

U.S. To Test Reds' Peace Talk Sincerity

Dulles Says 'We Intend To Find Out'

Formosa, Austrian Questions At Stake

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dulles said today "we intend to try to find out" whether the Chinese Communists are sincere in wanting a peaceful Formosa settlement or are "merely playing a propaganda game."

Dulles told a news conference the United States could hold direct talks with Communist China as long as the Communists provided "adequate assurances" that their interests are not directly at stake.

He said such talks might be held on a case-by-case basis, but he would prefer the United Nations sponsorship.

On the question of a peace settlement in Europe, Dulles said the same line as with respect to the Far East.

The United States also intends to find out "whether the Soviet Union is sincere" in its proposals for concluding an Austrian treaty, he said.

A statement with which the secretary opened his first news conference in two weeks declared that developments at the recent Asian African conference at Bandung, and Russia's declared interest in ending the Austrian controversy, may be of "decisive importance" for world peace.

Before a meeting with President Eisenhower, Sen. George D. Aiken said the absence of Nationalist China from the conference table should not prevent U. S. peace talks with Red China.

George's comment went a step further, the point being that the State Department up to this time has been willing to go. He made it by renewing his call for a conference on Formosa.

"There seems now a chance," Dulles said in his statement, "that the Communist Chinese may be deterred from pursuing the course of violence which has characterized their action in relation to Formosa, to Tibet, to Indochina, and more recently, in relation to the Taiwan (Formosa) Strait."

He recalled that Premier Chou En-lai of Red China had "felt it would be in the last hours of the Bandung conference to propose to negotiate a peaceful settlement."

"Whether or not that was a sincere proposal remains to be seen," Dulles said. "Perhaps the Chinese Communists were merely playing a propaganda game. But we intend to try to find out."

Dulles pledged to protect and respect the interests of Nationalist China in what he called the probing of Red intentions. He would not specify precise steps for clarification.

He said nothing has been done yet—that the whole program of action is only now being completed.

GRAVE ISSUES
Dulles declared that when the issues are as grave as they are in the case of Formosa and a proposition has been advanced which may produce peace, the United States will not stand upon protocol in probing its sincerity and find out.

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ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE veterans of the Elbe River Link-Up, who have accepted an invitation from a Soviet soldier group to come to Moscow and join a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the link-up, are shown in Washington. Left to right: Joseph Polowsky of Chicago, Ill., Col. George H. Caple of Hampton, Va., Byron Shiver of Lakeland, Fla., Claude Moore of Newbern, Tenn., Murray Schulman of Hollis Hills, N.Y., Robert Hanz, Indianapolis, Ind., Frederick Johnson of Bradford, Pa., Charles Forrester of Greer, S.C., John Adams of Rockingham, N.C., Robert L. Sams of Milwaukee, Wis., Edwin Jerry of Oak Park, Mich., Elijah Sals of Pineville, N.C. (AP)

High Point ABC Store Vote Favored

RALEIGH — Legislation to permit an ABC liquor store election in High Point was favorably reported by a House committee today. And a bill to allow towns to vote on 32 beer was amended before getting the blessings of a Senate committee.

The High Point liquor bill was approved by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns after a brief public hearing. Rep. Clyde Shreve of Guilford, chairman, told the committee that opponents of ABC stores in High Point had decided not to appear in opposition to the bill in the Legislature. He indicated the opponents should concentrate their opposition in the High Point election.

However, one High Point resident, M. W. Nash, told the committee in a public hearing, "you will do a useless thing because you will be defeated at the polls."

He said the people of High Point pretty well know the people are opposed to ABC stores.

The Rev. R. M. Hauss of Shelby, executive director of the Allied Church League, told the committee the league is "bitterly opposed" to placing liquor in any city or county in the state.

The 32 beer bill, already approved by the House, was favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns after it was amended to exempt eight counties—Cleveland, Rutherford, Clay, Cherokee, Macon, Swain, Graham, and Chatahoochee.

