

Chief, Red China Premier To Discuss 'Peace'

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Hammaraskjold Accepts Bid From Peiping

Chou Doesn't Agree To Talk About Fliers

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., (AP)—U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today accepted an invitation for face to face talks with Red China's Chou En-lai in Peiping.

The secretary general acted less than four hours after he had received a cable from the Chinese Communist Premier saying Hammarskjold would be welcome if he wished to discuss questions related to world peace and international tension.

Although Chou did not agree to discuss the 11 American fliers jailed as spies, Hammarskjold was understood to feel that such talks had not been ruled out. For this reason, he accepted, without delay.

The exact date of Hammarskjold's departure for Peiping and for the talks was not fixed, but the secretary general intends to go as soon as arrangements can be worked out.

The exchange of messages grew out of a resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly last Friday condemning the Peiping regime for holding the fliers and directing the secretary general to do his best to free their release.

Hammarskjold immediately sent out a cable proposing direct talks with Chou.

He received two cables from the Communist leader this morning: one denouncing the Assembly's action as illegal and the other saying he would receive Hammarskjold for talks at a date to be decided upon by the secretary general.

LEAVING TONIGHT

A spokesman for Hammarskjold said he would leave at 6 p.m. tonight for Stockholm, according to previous plans. The spokesman said the secretary general also would definitely return to New York next Wednesday.

Final arrangements for the trip will be made there. It was understood he would take several advisers with him, but it still had not been decided who they would be.

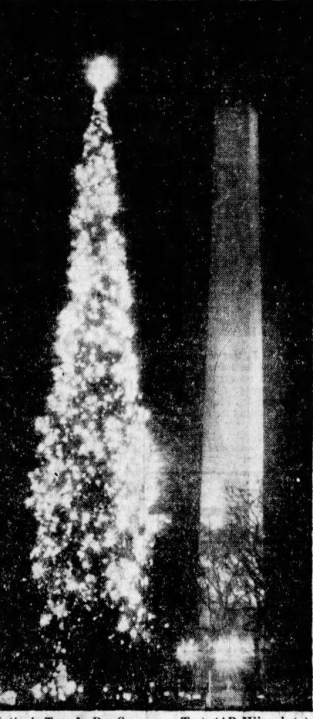
First word of the Chinese acceptance of the secretary general's bid was announced early today in a Peiping broadcast.

The secretary general was known to have made at least three attempts during the past week to arrange a talk with Chou or some other Peiping representative. He had planned to try to convince Red China's ambassador to Sweden during his scheduled trip home.

Hammarskjold planned his trip to Stockholm originally for 30 months installing him in his late father's seat in the Swedish Academy of Letters. The Swedish visit now gives him the opportunity to arrange details of his visit to Peiping with Red China's ambassador to Sweden.

Even before the Red broadcast, U.N. officials had been encouraged by Peiping radio hints that the Communists might be willing to exchange the airmen for 35 Chinese students detained in the United States since Red China entered the Korean War. The Chinese have not been allowed to go home because

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Nation's Tree In Pre-Ceremony Test. (AP Wirephoto)

Ike Will Light Christmas Tree

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Eisenhower lights Washington's community Christmas tree at dusk today as a beacon heralding throughout the world the holiday message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The President planned a six-minute address carried nationally by major radio and TV networks about 5:15 p.m. EST and broadcast overseas by the Voice of America.

The ceremonies marked the start of the national capital's first "Pageant of Peace," a three-week celebration in which representatives of 30 nations will participate in religious and holiday observances.

In advance, the President arranged to receive at the White House the children of six United Nations employes from India, Ecuador, Canada, France, the Philippines and the United States.

Furthering the international theme, U.S. embassies and military posts abroad prepared to light their own Christmas trees and start their own Christmas peace programs in coordination with the White House.

The Washington observance centered around a 65-foot Michigan fir erected on the Ellipse, a park adjoining the White House grounds. At its edge a speaker's stand was ready for the President, who last year spoke from within the White House.

Some members of the President's Cabinet, several Supreme Court justices, foreign ambassadors and other dignitaries planned to be on hand, along with an expected several thousand citizens.

The flat grounds of the Ellipse have been transformed into a child's paradise, complete with live reindeer, numerous small Christmas trees from the participating nations, a life-size nativity scene, Christmas carol chimes and other enticements.

