

TRUMAN'S POLICY REVEALS HIS GOALS

PRESIDENT-ELECT WITH NEW SECRETARY OF STATE



John Foster Dulles (right) was today named Secretary of State in President-elect Dwight Eisenhower's cabinet. He is shown with the General during the latter's campaign. (UP Telephoto).

Accused Of Treason By Reds

14 Czechs Placed On Trial

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Fourteen former top leaders of Communist Czechoslovakia, including former Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis, were on trial in a Prague court today on charges of treason and espionage.

Austrian Press Agency reports said Clementis had confessed to responsibility for the death of Jan Svermo, a Slovak Communist hero who took part in the anti-Nazi uprising of 1941.

The reports said Rudolf Slansky, former secretary-general of the party and another of the chief defendants, had admitted to preventing medical treatment for Svermo. Slansky was charged also with plotting the "elimination" of President Klement Gottwald.

No Western correspondent was permitted to witness the court room drama, which compared with the famous Moscow trials of 1938. The Prague trial represented a final stage in a struggle for power by clashing factions within the Red leadership of a country once

Tar Heel Tot Dies

On Way To Join Father In Japan

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP)—Two-year-old Wanda Kay Gibson died today aboard a Pennsylvania Railroad train on the first leg of a journey to Japan with her mother, three brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Nannia Gibson, 30, said she and her seven children left their home in Spring Lake near Ft. Bragg, N. C., yesterday. The mother said the child had been ill previously but appeared well at the time.

Mrs. Gibson and her family were to sail Saturday for Japan, where her husband, Sgt. Clyde Gibson, 34, a Purple Heart veteran of World War II, is stationed. The Gibsons formerly lived in Germantown, N. C.

OUR WEATHER

Charlotte and vicinity: Cloudy this afternoon, clearing and cooler tonight. Partly cloudy and cool tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 66.

High temperature expected today, 66.

Low temperature this morning, 60.

Low temperature expected tomorrow, 45.

Sunrise, 7:02 A. M.; sunset, 5:14 P. M.

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5 MIG'S DOWNED

Planes Lash Reds In Battle Of Ridges

SEOUL, (AP)—Allied forces pounded Chinese positions late today with the heaviest rocket barrage and warplane strike in the 37-day battle for the vital Kumhwa ridge on the Central Korean Front.

In the air, U. S. Sabre Jets destroyed five Communist MIGs. The Fifth Air Force announced it brought to 502 the Red jet fighters destroyed since the war began exclusive of those downed by Navy pilots.

AP correspondent John Randolph reported from the Central Front that a total of 576 rockets were launched within a few seconds at Communist targets north of Allied-held Sniper Ridge.

The disk rocket barrage came after an intensive fighter-bomber strike against Chinese positions along a narrow, two-mile sector.

Randolph's dispatch on the rocket launching was timed at 9 p. m. (1 a. m., EST). An hour later he filed a report that two Chinese infantry companies attacked South Korean dug in on Sniper Ridge. His censored dispatch indicated the attack was continuing.

"Whether tonight's action was just another probe or a heavy attack remained to be seen," he reported.

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It is a police action of the United Nations to stop aggression and nothing else, he declared at his news conference when a reporter asked whether he would still use that description.

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He began with this statement, which he permitted reporters to quote directly:

"I want you to understand that the respected chief of the army trying to get things in shape to make an orderly turnover of the government to the successor, and we want to let the world know that this country is a unified organization in its policy toward the rest of the world."

"I was very happy to see Gen. Eisenhower had told Sen. Wiley that he was with (sic) the man who moved in as overlord of Korea. That was one of the main things about which we talked in the meeting the other day when he was down here."

Wind Warnings Raised On Southeast Coast

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Mark Moved To 699.9 MPH

THERMAL, Calif. (AP)—A roaring, flame-spewing F96 Sabre jet plane piloted by Capt. J. Slade Edwards of the U. S. Air Force has established a new world speed record—699.9 miles per hour.

Capt. Nash, 31, whose home is in Mobile, Ala., made four low-level passes yesterday over a measured three-kilometer course at the edge of the Salton Sea, 25 feet below sea level. His performance was made under the supervision of the National Aeronautics Association, which must verify it before it becomes official.

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HOUSTON (AP)—At least 46 people were injured today as a Santa Fe passenger train struck a crowded city bus near downtown Houston.

There were no reports of critical injuries.

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The bus driver, Robert L. Lee, 35, told police he did not see the warning lights flashing at the crossing.

Most of the bus passengers were on route to work or were children in route to school.

NAMED

Appeal Falls \$55,000 Short

CHARLES E. WILSON Secretary of Defense

Collection reported today totaled \$633,153.33—which is just 92.5 per cent of the goal.

Campaign Chairman Charles E. Wilson announced today that the drive will be extended until next Wednesday, when another "wrap up" report session will be held at 1 P. M. at the Barringer Hotel.

"It's not a matter of going over," Mr. Wilson said. "It's a matter of when we go over. With the understanding, co-operation and consideration of the community we can't fail to reach our goal."

8 Navy Fliers Killed In Crash

QUONSET POINT, R. I. (AP)—Three officers and five enlisted men died today in the crash into the sea of a PT-7, a Neptune bomber, 70 miles southeast of Block Island.

The plane, participating in anti-submarine exercises, "made pass" at a submarine, then hit the water, the Navy said. It was operating with a second plane at the time.

The Navy withheld identification of the casualties pending notification of next of kin.

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Accardo Freed Of Contempt

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tony Accardo, reputed chief of the crime syndicate founded by Al Capone, was freed today of contempt of Congress charges.

So was Joseph Scallat of Hazleton, Pa., described by the Senate Crime Investigating Committee as a racketeer.

Both Accardo and Scallat had been indicted for refusing to answer questions of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee at the Chicago racket trial when Capone got out. Accardo also was said to have widespread interests in Florida.

The charges were dropped on a motion by the prosecutor, Assistant U. S. Attorney William Hill.

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