

Dulles Statement on British, French Men Might Jolt Relations

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—State Department officials were concerned today that a remark by Secretary of State Dulles about British and French soldiers might deal a new jolt to U. S. relations with the two countries.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White, after consultation with Dulles, tried to head off negative overseas reaction with an assurance that Dulles did not mean to insult British and French armed forces.

But it appeared from the first reaction in British newspapers that the explanation didn't do the trick. The London Daily Sketch carried a front page banner headline reading: "Dulles Insult to Forces."

Reply to Morse

The remark in question was made by Dulles yesterday while he was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committee in support of President Eisenhower's request for special military-economic powers to block Communist expansion in the Middle East.

Sen. Morse (D-Ore), a critic of the Eisenhower proposals, said he wanted to know why the administration had not sought a commitment from the British and French to help the United States in any fight against Communist aggression in the Middle East.

In reply, Dulles said Morse ought to "give very serious consideration" to Arab hostility to the British and French because of

their invasion of Egypt last fall. Then Dulles added in a humorous vein:

"Personally, I'd rather not have a French and British soldier beside me, one on my right and one on my left."

Slur Questioned

After this comment was made British and French correspondents asked the State Department whether Dulles intended a slur on the troops of their countries.

Officials became alarmed at the possibility of what they felt might be a serious "misinterpretation" of Dulles' remark.

U. S. relations with the two big European allies have been strained since the United States denounced the British-French attack on Egypt and used its influence to force the Paris and London governments to halt the attack and withdraw their forces.

After conferring with Dulles, White told a news conference:

"By no stretch of the imagination could this (Dulles' remark) be considered as a reflection on British and French forces."

"As far as valor and training are concerned, there are none we value more highly as allies."

White said Dulles had been speaking entirely in the context of the United Nations resolution calling for the evacuation of British and French forces from Egypt.

"To talk about the reintroduction at this time of British and French forces into the area," White said in giving Dulles' explanation, "could be interpreted as a reversal of the U. N. decision."

Dulles also had in mind that there continued to be "inflamed feelings in certain quarters in this area," White said, adding:

"Given all these factors, the secretary felt it was not practicable at this time to talk about the reintroduction of British and French forces into the area, although he felt and believed this was only a temporary situation."

Papers Attack Dulles Quote On Soldiers

Secretary Called Man Well-Meaning But Talks too Much

LONDON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles' remark that he would rather not have a French and British soldier beside him in the Middle East brought a rash of indignant headlines today in British newspapers. But editorially the secretary was seen as a well-meaning man who talks too much.

The Dulles statement came as he was testifying yesterday before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees in support of the Eisenhower proposals for powers to block Communist expansion in the Middle East.

Dulles was asked why the Eisenhower administration had not sought a British and French commitment to help in any fight against Communist aggression in the Middle East. He replied that "serious consideration" should be given to Arab hostility resulting from the recent invasion of Egypt. Then he added: "Personally, I'd rather not have a French and British soldier beside me, one on my right and one on my left."

A very London newspaper reacted with the same "slur without British" headline theme. Editorial comment contained an almost equal mixture of resentment and amusement.

Under the headline "Britain and France not wanted," the Times described Dulles' remark as a "clumsy," but dismissed it as "another of his irritating gaffs."

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College President



Dr. Robert W. Gibson, president of Monmouth College, Illinois, guest of honor at a dinner Friday night. In attendance were former students, graduates and Presbyterian churchmen. (Capital Journal Photo)

'Not Many Changes,' Comment of Gibson

By FRED ZIMMERMAN
Capital Journal Writer

"Human nature hasn't changed much," said Dr. Robert W. Gibson, president of Monmouth College, with a twinkle in his eye, as he replied to the question, "Are present-day students much different than they were a few years ago?"

Beyond that, the man who directs the destinies of the denominational school at Monmouth, Ill., would not venture, during a brief interview, Dr. Gibson, in Salem in connection with a tour of the west coast in the interest of the college, was guest of honor at a dinner attended by graduates and former students of Monmouth at the Marion hotel Friday night.

Dr. Gibson, a member of the United Presbyterian church, believes the movement for a unification with the Presbyterian organization is virtually sure to come about. At the time he left his home, only 12 of the 66 Presbyteries had voted on the subject, with approximately 76 per cent of those participating being favorable to the plan.

Little friction

Indicating that there is little friction between the two groups, locally at least, Friday night's dinner was attended by a number of persons prominent in the First Presbyterian church of Salem.

