

# Acheson Says UN Reds No Danger to Security



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## Committee Critical Of State Action

By HARRY F. SNYDER  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Acheson contended Wednesday there is no danger to U. S. "national security" from United Nations employment of disloyal Americans but conceded this country's "national interest" suffers.

And he told Congressional investigators "we are doing the best we can" to get subversive Americans off the U. N. payroll.

Acheson underwent long questioning from a House Judiciary subcommittee digging into reports that numerous U. S. citizens working for the U. N. displayed Communist sympathies.

For the most part, the exchanges went along calmly but Acheson flushed a time or two when the Congress members took issue with him.

Rep. Keating (R-NY) told the secretary he could not follow the fine distinction Acheson was drawing between "national security" and "national interest."

Acheson argued that national security was not endangered because U. N. workers did not handle matters concerned with national defense.

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But he said national interests were harmed because "these people" have given the "U. S. reputation a bad name and a black eye."

Rep. Hillings (R-Calif) suggested at one point that Communists in the U. N. were in a position to impede the war in Korea.

Sharply, Acheson retorted that the U. N. is supporting the war and that "we are doing our best."

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## President Says Peace Hope Better

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Wednesday the outlook for world peace is better now than it was a year ago.

Truman explained at his last news conference of the year, that he was referring to the outlook for the cold war in all parts of the world.

He said no new plan for hastening the end of the Korean war has been submitted to him.

But he added that obviously he could not talk about such a plan even if one existed, unless it was something to be put into operation immediately.

Truman announced he will appear on radio and television Jan. 15 from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m., EST, to report to the people on the state of the nation.

This address, he said, will contain some material in addition to what he will give Congress in his formal state-of-the-union message early next week. He will not appear before Congress in person.

The President began his meeting with reporters by expressing sharp regrets that Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has had to make additional restrictions on imports of dairy products—as announced Tuesday—under requirements of the defense production act.

This is the wrong thing to do, Truman said, adding that he is not in favor of it at all.

But he said Brannan was obliged to impose the new restrictions under the law.

Truman avoided comment on two controversial issues—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's latest blast at him and the status of diplomat John Carter Vincent.

He had only a soft voiced comment when asked about MacArthur's suggestion last week that the President was using the "bloody drama" of Korea "as a means of self-glorification."

MacArthur's own statement stemmed from Truman's statement remarking to an interviewer that the general "wanted to involve us in an all-out war in the Far East."

MacArthur retorted that he had not proposed to extend the Korean war but only to end it.

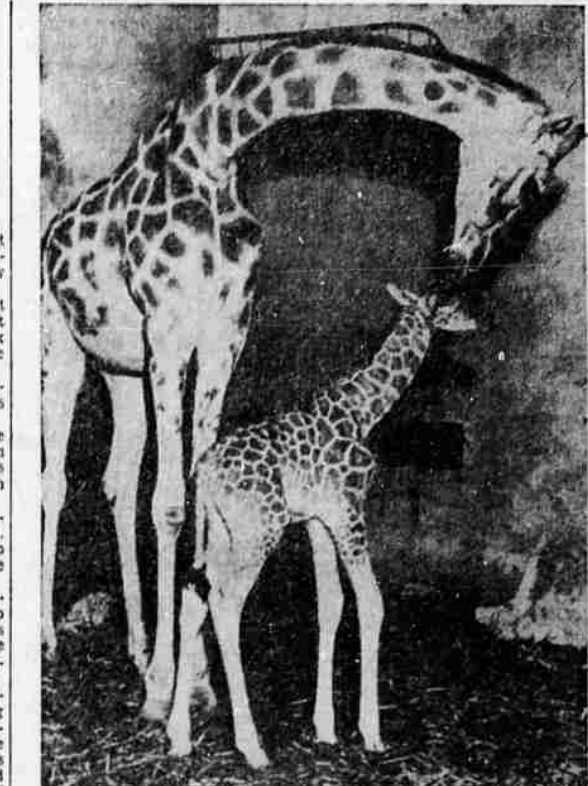
In the Vincent matter, Truman said only that the case of the career diplomat has not reached him yet. (His counsel, Charles Murphy, is known to be studying the case.)

