

## President Promises Probe of Arab In Coffee Prices

### Dulles Urge Parley Deal With Europe

#### Secretary Would Skip Red China Issue

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
BERLIN (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles urged the Berlin Conference today to skip over action on Russia's proposal for a meeting with Communist China and come to grips immediately with the problems of German unification and European security.

Dulles declared the Soviet demand for a five-power conference including the Peiping government "is primarily a device to attempt to secure for that regime a position in the councils of the world which it has not earned or has not won by the international community generally including the United Nations."

"Certainly," he emphatically declared, "this four-power conference is not the place to decide that matter."

Britain's Foreign Secretary Eden and France's Foreign Minister Bidault concurred with Dulles on the rejection of the Soviet proposal.

After they spoke, Molotov—who had declined to start the debate on his own proposal—replied in a long statement which Western authorities described as containing the Big Five conference is urgent and should tackle the following issues:

1. Military questions such as disarmament and reduction of armaments.

2. General relaxation of world tensions, including an examination of causes of tensions, and specifically an improvement in relations with Communist China.

3. Economic questions: In this connection, he made the point that he thought it abnormal that 800 million Chinese and Russians and others in the Communist sphere should be cut off from full trade contacts with the rest of the world.

Molotov had submitted to the conference's second session yesterday a formal resolution calling a five-power meeting in May or June. The United States had already rejected the whole concept. But it also had accepted, along with Britain and France, a Russian sponsored agenda which put the five-power proposal as the first item of business beginning in the third session today.

Half an hour after this afternoon's meeting got under way, Assistant Secretary of State McCordie handed to reporters a text of the Dulles statement which re-emphasized the American position and declared "it would be wrong if having come together for the first time in five years, we should fritter away our time in discussing whether or not to set up a new conference rather than in dealing with the substantive problems—Germany and Austria—which the world expects us to solve."

"The United States therefore opposes," Dulles said, "that it should take no action on the first agenda item—the five-power conference—and pass on to the second—Germany and European security—and third—Austrian independence."

"If we can solve these two problems, then, and then only, can we stand before the world as capable of assuming other and heavier tasks. There then will be opened up vistas of new hope."

American sources disclosed Molotov had decided to deliver a speech in behalf of his Red China position this afternoon, contrary to reports that he might make a lengthy declaration.

Instead, when Chairman Eden asked the Russian if he had any

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### SHEPHERD IN A TROUBLED LAND



## 868,350 Arab Refugees Big Problem For Middle East

Editor's Note—Generations have lived in the Holy Land, 2,000 miles through Arab and Jewish territory centering around Jerusalem, a city where Christians, Jews and Moslems have lived for centuries. But for several years the Holy Land has been torn by strife. There is an armistice, but it frequently echoes to gunfire.

Exactly what is the situation today, on both sides of the armistice line? What hopes of peace exist? AP Correspondent Lynn Heinzerling was assigned to report that.

By LYNN HEINZERLING  
JERUSALEM (AP)—There can be no doubt about who lost the 1948 war between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The losers are still sitting around the battlefield, ransacking and robbing. Bales of these are the Palestine refugees.

They live in tents, in shacks, in mud or straw huts in caves. Some have found crowded refuge with friends or relatives. They have taken over mosques, old military barracks and stables. Many others, who fled from their homes in Palestine with money, are now seeking for aid.

Their best friend is UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees. It spends some 25 million dollars each year for their food, education and medical attention.

Only 27,383 of the refugees live in the 41 official UNRWA camps. The rest are in the desert wastes of the north to the desert wastes of the south.

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## Trade Commission To Make Inquiry

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH  
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the Federal Trade Commission will make a full scale investigation of rising coffee prices.

The President told a news conference the commission launched a preliminary inquiry Jan. 13 and already has discovered enough to warrant a full investigation.

Such an inquiry, he added, is going to take place.

Retail prices for coffee have lately jumped above \$1 a pound and wholesalers have predicted a further rise.

The Trade Commission's investigation will be aimed at determining whether any laws have been violated.

The President said the FTC would look specifically into charges that domestic trading in coffee had been limited to certain types of buyers.

At his news conference, the President also:

1. Declared he is backing up the position of Secretary of State Dulles at the Berlin Big Four conference. That was in reply to a request for comment on Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's demand for a Big Five parley, including Red China, on world problems. Dulles rejects that idea.

2. Said his associates at the Capitol told him they still are hopeful for a compromise on the controversial Bricker treaty-power amendment can be worked out.

3. Discussed the distinction, as he sees it, between the policies of his administration and the "New Deal" of the preceding Democratic administrations. He said his administration is politically liberal in dealing with individuals and conservative in dealing with economic and monetary matters.

4. Asserted that Rep. Cordero (D-Calif.) has every right to call himself a member of the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization. Cordero last year was reduced from the 41 official UNRWA camps. The congressman has denied that he is or ever has been a Communist or a sympathizer.

