

US Urged To Soft-Pedal Question of Soviet Satellite States

Dulles To Discuss View in Strategy Meetings in Paris

Paris — (U.P.) — Britain and France have urged the United States not to press too hard on the question of Russian satellite states at next week's conference of the Big Four, informed sources said today.

U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles probably will discuss this view further when he arrives here from Washington for last-minute strategy meetings with British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay.

Dulles will confer first with Pinay at the Quai D'Orsay this afternoon, and then with MacMillan over dinner at the American embassy tonight.

The trio will meet jointly Friday and report to the NATO Foreign Ministers Council Saturday morning before they and French Premier Edgar Faure fly on to Geneva.

Informed sources said the United States will raise the question of freedom in the satellite states at the conference among Faure, President Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden.

But the sources said British and French diplomats did not expect President Eisenhower to push the issue so hard as to endanger the success of the conference in the face of angry Soviet reaction.

However, lending emphasis to the American position was the action taken Wednesday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which approved two resolutions opposing colonialism and imperialism and expressing U.S. hope that the satellite countries soon may be freed from Soviet domination.

Pinay said Wednesday that the Eastern European countries could take their place in regional security accords in Europe.

In coming here, Dulles will take a first-hand look at Faure's new proposal to cut the arms budgets of the Big Four and use the savings thus made to set up a fund to aid underdeveloped countries.

He also will study with Pinay and MacMillan a report on joint Allied strategy for Geneva which has been hammered out during the past week by a committee of Western experts.

Missing Youngster Believed With Father

New York — (U.P.) — Police said today they believed a six-year-old girl, missing since she was seen walking with a "man in a white suit" last Tuesday, may be with her father.

The girl is Yvonne Soto. Her father, Thomas Soto, is separated from Yvonne's mother and has been working in California but recently came to New York in an attempt to effect a reconciliation, police said.

Mrs. Soto said she received a telegram from Soto saying he and the girl were flying to California. Police said, however, he may have been trying to mislead her because a check of airlines showed no such passengers.

News Flow Expected To Be Stepped Up by Successor to Mrs. Hobby

Washington — (U.P.) — Marion B. Folsom, newly-named secretary of health, education and welfare, may step up the flow of news from his widespread department.

Reporters have found Folsom

easy to reach during his government service. The department's retiring secretary, Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, often has been inaccessible to newsmen.

President Eisenhower Wednesday nominated Folsom, now treasury undersecretary, to suc-

ceed Mrs. Hobby, the only woman cabinet member in his administration.

Mrs. Hobby is leaving Aug. 1 because of the serious illness of her husband, former Texas Gov. William P. Hobby. She will take his place as president of the Houston Post Publishing Co.

Answers Questions Freely Reporters could recall no news conference Folsom held on his own at the Treasury Department. But he usually sat in on Treasury

Secretary George M. Humphrey's news conferences and answered questions freely. Newsmen also could reach him by telephone.

Mrs. Hobby has held six news conferences during her 30 months in office. Only her first, in April, 1953, and her last, in February of this year, were open to questions on all subjects. The others were limited to discussions of specific legislation.

Limited Interviews Mrs. Hobby granted only a few limited interviews—usually in connection with a magazine article concerning work of her department. Newsmen found it almost impossible to speak to her by telephone, although queries frequently were relayed through the department's press officer.

She has been one of the most sought-after speakers in the Eisenhower administration. She made hundreds of speeches before many groups, but had to turn down thousands of other requests.

Social Security Expert Folsom told newsmen he expects education and health matters to be the biggest problems at HEW. The 61-year-old business executive is an expert on Social Security and health insurance. He conceded that his experience in the education field is limited, although he has served as trustee of the University of Rochester and as an overseer of Harvard college.

Folsom was treasurer of the

Eastman Kodak Co. before taking the Treasury Department post. He helped initiate a broad health insurance plan covering

all illness which is now used by 17 Rochester, N. Y., companies. He also helped start a pension plan for Eastman work-

ers in 1928 and in 1934 served on a government advisory council on formation of the Social Security system.