## Oregon State Road Report

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Highway Commission's 9 a. m. road report Wednesday listed the following conditions:

Spots of ice at Government Camp, Timberline, Sunset Summit, Warm Springs Junction, Bend, Sisters, Lapse, Lakeview, Mitchell, Ochoco Summit, La Grande, Baker, Ontario and John Day.

Santiam Pass — Pavement bare in exposed areas.  
Williamette Pass — Packed snow, sanded.  
Chemult — Packed snow, sanded.  
Klamath Falls — Spots of ice, fog.  
Bly — Packed snow, sanded, 1 inch new snow.  
Keno — Packed snow, sanded.  
Mecham — Packed snow, carry chains.  
Austin, Seneca, Burns — Fog, packed snow, sanded.



HOW'S THE WEATHER DOWN THERE? Washington, D. C. Zoo's newest arrival, 150-pound, 4-foot baby giraffe Harriet, gets an affectionate "kiss" from her mother, Kitty. Harriet is the seventh giraffe to be born in Washington and replaces Harry, 7-month-old male who died recently after suffering a broken leg which wouldn't heal.

## World's Champion Liar Wins With Ancient Tale

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) — The World's Champion Liar of 1952 was announced today by the Burlington Lions Club, and the winner of the 23rd annual Ananias Award is—no surprisingly—Texas.

After 12 months of sifting through mounds of prodigious tall tales, the club selected Airman 3 C. Harry V. Cummings of Dallas for his tall tale about Japanese mosquitoes.

Cummings, stationed at Johnson Air Force base near Tokyo, is the third Texas to win the crown in recent years, but he had to draw out foreign material for this winning whopper:

"One night in July I had just turned in for the night when I heard the door open. At first I thought it was one of the other guys who slept in the room with me. When I got a better look I saw it was two mosquitoes. They stood nearly 6 feet tall, and believe me, I was too terrified to move.

"I just lay there when they 'doped' my bed.  
"I heard one of them say, 'Do you think we should eat him or should we carry him home?'"

"After a moment's consideration, the other replied, 'Let's eat him here. If we carry him home the big mosquitoes will take him away from us.'"

## Final Wilson Ruling Nears

PORTLAND (AP) — The fate of Utah and Turman Wilson, brothers under sentence to hang early Saturday in Washington's state penitentiary may be decided within a few hours or be held in abeyance until Friday, Governor Langlie said Tuesday.

The brothers now are living out their fourth stay of execution since they first were condemned in the summer of 1950 for the kidnap death of JoAnn Dewey of Meadowdale, Wash., near Vancouver.

Their last stay was granted in August to give a committee time to study the case and make a recommendation to the governor. The report has been submitted to the governor but Langlie said he had not finished his study of it. He said he might make the report public.

He has received a flood of appeals for clemency for the brothers and one petition, purportedly bearing 14,000 signatures was due to reach his desk in Olympia sometime Wednesday.

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill sailed today on the liner Queen Mary for talks with President-elect Eisenhower in Korea and other world problems.

The 77-year-old British leader, who also is scheduled to call on President Truman later before he takes a two-week holiday in Jamaica, was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill.

The huge liner, which left port here at 10:15 a. m. (5:15 a. m., EST) is due in New York Jan. 5.

Churchill and his wife went aboard just before midnight. They had traveled to Southampton from London in the boat train.

Shortly before his departure from London, the Prime Minister spent two hours discussing with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden the British proposals on Anglo-American problems he will lay before Eisenhower next week.

Informed sources said these points fall into four main categories, with Korea and Soviet Prime Minister Stalin's Christmas Eve statement of willingness to talk to Eisenhower well to the fore.

The other two deal with Britain's desire to join in the recently signed Pacific Defense Pact between Australia, New Zealand and the United States and her wish for close consultations before the U. S. undertakes any new strategy in the Far East that might involve either Britain or France in heavier commitments.

