

Under Attack



Mrs. Hilde "Red Hilde" Benjamin, 54, grim-faced minister of justice for Communist East Germany, is the target of new and violent blasts by Red party comrades. The renewed attacks come as East Germany's Communist rulers announce they have freed 12,504 prisoners, many of them jailed by Mrs. Benjamin. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S., French Split on Russ Policy Action

Differences Noted in Talks Between Dulles and Pineau

WASHINGTON — A French-American split appeared evident today over the problem of how to deal with Russia despite a round of diplomatic talks between Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and Secretary of State Dulles.

Pineau arranged to leave for New York by plane today enroute home after apparently failing to convince Dulles the West should adopt a more daring trade and cultural contact policy toward Russia.

Five and possibly six differences cropped up during the Dulles-Pineau talks although top American officials sought to minimize them as the kind of differences that were to be expected among free peoples.

The officials stressed Pineau and Dulles were agreed on the over-all objective—that of encouraging development of a peace-loving Russia. The Dulles-Pineau differences that were disclosed, they said, were over how best to achieve this.

Despite this on-the-record optimism, many top American officials were known to be concerned lest Pineau's ideas win wide acceptance among other Western countries at a time when Moscow appears to be trying to drive a wedge into Allied unity.

The clashing Dulles-Pineau views, as they showed up in Pineau's windup speech yesterday and resumes of their talks provided by informed officials, appeared to cover these main points:

EAST-WEST CONTACTS — Pineau urged big scale economic and cultural exchanges with the Soviet bloc. Dulles opposed this, insisting such contacts be on a "selective basis" to prevent Soviet agents from flooding into newly independent and backward countries where they would stir up trouble.

TRADE — Pineau appealed for easing of trade restrictions on shipments to Eastern Europe and Communist China. France would like to sell television equipment and the new "Caravelle" jet transport to the Soviets. Dulles agreed only to let experts study items individually.

FOREIGN AID — Dulles turned a cold shoulder to Pineau's idea that Western nations, including the United States, agree to distribute part of their economic aid through the U.N. instead of directly.

RUSSIAN POLICY—the two disagreed on the significance of policy changes inside Russia since party chief Nikita Khrushchev demolished the Stalin legend. Pineau took the view many of the more liberal changes, particularly in the economic field, were "absolutely irreversible." Dulles said it was too early to judge their significance and that a harsher Soviet policy could be substituted quickly.

GERMANY—Dulles agreed with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that Russia must agree to unite Germany to prove the sincerity of its new-look policies. Pineau said it was an "exaggeration" to believe nothing could be done to improve East-West relations until the German problem is settled.

MIDDLE EAST ARMS—Pineau sought unsuccessfully to persuade Dulles to agree that arms provided Israel should be made available by Britain, France and the U.S. jointly. At present, France is supplying arms, including jet planes virtually alone, bringing down the wrath of the Arab world around its head.

Offsetting these French-American differences was a united Dulles-Pineau stand on world disarmament and a joint reaffirmation of their view that the U.N. Security Council should continue present efforts to restore peace in the Middle East.

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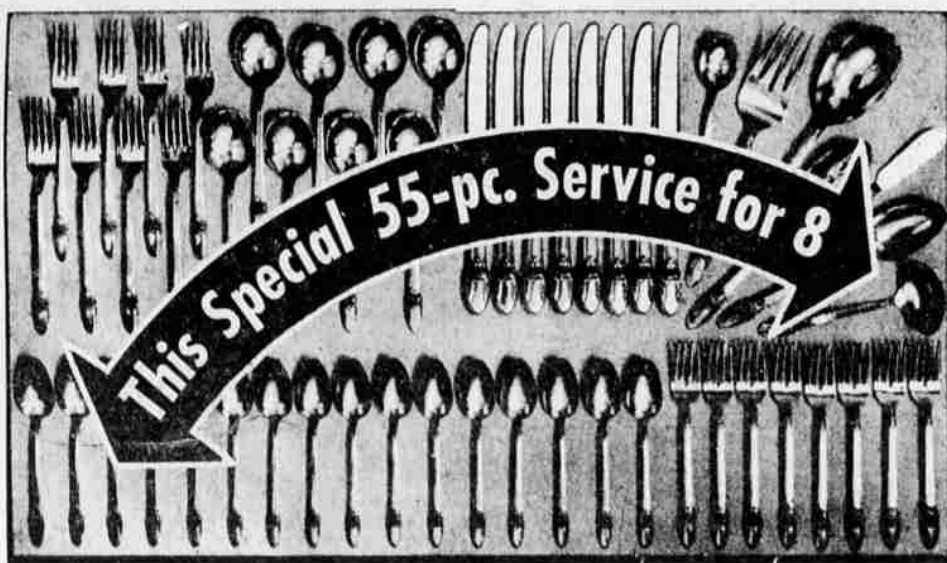
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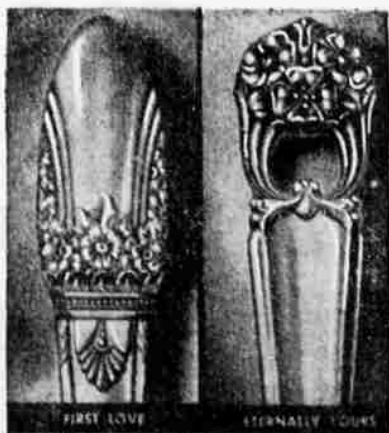
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