Joining the tree-lighting ceremonies were the Marine Band, an 80-voice choir from Washington churches and the St. Phillips Cathedral Bell Choir from Atlanta, Ga.

Free World Leaders Adopt New Strategy

Way To Use Weapons Agreed Upon At Paris

PARIS—(AP)—Leaders of the free world today adopted a new defense strategy based on atomic firepower and agreed on the way new weapons can be used in the event of an attack by the Communists.

The foreign, defense and finance ministers of the 14 North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) powers set the role of atomic weapons during a tightly closed session. They promised a communique on their decision later today or tomorrow.

Their adoption of defense plans drafted by the chiefs of staff of NATO members, giving nuclear firepower a place in NATO's "new look" arsenal, the ministers excluded most of their advisers from the closed meeting. Then they took up the controversial question of who can decide on a resort to atomic arms—military men or their governments.

No immediate word on this discussion leaked out, and NATO press officials said only that the ministers had reached agreement.

The American government was known to be strongly opposed to hampering NATO's deterrent effect with a formula which might be unworkable in a major surprise assault against the West. The U.S. position has been that although only civilian authorities can "pull the trigger" and all governments concerned should be consulted as much as possible before atomic weapons are employed, that this consultation should not be made an absolute condition hampering military commanders.

Earlier, in the full NATO council session, French Premier Pierre Mendes-France told his colleagues France will not be modified by Russia's latest note threatening to denounce the 1944 French-Soviet treaty if the French ratify the Paris accords to rearm West Germany.

All NATO's council meetings are closed, but NATO press officers were allowed to attend the "unrestricted" part of the session.

One press officer quoted Mendes-France as saying: "They don't know the French people if they think they can modify French policy by threats."

The Premier, according to an account, described the latest Soviet note as an attempt to intimidate French public opinion and Parliament, and thus to influence next week's ratification vote in the National Assembly.

He added that this will not modify in any way the determination of the French government to win ratification as rapidly as possible.

Other developments in the council session:

- U. S. Secretary of State Dulles.

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DR. SAM SHEPPARD He Awaits The Verdict. (AP Wirephoto)

Pentagon Outlines New Defense Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Pentagon unveils today its new military training and reserve plan and tries to explain why it should be approved by congressmen traditionally wary of anything like European-style conscription.

All previous efforts at establishing universal military training in the United States have failed in Congress. Foes have called UMT "anti-American," totally foreign and unduly costly. Advocates, on the other hand, have backed it as a method of building up a trained manpower pool which would enable the nation to cut down its standing military forces.

The Pentagon's new plan is known to be accompanied by a request for an extension of the draft law, due to expire next June 30, and by a request for pay-increases to career soldiers.

The program calls for training some 100,000 youths annually for periods of six months.

The goal is to establish a ready pool of trained reservists totaling 2 1/2 million.

About 20,000 men would continue to be drafted each month. Youths would be permitted to volunteer for the short-term training period at considerably lower pay than draftees receive. They would not automatically qualify for veterans' benefits, and their total liability for military service would extend at least, nine years.

By comparison, the youth who waited for the draft would be a veteran after his two years' service and know that his military recall liability, except in the direst emergency, would end six years thereafter.

Present law contains no teeth to compel former draftees to continue active reserve training. Secretary of Defense Wilson has said he supports the idea of assuring that six-month trainees continue with their reserve activities by making them liable to the draft for a full 24 months of active duty if they fail to keep up their reserve duties.

7 Men, 5 Women Deliberating Fate

By RELMAN MORIN

CLEVELAND—(AP)—A jury today began to deliberate the guilt or innocence of Dr. Samuel Sheppard today after solemn instructions in which the judge admonished:

"You are not to recommend mercy out of considerations of prejudice, sympathy or favor, or for the purpose of avoiding what you may consider an unpleasant task or duty."

It took the judge 36 minutes to deliver his charge.

During Judge Edward Blythin's charge the seven men and five women on the jury swiveled their chairs in his direction and gave him close attention.

The case went to the jury at 10:13 a.m., EST.

Dr. Sheppard, 32-year-old osteopath, was sequestered 12 feet away at the counsel table. He kept his eyes fixed on the men and women of the jury throughout most of the charge. He is charged with first-degree murder in the July 4 bludgeoning slaying of his wife Marilyn, 31.

ALTERNATE DISMISSED

After the judge was finished, he dismissed the 12th alternate juror, Mrs. Lois Mancini, an attractive brunette. She had sat throughout the nine weeks of the trial, ready in the event of illness or death to take the place of one of the regular jurors.

