

U.S. Has Stronger Allies To Face Stronger Enemy Than 10 Years Ago

Washington - (UPI) - The United States closed out a decade of diplomacy facing a more powerful potential enemy than 10 years ago but with significantly stronger allies at its side.

The role of the United States itself as leader of the Free World changed little. But the 10 years found this country no longer the sole possessor of meaningful military, economic and political power in the West.

They also have found the power and prestige of the Soviet Union greatly enhanced relative to the United States. And the Soviet's Asian ally, the government of Red China, has consolidated its grip, trying with varying degrees of success to extend its influence in the Far East.

The U.S.-Soviet relationship has changed radically in 10 years - not so much because of any change in American policy but because of Soviet tactics altered after the death of Premier Joseph Stalin in 1953.

Rely on Capacity

American policy for countering the Soviet threat has been to continue to rely on its nuclear striking capacity to destroy the Soviet Union if Russia attacks the West.

But the Soviets have changed their policy, and the change recalls the Aesop fable about the argument between the wind and the sun over which could get the man to take off his coat.

The more the wind tried to blow it off, the tighter the man clutched it around him. But the warm rays of the sun soon had him shedding the cloak of his own accord.

Stalin's cold war led to Western formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe as well as other U.S. defensive alliances, the re-arming of West Germany and the development of military forces throughout the world to stem Communist aggression.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev has dropped the cold war as a major weapon and has concentrated on a massive peace crusade in an apparent effort to get the West to drop its guard.

Various Forms

This has taken various forms - agreement to extensive official, cultural and scientific exchanges, good-will trips to all parts of the world, willingness at least to talk about a workable control system for policing a nuclear test ban and a constant propaganda campaign for disarmament.

The United States has appeared at times to be lagging behind the Soviet Union in the peace propaganda field because of its insistence on adequate controls for any disarmament proposal.

However, the recent emergence of President Eisenhower as a global campaigner for peace has given the U.S. propaganda effort a new look. What its lasting effect will be remains to be seen.

The decade just ending also found the United States losing its clear claim to world leadership in the field of technology. The Soviets' ability to build a powerful rocket booster before the United States gave it a jump in the race for space and development of an intercontinental missile that this country has yet to overcome.

The Soviets have skillfully used this advantage to impress the dozens of underdeveloped nations of the world that the Communist road to progress is faster than the Western road. No one knows yet how well they will succeed in these now democratically-oriented nations.

The Soviet threat is economic as well as military and political. Not only is the Russian economy growing at a faster rate than this country's, but the U.S.S.R. is able to offer assistance to many nations willing to accept capital investment from any country, East or West.

The United States, fearful of the political subversion that has followed such Soviet efforts in many places, has felt that it must continue its own programs in all parts of the world and not let Russia win by default.

Thanks in great part to massive post-war U.S. economic aid, this country has economically and militarily strong Allies in Western Europe.

But this increased strength has brought increased independence from Washington in these countries. The U.S. is still the Western leader. But no longer do State Department views automatically mean Western views. There is constant, and sometimes hard, bargaining among the major Western Allies before a common position is formed.

The new rise of Charles de Gaulle as the savior of French democracy and his close working alliance with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in the past year has given Western Europe a new anchor. The recent economic and political ties on the continent have forced the United States to re-evaluate its relationship with the entire area.

This country wants increasingly prosperous Western Europe to take over more of the burden of providing free world economic and military strength. But it realizes that this will involve agreeing to more and more of Western Europe's view on how this strength shall be used.

There is, however, probably as much real unity now among the Western Allies as there was 10 years ago. This is unity forged through such trials as the Korean War, the birth pangs of NATO and the recognition that the nations of the Free World must stay together or fall separately.

The alliance has withstood such problems as the 1956 Suez crisis when England and France joined Israel in an abortive attempt to take over the canal that had just been nationalized by Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser. The United States and the Soviet Union found themselves on the same side in the successful United Nations drive to end the fighting and return captured territory to Egypt.

The dawn of a new decade finds the United States and the West still challenging the Soviet Union to prove its peace talk with deeds. To the West, this means agreeing on adequate inspection and controls over a nuclear test ban and disarmament moves.

State Tax Office Hours Are Noted

The Medford office of the Oregon state tax commission will assist taxpayers in preparing their 1959 tax forms, O. D. Binigar Jr., local manager, has announced.

Assistance will be available each Monday from Jan. 4 through March 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Feb. 22. The office will also be open Feb. 23 and daily, Monday through Friday, from April 1 through April 15.

Dates for other places in Jackson and Josephine counties where taxpayers may get assistance will be announced later.

Those needing help or having questions are requested to bring all the facts and figures when they call at the office, Binigar said. Copies of the 1958 state and federal returns also should be made available and anyone paying additional federal income taxes in 1959 must be able to state the date and amount of each payment.

Tax refunds are processed on a first come-first serve basis, Binigar said, and taxpayers must file a return to be eligible for a refund.

Court Reverses Arrest Judgment

Salem - (UPI) - The State Supreme Court has reversed a \$5,250 judgment recovered against a service station operator in Pendleton on an action of false arrest.

Due to mistaken identity, the court said, James Glenn Aiken was arrested on a charge of passing a forged check.

When Aiken appeared to answer the charge the person who cashed the check failed to identify him and he was then released. A suit followed against Shell company and O. L. Huey, charging negligence.

The court said the case concerned only charges against a layman who asked for a warrant of arrest against "one James Aiken for whom he unquestionably cashed a forged check." The court said the operator had no other duty other than to place the facts before a magistrate and to verify them under oath.

It said the defendant was "under no duty to hunt up and inspect a photograph of the plaintiff or to make comparisons with his handwriting or to do anything with respect to any of the matters the plaintiff claims to be negligent."

Youth Arraigned for Negligent Homicide

Pendleton - (UPI) - Wallace Stanley Horsman, 20, has been arraigned in Circuit Court on a grand jury indictment charging negligent homicide in connection with a traffic death. Bail was set at \$1,000.

The charge grew out of the death last Sunday of Bobby Jones, 16, near Pilot Rock. He was killed when Horsman's car failed to negotiate a curve.



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