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IKE TO REPLY TO BUSINESS SLUMP TALK

President Drafting Series Of Talks Started Early In '54

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower, bidding for reelection as president of the United States, today started writing a reply to critics among them who contend business is on the slide.

Eisenhower was scheduled to meet at his Augusta National Golf Club office with two key aides who have responsibility for planning to avert any business downturn.

They are Dr. Gabriel Hauge, the President's personal adviser on economic problems, and Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the three-man Council of Economic Advisors authorized by Congress after World War II.

Hauge and Burns brought with them from Washington yesterday a preliminary outline of the economic report which Eisenhower would report to Congress shortly after the legislature reconvenes Jan. 6.

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Firemen Battle Coast Blazes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wilson's valuable observatory and telescope were still safe today as more than 1,000 men fought to prevent fires in the San Gabriel Mountains.

High winds which fanned the flames yesterday had abated, but the fire creeping up the top and in the San Gabriel Mountains from 200 yards to one-quarter mile from observatory structures.

Some 8,000 acres had been swept in this and another area 3,000 in the second fire 20 miles eastward, below Mt. Baldy, foresters said.

The U. S. Forest Service reported that the Mt. Baldy fire had been virtually extinguished while crews continued mopping up hot spots.

Approximately 2,500 people had been evacuated from both regions but a check last night showed the number of unoccupied cabins burned to be about 35. Earlier 130 cabins were reported destroyed in Santa Anita Canyon.

Lower 8,000 acres of fire have from time to time threatened out skirts of Monrovia and Sierra Nevada National communities east of Pasadena.

Fire equipment from many towns as far north as Bakerfield and south to San Diego—has been moved in to aid federal, state and county foresters.

Frankie And Ava Have The Sniffles

ROME (AP)—Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner nursed the sniffles today at a Roman villa. Ava called Frankie "honey" but neither would say whether they had picked up their sniffles.

EXPERT ON WHEELS

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Year's Best
1. Korean War truce and prisoner exchanges.
2. Stalin's death and Malenkov's succession.
3. Gremlin's blimping.
4. Harry Dexter White case and "Reds in government" issue.
5. Eisenhower's inauguration.
6. Rosenberg's execution.
7. Tuff death.
8. Khrushchev's visit.
9. Berlin riding and food giveaway program.

either because of deep convictions or because of relentless brain washing, still had to make up their minds whether to come home or to stay perhaps forever behind the Iron Curtain.

TOP 10 STORIES
Newsmen, participating in the annual Associated Press poll to determine the 10 outstanding stories of the year, chose the Korean truce as the biggest news of the year. Headlines that found seven of the top 10 concerned with death and violence.

It wasn't the death of the man he had killed, but the death of the man he had killed, that would happen that made Stalin's death a tremendous news story. The 79-year-old Russian dictator, who had ruled the Soviet Union for 30 years, died on September 8, 1953.

Death followed a brain hemorrhage, said the newspaper, which pleased for unity. Free world pulses quickened in expectation of a drastic change in policy as Malenkov imprisoned Lavrenty P. Beria, head of the Soviet blood purge police under Stalin. But Soviet stiffening returned. Beria, who had been in the cold war was back in the front lines of Stalin's days.

The kidnapping of Bobby Greenhouse of Kansas City, a crime that shocked the nation, was the third biggest story. The story of how the 5-year-old boy was kidnapped from an exclusive Catholic school in Kansas City.

Brazil-Portugal
Air Crossing Made
LISBON, Portugal (AP)—A Panair de Brasil airplane landed here today after a 10-day flight, completing the first annual Brazil-Portugal crossing of the south Atlantic Ocean.

The airline also set a new record, for the flight from Recife, Brazil—12 hours 11 minutes.

Emergency Board Ike Acts To Bar Railroad Strike

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower today created an emergency board to head off a threatened strike of more than a million railroad workers represented by 15 non-operating unions.

The union members all are such employees as clerks and track workers who don't work on the moving trains. The dispute affects 150 railroads operating throughout the country.

Creation of the three-man emergency board means that under terms of the Railway Labor Act the 15 unions are barred from striking for a 60-day period.

Eisenhower's executive order setting up the board said the dispute threatens "substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree such as to deprive the country of essential transportation services."

The 15 non-operating unions recently took a strike vote, after which it was a coverage that more than 90 per cent of the members approved a walkout. No strike date was set, however.

The union has no pending wage increase demands but has asked for a variety of health-welfare and similar fringe demands.

The situation has been complicated by the fact that the railroads have filed suit in federal court in Chicago, claiming that under the railway labor law they are not compelled to bargain on many of the health-welfare and other union demands.

Some of those demands are:

Life insurance paid for by the railroads, rather than the death penalty to the worker's annual pay, with a minimum of \$2,500; hospital, sickness and disability benefits for workers and their families; widows' and dependents' benefits; pension payments for Sunday and holiday work; and increase wages and benefits.

The union, it said, the pending suit filed by the carriers has so far failed to get a point where more than 90 per cent of the members have agreed to a strike.

