

Mendes-France Wins V Confidence Vote

DULLES TO REPORT TO EISENHOWER ON MEETING IN PARIS

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived from Paris today and said Atlantic alliance meetings there had reached "some very important decisions" — all taken with unanimity and good spirits.

Arriving at National airport with Dulles aboard a Military Air Transportation Constellation were Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey and Foreign Operations Administrator Harold Stassen.

Russia Sends Notes To Five Countries; Warn on Germany

London — (U.P.) — Russia has sent notes to five European countries which do not belong to NATO, seeking to woo them into the Soviet-style European collective security system with warnings against a revival of German militarism.

Nations Listed

Moscow sent notes to Finland, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland in the wake of the NATO conference in Paris. The notes gently chided the five for not attending Moscow's security conference but they were almost friendly in tone.

Moscow Radio said each note was sent Dec. 17 with an attached copy of the Moscow conference declaration on security made by Russia and the seven Communist satellite nations. They were ostensibly in reply to the five countries' rejections of invitations to the Moscow conference.

Longest to Sweden

The note to Yugoslavia appeared to be another effort to woo Marshal Tito back into the Kremlin orbit, but the longest note was sent to Sweden. It took pains to answer Sweden's questions "concerning the Soviet proposal for the establishment of a collective security system in Europe."

The note to Sweden was unique in that Russia mentioned the United States and expressed willingness to listen to any proposals for security that Sweden might have to offer.

Russia said many of Sweden's questions were answered by Soviet proposals made last February at the Big Four Conference in Berlin.

Chamber Elects John H. Plietsch

John H. Plietsch, 18 Willamette ave., today was elected president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Plietsch, who is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, succeeds Walter Garner, of Cal-Ore Machinery company.

R. B. Thierolf, of Big Pines Lumber company, was elected vice-president of the chamber, and Elwood Hedberg, manager of the First National bank, was named treasurer.

All of the new officers were elected unanimously.

Bend — (U.P.) — A Chemult, Ore., woman, Mildred Beckes, was killed outright last night when the car in which she was riding collided with the rear of a flat-bed truck on Highway 97 at Lava Butte, 10 miles south of here.

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Shivering in a cold wind, Dulles stood with his hands in his pockets and made a brief statement at the airport for newsmen and for newsreel and television cameras which he promised to elaborate on in news conference tomorrow.

Critical Period

He said he would report soon to President Eisenhower on the meeting at which the North Atlantic Treaty council agreed to rely on atomic weapons as a bulwark of Western strength against aggression.

The fast flying secretary returned as a supremely critical period for Western Europe and the United States began.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France is nearing a showdown confidence vote in his government on the question of rearming of West Germany.

The Soviet Union is making new efforts to thwart that objective. It is now threatening to cancel friendship treaties with both France and Britain if the Paris and London agreements to rearm West Germany are ratified.

Private Discussions

Dulles didn't directly refer to any of the NATO council decisions. He said that the North Atlantic council meeting provided an opportunity for some "very useful" private discussions with British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and Mendes-France.

"We didn't reach any private decisions," he said. But he added that the discussions were useful because they enabled the three foreign ministers to "keep our thinking in line."

Unless the London-Paris agreements to stiffen Western defenses are ratified with a six-month period, it is believed likely that they will fail together. Mid-June might be called a deadline for ratification.

Army Rejects Bids For Hydro Plant

Washington — (U.P.) — Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) said today the Army has rejected all bids for equipment for the hydroelectric plant at The Dalles, Ore., after a foreign firm was low bidder.

Kuchel's office said Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens notified him that the Army Engineers reexamined the specifications and threw out all bids because the specifications "contained ambiguities and requirements which made full compliance difficult and uneconomic."

It was the second time that the Army has rejected low bids on the project when a foreign firm quoted the lowest price.

Pope Pius Planning Christmas Broadcast

Vatican City — (U.P.) — The Vatican announced today that Pope Pius XII has recovered sufficiently to broadcast his greetings to the world on Christmas Eve.

The announcement in the Vatican City newspaper *Osservatore Romano* said the Pope would make an appearance at his fourth floor studio window Christmas Day to bless the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Because of the illness of the 78-year-old pontiff the broadcast will be recorded and will be confined to extending his best wishes and blessings. The text of the full message, now being prepared, will be published rather than delivered in person.

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STANDING ON SOUTH LAWN, with Washington Monument in background, White House Christmas tree is impressive symbol of Yule season as the President turns on lights. (International)

Re-Trial in Stabbing Case Due Next Month

The re-trial of Leroy Elmer (Bud) Starkey Jr., 21, Eagle Point, has been continued until next month, it was reported today.

District Attorney Walter Nunley filed a motion Friday asking for the continuance, and Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna said this morning he would approve the motion.

Starkey is charged with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He accused of stabbing Philip Henselman, Jacksonville artist, in the course of a robbery earlier this year. He was convicted during an earlier circuit court trial, but Defense Attorney Edward Kelly's motion for a new trial was granted by Judge Hanna.

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