

Secretary Rusk sets stage for 'summit' between Johnson, Douglas-Home

LONDON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk set the stage today for a "summit" meeting between Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home and President Johnson in February.

He conferred with British officials on ways to ease tensions with Russia in the wake of a Western Allied decision to let Britain "carry the ball" while Johnson settles into office.

Rusk today reviewed with Douglas-Home future Western strategy on ways to ease East-West tensions—mainly through disarmament.

Rusk and Home met at a working lunch with Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler and other top Anglo-American officials. Earlier, Rusk talked for more than two hours at the foreign office with Butler.

Authoritative diplomatic sources said the talks concentrated on disarmament and East-West relations. They said other questions also were touched on in a wide-ranging review, but the dominant theme was the need to find ways to improve relations with Moscow.

They said the talks were an important preliminary to the meeting Home will have with Johnson in Washington.

Rusk leaves later today for Washington to report to Johnson on his talks.

Butler plans to attend the Geneva disarmament talks when they resume late in January, and hopes to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko there.

The talks clarified Anglo-American views, but there was not any immediate official British confirmation of reports that London and Washington were thinking of offering the Russians a 10 per cent cut in military budgets.

Informed sources said, however, this was an old proposal which could be revived at any time.

Rusk began his meetings with a discussion of the Indonesian-Malaysian problem with Commonwealth Secretary Duncan Sandys.

Indonesia's pressure on Malaysia, the newly formed British commonwealth federation, also played a prominent part in Rusk's meeting with Butler Wednesday night, informed sources said.

The meetings all were informal and there were no communiques. But diplomatic sources described them as cordial.

The sources said one of the main topics throughout was the issue of contacts with the Soviet Union.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council, which Rusk attended earlier in the week, agreed that diplomatic probes of Soviet intentions should continue.

Britain wants to make sure that its contacts have American backing. U.S. officials said in Paris Wednesday that Rusk gave Butler such assurances during the NATO talks.

Butler plans to attend the Geneva disarmament talks when they resume next month and to take the opportunity to meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko there.

Rusk told Butler Wednesday he has no objections to such a meeting but does not plan to meet Gromyko himself unless the Geneva talks show signs of progress, which seems unlikely at this point.

West Berliners brave cold, snow to get passes to visit relatives in East Berlin

BERLIN (UPI) — Thousands of West Berliners lined up in the cold and snow today for a chance to see relatives penned up in East Berlin by the Communist wall for the past 23 months.

They stamped their feet and swallowed hot coffee and brandy as they waited to apply for passes that will enable them to cross the anti-refugee wall for a day during the Christmas season.

By 11 a.m. there were 22,495 people in line, according to West Berlin police.

So many showed up at pass offices that a lot of them would have had no chance to get in before the offices closed for the day. In the district of Wedding, police started turning away newcomers three hours before the pass office opened for business.

Maj. Gen. Helmut Poppe, army commandant in East Germany, said everything possible would be done to pass visitors through the wall quickly. According to the Communist news agency ADN, Poppe said designated crossing points might be opened earlier than scheduled every day.

The first application forms went out Wednesday and it was expected the first West Berliners would cross the wall Friday to visit their relatives.

Wednesday night the Communists chopped out a "Christmas hole" in the concrete and barbed wire wall where it blocks the Oberbaum Bridge over the Spree River.

The hole was the first new gap in the Communist wall since it went up in August, 1961. Since then four other crossing points have been in existence for the use of West Germans and other Westerners, but West Berliners have not been permitted through them.

Officials estimated that 800,000 West Berliners have relatives behind the wall. Those eligible for passes will be able to enter East Berlin from 7 a.m. to midnight daily until Jan. 5.

The Communists will not allow East Berliners to come to the West, however. Many refugees have been shot while trying to escape East Berlin during the past two years.

Nearly 25,000 West Berliners filled out pass applications Wednesday in a dozen temporary bureaus set up in school gymnasiums in West Berlin and manned by East German postal employees. The applications were taken to East Berlin Wednesday night.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PST today.

Bend	High	Low	Pcp.
Astoria	44	32	T
Baker	53	45	.43
Klamath Falls	40	24	T
Medford	48	31	
North Bend	36	33	.05
Pendleton	55	48	.02
Portland	32	31	.01
Redmond	45	37	.10
Salem	31	28	
The Dalles	47	39	.19
Chicago	37	32	T
Los Angeles	15	0	
New York	66	51	
Phoenix	30	23	.07
San Francisco	68	36	
Seattle	46	45	.14
Washington	48	41	.23
	31	18	.05

Driver escapes in truck fire

PORTLAND (UPI) — A gasoline truck driver escaped injury early today when his vehicle slid off of St. Helens Road and burst into flame.

The driver, Bob Knight, jumped from the truck when the rear wheels went off the road.

Police said the truck's tank was apparently ruptured when the rear of the truck struck the pavement. Sparks touched off the 1,250 gallons of gasoline.

Al Brandt, Coraelius, owner of the truck, estimated loss at \$7,500.

NEW NORTH POLE

SANTA FE, N.M. (UPI) — Everybody knows Santa Claus' workshop isn't really at the North Pole.

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