## Threatening GOP Issues Ironed Out in Meeting

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Eisenhower appeared today to have satisfied Sen. Robert A. Taft and other Senate Republican leaders on two issues which threatened to cause the new administration trouble in Congress.

The issues — (1) Procedure for job appointments; (2) farm policy — were thrashed out at a 2½-hour conference the leaders had with the general yesterday.

Taft told newsmen afterwards he was standing by his Dec. 2 statement that Eisenhower's split on "general assignment" had been reached with Eisenhower on future appointments.

The understanding, said Taft, calls for "adequate consultation" with senators in advance of appointment.

The other issue which threatened to make trouble for Eisenhower cropped up just before yesterday's conference started.

Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota, secretary of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, told reporters he would oppose Senate confirmation of Ezra Taft Benson—Eisenhower's choice for secretary of agriculture — unless Benson came out flatly for permanent government price support of basic farm commodities at a minimum 90 per cent of parity.

Parity is a formula designed to assure farmers a fair return for their crops in line with the price of things they buy.

After the meeting, Young said he had talked to Eisenhower about the matter — and to Benson by telephone — and that he had decided not to oppose confirmation.

Young said both the general and Benson had assured him they are for price support at 90 per cent of parity through 1954, as provided under the present law.

The senator said Eisenhower has "an open mind" as to how the matter should be handled after that, and that Benson had promised to study the problem.

Besides Taft and Young, those present at the conference with Eisenhower were:

Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, prospective presiding officer of the Senate in the absence of the vice president; Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, a member of the Senate GOP Policy Committee; Herbert Brownell Jr., who will be attorney general in the new administration; Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, assistant to the President-elect, and Thomas E. Stephens, special counsel to the general.

Eisenhower called the conference primarily for discussion of the legislative program he will submit to Congress shortly after he takes office Jan. 20, Taft indicated, however, that a good part of the session was devoted to the job appointments issue.

Taft said he believed Eisenhower's main purpose in arranging the meeting was to assure the Senate leaders of his wholehearted cooperation, adding he had "every expectation" Eisenhower and Congress will work together harmoniously.

Taft said the conferees went over the whole field of possible legislation, including whether wage-price controls should be continued beyond April 30, when the present law expires. He added there had been no conclusions and "no indication of policy as yet" regarding controls.

## Ike May Rule On Rosenbergs

NEW YORK (AP) — The fate of the doomed atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg possibly may rest eventually with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as president.

An appeal for executive clemency may be decided by President Truman before he leaves office.

The New York City couple is scheduled to die in the electric chair the week of Jan. 11. Eisenhower does not take office until Jan. 20.

Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who reserved decision yesterday on a clemency plea, indicated he might delay the execution date to allow time for the appeal. In any event, he promised, "a defense would have plenty of time" to take the case to the White House.

Kaufman, who imposed the death sentence 20 months ago, said at the close of his proceedings that he would re-examine the evidence in the case carefully.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Increasing cloudiness Wednesday night with occasional snow late at night and Thursday. High both days 23. Not quite so cold tonight with a low of 20.

High today yesterday 23  
Low today yesterday 11  
Precip yesterday 21  
Since Oct. 1 3.34  
Normal for period 4.60

## Red Agent Fails In Plane Piracy Try

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — A Red agent fleeing the Philippines Tuesday shot and killed two crew members of a passenger plane in a desperate but futile bid to reach sanctuary in Communist China.

Nationalist Air Force fighters forced the plane down on Quemoy Island, a Nationalist outpost just 15 miles from the Red mainland.

The agent, Hung Tsu-Chun, was brought to Taipei under heavy guard Wednesday night, along with seven passengers who survived the bizarre attempt at aerial piracy.

Hung, 23, and good looking, appeared unconcerned on his arrival here.

He smiled several times and appeared in remarkably good humor.

During the fantastic flight, the plane flew over part of the main island. Communist anti-aircraft opened up, but caused no damage.

A final ironic touch was added when the plane, a DC-3 of the Philippines Air Line (PAL) taxied to a halt on Quemoy.