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## That Coffee Flavor Plumb Losing Favor

By LUCIEN AGNIEL  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Nothing contributes more to "coffee nerves" than dollar-a-pound coffee prices, Charlotte housewives from A to Z agreed today.

"These sky-high prices are terrible," said Mrs. Charles F. Abbott, 1201 E. Blvd. "I paid 98 cents for coffee yesterday and they say it's likely to be over a dollar soon. I don't like instant coffee, but if it's cheaper, I'm going to use it. I'm also going to use tea and cocoa a lot more."

Mrs. Nola A. Zeigler, 524 Arlington Ave., agreed prices were out of line but pointed out her problem was relatively simple. "My husband doesn't drink coffee," she said, "so a pound lasts forever at our house."

In between were a lot of irate housewives, most of whom said coffee is destined for a minor role in their families commencing at once.

ONE CUP  
"One cup a day is my formula," said Mrs. Charles A. Lynn, 3929 Tillman Rd. "We'll be buying a lot less coffee from now on."

"I resent very much these high prices," said Mrs. Charles Laws, 1929 Shoreham Dr., "but my husband is so addicted I guess I'll buy coffee if it went to \$20 a pound."

Mrs. Dennis C. Scruggs Jr., 1332 Dresden Dr., offered a plan of action of her own. "I'm a big coffee drinker, but from now on I'm going to get by on one cup. If everybody did that we might get some action on price reduction."

At the home of Ben R. Yost, 2325 Bancroft St., a drastic program was offered—hot chocolate for breakfast, milk for lunch and tea with dinner. The Yosts happen to like it that way—and recommend it to their coffee-drinking neighbors.

Mrs. Ben F. Turner, 2047 Norton Rd., frequently uses instant coffee. "With prices the way they are," she said, "we may decide to use it exclusively."

Another instant coffee proponent was P. J. Thompson, 1813 Jamestown Dr., who added that his family drinks very little coffee anyhow.

Mrs. Paul P. McGarity Jr., 225 Middleton Dr., was standing fast and hoping for the best. "I have a husband who likes coffee so I'll just go on as usual."

Seconding Mrs. McGarity was Mrs. Carl J. Teague, 529 Katonah, who reported no change in coffee-buying plans.

But R. M. Robbins, 4801 Doris Ave., said his family of four was cutting down heavily. "We are using tea at least once a day and coffee no more than once," he said.

Meanwhile, a note of cheer was injected in the darkening picture. Daniel Smith, manager of a W. Trade St. restaurant, telephoned The Charlotte News to report he still sells coffee for 5 cents a cup.

There are only a few of us left," he said, "but speaking for my place, I am going to keep it that way."

Excise Tax Cuts Possible

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, help us to hear and heed the call when it comes to us. May we come to realize that in life's least promising duties, we often serve the best. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### OUR WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and rather windy with occasional showers and slight chance for showers today. Cooler tonight. Tomorrow, fair and cold.

High temperature yesterday, 66 degrees; high expected today, 64 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 45 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 55 degrees; low expected tonight, 21 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 30 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:35 a.m.; sunset, 6:18 p.m.

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### Restaurant Chain Asks Coffee Boycott

#### NEW YORK (AP)—The Union News Co., operating several hundred restaurants across the country, put up this sign today in many of its outlets:

"We feel the increases of the coffee market are unjustified. We urge our patrons to drink tea."

The company's restaurants range from railway station lunch counters to places like the Rainbow Room in New York.

### List Forwarded To FBI

NORWALK, Conn. (AP)—A Norwalk Veterans of Foreign Wars post, its commander said today, has forwarded to the FBI the names and addresses of Norwalk residents whose records and activities the post considers Communist.

Albert A. Beres, commander of the Mulvey-Torino-Aquino post, would not disclose the number of names. One source, however, placed it at around ten.

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## Cash Bartering Charged In Scalded Baby's Death

CHICAGO (AP)—Waller E. McCarron, Cook County coroner, has accused the Woodlawn Hospital of "too much bartering for money" in connection with the emergency treatment of a fatally scalded baby.

The baby, 3-month-old Laura Helen Lingo, died the day after admission and treatment at the Cook County Hospital.

McCarron yesterday continued an inquiry into the baby's death and ordered subpoenas for Dr. Frank Maple, president of the Woodlawn Hospital's executive board, and Dr. Perry Jenkins, its chief of staff.

"There was too much bartering for money or compensation for the hospital while an unfortunate child lay helplessly in need of treatment," McCarron said.

The baby's mother, Mrs. Irene Lingo, testified that Laura was scalded when she slipped out of her baby's arms.

Mrs. Lingo said she took the child to Woodlawn and pleaded with attendants to treat her, promising to pay the hospital bills in connection with the emergency treatment.

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