Returning to the subject of students, Dr. Gibson volunteered that there was more seriousness on their part in connection with their efforts to secure an adequate education in preparation for taking their places in the affairs of the country. "They are interested in science and physics," he added. This, he believes, is due to the scientific emphasis being shown by business and industry.

The smaller independent colleges, such as Monmouth, are having an easier time, financially, although the search for funds with which to care for an expanding enrollment is a never ending one, said Dr. Gibson. The brighter situation is the result of the realization on the part of industry and business that there is a place in the educational field for the liberal arts college. "Men in charge of industry want well-informed executives," he said.

Gibson inquires

Dr. Gibson inquired about Sen. Wayne Morse and Douglas McKay, former secretary of the interior. "You know I stayed up late election night trying to find out what had happened in Oregon." He didn't indicate his preference between the two men.

As for the weather, Dr. Gibson said he liked "this brisk, clear weather. I understand you Oregonians prefer clouds and rain. But give me the clear sky and the bright sunshine."

Dr. and Mrs. Gibson left Saturday for California, where they will spend some time around the Bay area.

Gibson Given Life Sentence In Penitentiary

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Ernest Loring Gibson, 29, was sentenced here Friday to life in the Oregon state prison.

He was convicted in a trial that saw the first newspaper photographs being taken in circuit court here.

A jury of eight men and four women found Gibson guilty after deliberating only 10 minutes. The charge was assault and robbery stemming from his escape, with three other prisoners, from the Linn County jail last September.

At the time he already faced a life prison term for conviction of robbing the Linn County treasurer's office.

Circuit Judge Fred McHenry gave Wallace Eakin of the Albany Democrat-Herald permission to take natural light photos from the press table in front of the courtroom.

Labor Leaders See Navy Ships

By NORMAN WALKER
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The Navy is outdoing itself this year for labor union leaders assembled at Miami Beach for their annual winter meeting.

In the past the Navy has brought in destroyers, mine sweepers and even submarines to Miami to take winter-conventioning union men for a day's ride over the sunny Atlantic waves.

But this time the Navy is putting on a production—an aircraft carrier with half a dozen destroyer escorts, together with helicopters manned by Marines to ferry the labor people out to sea.

This perhaps indicates a feeling by the Navy of the growing importance of organized labor on the American scene since the AFL-CIO merger.

Top Generals' Pay Rises Over Congressmen's in New Plan

By CHARLES CORDRY
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP)—Some of the nation's top generals and admirals would be paid more than congressmen under new pay proposals prepared at the Pentagon.

That became apparent today as it was disclosed that more than one million men would be affected by the proposed overhauling of military pay scales at a cost of possibly as much as \$750 million, informed sources said Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson was expected to approve revised pay scales for presentation to Congress but nothing that would cost as much as the current proposals.

The proposals were prepared by a special committee appointed by Wilson and headed by Ralph J. Cordier, president of General Electric Co.

Under the Cordier plan, four star generals and admirals would receive \$24,000 a year in basic pay, \$74 in subsistence allowance and \$2,025 in quarters allowance for a total of \$26,825.

Four star officers in the Army, Navy, and Air Force today are paid about \$17,300 a year in base pay and allowances. There are 28 four-star generals and admirals on active duty.

Cabinet members today are paid \$23,000 a year. Congressmen are paid \$22,500.

The subject of the Cordier committee proposals is to make service more attractive to highly skilled technicians needed to man the weapons of the atomic age.

The proposals generally call for wage increases for enlisted ranks above the grade of corporal.

Consolidation of Offices Sought

PORTLAND (AP)—Consolidation of the two independent post offices at Wecoma Beach and Oceanlake, Ore., was recommended today by Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) to the regional post office director at Portland.

Although Wecoma Beach was annexed to Oceanlake more than a year ago, the two Lincoln county communities are still served by two separate postal facilities, Norblad said.

He told Director S. G. Schwartz that "with probably only the exception of the New York City area, I do not know of any place in the United States where we have more than one independent post office in a given community."

Soviet Circus Canceled

BANGOR, Burma (AP)—A Soviet circus has cancelled a performance scheduled here for Saturday because the troupe said they would rather see the opening performance of the touring San Francisco Ballet. The ballet company arrived Friday for two showings.

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Indian Action Brings Protest By Pakistanis

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Angry Pakistanis demonstrated by the thousands Saturday against integration of Kashmir with India. Political and religious groups declared this a "black day"—or day of mourning.

