

Critics Demand Dulles Explain Policies, Acts

Secretary Faces Questioning by Senators on Sale of Tanks, 'Brink of War' Statement, Other Issues

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles confronts some of his most outspoken critics today at a public hearing that Sen. George (D-Ga.) said he hoped would get "bipartisanship back on the right track."

Dulles was invited before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for questioning about administration policy toward the tension-ridden Middle East and on ways to counter new Russian economic, political and diplomatic moves.

George, chairman of the committee, said so many questions have been raised in the minds of committee members that Dulles may be asked to return Saturday or early next week for further questioning.

"I am glad Mr. Dulles is appearing at an open hearing," George told reporters. "I think it is advisable."

George said he thought the session "will help get a return of a greater measure of bipartisan consultation." He added, "I think it would tend in that direction."

Demands for an explanation from Dulles stemmed from the furore over shipment of 18 light tanks to Saudi Arabia. But Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said he wanted to question Dulles on everything from his "brink of war" interview to policies in Korea and South Asia.

State Department sources said in advance Dulles would tell the committee that vital security interests in the Middle East dictated the decision to send the 18 tanks to Saudi Arabia.

One effect of the shipment has been to increase pressure on the State Department to accede to the Israeli government's request for authority to buy 50 million dollars worth of weapons to counter Egypt's arms purchase from Communist Czechoslovakia.

Benson Vetoes New Milk Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The secretary of agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson, has rejected proposals by some New York State dairymen and political leaders that a comprehensive regulation be established to control marketing of milk in metropolitan New York and northern New Jersey.

Benson announced that instead he would call a public hearing to consider provisions for a separate order for northern New Jersey.

At Albany, Gov. Harriman promptly asked the secretary to reconsider. In a telegram, the governor said the decision "disregarded the interests of New York State farmers."

Daniel J. Carey, state agriculture commissioner, said it was a "black day for New York State producers."

Floyd R. Hoffman, chairman of New Jersey Gov. Meyner's milk committee and head of the state's Office of Animal Husbandry, described the decision as "a victory for proponents of a separate order for New Jersey."

Spokesmen for three large cooperatives (representing dairymen supplying the New York market) voiced disappointment at the decision but a fourth hailed it as the "greatest . . . in the past 15 years for the Northeast dairy industry."

In the announcement, Benson said also the hearing, the date of which is to be set later, would consider proposed "coordinating amendments" to the present New York order.

He said it would include consideration of any proposals for the regulation of milk in six counties of New York State adjacent to the metropolitan area—either in conjunction with northern New Jersey or as a part of the present marketing area.

Bans Merger Action
The secretary declared, however that the hearing would not consider any proposals to combine any territory of New Jersey with all or any part of the present marketing area.

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FORMER RED TESTIFIES—Ismail Ege uses a blackboard testifying before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee as a former Lieutenant Colonel in the Russian Army Intelligence. He said the "RU" stood for "Army Intelligence" and that from the top command it divided into the seven branches he points to here. At right are the letters "MVD" for Red secret police. In previous testimony Ege said he had broken with Communism in 1942. He resides in Silver Spring, Md. (AP Wirephoto.)

Missing Planes Found in Cuba; 16 Aboard Safe

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Coast Guard said today six light planes that disappeared yesterday after taking off from Cuba for Jamaica had been found at Niquero, Cuba, and the 16 missionaries aboard were safe.

"We don't know whether they had trouble or just decided to land there for the night," said a Coast Guard spokesman.

Nine planes carrying the missionaries on a goodwill tour of the Caribbean Islands took off yesterday from Camaguey, Cuba, bound for Kingston, Jamaica. Only three of the planes reached Kingston.

The Coast Guard started a search at dawn. A twin-engine amphibious plane took off from Miami and arrived in the area at 7:30 a.m. The Coast Guard cutter Aurora, en route from Miami to Nicaragua, was diverted to cover the 260 miles of water between Camaguey and Kingston.

The planes were owned by members of the Church of God of Prophecy, with headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn. The pilots, most of them young people, had planned to make the flight in a cross formation symbolic of their religious mission.

