

U. S. Outlines Stand On Nuclear Test Ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States told the neutral nations Thursday that this country "will gladly cease" nuclear testing the moment an effective test ban agreement can be reached with Russia.

But in a note to the government of Ghana, the United States said that without a Soviet agreement, this country "will not unilaterally relinquish the right to conduct defense preparations."

The note was dispatched a day after the Defense Department and Atomic Energy Commission announced that the third—and largest—U. S. atmospheric weapons test had been conducted in the Pacific.

As in the first two tests, the device Wednesday was dropped from a plane. But it was at least twice as strong as either of the earlier shots.

A joint announcement by the Defense Department and the Atomic Energy Commission said it was in the low megaton yield range—the explosive equivalent of from one to several million tons of TNT.

The previous shots in Operation Dominic, which got under way one week ago Wednesday, were in the 100,000 to 500,000-ton range.

By contrast, the atom bomb that struck Hiroshima in World War II was rated at 23,000 tons of TNT.

The note to Ghana urged the neutral nations to support U. S. efforts to achieve an effectively monitored test ban agreement. It was in response to a note of April 26 from Ghana appealing for an end to testing by all nations.

The U. S. reply said that this country "regrets the necessity" for its Pacific test series but that in the absence of Soviet agreement, it must be conducted.

The note said Russia undoubtedly "derived much information of military significance" from its test series last fall.

"If the Soviet Union," he said, "were to conduct nuclear test explosions while the United States refrained, military preponderance would in time come to rest with the Soviet Union."

This, the United States said, "would be exceedingly dangerous for any government seeking to maintain its independence."

Ghana is not a member of the 17-nation Geneva Conference but the note said the United States would appreciate the African government's support.

Explaining the U. S. position, the note added "there can be no disarmament without a corresponding commitment to verification arrangements" because governments cannot risk the lives and freedom of their peoples by disarming without certain knowledge that other states are also complying.

U.S. Offers Plan For Nuclear Force

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The United States was reported Thursday to be willing to share control of its nuclear warheads in Western Europe with a politically strong European union that includes Britain.

The U. S. position was described as a new approach to the years-old discussion of giving the North Atlantic Treaty Organization an independent nuclear strike force.

Qualified Western sources disclosed the new U. S. idea as foreign and defense ministers prepared to open NATO's annual spring meeting. The defense ministers were to meet to study weapons and production problems, among others. The foreign ministers open a three-day review of the allied defense position Friday.

During the past 18 months numerous proposals for a supranational nuclear strike force for the Atlantic alliance have been unable to solve the key question: "How many fingers on the trigger?"

Only two fingers are envisioned in the concept of American partnership with the European political union that is the ultimate aim of the six-nation European Common Market. A qualified Western source reported that Washington now was using nuclear armament as an inducement to the six nations—all NATO members—to get on with their political negotiations and to include Britain.

In the view of some Americans, an American offer to share nuclear control with a European authority would achieve these ends:

- Encourage West Germany and France to let Britain into the Common Market and speed formation of a political authority to manage the Common Market's foreign and defense policies. Britain has started negotiations to join the highly successful economic union and professed a desire to participate in its concurrent political discussions. France and West Germany want to keep Britain out of the political discussions until the economic negotiations are complete. The political talks have bogged down because of Dutch and Belgian refusal to proceed without British participation.
- Satisfy the West German desire for nuclear armament and forestall the French drive for a separate national nuclear strike force.
- Give smaller states a voice in nuclear decisions within the NATO framework.



(AP Wirephoto)
Gilbert Larson, left, scuffles with a student usher Wednesday during a talk at the University of Minnesota by U. S. Communist party official Benjamin Davis. Larson had attempted to question Davis during the speech. The student, not identified, attempted to quiet him. One person was ejected and others warned to be orderly during the speech.

Leaky Gear, Missing Parts Plague Fair's Boy Wizards

SEATTLE (AP)—Two youngsters were back in business in the National Science Fair-International Thursday after running into difficulties.

Joseph P. Schierer Jr., 16-year-old Shreveport, La. boy, had a temporary setback Wednesday when part of his television equipment failed to arrive.

When the judging began, he dejectedly attached a note to his half-finished exhibit. It told the judges: "Part of project lost in shipping. Please come back later." A judge put young Schierer in touch with KING-TV, and the youngster borrowed gear to get his closed circuit station working.