Miss Mary Alice Ireton, Bethel, O., a passenger, said Hung apparently thought the co-pilot had landed in Red territory. He was startled to find himself surrounded by Nationalist soldiers.

Another passenger, Carlos Baranda, 37, an insurance adjuster, said trouble started just after the plane took off on what was supposed to be a routine trip from Laogai in northern Luzon to Aparri, about 100 miles to the east.

"About 15 minutes out of Laogai I heard two muffled noises," he said.

"I thought they came from the engines, but afterwards I realized they were shots. Immediately as the shots were fired, the plane plunged crazily as if out of control."

"Then it righted itself. The next thing I saw was the flight purser, Eduardo Diago, kicking the door to the crew compartment. Then I heard two more shots fired through the door."

Diago spun him around, then collapsed right in the cabin.

"Blood was spouting from him. I was told afterwards that the Communist had gone into the compartment, locked the door and ordered the pilot, Capt. Pedro Perlas, to head for Communist China."

"Captain Perlas objected and the Communist fired two shots into his head. Those were the muffled noises I heard and that's why the plane seemed suddenly out of control."

"It was ok again when the copilot, Capt. Felix Gaston, took over the controls."

"Right to the time he landed, four and one half hours later, the Communist kept his revolver sticking into Gaston's back."

Baranda said Hung had two 45-caliber revolvers, but he could not confirm a report that the Red agent also carried two hand grenades.

He said the Communist ground fire missed the air liner. The only damage to the plane, he said, came from machine gun bullets fired by the Nationalist interceptors who forced it down.

Philippine intelligence agents flew here from Manila to question Hung.

A government spokesman in the Philippine capital said he would be released to Chinese Nationalist authorities after interrogation.

Other passengers besides Hung, Miss Ireton and Baranda were Marshall Nunn of San Francisco, a Chinese father and his son, and Miss Araceli Barrera, 22, a high school teacher from Ilocos Norte Province.

The two Americans are employees of the United States Information Service in the Philippines.

The passengers and Captain Gaston flew from Quemoy to Taipei in a Nationalist Air Force transport, protected by a screen of fighters.

The PAL plane, with the bodies of the two dead crewmen, landed a short while later.

Gaston said he was glad to be alive, but was hesitant to discuss his spine-tingling experience.

Capt. Ku Chung-Chieh, pilot of the Nationalist plane that intercepted the transport, got a hero's welcome here.

The Nationalist air force maintains a blockade against the Red China coast and tries to intercept all planes and ships headed that way.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
A New York psychiatrist speaking.

New Year's resolutions are PHONY solutions of problems. They're just word magic. They don't work for most people, and even if they did they might not be wise.

"Consider what a person does when he makes a resolution to get rid of what he calls a bad habit. He really makes two people out of himself. One side of his personality sets up rules for the other side. The other side is REBELLIOUS and usually manages to sabotage the resolution. The result is that he builds up so much tension inside himself that he's likely to blow up."

Phoo! Phoo! Bud!

You're just saying big psychiatrist words. What you mean is that when the average sap makes a New Year's resolution he doesn't MEAN it. Because he doesn't MEAN it, he doesn't KEEP it. So it's a phony.

People who fall into the habit of dealing in phony do themselves harm instead of good.

This I'll bet my shirt on: If EVERYBODY, on New Year's Day, made good resolutions and KEPT them, everybody would be better off and this would be a better world to live in.

How's this for a New Year's resolution: "During all of this year, in every transaction with my fellow men, I will do to them as I would want them to do to me in similar circumstances."

I'll wager that if you'd make that resolution and KEEP IT you'd come out ahead in every way.

New Year's resolutions from overseas: The non-communist nations of Europe are planning to welcome the New Year in a big way. The picture runs something like this:

In Paris, restaurant prices ranging up to \$20.00 for dinner NOT including champagne. In West Berlin, the average celebrator is expected to spend \$25 for wine and champagne.

That leaves me cold. As an American taxpayer, I feel that I'm footing quite a little part of the bill. Footing the bill for other people's New Year's celebrations isn't my idea of a good time.