Judge Blythin thanked her earnestly and profusely for her attentive service in the case.

In a 20-minute explanation of the law, the 70-year-old judge told the jury it is not necessary to prove motive under Ohio law. And he explained that circumstantial evidence must be considered carefully. The judge looked the doors of the small courtroom before he began his instructions.

KIN IN COURT

Sheppard's two brothers and their wives were in the courtroom. One of the brothers, a small smile as he stood waiting for the last legal act in his nine-week-old trial.

Sheppard maintained his innocence and said the crime was committed by someone who broke into his house in the hours after midnight.

After the case was given to the jury, Sheppard was taken back to his cell block in the Criminal Courts Building where the courtroom is located.

HANDS CARD

Before the session started a greeting card was handed to Sheppard by the bailiff. He opened it, and, folded between the pages, was a four-line clover. A brief message was on the sheet of paper inside. Sheppard smiled and at the same time tears came to his eyes.

Judge Blythin told the jury the

Hope For Ship, 24 Crewmen Abandoned

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Coast Guard abandoned hope today for the American freighter Southern Districts, missing off the east coast with her crew of 24 since Dec. 4.

An intensive sea and air search for the 3,300-ton vessel was called off last night. Coast Guard ships and planes still will keep a routine watch for her, however, on regular patrols and training flights.

The Southern Districts was last seen while en route from Port Sulphur, La., to Bucksports, Me., with her cargo of sulphur.

She was rounding Florida on Dec. 4. The date of her last radio contact, and a heavy storm was pounding the area at the time.

A sister of a vessel that broke in half and sank in similar weather off Cape Hatteras on Oct. 5, 1951, the Coast Guard reported.

That ship, the Southern Isles, went down so quickly there was no time to send out SOS signals.

Six of her crew were picked up by a following vessel whose crew saw the Southern Isles' lights go out, but 17 crewmen perished.

No SOS was heard from the Southern Districts, and the Coast Guard surmised that a similar fate probably overtook her.

The Coast Guard, besides sending 10 airplanes and a number of patrol boats into the search, alerted all shipping interests, commercial airlines and military air arms to watch for the Southern Districts. She was traveling in a regular and heavily traveled shipping lane, but despite the widespread hunt by plane and ship no trace of her was found.

"Somebody would have sighted her if she still were afloat," a Coast Guard spokesman said.

REFRIGERATOR COURSE

Deatur, 33, not only a beauty but an intellectual, the informant declared. "She dressed fashionably and wore expensive jewelry. She was seen in the best places. But she made frequent trips between East and West Berlin.

"Finally she became suspect and the officer, who had given her a job in his security office, was transferred back to the states. "A German employe in another security office here was her downfall. She went to him for information, saying that if he would get it for her, the Soviet would release her from her job as a spy and they could get married.

"The German went to his American superior still there was set. The German was given the authentic information the woman asked for. She was arrested Dec. 21 as she tried to take it back to the East.

"When she was nabbed she was dead, and put up a whole of a fight. She has since wailed down. The case was packed with so much security dynamite that investigations were conducted with the greatest caution."

EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, keep us mindful at this holy season that we are to celebrate the birth of our Redeemer. We pray Thou wilt reveal to us anew the unspeakable wonder and glory of the great gift of Thy Son to us. God grant us power of withdrawal from worldliness in this holy season that we may give proper honor to Him Whose birthday is to be celebrated. Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy with occasional showers beginning tonight. Somewhat warmer tonight. Tomorrow, gradually clearing and colder.

Low temperature this morning, 35 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 35 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 52 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 47 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow, 45 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:25 a.m.; sunset, 5:13 p.m.

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6 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

WHAT'S INSIDE

SERVICE STATIONS, the bus lines and midtown merchants all seem to be profiting from the "Park 'n Ride" system used in Providence, R. I. Read about it on today's editorial page, 8A.

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New Morehead Street Bridge Opens Today

The 80-foot bridge spanning I-85 so that the traffic artery could be dependence Blvd. is reopened.

St. was scheduled to be opened While the Morehead St. level is still this afternoon. open for traffic, construction work continues.

Simple ceremony of removal of construction beneath the bridge in the barricades and the movement the extension of Independence of the first automobiles contain Blvd., which will go under Morehead City officials, state highway head St. via an underpass.

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