The other 16-year-old who managed to skirt disaster was Joe Parkinson of Blackfoot, Idaho. His intricate heart-lung machine sprang a leak and turned the exhibit into a mess. But within a short time, Joe had the machinery apart and together again with the leak fixed.

Nearly 400 top high school science students are displaying exhibits in the event, held on the World's Fair grounds.

Canada Fixes Dollar's Rate Of Exchange

OTTAWA (AP)—The Canadian dollar stood Thursday at the fixed international exchange rate of 92½ cents in relation to the United States dollar after more than 11 years of a "floating" rate.

The government announced shortly before last midnight the rate was being pegged at "a definite rate" to bring stability to international transactions.

Finance Minister Donald Fleming said stabilization of the Canadian dollar at 92½ cents in terms of U. S. currency would be "of great advantage to the Canadian economy," which has been plagued in recent years by heavy international payments deficits.

Another way of expressing the new fixed exchange rate is that one United States dollar equals \$1.08 Canadian.

At the close of trading in New York Wednesday the Canadian dollar stood at slightly more than 95 cents — or 2½ cents more than the new rate.

The lower rate will reduce the cost of Canadian products in international markets and increase the cost of imports, giving Canadian products a better competitive position at home and abroad.

Canada had been the only major country without a fixed exchange rate, and under the floating rate the Canadian dollar had floated upwards by late 1960 to a premium of six cents above the U. S. dollar.

Alarmed by the rising cost of Canadian exports and the lower cost of imports resulting from the overvaluation, the Canadian government began taking action to drive the rate down.

Diplomatic Corps Feted by Kennedys

WASHINGTON (AP)—Foreign diplomats sipped champagne and danced at a gay White House frolic, moving President Kennedy to confide wistfully: "Ambassadors are happier sometimes than presidents, they can see more of the world."

As he chatted with Syrian Ambassador Omar Abou Riche the President perhaps was recalling the days when his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, was serving as U. S. ambassador to London.

Kennedy had left the cares of the day in his nearby executive office to spend an hour and a half early Wednesday evening at the traditional White House reception for 277 members of the Washington diplomatic corps and top U. S. officials.

He and Mrs. Kennedy greeted each guest with a receiving line handshake in the State Dining Room and then mingled and chatted with them in the East Ballroom, where a lavish buffet table was set.

An unexpected scene-stealer at the 6 to 8 p.m. affair was the President's 4-year-old daughter Caroline, who came to look at the party.

Caroline, in a frilly white dress, stood on a small balcony of the grand entrance staircase watching the crowd in the long red-carpeted corridor.

Many of the guests spotted her and waved.

Caroline, who has looked in on a few such parties before, appeared to be enjoying herself as she climbed on a rung of the balcony's iron railing for a better view.

Caroline saw some of the diplomats and their wives in colorful dress of their native lands. But the affair was not so fancy as most at the White House. The dress was for cocktail time and not formal and the men wore business suits.

Mrs. Kennedy wore a charcoal-crepe dress with a sash draped at the back.

The First Lady had planned an innovation for the reception—dancing in the Blue Room with a Marine band jazz trio providing the music. But, it didn't work with the diplomatic guests. Most of the guests preferred to stay in the East Ballroom where the Kennedys and the huge buffet table with food, fruit punch and champagne, were located.

Mrs. Kennedy was quick to correct the situation, however. She sent for the musicians to come to the ballroom and the dancing gaily went on in a corner of the room around a grand piano.

Among those who joined in was the new Soviet ambassador, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, and his wife.

Fourth Candidate For Queen Selected

PORTLAND (AP)—The fourth candidate for queen of the 1962 Portland Rose Festival is 18-year-old Carole Ehrsam, a senior at Cleveland High School.

Students at Cleveland selected her Wednesday.

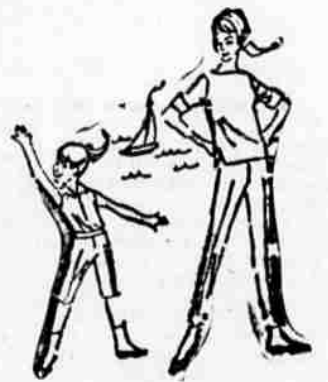
Carole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ehrsam of 6814 SE Reed College Pl. She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 115 pounds, and has light brown hair and brown eyes.

She said she plans to study art at the University of Oregon.

Symphony Leaves

SALEM (AP)—The Salem Junior Symphony left in two buses Thursday to play Friday at Seattle's World Fair.

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