In Hyderabad, demonstrators stoned offices of the assistant Indian high commissioner, smashing windows. Several were reported injured when police moved in with clubs and tear gas.

Others marched in all Pakistan's principal cities. Black flags flew and many of the marchers wore black badges on their left arms. Most shops and businesses closed.

A mob burned effigies of India's Prime Minister Nehru outside the Indian high commission office in Karachi. Thousands of students paraded with signs saying "hands off Kashmir." Other huge demonstrations were staged in Lahore, Peshawar, Sylhet and Chittagong.

Leaders of all Pakistan's political parties joined here in condemning Nehru for failing to act on a resolution of the U. N. Security Council Thursday calling for a freeze on the situation until the border state's own people could decide its future in a plebiscite.

The political leaders appealed to the U. N. to safeguard the rights of the Moslems ruled by what they called Indian imperialism in Kashmir.

Liz in Mexico To Get Divorce

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)—The husband Elizabeth Taylor is shedding and one she is getting have had a friendly chat in this Mexican resort town.

Present husband Michael Wilding flew here from Hollywood to help Miss Taylor "expedite" her Mexican divorce action.

He spent two hours on the beach with producer Mike Todd. Miss Taylor says she will marry Todd after divorcing Wilding. The two men reportedly talked things over amicably and had a drink together.

State Real Estate Examination Held

Ten persons passed the recent state examinations for real estate brokers, Ragnor O. Johnson, real estate commissioner, announced Friday.

They include John Banks, Eugene, Jim Bevans, Roseburg; Manfred A. Burson, Hermiston; and Gertrude Schroeder, Klamath Falls.

The next examinations will be held in Medford, March 20; Eugene, March 23; Salem, March 25 and Portland March 28.

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REPUBLICANS BLAMED FOR DEADLOCK

GOP Senators' Delight Dimmed by Holmes Attack

Body Now Ready To Get Down To Business

By JAMES D. OLSON
Capital Journal Writer

Happiness expressed by both Democratic and Republican senators over the end of the deadlock on selection of president of the senate by election of Sen. Boyd R. Overhulse, was dimmed somewhat by an attack by Gov. Robert D. Holmes on the Republican senators.

For days senators of both parties had worked together in an effort to resolve the deadlock. Democrats and Republicans conferred with one another frequently and on Thursday the two original candidates, Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon and Sen. Walter Pearson stood side by side advocating a secret ballot, a move defeated by objection of Sen. Monroe Sweetland.

The governor, in paying a tribute to the ability of President Overhulse, added, "I am pleased that the long and unseemly struggle, perpetuated beyond reason by resistance of the Republican members of the senate, has ended."

Gill Replies

It did not take long for Sen. Gill, the original Republican candidate for president, to reply: "Sen. Overhulse was the suggestion of the Republicans two days before he was elected, and was the only new Democrat acceptable

to us. We deem his election to be a victory for our party and all the people of the state.

"The election was a complete repudiation of Gov. Holmes. When he stuck his hand into legislative affairs and named his personal candidate, we chopped his arm off at the elbow."

Sen. Gill added that the Republicans have only the most cordial feeling for their Democratic colleagues in the senate.

"The governor is embarrassing his own party's senators, who have a better conception than he has of governmental separation of powers."

Operation of only half of the legislature during the first 13 days of the session was rather costly.

Estimated Cost

Estimated cost of the present session is \$775,000 and based on a conservative estimate of a 100-day session—the session will likely go on longer—the daily cost would be \$7,750.

So the cost of the long deadlock, splitting the cost between the senate and house, would roughly be \$42,625.

Speaker of the House Pat Dooley put his house to work right after the inaugural of Gov. Holmes, with the result that 289 bills have been introduced and referred to House committees for study.

Many of the House committees have had at least one meeting and some several. Third reading of some bills in the house is expected early next week which means that some bills will be sent over to the senate before the week is ended.

The joint ways and means committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday and will be faced with some 110 bills already introduced in the House. Sen. Alfred Corbett, senate chairman of the ways and means committee, announced the Monday session would be for orientation purposes only with staff members of the department of finance explaining highlights of the 1957-59 budget.

Almost 100 bills dealing with taxation are in the House committee on taxation. Thus far Chairman Clarence Barton has not scheduled consideration of any of these bills, awaiting the end of these appearances of staff members of the state tax commission, who are explaining intricacies of the Oregon tax structure.

With the senate finally organized, it will not be long before the legislative wheels will be grinding out bills by the dozens each day.

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