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Europe Shivers As Cold Holds

LONDON (AP)—A slow thaw spread fearsome landslides and flood threats over parts of southern Europe today. The rest of the continent shivered, with little sign of a break in the worst winter anybody could remember.

No deaths were yet reported from the slides of snow and earth in Italy and Yugoslavia. But it was feared they would add to the toll of 831 known dead in the record freeze-up, now in its 25th day.

Crop damage ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. Food prices rocketed. Coal and other fuel was running short.

At Vasto, in central Italy, a landslide crumpled 150 homes. Hundreds of workmen fought to divert the vast mass of rumbling soil and snow from other homes and a railroad.

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Detroit's Phantom Killer Claims His Third Victim

DETROIT (AP)—In the last month three men have left their Detroit homes in the pre-dawn gloom to go to work and have been struck down dead with single bullets.

None of the three was robbed. None had any police record. No arrests have been made.

Each man was shot with a different gun. Each killing was in a different neighborhood. One victim was a city employee, one a railroad warehouse foreman and one a factory worker.

In reviewing the cases today Lt. George Bloomfield, acting head of the Homicide Bureau, quickly discounted the possibility that a homicidal maniac is at large in this sprawling metropolis of two million people.

"Our experiences and our records show that a maniac killer usually uses the same weapon," Bloomfield said. "The only link in the three slayings is that each man was killed while on the way to work, and for no apparent reason."

Senate Leaders Planning Election Law With 'Teeth'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Democratic and Republican leaders disclosed today they were working on a bill to put more teeth in the election laws for this year's presidential and congressional campaigns.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, told reporters "we're going to have a strong election bill this session."

Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP leader, said: "I think some changes can be made to improve the election situation. I would like to see something accomplished before the 1956 elections."

Johnson said the leaders were not trying to bypass the new eight-member committee named by the Senate last night to investigate campaign contributions, lobbying and improper influence on senators.

He said, however, that if bipartisan support can be obtained for the proposed leadership measure it can be revised to meet any developments the inquiry brings.

Committee Named
In compliance with a resolution passed Wednesday by a 78-1 vote, Vice President Nixon last night officially named the four Democrats and four Republicans who will undertake what Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) called "one of the most searching investigations in our history."

Johnson, the Democratic leader, picked as members from his party's ranks Sens. Gore of Tennessee, McClellan of Arkansas, Anderson of New Mexico and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, named GOP Sens. Bridges of New Hampshire, Thye of Minnesota, Goldwater of Arizona and Purtell of Connecticut.

By agreement, a Democrat will head the group. Johnson made it plain he wants Gore, chairman of the Senate's Elections Subcommittee, to fill that role. Gore had been planning such a broad inquiry as the Senate voted.

However, Knowland said in an interview it would be up to the committee members to pick a chairman. He would not forecast whether the Republicans would accept Gore.

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Living Costs Drop Slightly

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lower prices for food and house furnishings in January sent the government's living cost index down a notch today to the lowest point since last August.

The decline means a wage cut of a penny an hour for more than a million workers in the auto, farm equipment and aircraft industries in a quarterly revision of rates geared to the index.

General Motors Corp. announced the pay reduction would be effective for its more than a half-million workers beginning on the first payday after March 1.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said its index for mid-January declined 1-10 of 1 per cent from mid-December.

The new living cost level for the nation for January was 114.6 per cent of the 1947-49 base period. This is 3-10 of 1 per cent higher than a year ago and compares with the 115.4 peak level of the index in October, 1953.

Food prices declined 3-10 of 1 per cent in January in a continuing reflection of farm prices.

Ousted Soviet Premier Draws Fire of Leader

Deputy Prime Minister Denounces Malenkov's Administration of Power Ministry as Wasteful

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet press today published a direct attack on the ministry of electric power stations that former Premier Georgi Malenkov heads.

The ministry was accused of "procrastination" in a speech to the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party delivered in the Kremlin yesterday by state planning boss and first deputy prime minister Maxim Z. Saburov.