The bill would allow towns, counties or counties where regular beer is illegal, to vote on sale of 32 beer. Only towns having organized police forces could hold such elections.

Sen. Ralph Morgan of Cleveland, committee chairman, offered an amendment to give the counties of Cleveland and Rutherford.

BUZZED LONDON
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Parents Are Needlessly Worried No Shortage Of Vaccine Seen

By JULIAN SHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Charlotte parents, apparently becoming worried after repeated reports that the supply of Salk polio vaccine may be exhausted before their youngsters receive shots, are needlessly apprehensive, a physician said today.

Dr. William L. Venning, president of the Charlotte Pediatric Society, said that production is going along nicely and the supply will become increasingly plentiful in months to come.

According to figures released by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, there are 4,173,120 units of the vaccine now available to school children who will receive the first shot by July. A total of 9 million units will be available by September.

Another of the six firms producing the vaccine has said 600 units a week are being prepared. Four other firms are also in good production.

URGENT NEED
School supplies are the most urgent need now, he said. In two or three weeks physicians will begin to get units to care for their private patients.

Meanwhile, parents are making the lives of pediatricians practically unbearable in feeling the necessity for immediate immunization.

The exact quantity to be delivered to doctors is not known, but the supply ought to be adequate to begin the immunization and enough should be available later to complete it.

RIGOROUSLY TESTED
One of the reasons for the slight delay in delivery, he pointed out, is that the vaccine is rigorously tested. Each lot is submitted to the National Institute of Health for final testing, assuring absolute safety.

This means that shipments must be staggered and a steady flow of vaccine is not readily available.

"The school children's program should be completed now and we should have no major epidemic this summer," he added. "It appears to be most unlikely, however, if we do, parents should know that the supply of gamma globulin polymers—immune serum—is available and offers about a four-week period of protection."

U. S. Officials, Chiang Confer

TAIPEI, Formosa.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek conferred tonight with the two special U. S. envoys who are his house guests.

HOPE, FEAR
The Chinese Nationalist President resumed his conferences with Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Walter Robertson, assistant secretary of state, after the latter returned from a surprise visit to the disputed offshore island, Quemoy.

He was accompanied by Chinese Nationalist Defense Minister Yu Tse-wei, Foreign Minister George Yeh and Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, chief of the American Military Assistance Advisory Group on Formosa.

The trip was kept secret until the party returned to Formosa. Meanwhile, hope and fear alternate daily in official Taipei as mystery continued to surround the mission of Robertson and Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Radford apparently did not make the flight to Quemoy. It was announced that he remained in bed with a cold at the home of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, where he and Robertson are house guests.

Nationalist uncertainties were stirred too by what seems to be the swing of world reaction in favor of Red China's offer to negotiate with the United States on the Formosan question.

Few details were given of Robertson's visit to Quemoy.



MRS. R. C. PAGE of Charlotte registered in at Las Vegas, Nev., this week to act as a Ground Observer Corps representative at the explosion of an atomic device scheduled for tomorrow. Invited as a special guest of Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, the commander in chief of the Continental Air Defense Command, she is shown here receiving her instructions from his Civil Defense director, Col. Brown H. Mayall, and M/Sgt. Tom Rhone, U.S. Air Force photo.

Wants Claims Machinery Bar To Request New Court Soon

Mecklenburg County may have a small claims court sooner than expected.

At least that's the hope of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, a group hoping to put the new enabling act into actual service shortly.

President Warren Stack said today the association will go before the County Commissioners and request that the small claims court be established.

NO RECOMMENDATION
The association has taken no action to set up machinery for a small claims court.

We would like for the Commissioners to take affirmative steps and to set up machinery for a small claims court.

The bill was given tentative approval by the Commissioners and will pass its last hurdle today in Raleigh.

