

Dulles Appointment Indicates U.S. Will Assume Offensive in Cold War

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Creation of a super council in the Eisenhower administration to mastermind a cold war offensive against the Kremlin seems assured today by the announcement that John Foster Dulles will be the next secretary of state.

Dulles, like President-elect Eisenhower who announced his selection for the post yesterday, has made clear that his first major goal in foreign policy will be to wrest the initiative in the global conflict from Russia.

Dulles has declared that one way to go about this is to set up a cabinet council, including not only some regular cabinet members but also "ministers without portfolio" charged only with high-level cold war planning.

Word that the veteran diplomat, recently a Truman ambassador in the negotiation of the Japanese Peace Treaty, would get the number one cabinet post next Jan. 20 was generally well received by State Department officials here despite some bitterness toward him resulting from his attacks on Truman foreign policies during the presidential campaign.

Unless he goes to Korea with Eisenhower soon—which Dulles has indicated he will not do—these officials expect he will shortly open an office near that of Secretary of State Acheson.

They believe Dulles will readily accommodate himself to the work of the department and that because of his experience in the field the transfer of control will be smoother than it would have been with almost any other successor.

There is hope here that Dulles will be able to advise informally on and observe decisions which must be made by the present administration in the next two months. Such aid could assist in keeping decisions in line with the aims of the new administration.

Truman administration officials have urged those possible liaisons between incoming and outgoing officials, for this and other reasons.

Dulles is unlike any other man Eisenhower might have named. Not only a veteran of 43 years of work in the foreign field—he was secretary of an international conference when his grandfather was secretary of state in 1907—he has also played an important part in the development of national policies during recent years.

Once a U. S. Senator and a close associate of the late Sen. Arthur Vandenberg and of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Dulles had a hand in the formation of the United Nations, and in obtaining bipartisan backing for it.

He has served on many missions abroad, apart from the U. N. He was one of those who helped to put across the Marshall Plan for European recovery and to shape the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In April, 1950, Dulles became a full-time consultant to Acheson. Last March Dulles resigned his consultant position to be free to criticize the administration and to campaign actively for a Republican victory in November.

In the course of this campaign he broadly supported all efforts to unity and strengthen the Allies, but sharply criticized what he considered to be the administration's

failure to develop a truly offensive global strategy in the cold war.

To accomplish such an objective and put Russia on the defensive Dulles advocated not only the creation of a super cabinet council—perhaps through revision of the present National Security Council—but also:

1. A psychological campaign by "peaceful means" to make Russia uncertain of its hold over its satellite nations in Eastern Europe and over China. A Kremlin worried by the desire for liberty in those lands, he contended, would have less time to devote to making trouble this side of the Iron Curtain.
2. Development of means to defend weak nations on a global basis, probably by threatening Russia with direct retaliation if Communist forces tried to open up any more Koreans.

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3. Action to streamline relations between the departments of the government dealing with foreign affairs—such as state, defense and the Mutual Security Agency—so that decisions on legislative action could be more efficiently worked out and the time of cabinet members spared for policy making.

Dulles' lines on Korea has been exactly the same as that of President-elect Eisenhower. In a speech at Boston Oct. 11 he estimated that 20 million South Koreans should be able to provide an army which "could gradually replace the estimated 250,000 U. S. troops now in front line positions."

The displacement of Americans by South Koreans, Dulles said, should speed an end to the Korean War because (1) Russia would then lack the incentive of continuing the war to keep American troops tied up there, and (2) it would deny the Communists their propagandist charge that the Korean struggle is really a white man's war against the native peoples of Asia.

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Putnam was reported today to have about decided to put off the ruling until next Monday or Tuesday. He had promised earlier to do everything possible to reach a decision this week.

The case came to Putnam on an appeal from a Wage Stabilization Board decision holding that only \$1.50 of the miners' negotiated pay raise was allowable under the nation's wage controls. The board held that the extra 40 cents, if paid, would be inflationary.

There was no indication of how Putnam would rule. If he upholds the WSB and rules that the extra 40 cents per day can't be paid the miners, they may walk out in protest.

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