When Malenkov resigned the premiership on Feb. 8, 1955, he publicly confessed he had been inefficient and not sufficiently experienced in administration.

Saburov did not mention Malenkov by name. But he left no doubt that the Soviet government was dissatisfied with the way Malenkov's ministry is being run.

"The ministry of electric power stations," Saburov said, "is procrastinating too much with the putting into operation of new equipment and electric stations. Due to this, one million tons extra in conventional terms of fuel are consumed annually at high pressure electric stations alone."

It was the first high-level criticism of this ministry since Malenkov took it over.

Before the party congress opened, there was considerable speculation in Western circles as to whether Malenkov would retain his place. This was allayed when he got up in the congress and endorsed the current line sponsored by party first secretary Nikita Khrushchev, which gives highest priority to the continued development of heavy industry.

Malenkov during his time as premier put special emphasis on consumer goods.

Report Urges Gas Tax Hike

ALBANY (AP)—The Diefendorf Commission today called for a one-cent increase in the state gasoline tax, a one and one-half-cent boost in the diesel fuel levy and a 500-million-dollar bond issue to help finance a long-range program of state highway construction.

The recommendations were contained in the commission's annual report to the governor and the Legislature.

Leaders of the Republican majorities in the Legislature have indicated they would oppose any increase in the gasoline tax this year. Gov. Harriman has said he would support such a proposal if advanced by the commission.

The commission proposed that legislation be enacted to increase the motor-fuel levies "not later than July 1" and that revenue from the increase be consigned to a special fund to pay off the proposed bond issue.

The commission did not specify whether this should be done by constitutional amendment or simply by a statute. The latter could be repealed by a later Legislature.

The "earmarking" that the Legislature "should consider" asking the people, through a proposed constitutional amendment, whether the increases in motor fuel taxes recommended by the commission should be constitutionally "earmarked" solely for highway purposes.

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Missing British Sub Feared Lost, Safe; Search Called Off

Acheron Sighted in Gale-Swept Arctic Sea by Minesweeper; Failure of Communications System Made Contact With Admiralty Impossible; Was Unreported Since Wednesday When It Made Trial Dive

LONDON (AP)—The Admiralty today called off a search for the British submarine Acheron, sighted safe in gale-swept seas after being feared lost for nearly six hours.

The British minesweeper Coquette radioed three hours after the Admiralty reported the Acheron overdue that she had made "visual contact" with the sub.

The Coquette also reported the Acheron, carrying 65 men, said her communications system was out of order. The Acheron then proceeded to Iceland.

The search started after the Acheron failed to make her routine radio report this morning. Six hours later the Admiralty said: "The Acheron has now succeeded in passing her routine check signal and as a result the search for her has been canceled."

The 1,123-ton Acheron is a sister ship of the Affray, which sank in the English Channel in April 1951 with 75 dead.

Dived 2 Days Ago
The Acheron dived two days ago during arctic trials in the Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland and should have reported by radio at 10:05 a.m. (5:05 a.m. EST) today. This message never came. The Admiralty said it was possible unusual sunspot activity over the past two days might have blocked it out. Gigantic explosions on the sun have bombarded the earth with cosmic rays, interfering with communications.

In Copenhagen, the Danish government's telegraph authority said no radio messages had been received from Greenland stations since yesterday morning.

"Frankly," a spokesman for the authority said, "we cannot see how a vessel could get signals through while we cannot receive a word from powerful land stations."

At 11:05 a.m. the Admiralty flashed the "sub-miss" signal alerting all ships, planes and rescue services—military and civilian—to stand by for possible help. An hour later a "sub-sunk" order was flashed—signaling an immediate search with all available ships and planes.

Royal Air Force planes roared off for Reykjavik, Iceland, to set up a base for search operations. U.S. Air Force units on Iceland already were standing by. Ships steamed out from Scotland and Iceland.

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Flood Control Funds Sought

ALBANY (AP)—Gov. Harriman called today for legislation allowing the state to contribute up to half of the local share of the cost of federal flood-control work in smaller watersheds.

