's birth in Lone, Ore., and replaced the organs through a long incision in the side.

Deborah Kay was born Feb. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warren of Lone.

Dr. Wagner said the little girl is now at home, resting and eating comfortably. He said that during the operation "we were forced to place the girl's appendix on the left side of her body instead of the right."

The doctor explained the phenomenon by saying that, in the embryo stage, the girl's stomach had failed to close in a small area over the stomach wall. During the pressure of birth, Dr. Wagner said, the force apparently ruptured the small opening, causing exposure of the organs.

Only last December, a girl, Deborah Kay, was born at Puyallup, Wash., with her organs outside her body.

Doctors operated immediately and corrected the abnormality, but Deborah Kay died days of life.

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