

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN PARIS

As the NATO meeting ends, it is harder than ever to understand what we expected to accomplish by inflating its importance. Our purpose, apparently, was to rally the Europeans to two ideas. One was that we should arm them with intermediate range missiles. The other was that they should steadfastly reject the notion of negotiating with the Russians.

As the missiles do not now exist, and will not be ready for at least a year, we were asking the Europeans to be highly provocative though they remained undefended. They were to provoke the Russians by agreeing to set up missile sites long before the missiles could be stationed at the sites. And they were to provoke the Russians further by refusing to talk seriously with them.

This program was such a crude miscalculation of European interests and of European feelings that it is no wonder the conference has shown such spectacular lack of confidence in American leadership.

The Norwegians and the Danes have rejected the American military proposal. The British, the Dutch and the Turks have accepted it, though it is far from certain that the British government has the support of the country and is able to make an enduring commitment. The Germans, most particularly the West Germans, have not accepted and have not rejected the Dulles military proposals. They have taken an option on these proposals. They are treating these options as a bargaining asset in the diplomatic negotiations which, following the Bulgarian note, they intend to have with the Russians.

Not the least significant development in these last days is that the forthcoming negotiations with Russia are to be undertaken separately by various countries — particularly, it must be said again, by West Germany. What Mr. Dulles has accomplished by his loud and public protests against negotiation has been to disqualify himself as the negotiator in the negotiations which will nevertheless be carried on. The United States will no doubt be informed and consulted during these negotiations. But the principal negotiator for the Western alliance will be Dr. Adenauer.

The decline of American leadership in NATO is due primarily, of course, to the strategic consequences of the presumed change in the balance of power. The balance, which has turned against us because the Russians are ahead of us in the big missiles, cannot be righted effectively by the medium range missiles which Mr. Dulles has offered the Europeans. Unless in Europe and Africa there were hundreds of missile sites, too many to be knocked out by the Russians, it is a great question whether a few missile sites have any serious deterrent power.

Our military leadership of NATO is bound to be very weak unless and until we have in ac-

tive operation on our own territory batteries of inter-continental missiles. This cannot be done soon, and the world will not stand still while we are working to arm ourselves. What we shall find, what in fact we have already found in Paris this week, is that if we renounce diplomacy in the manner of Mr. Dulles, our allies cannot and will not follow our lead.

MR. DULLES will find himself from now on in a very awkward position. He is the Foreign Minister of the strongest power of the NATO alliance. On the crucial question of negotiating with our great adversary, he is dogmatically at odds with the interests and the purposes of most, if not all, of our European allies. He has dug himself in, first, by an interview broadcast in Europe by the B.B.C. just before the Paris meeting—and second, by his funeral statement in the current issue of Life magazine.

The immediate effect, as we know, is that he is to sit on the sidelines while the Germans talk with Moscow. But what will be the effect in the future if, as might happen, the negotiations arrive at something which is attractive in Europe but requires the participation of the United States government? If, then, there is a failure, will it ever be possible for Mr. Dulles to persuade the people of the world that he has not meant the negotiations to fail? This is a heavy burden which he has chosen—no doubt most conscientiously—to carry on his shoulders.

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Cold War Headlines May Shift Back to Mid-East in Future

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Cold war headlines are likely to shift back to the Middle East again before long.

Dispatches from Europe report that Soviet Russia intends to intensify its campaign of infiltration and propaganda.

The infiltration would be centered on Egypt and Syria. The propaganda would be directed against the United States, Turkey and Jordan, whose young King Hussein Syria especially still hopes to overthrow. Russia has recently offered to lend Egypt about 175 million dollars for the purchase of goods from the Soviet bloc of countries. Syria signed a new trade agreement, of unspecified amount, in Moscow Thursday. Some concern is being expressed in Western European capitals because more attention was not paid to the Middle Eastern situation in last week's North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris.

The long communique issued at the end of the meeting dismissed the Middle East with a few generalities.

Other Problems More Pressing

However, it is necessary to remember that the NATO meeting lasted only four days and that problems of more immediate concern took precedence.

There are signs that the position of the United States and its allies may improve within the next few months despite Russia's determined campaign.

It is reported in Washington that President Eisenhower will soon name Charles W. Yost, a veteran career diplomat as ambassador to Syria.

The United States and Syria have not maintained ambassadors in each others' capitals since August.

At that time, Syria alleged that the United States was plotting to overthrow its president. Three members of the American embassy staff in Damascus were expelled.

Syria Ambassador Expelled

The United States retaliated by expelling Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine and another Syrian embassy official in Washington.

James S. Moose Jr., the present American Ambassador to Syria, was home on leave at the time. He has not returned to his post.

Yost's appointment as new envoy almost undoubtedly would lead to restoration of normal relations.

It is persistently reported that President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt is increasingly worried over the dangerous tie-up of his country's economy with Russia.

One report is that Nasser has started to ask for guarantees regarding prices and quality of goods sent to Egypt by Russia and its satellites, and that the Russians are annoyed.

The United States recently granted Egypt \$600,000 in economic aid — the first since Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal in 1956.

Britain and France are negotiating with Egypt for restoration of trade relations, suspended since the Suez crisis, and negotiations on Egypt's payment of compensation to canal stockholders are to start soon.

Welfare Will Dip Into Reserve Fund

Portland — (U) — The Oregon Welfare commission has voted to draw about \$692,000 from its reserve funds to pay for higher costs of state assistance.

Administrator Jeanne Jewett said the commission's financial situation is considered "serious" but not yet critical. She said the withdrawal from reserves comes some months earlier than planned.

