

Red Atomic Plan Given Sec. Dulles

GENEVA (AP)—Soviet Russia replied Tuesday to American proposals on President Eisenhower's plan for an atomic pool for peaceful purposes.

The content of the Soviet reply was not disclosed, but informed sources indicated that no important progress had been made in the exchange.

The note was handed to U.S. Secretary of State Dulles by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in a half-hour conference at which the two statesmen also discussed problems related to the current Geneva conference on Far Eastern issues.

Dulles had submitted the American proposals to Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin in Washington March 19. Their nature was not disclosed.

U.S. officials said, however, the proposals dealt with concrete recommendations as contrasted with procedural questions taken up in earlier talks in Washington and Moscow.

A joint British-American communique issued in London after Dulles' visit there two weeks ago said Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had reviewed the atomic question and discussed the latest U.S. proposals.

The whole exchange grew out of President Eisenhower's speech before the United Nations General Assembly last Dec. 8 suggesting that the powers producing atomic energy might pool quantities to be developed for peaceful uses.

This was considered as a possible opening wedge to break the long deadlock on atomic energy control.

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Firm Develops New Gasoline

NEW YORK—A radically new development in premium-type gasoline, backed by a 20-year research program climaxed by a million-dollar fuel testing program, was disclosed today by Augustus C. C. Long, President of The Texas Company.

The new gasoline, Mr. Long told newsmen attending a press conference here, is the first to develop maximum engine power while actually reducing engine wear.

It incorporates an exclusive, catalytically-made compound derived wholly from petroleum, he said. This compound, termed Petrox, is now being produced in a new plant at Port Arthur, Texas, site of the Company's largest domestic refinery.

A fleet of 26 new cars driven more than 700,000 miles during one phase of the test program showed 45 per cent less piston ring wear, 38 per cent less intake deposits, and improvements in valve performance up to 300 per cent, Mr. Long disclosed. The tests were made in comparison with other premium-type gasolines now on the market, including Texaco's.

Mr. Long disclosed that the Company is constructing six additional catalytic reforming units at its refineries throughout the United States. The added plant capacity will enable the Company to meet increasing demand for quality products, he said.

C. B. Barrett, vice president in charge of sales, said the new gasoline is now delivered to Texaco service stations in all 48 states.

Mr. Barrett said the peak power of a new automobile engine usually lasts from 5,000 to 6,000 miles, after which it decreases due to engine wear caused by corrosion and deposits on pistons and valves.

Dr. Wayne E. Kuhn, Manager

of Texaco's Technical and Research Division, said that during the road tests at San Antonio, Texas, and Poughkeepsie, New York, a total of 38 new cars were put through all types of driving conditions ranging from 24-hour-a-day high speed driving to cold-weather, start-and-stop low speed driving.

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Nations' Governors Given Briefing On U.S. Problems

WASHINGTON, AP—Top administration leaders today began secret briefings of the nation's state and territorial governors on major foreign and domestic problems.

Foreign affairs was first up for discussion at the two-day meeting called by President Eisenhower. It was expected the talks would deal mainly with the critical situation in Indochina.

Vice President Nixon and Under Secretary of State W. Bedell Smith were to address the governors and answer their questions in closed-door sessions at the old State Department Building, next to the White House.

Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado, chairman of the Governors' Conference, was designated to talk to newsmen after morning and afternoon sessions today and tomorrow.

Eisenhower hit on the briefing idea a year ago and the governors liked it so much they asked for a similar fill-in on the nation's problems this year.

A White House statement said Eisenhower arranged the meeting "to bring the heads of the state governments into closer working relationship with the national administration and to draw upon their background of experience and regional knowledge in shaping federal programs."

The Eisenhowers entertained the governors and their wives at a White House dinner last night. Earlier, some of the governors held preliminary conferences on special problems. In one, 16 coal state governors considered the coal industry's present economic plight. The other brought together the governors of Texas, Kansas, Okla-

home, New Mexico and Colorado on dust storms and brought relief problems.

At the coal meeting, United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis said Russia could cripple this nation's oil facilities in a matter of days with submarines and bombers "if the Kremlin masters get impatient." In that event, he said, if the coal industry wasn't ready to take over fuel needs, "all Russia would have to do is call on us to surrender."

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