This one from Italy, however, has its points: In Italy, many persons are expected to follow the old custom of tossing some of last year's pots and pans out of windows. The law says NOT TO DO IT, but many are expected to follow the custom just the same.

I'd always thought that Americans were PECULIAR in that, when somebody passes a law forbidding the doing of some particular thing, their instinctive inclination is to go out and do it PRONTO. I'm relieved to hear that other people have the same reprehensible impulses.

Besides— There are times when that seems a pretty way of disposing of dirty pots and pans than getting out the dishpan and disposing of them in the more conventional manner.

A serious word in closing: Secretary of State Acheson tells a congressional committee this morning that employing American agents of QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY at United Nations doesn't constitute a threat to our national security because UN workers don't handle matters concerned with our national defense.

It can't be technically right. What endangers us is the fact that we have leaders who will TOLERATE employment in UN (or elsewhere) of people of doubtful loyalty.

That IS dangerous.

## Bidault Fails To Get Help

PARIS (AP) — France rings out the old year today in the throes of chronic government crisis which has seen three Cabinets fall in 1953. She will ring in the new year without a premier at her helm.

President Vincent Auriol combed the ranks of political leaders today in search of a man who could put France's humpty-dumpty government together again.

It fell apart a week ago when Premier Antoine Pinay resigned rather than face certain defeat on his 1953 budget policies.

Georges Bidault, two-time veteran in the premiership, gave up yesterday his efforts to get enough support to put him in the office again. He failed when several leading parties refused to back his demand for wider powers which would end the siege of continuing crisis.

## Artillery, Air Action Mark War

SEOUL (AP) — Rumbling artillery duels and Allied air strikes opened the final day of 1953 on Korea's bleak battlefield after 829 Superforts plastered two vital Red targets.

A flurry of pre-dawn ground scrapes ended at daybreak. No major engagements were reported.

Twenty-one Superforts from Japan and Okinawa flew through heavy Communist ground fire and harassing night fighters in their unworried attack. They dumped more than 200 tons of high explosives on a sprawling ore-processing plant near the Yalu River and a key supply center near Sinanju. Sinanju is about 45 miles north of Pyongyang, Red Korean capital.

NIGHT FIGHTERS offered a serious challenge to the B29s with repeated firing passes. The Air Force did not say whether any bombers were hit. Bright moonlight helped the Red pilots.

Bursting shells filled the air around the bombers.

The Air Force gave no details of damage to the Choak-tong ore processing plant, a 106-acre target 25 miles southwest of Uiju on the Yalu, and the 88-acre Wollyung supply center. The Air Force said the plant processed graphite before the war.

DEADLOCK  
On the deadlocked battlefield, big guns boomed before dawn. Allied artillerymen drove off small groups of Reds who probed actively at lonely Allied outposts on the Western and Central Fronts.

At many points, and especially in the rugged eastern sector, Allied patrols barged into Red groups and fought short, bloody scraps by moonlight.

The Eighth Army announced 1,814 Red casualties inflicted in the week ending Dec. 28, including 1,092 killed, 711 wounded and 11 captured. In the final week of 1951, Red casualties totaled 2,856.

A bright sun flashed off the snow covered battlefield as the year drew to a close. Temperatures were higher, hovering in the 40s.

## Draft Call High In State

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon draft call will be larger than expected in February. The Army will need 631 men then.

State selective service officials, who earlier estimated between 400 and 500 men would be needed, were notified of the exact number Tuesday.

Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy director of selective service in Oregon, said about half the total would be 18-year-olds. It will be the first time the draft has dipped into that age bracket in Oregon.

The January call of 615 men will come from the 20-year-old group. Mason said that after February Oregon would have about 2,000 men remaining in the 19-year-old class.

HELP  
Klamath Sportsmen's Association  
FEED THE BIRDS  
9 O'clock Special  
BOB HENRY, operator of Reliable Cleaners, was raffling a container this morning in hope of collecting a little more money for the bird feeding program sponsored by the Klamath Sportsmen's Association and the Isaac Walton League.