A hopeful sign was seen in Miss Jewett's report that receipts are growing steadily, most of them from collections under the relative support act and claims against the estates of deceased welfare recipients. Revenue from those sources, she said, was about \$65,000 monthly compared to a former monthly average of \$25,000.

Higher Pay Urged For Research Men

Washington — (U) — One of America's top aeronautical scientists has warned any delay in boosting the pay of government research scientists will hasten this nation's "present rate of relative deterioration in scientific progress."

Dr. John F. Victory, executive secretary of the National Advisory committee on Aeronautics, made the warning in answer to questions submitted by the United Press.

Victory said the NACA "feels confident" the administration and Congress will raise the salaries of federal research scientists "at least" enough so that NACA and similar agencies will be able to recruit their "fair share" of young scientists and keep their present "irreplaceable leaders."

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Yugoslav Toys Militaristic

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Sputniks Will Circle Under Yule Trees

By DONALD R. SHANOR
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Munich, Germany — (U) — Twenty-five thousand little sputniks will circle under Christmas trees in Communist East Germany this year.

East German factories have been just as busy turning out nativity scenes and wooden figures of Santa Claus. But they are for export to the West only.

Throughout the Communist world, the propaganda machines are working hard to obscure the Christian origin of the holiday and turn it into a day of pagan praise to communism. Christmas toys are an important part of this campaign.

The earth satellite, current trump card in Communist propaganda, is being produced by East German toy factories on a rush basis.

More sputniks doubtless would be on the market in the other Soviet bloc nations but for bureaucratic production tangles in the state toy shops.

A United Press correspondent in Moscow overheard a Russian mother standing at the toy counter of GUM, Moscow's largest department store, tell her son why he could not have a sputnik.

"Sputniks Before Toys

"I'm sure there'll be many more sputniks in the skies before our factories make such toys," she said.

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East Germany, Romania and Bulgaria place great emphasis on children's books as Christmas presents, but the fairy tales must follow the party line. The sleeping beauty in the East German version, for example, is rescued by a handsome young party activist rather than a prince.

Holdup Men Beat, Cut Portland Victims

Portland — (U) — A grocer was beaten and a service station attendant was cut with a knife in two holdups which netted robbers about \$167 here Sunday night.

Police said two youths took more than \$100 from a grocery store on Southeast Hawthorne blvd. and that one of them beat the proprietor, Pete Caruso, outside the store. A third man was arrested in a car.

Loren Foster, service station attendant, was held up by a man who held a knife to his face. Foster said the man forced him to open the till. He suffered a three-inch shallow cut on his face. The robber got \$67.

Can't Shoot Santa, But Somebody Did!

Alameda, Calif. — (U) — For years, people have been saying you don't shoot Santa Claus, but somebody finally tried.

Santa, played by Alonzo Jackson in traditional costume, was putting a star atop a tree at the Bethel Missionary Baptist church when a shot rang out and a bullet grazed his neck. He was treated for a flesh wound while police started a search.

HIGH COURT JUDGE DIES

Manchester, England — (U) — High Court Judge Sir George Lynskey, 69, who conducted a major post war investigation into allegations of bribery against British ministers and top civil servants, died here Saturday night in a hospital.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Interview Planned For GOP Candidates

Santa Rosa, Calif. — (U) — Candidates for the seat to be vacated by U.S. Rep. Hubert B. Scudder (R-Calif.) will be interviewed in Ukiah Jan. 12, the first congressional district Republican committee has announced.

Four political hopefuls seeking the nomination were interviewed Friday night by committee members who met as private citizens. The committee decided to stage another interviewing session in Ukiah where three more candidates will outline their views on issues.

Interviewed were Fred Dupai, Tiburon, John Synon, Mill Valley, George Warner, Napa, and Oscar Larsen, Boyes Hot Springs.

A fifth man, James E. Busch, Mendocino, announced his withdrawal.

Traffic Checks Get Credit For Record

Los Angeles — (U) — An unusually low accident rate and the absence of a single fatality from a traffic accident in 48 hours were credited during the week end to stepped-up holiday enforcement policies of southern California law officers.

Floating roadblocks were established Thursday to catch suspected drunk drivers and other law violators. There were 64 arrests made in one 24-hour period alone.

Inspector Russel E. Fuson, commander of the California highway patrol's southern zone, said the roadblocks were established as a warning to drinking drivers. "We don't want to arrest them," he said. "We would prefer that they take a taxi home than to drive home themselves."

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — Two government employees lost their jobs and four others were penalized in a stringent crackdown on security regulations at the Air Force missile testing center.

ARMY ICE PATROL

Buenos Aires — (U) — An Argentine dogsled patrol has crossed the bleak Palmer Peninsula on Antarctica's northern coast as part of this country's observance of the International Geophysical Year. An announce-

ment said the route the army patrol followed over the Great Uspallata Glacier and the Antarctic Mountains took it as much as 6,000 feet above sea level. Irish potatoes are grown in every state of the Union.

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Brownlee Worker Killed as Car Falls

Brownlee, Ore. — (U) — A young construction worker was killed Saturday about 2:40 p.m. when a car he had jacked up to work on fell and crushed him. The victim was Howard Brooks, 22, of Fairview, Mo. He was the son of John Brooks of Fairview. Sheriff Frank Yantis of Adams county, Idaho, said the wheels had been removed from the auto. He said apparently there were no witnesses to the accident, which occurred in a parking lot near the dam site at Brownlee.

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