The suit asks for a declaratory judgment against the carriers' demand to have to bargain on the union demands for health-welfare and free pass demands.

RUSSIANS FREE TWO AMERICANS
BERLIN (AP)—Two Americans held by the Russians for years were freed today in a prisoner exchange.

The Soviet government announced the return of the two Americans, a man and a woman, to the United States.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR
Queen Elizabeth II, crowned Britain's 27-year-old monarch in the most recent coronation in history, is again Woman of the Year in 1953.

The Associated Press poll of newspaper and radio editors named her as the outstanding woman of the year.

ARTHUR NOSES OUT JULIUS IN ENTERTAINMENT FIELD
NEW YORK (AP)—Repeat winners, a tie in the field of science and an interesting development in the entertainment field distinguished the 1953 poll of newspaper and radio editors conducted annually by The Associated Press.

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Now, two years later, as secretary of state in the first Republican administration in 30 years, Dulles is again awarded the honor.

A Republican, a church leader and a radio editor conducted an annual by The Associated Press.

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Comic Dictionary
The word "LOVE" which makes a girl marry her boss and work for him the rest of her life without a salary.

Scratch One Plane



A U.S. Navy plane on a flight from Sampson Point, near Manila, burst at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport following a crash landing. Of the 14 aboard the plane only three suffered minor injuries. The plane was a total loss. (AP Wirephoto)

Rhee Urges Battle With Communists

SEOUL (AP)—South Korean President Syngman Rhee today called for a new year's greeting, "We will come to you rescue just as soon as we can."

He told the people of the Communist-ruled North "never do you forget, even in the nightmare of sleep, the terrible night in which you are caught."

The strong statement appeared to give new life to his repeated threats in the last stages of the war last spring that South Korea would drive—alone if necessary—to the Yalu River boundary.

"TEMPORARY"

Rhee reminded Koreans he had agreed to a temporary halt in his aim to unify Korea and had promised the Allies to refrain from unilateral action for 90 days after the start of the Korean peace conference.

But the recent break of negotiations to set up the conference, he said, "can be regarded as final."

"If the United States continues to maintain its present stand, we shall never have to wait another three or four months in an attempt to prepare for a political conference that is foredoomed to be fruitless," he declared.

"More than ever we are convinced that as long as the Chinese Government and will qualify for veterans' benefits, the spokesman added.

Exceptions to the discharge rule will be men who have been decorated for valor in combat and those who were wounded in action. The decoration holders will be kept. The wounded will be retained until they have been judged completely recovered or a determination made regarding the extent of their physical disabilities.

Some of the men, who despite long training and education in the Army still remain in Category 4, the lowest mental category, will be kept by the military service. They will be retained if they have won promotion to corporal or have otherwise demonstrated practical leadership ability.

Hints U. S. Would Intervene In Indochina

Yank Forces Might Strike Elsewhere

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles hinted today that U.S. aid and air forces will retaliate directly if Communist China openly intervenes in Indochina or renews the fighting in Korea.

In a new conference discussion of President Eisenhower's decision to pull two divisions out of Korea, Dulles emphasized that this agreement might meet renewed aggression in Korea or open intervention in Indochina by striking at the aggressor forces in places other than Korea and Indochina.

He said that while American power in terms of food, money, and other elements—cheaply and weapons—has been increased.

Eisenhower himself had made the same points when discussing the U.S. decision to withdraw two divisions from Korea.

DULLES CONFIDENT
Dulles expressed confidence that available French and native forces in Indochina will deal effectively with the Communist drive across Laos.

He said that nothing the Reds have done in this operation has altered appreciably the time table of operations by which the American and French forces intend to break Communist power in Indochina by a year.

Furthermore, Dulles said, he does not think that the Red drive into Laos, as presented in a model, would be successful. Laos is a small country.

Some Congress members—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) for one—have expressed concern that Thailand might be invaded.

On other points Dulles:

1. Made clear that the United States, Britain and France will accept Russia's proposal that a Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Berlin be held Jan. 25 or 30.

2. Disclosed he had planned to take up with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov at Berlin next week—arrangements for negotiation on a new plan. He said that since the Berlin conference has been put off, he would be taking up this question with the Russians must be found.

Dulles said the United States sees greater promise for international peace in a meeting in London beginning that in some grand one plan, as he called it, for solving all atomic problems of security.

He said he hoped the Soviet government also will accept that view.

Expressed hopes that Israel and Jordan will hold a face-to-face meeting.

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Atlanta Theft Ring Smashed

ATLANTA (AP)—Nine youths in the 14-19 age bracket, have been detained in the city's largest home by police who said authorities had smashed a teen-aged ring.

Detectives J. W. Smith and J. E. Sikes said the gang's 15-year-old members had been "stealing a car is just like smoking a cigarette—you light up and it's gone in a minute or two, then you throw it down and reach for another one. You drive your car a block or two and then you throw it down and reach for another one."

EVENING PRAYER
Lord of all compassion, have mercy upon us, and give us life that we may have another year. Encourage each other in love. In the name of Christ, Amen.