In a message to the Legislature, the governor urged passage of bills recommended by Agriculture Commissioner Daniel J. Carey allowing the state to pay a maximum of \$300,000 a year for each such project under the watershed protection and flood prevention act of 1951. Harriman declared: "The necessity of flood prevention work in the smaller watersheds, which do not come within

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5 Die, 100 Hurt In Derailment Of P.R.R. Train

Seven Coaches Jump Rails With Train Speeding at 80 Miles Per Hour; Cause Of Accident Unknown

ODENTON, Md. (AP)—Seven cars of a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train, racing at 80 m.p.h. through the flat countryside between Washington and Baltimore, jumped the track last night and three overturned down an embankment. Five persons were killed and more than 100 injured.

Of 90 persons taken to six Maryland hospitals, 59 remained hospitalized today. Scores of others were treated at the scene by dozens of doctors and nurses.

By mid-morning, investigators still had not determined what caused the wreck of the New York-bound Embassy. A Pennsylvania Railroad spokesman said the possibility of faulty air brakes had been ruled out. The engineer said earlier the brakes had appeared to grab suddenly.

The worst mangled car was the diner. Apparently it tipped over just as it started to pass one of the heavy steel girders supporting the overhead electric cables that provide power to the engines.

Roof Torn Off
The force of the impact literally peeled back the roof of the diner like a sardine lid. The coach broke apart. Dining chairs were tossed 50 to 75 feet away. Scattered stacks of linen napkins were blackened by the tramping back and forth of rescue parties.

From 10-year-old Paul Sloane of Baltimore, making the trip from Washington alone, came this condensed description which more or less summarized the experiences of others:

"I felt a bumping and heard a big noise. Then I knew we were in a wreck. I was real scared. I got bumped around, but I didn't get hurt."

Some weren't so lucky. Dead from the wreck were: Alexander Nero, 22, Trenton, N.J.

Thomas Reed Johnson, 35, Baltimore.

Alfred B. Haupt, Baltimore.

Sydney Jackson, 50, New York City.

Edward Q. Holloway, Wilmington, Del.

Jackson was a Negro porter, and Holloway was a flagman on the train. Holloway died shortly after the accident in Ft. Meade Army Hospital.

Nero was a second-year dental student at Georgetown University in Washington and was on his way home to visit his parents over the weekend. He reportedly was scheduled to be married Saturday at Yonkers, N.Y.

60 Hospitalized
More than 60 persons were hospitalized for injuries ranging from slight to serious. Many more were treated at the scene by the scores of ambulances and emergency vehicles from nearby Ft. Meade and the surrounding volunteer fire companies.

Three Upstate New York persons were among the injured. Edward and Gladys Lott of Syracuse were treated at a hospital and released. D. S. Tarbell of Rochester.

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Rain or Sleet In Many Areas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wet and cloudy weather was the outlook for most of the nation today, with a little warming in prospect for much of the mid-continent.

There was a variety of precipitation in the Midwest. Freezing drizzle and freezing rain sleeted areas in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Showers and thundershowers and hail were reported in Illinois and southern Iowa.

Showers and light rain fell in Kentucky, Tennessee, parts of Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. Falls were generally light.

In the West, snow flurries flecked widely scattered areas of the northern Rockies and the Great Basin while light rain sprayed the entire West Coast.

Ground fog extended in a narrow band from Oklahoma and Kansas northward through Minnesota.

Southerly winds brought warmer air over the Mississippi Valley, the Plains states and the Great Lakes region.

There was some cooling, with lower temperatures reported in the New England region, Montana and the Great Basin area. Lowest readings were around 10 degrees above zero or lower in northern New England and northern Montana.



LASHLEY FOUR ARE FIFTEEN—Porter Lashley's quadruplets were fifteen years old yesterday. The children, shown at school desks in Letchfield, Ky., lunching, are, left to right: John, Beulah, Martine and Mildred, and were scheduled to be hosts to their classmates whom they outnumber four to three, to an ice cream and cake treat. (AP Wirephoto.)