

Dulles Sees Russia Unlikely To Seek War

New York—(U.P.)—John Foster Dulles, chief architect of the peace treaty with Japan, said Wednesday that Russia is "unlikely" to seek an all-out war because of Communist distrusts of the Soviet's "largely non-Communist" army.

"The Russians do have a program of world conquest in mind," Dulles said, "but they will try to effect it through the indirect methods of penetration and subversion, rather than through full-fledged war."

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2,680 Communists Week's Casualties

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Allied forces killed, wounded and captured 2,680 Communists during the first week of April, despite what the 8th Army described Thursday as a "lull" in Korean fighting.

The Army said 1,388 killed, 1,244 wounded and 48 captured were included in the toll.

Jets of the 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing and Republic of Korea Air Force Mustangs found a break in heavy cloud formations and blasted 11 large gaps in the rail line between Cheryong and Haeju. Ground action was described as the lightest since mid-February.

Heaviest ground action came in the Puncbow valley area when 100 North Korean troops attacked an Allied outpost. The United Nations troops withdrew.

Two Basic Disputes Rage Around Truman's Grab of Steel Mills

Washington—(U.P.)—There are two basic disputes raging around President Truman's seizure of the steel industry. One dispute involves a question of law, the other questions of economic fact.

The question of law, of course, is whether Mr. Truman had authority to seize the mills. Judge Alexander Holtzoff's refusal Wednesday to issue an immediate restraining order against the seizure did not settle the legal question. The next step will be an industry effort to obtain an actual injunction.

Old Timers Reminded

Already building up around the question of Mr. Truman's legal authority is angry debate which reminds old timers of the outburst which greeted FDR's plan to reorganize the supreme court back there in February, 1937. But the matter of the president's authority will remain a question for the courts to decide.

The economic question is before the court of public opinion. With Mr. Truman as chief

witness against the industry, the steel makers are charged, in effect, with a profiteering effort at the expense of the national welfare.

Basic Charge

His basic charge is that the industry is as profitable or more so than ever before—and nevertheless demands a big price hike which it does not need to compensate for a big wage boost. The industry's answer is that Mr. Truman calculated steel profits before taxes were deducted.

The National City Bank of New York has just published a report of corporation earnings in 1950 and 1951. The report is based on detailed analysis of annual reports of the 3,409 principal corporations in the United States.

Estimate Not Supported

These figures do not seem to support Mr. Truman's estimate of steadily increasing steel industry earnings. The bank discovered a "profit squeeze" bearing heavily on most industry, including steel. Higher taxes and higher operating costs were deducting net income after taxes, cutting return on net assets and trimming the profit margin on sales.

Fifty-three steel companies were included in this report. For all 3,409 corporations, net income after taxes fell seven per cent from \$13,775,521,000 in 1950 to \$12,838,949,000 in 1951. The overall profit margin in sales dropped from 7.7 to 6.2 per cent.

Net Declines

For the 53 iron and steel companies, the 1950 net after taxes was \$784,218,000 against \$689,379,000 in 1951. That was a slump of 12 per cent. Iron and steel return on net assets dropped from 15.3 per cent in 1950 to 5.8 per cent in 1951.

That is the statistical story of recent steel profits as presented by the National City bank.

Portland Areas To Get Direct Phone Service

Salem—(U.P.)—Communities outside the corporate city limits of Portland but in the Portland metropolitan area are going to have direct Portland exchange phone service.

State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel has issued an order directing Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. and West Coast Telephone Co. to make arrangements for direct, instead of long distance, calls to Portland from the Beaverton and Tigard exchange areas.

Government Lends Support to Prices Of Pork and Eggs

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture department went into the ham and egg business Thursday.

It is trying to bolster farmers' prices on pork and eggs. The department offered to buy 500,000 cases of shell eggs and "substantial quantities" of smoked pork products to "divert from the market temporary surpluses which are resulting in unfavorable producer prices."

Under Pressure

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has been under heavy congressional pressure in recent weeks to aid egg and hog producers.

Hog prices at the farm level have fallen recently to about \$16.40 per 100 pounds compared with \$17.40 in January and \$21.20 a year ago at this time. Farmers' egg prices have dropped to 33.9 cents a dozen from 40.5 cents in January and 43.7 cents a year ago.

The department will buy the two non-price supported, perishable products out of customs receipts earmarked by Congress for purchase of farm products "to encourage consumption of agricultural commodities by diverting them from normal channels of trade."

Smelt Run in Sandy Fails To Develop

Portland—(U.P.)—A smelt run on the Sandy river failed to materialize Thursday and Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies said the little fish had apparently moved on up the Columbia.

"Everything has disappeared," said Capt. Earl Stanley of the sheriff's office.

One report indicated the smelt were moving up the Columbia and were at Rooster rock on the Washington side. A sturgeon fisherman said he hooked a smelt in his line at Tanner creek near Bonneville Dam.

Short Men Have Good Chance To Live Long

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Short men may not have the sex appeal of their tall, dark and handsome brothers, but they have a better chance of living to a ripe old age, an expert in that sort of thing said Thursday.

Dr. William H. Sheldon told a physical education convention that studies of body types indicate tall men do not live as long on an average as short ones.

Many physicians are aware of the tendency of short men to live longer, he said, adding that Dr. William James had speculated whether it might be wise to prevent overly rapid growth of very small children by under feeding.

on orders. Allied Infantrymen ambushed a North Korean unit in the Mundung valley, killing seven Communists.

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