

Mendes-France Agrees on Talks With President

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House reported Saturday that the new French Premier, Pierre Mendes-France, is ready to take part in "confidential and intimate" talks with President Eisenhower on such burning issues as Indochina and the European defense army.

The French position on talks between the heads of the two governments was contained in a letter from President Rene Coty of France to Eisenhower.

Coty's letter, dated June 23, was in reply to a letter sent by Eisenhower at the time when Mendes-France was organizing a new government after the fall from power of former Premier Joseph Laniel.

Eisenhower had offered "to open new discussions" on Indochinese defense proposals. Coty said the French were "always ready to proceed with the United States government to examine the problems involved in the re-establishment of peace in the Far East."

The French President said his country was likewise prepared to discuss with the United States plans for the defense of Europe.

He did not mention specifically either Indochina or the European Defense Community, but diplomatic sources here said they understood that Coty was referring to these questions in his letter.

Eisenhower had told Coty that time was running out on EDC, the projected six-nation defense organization designed to combat any Communist aggression in continental Europe.

Washington (AP)—A House-Senate conference committee Saturday approved a \$404,938,149 money bill to finance the Interior Department for the year beginning July 1.

This was \$22,814,961 below budget estimate, and \$22,684,857 below the amount approved by the Senate.

However, the figure was \$40,598,160 higher than originally allowed by the House.

The conference committee's report is expected under normal procedure to be taken up in the House Monday. The report must be adopted by the House and the Senate before the bill goes to the President.

For Bonneville Power Administration construction, the conference committee compromised at \$23,314,000—between the House figure of \$18,320,000 and the Senate allowance of \$28,300,000.

In this item, it limited the maximum expenditure for the Chief Joseph-Snohomish service to \$4,300,000; The Dalles area service to \$1,300,000.

For operation and maintenance of the Bonneville power system, the committee allowed \$6,200,000, instead of the \$6,600,000 approved by the Senate and the \$5,999,000 passed by the House.

Church Issue Left Unsettled

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—A spirited dispute over the national system of convention representation broke out Saturday morning at the Congregational Christian Churches' convention here.

The dispute was touched off by the demands of an Oregon group for recognition. The argument was left unsettled for a later session.

The issue could affect the overall national representation system for the denomination, and had indirect ramifications on a proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The demand for accreditation as a delegate came from Mrs. Ernest Billingham, of St. Helens, Ore., representing five churches in Northern Oregon.

Six years ago, they quit their regular geographically-formed association because its majority favored the merger, and set up an association of their own without regard to geographical lines.

Former Swim Queen To Wed Sportsman

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eleanor Holm, 39, the former American swim queen, has disclosed that she is planning to marry again.

In an interview published in the Los Angeles Mirror Saturday she said her intended husband is Tommy Whalen, 47, who describes himself as a professional soccer player.

Four months ago the brunette swimmer obtained a Las Vegas, Nev., divorce after a lengthy legal battle with millionaire showman Billy Rose.

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DULLES AND EDEN MEET—U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles poses with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden as they sat down at the State Department Saturday morning for talks on the world situation. Their meeting was during an interlude in talks between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill at the White House.

U. S. Rejects Soviet Charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States curtly rejected Saturday as without any foundation at all a Russian charge that the U. S. Navy had seized the 8,840-ton tanker Tuapse last Wednesday south of the island of Formosa.

Nationalist China announced Friday that it had seized the Soviet vessel because it was bound for the port of Shanghai on the Red Chinese mainland in defiance of a Nationalist blockade.

In a note to the United States on Thursday, Moscow asserted it would take measures to safeguard Soviet ships in the region of Formosa, where the United States 7th Fleet operates.

Saturday the State Department announced the U. S. Embassy in Moscow had delivered this note to the Kremlin:

"The U. S. government refers to the Soviet government's note of June 24 regarding interception of the Soviet tanker Tuapse by a war vessel of the destroyer type in Far Eastern waters.

"The U. S. government rejects as completely without foundation the allegation made by the Soviet government that naval forces of the United States have seized or otherwise interfered with the movement of the Soviet tanker in question."

Press Officer Lincoln White was asked whether the note was not unusually brief. He replied that there was no point in spending a lot of words on a report that was "totally false."

EDEN TOPS POLL

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Express Saturday published the results of a public opinion poll in which 64 of every 100 persons named Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden their number one choice to succeed Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

QUAKE HITS CHINA

HONG KONG (AP)—A Red Chinese broadcast from Singiang said a strong quake shook the Paipai-shan area of Honan Saturday, doing "serious damage and causing casualties."

Dulles Admits To 'Bad Habit'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles confessed to British Foreign Minister Eden Saturday that he has a "bad habit"—doodling.

The two were posing for photographers. They were sitting side by side behind a big table and trying rather self-consciously to look relaxed and cordial. They tried a lot of small talk about such things as what a nice time they had had at Friday night's White House dinner for Prime Minister Churchill.

Finally Dulles, who was idly drawing a kind of circle—or something—on a sheet of paper waggled a yellow pencil at Eden and said: "Doodling is a bad habit of mine, I guess."

It is not his only "bad habit." He is an inveterate sharpener of pencils and in the course of an afternoon's negotiations may reduce several fine writing sticks to little piles of shavings.

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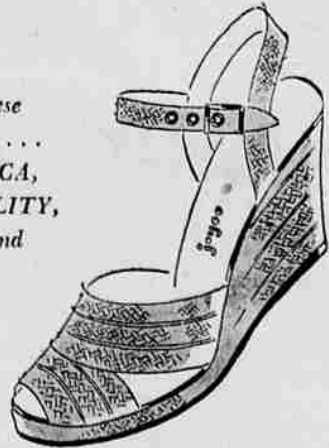
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