Jacksonville Council Studies Park Offer From Britt Estate

Jacksonville—The city council has taken under consideration an offer from the executors of the Miss Amalia (Mollie) Britt estate to have the property in the

southwest section of Jacksonville made into a municipal park.

The council received the offer in a letter from Attorney Frank VanDyke, who represents the Britt estate.

Iowa Policemen Called To Unravel Story of Murder

Joplin, Mo. — (U.P.) — FBI agents called in Iowa officers today to help them unravel a farm hand's rambling, confused story that he raped and killed 21-month old Donna Sue Davis of Sioux City.

Audrey Brandt, known by the nickname "Mugeye" in LaPorte City, Ia., signed a written statement Wednesday which said he killed the blonde, curly-haired child, who was described as a "living doll."

But acting Detective Captain Johnny Showers said Brandt, 42, "admitted any crime we asked him about, so we couldn't be sure of anything."

There were discrepancies in Brandt's story and federal agents summoned Sioux City officers familiar with details of the brutal murder.

Iowa police said Brandt has a record of one conviction for sex molestation in 1947 at Cedar Rapids and was fined \$100. He was arrested last April 24 at Waterloo, Ia., for investigation of annoying two small girls in a movie theater, but was released when the investigation showed no molesting.

At LaPorte City, Town Marshal Henry Kruse, who said he has known Brandt since he was a small child, said Brandt didn't get much schooling and "can barely write his name." He said Brandt had been involved in petty thievery a long time in the LaPorte City area but was never prosecuted because the people in town knew they could go to him and get their property back.

A truck driver's suspicion led to Brandt's arrest on a Joplin street about midnight Tuesday. The driver, who gave Brandt a ride to Joplin from Springfield, Mo., said the man acted strangely and would not talk except to say he was "headed south."

Police and FBI agents reported several "good" fingerprints were found in the bedroom from which Donna was abducted last Sunday night while her parents watched television in another room.

Group Pressured To Cut Tax Plan

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Public Works Committee was under heavy pressure today to whittle down an \$800,000,000 a year tax hike the Democrats proposed to help pay for a big highway program.

Most of the heat apparently came from truckers who have loudly protested proposed tax increases on new trucks and trailers, diesel fuel and heavy duty tires and tubes.

The 34-member committee turned to the financing provisions at a closed meeting after working out the construction details of the 12-year \$47,400,000,000 program.

Rep. Frank E. Smith (D-Miss.) who favors highways but opposes the tax plan, said he expected Republican members "with some support from our side," to scale down some of the proposed taxes.

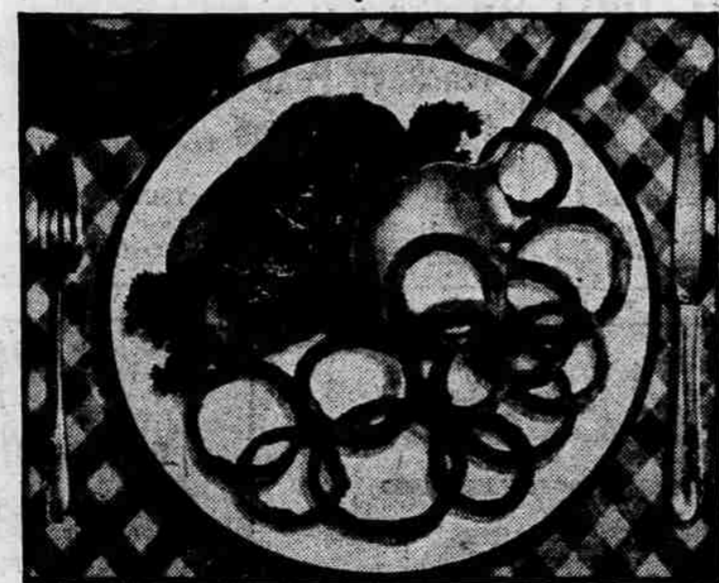
He said they then probably would move to include part of President Eisenhower's bond-financing proposal to make up the loss in revenue.

The committee rejected the President's plan yesterday, but the 19-16 decision was largely procedural and did not rule out the possibility it could be offered in whole or in part again.

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