

Washington Report

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SPAAK OF NATO

Washington—In world diplomacy not even the greatest of power is yet a substitute for people, for individual man. And in diplomacy it is impossible to overestimate the value of a long-established reputation for special integrity, for ability, for common sense.

This is why a statesman from one of the smallest of the Western nations is filling an ever-increasing role in the West's search for a unified approach in the coming summit conference with the Soviet Union. It is all very well to keep one's eyes on the mammoths—on Washington, on London, on Moscow. But it would be a mistake to spare no glance to Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium.

Spaak comes from a country that has few troops, but even fewer soft and foolish illusions. Stalin cynically asked during the second World War of the Pope: "How many divisions has he got?" Belgium, like the Pope in this regard, is short on divisions. But Belgium has Spaak. Or, rather, Belgium has provided Spaak to be the leader of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as its secretary-general. And this Spaak is no mean force on the side of the West.

FOR Spaak speaks now not for Belgium; but for what is, after all, the sole collective military and political force of the West, the NATO alliance. He is not now simply that middle-aged, calm, rock-like Belgian who used to lead his own country with the skill of the true professional. He is now the embodied voice of the free West; the sage of the Allies.

Those who please to do so are welcome to compare Spaak to Dag Hammarskjold of the United Nations. But there is, in fact, a big difference, all the difference in the world. Hammarskjold as secretary-general of the UN speaks for an organization that is immense on the outside but next to powerless on the inside. Spaak, as secretary-general of NATO, speaks for an organization that is unique in international politics.

This organization, too, can negotiate and mediate. But it can fight, too, if it must, from a vast arc of real bases confronting the Soviet Union across half the face of the earth.

SPAAK, that is to say—and this is the core of the matter—understands both persuasion and power and is fully at home with either. He is a kind of human bridge now, and more and more will be one, between the bigger partners of NATO. This he could never be, notwithstanding his official position of a dozen official positions, but for the kind of man he is. It is not the title that is significant here;

it is the human personality.

Spaak stands now at the point of what is in sober truth a genuine division in spirit within the Western alliance as how to best jointly to deal with the Russians at the summit. It would be false and destructive to inflate this into some bitter and rupturing row. But it would be equally false, and perhaps destructive too, to pretend that no kind of disagreement exists at all.

Certainly, the United States, West Germany and France are troubled by the fear that the British may be ready to offer the Russians too much too soon. Certainly, some of the smaller partners—Belgium among them, for that matter—are similarly troubled. And certainly the British, on their side, are worried that we may offer unduly difficult preconditions to negotiating at the summit.

THUS it will be necessary in the weeks immediately ahead to accomplish two things of an almost-unthinkable gravity:

1. To see to it that the smaller members of the Western alliance are kept fully and currently informed of what the big fellows are preparing. These smaller members are in no "big four." But their wisdom is not defined by their size. And they can contribute much, both in the preservation of Western unity and even, perhaps, in sound procedural suggestions to the big fellows working upstairs.

2. Most of all, to make certain that the big powers do not gain the summit only to lose the alliance itself. There is good reason to believe that Spaak is setting out now on just such a delicate mission as this. It would be drawing the bow too far to say flatly that he can do this historic job. But it is certainly fair to say that if anybody can do it, that somebody will be Spaak of Belgium.

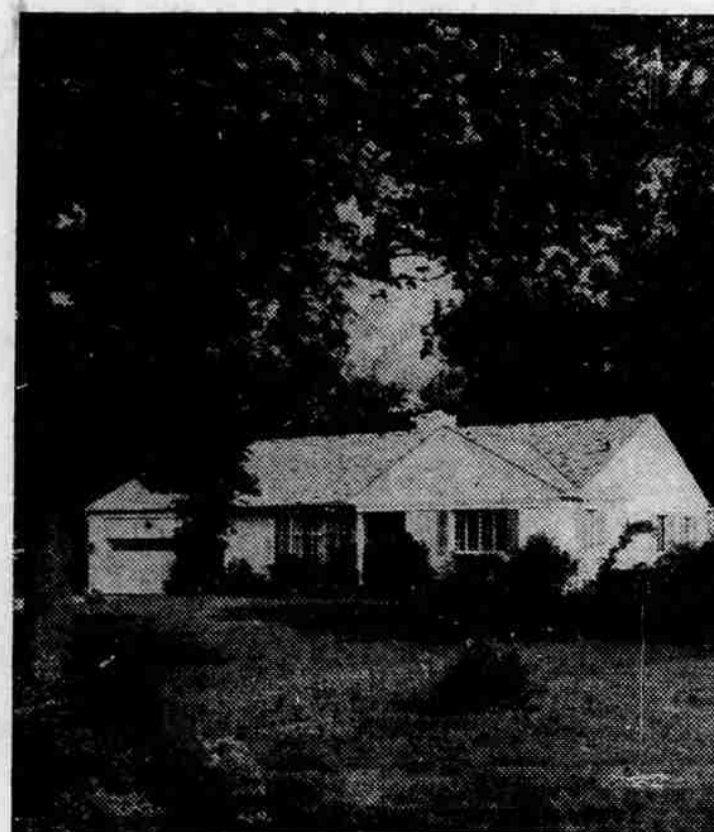
Neuberger Hopes For Billboard Vote

Portland—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) says he hopes an Oregon group will go to work and get a measure placed in the 1960 general election ballot to limit billboards on federal highways.

A similar measure died in committee at the Oregon Legislature last week. Neuberger said he was sorry the bill was tabled and predicted that it would pass by "at least a four or five to one vote" if submitted to the people in 1960.

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Winners Announced In Speech Contest

Students from six county high schools participated Friday and Saturday in the Southern Oregon District school contest held at the Ashland High school.

First and second place winners in the individual contests will compete in the state tournament to be held April

17 and 18 at Oregon State college, Corvallis. The third place winner will serve as alternate.

Individual winners in each category include, serious reading, Shirley Statterfield, Grants Pass, first; Darleane Hunt, Medford, second; Ted Lawson, Medford, third; oratory, Carolyn Menckle, Med-

Jim Frake, Medford, second; Jim Hayes, Crater, third; extemporaneous speaking, Jim Frake, Medford, first; Jane Yaple, Ashland, second; Carol Johnson, Grants Pass, third.

Poetry reading, Karen Nelson, Grants Pass, first; Linda Lewis, Ashland, second; Susie Chubb, Eagle Point, third;

radio speaking, Glen Tabor, Ashland, first; Jane Yaple, Ashland, second; Ted Lawson, Medford, third; impromptu speaking, Doug Kliever, Medford, first; Ann Almquist, Grants Pass, second; Bill Benson, Ashland third; and panel discussion, Karen Nelson, Grants Pass, first; Carol Johnson, Grants Pass, second; and Betty Duffy, Ashland, third.

PAY THE KITTY
Cincinnati—UPI—The Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association have a "free throw fund" in which a player chips in 15 cents every time he misses a charity toss.

Debate team winner for division A was Jane Yaple and Nancy Liniger, both Ashland, who will participate in the state meet.

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MAIL TRIBUNE, MEDFORD, ORE.

RAID RED GROUP
Amman, Jordan—UPI—Authorities arrested members of a Communist cell in Zerka, 15 miles northeast of here, in a raid Sunday night. It was announced that high school student Abdalla Salim, leader of the cell, was among those seized.

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