

Europeans Hail Inaugural Talk

LONDON (AP)—Western Europe gave a warm welcome to President Eisenhower Wednesday and hailed his inaugural speech as proof of continued American cooperation.

There were signs, too, that Western Europe will pledge its support to Eisenhower's anti-Communist policy just as it co-operated with outgoing President Truman.

Among senders of messages of good will to the new American President were West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, President Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, and King Baudoin of Belgium. From India President Rajendra Prasad expressed belief "friendship and co-operation between our two countries will continue to grow."

Farmers Flee East Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Four hundred East German farmers fled Tuesday night to West Berlin and told refugee officials Wednesday the Communist plan for a "death zone" around the city is nearing reality.

Most of the farmers said they had been warned that they would be forcibly evacuated to the deep interior of the Russian zone and their lands confiscated.

The group was largely made up of men who have been tilling land near the outskirts of West Berlin on farms which have been in their families for generations.

The so-called death zone preparations started several months ago. Communist police indicated they intended to seal off an area one kilometer-five eighths of a mile deep on the 70-mile West Berlin border. To be caught in this area without specific permission could mean abrupt death from the guns of the Soviet-trained border police.

A similar death zone was built by the Communists on the zonal frontier in Midwest Germany after the Bonn Republic approved the European Defense Treaty last summer.

Roads from West Berlin to the surrounding Soviet zone have systematically been blockaded with chains, barbed wire and other barricades this winter. Only two border points now are open, at the elevated train station in Staaken, British sector, and the Flienicke Bridge in the American sector. Once there were hundreds of crossing points.

Western Europe's press took deep satisfaction in noting that Eisenhower apparently will follow the same general foreign policy lines as his predecessor.

FAREWELL TO TRUMAN

Quite a few newspapers waved a friendly farewell to Harry Truman and said he will go down in history as a courageous, far-sighted leader.

Holland's Catholic Volkkrant said Eisenhower's first speech reflected wisdom and moderation. "Isolationist Sen. Taft surely did not guide the President's hand," the paper said. "Truman himself could have made it."

Many newspapers such as England's liberal Manchester Guardian saw in Eisenhower's speech a warning to Western Europe to unite.

"The unity of Europe has been a favorite theme with the President and we may expect him to press it with all the immense resources of persuasion now in his hands," the Guardian said.

'STRONGER REALISM'

The independent London Times said Eisenhower had pledged himself to uphold and carry forward a revolution in American foreign policy marked by the Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact.

In West Germany, the independent Wiesbaden Kurier said Eisenhower's program "carries on Truman's line with the expression of even stronger realism. . . . Eisenhower rejects preventative war and on the other hand rejects useless appeasement."



INAUGURATION MASSES—General view at the Capitol in Washington during ceremony inaugurating Dwight D. Eisenhower as 34th President of the United States. The stand from which Eisenhower took oath is in background. (NEA Telephone)

Mamie to Inspect New Home

Nation's First Lady Sleeps In

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower slept late Wednesday before taking a close look at her new 100-room home.

She had the extra rest coming. It wasn't until after 1 a.m. that she and her husband returned from the inaugural ball at the tail-end of the most exciting day in her life.

During the 18-hour inaugural whirl Tuesday, she and the President, spent less than three hours in the White House—while they ate a hurried supper off trays and changed into evening clothes for the ball.

Wednesday was Mrs. Eisenhower's first opportunity to visit her kitchen—one of the rooms she missed on her tour of the mansion with Mrs. Truman—and to meet the staff the Trumans left behind.

And at mid-afternoon she was

scheduled to preside at her first official function—a reception for 300 women from the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Federation of Republican Women and Volunteers for Eisenhower.

It was the first of many scores of hand-shaking punch parties she will hold alone, and with her husband, in the state parlors of the White House.

From 10 a.m. to noon, however, Mrs. Eisenhower could not call those same parlors her own. The daily sightseeing tours were resumed after a one-day holiday, and tourists, by the hundreds, had free run of the whole first floor.

CRESWELL — Ellsworth Huffman, musical director in the Creswell schools, and some of his students, will present a program at Creswell Grange, Thursday evening, Jan. 22.

Despite the furious pace of inaugural events, Mrs. Eisenhower was radiant, with no outward trace of weariness, as she accompanied her husband to the two resplendent balls Tuesday night.

Her Renoir pink gown and white ermine cape won many compliments—but perhaps none so heartfelt as that from her little niece.

"Tell Aunt Mamie she looks just beautiful in that dress," 11-year-old Ellen Moore confided to her Uncle Ike when he stopped by the Moore family box to give her, her mother and sister a kiss.

Throughout the inaugural day, Mrs. Eisenhower was not far from her husband's side—nor from his thoughts.

As the President led his party from his box at the Armory ball last night, he said over his shoulder, "Someone look after Mamie."

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