SALARY OF \$10,000
The small claims court would handle claims of \$3,000 and less, relieving the overcrowded court system in the county. The judge of the small claims court would receive an annual salary of \$10,000.

As soon as we get a chance to read the bill and find out its effect, we will pass it.

Another key figure in Gaston is Judge P. C. Fronberger, judge of the Municipal Court in Gastonia. However, the Gastonia City Council has gone on record as supporting Judge Fronberger for the vacancy in the Superior Court, created by the recent judicial reorganization.

There is money needed for the judge and other court officials. But we want it as soon as possible subject to the approval of the county.

This seems to be a good time when the budget is underway now.

Dr. Black Being Sued In Death Of Goldberg

Dr. Vance A. Black, convicted of manslaughter in the Elks Club death of Herman P. Goldberg, is being sued for \$100,000 in Civil Superior Court today.

The suit was filed today by Robert G. Sanders, attorney for Mrs. Agnes Goldberg, wife and executrix of Mr. Goldberg's estate.

The complaint states that on Jan. 14, Dr. Black "unlawfully, willfully and wantonly and maliciously committed an assault on Herman P. Goldberg by striking him in the face with his fist, knocking him down."

ASSAULT BATTERY
Because of the assault, the plaintiff contends, her husband died.

She further contends that Mr. Goldberg, 39 years old, had a life expectancy of 17 years and that at the time of his death he was earning approximately \$18,000 a year.

Dr. Black was convicted of manslaughter March 29 in Criminal Superior Court. He was given a four to ten year sentence, suspended for five years on condition he pay \$2,500 to the Goldberg family, and \$2,500 fine.

The death had not had time to file any answer today.

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Overdose Of Sleeping Pills Susan Hayward Attempts Suicide

By JAMES BACON
HOLLYWOOD —P— Susan Hayward, one of the movies' top box-office stars, attempted suicide early today by gulping sleeping pills.

Two detectives who had to kick in the door of her swank Sherman Oaks mansion saved her life.

The 35-year-old Brooklyn-born redhead, noted for her fiery personality both on and off the screen, gave warning of her intent in a hysterical call to her mother, Mrs. Ellen Marner, 63.

Her mother telephoned police, who battered in a patio door and found the actress, clad in pajamas and a housecoat, sprawled unconscious on the living room floor. Near her were two empty bottles of sleep-inducing medication.

Police Det. G. W. Wilkerson said she was breathing so hard that he and his partner decided not to wait for an ambulance. They sped in a squad car to North Hollywood Receiving Hospital where a doctor pumped out her stomach.

After a half-hour's emergency treatment, the doctor pronounced her condition fair and said "it's just a matter now of keeping her off." It was a close call, he added.

She was taken to Cedars of Lebanon Hospital where for an unexplained reason she was held under the name of Mary Brennan.

Dr. Stanley Immerman, whose name was on one of the empty bottles found by her side, treated her at Cedars. The hospital reported her condition okay.

The only explanation for the death cry came from the actress' mother. When she called her, she blamed her dependency on a recent flit by her divorced husband, plus overwork.

PEACE MEETING
Two days ago, actor Jess Barker called a peace meeting to stop what he called a "lukewarm" effort to help the country's 700,000 young soldiers.

"Susan never will talk to me when I call for the boys," Barker said. "She won't even let the servants speak to me. The children see this and it's bad for them."

"I admit I blew up at the incident of 40 protesters, but I got absolutely nowhere. I said some unpleasant things but they had been on my chest for two years."

IRONICAL ROLE
Miss Hayward had been finishing work on a picture at 20th Century-Fox while starting a new one at MGM simultaneously. Ironically, the latter picture is "The City of Tomorrow," the story of a reformed alcoholic singer, Lillian Roth. The script called for Miss Hayward to attempt suicide in despondency over her condition.

The actress' mother sounded the alarm to police after Susan called her and said: "Don't worry, mother, you'll be taken care of."

Police said Mrs. Marner at first was so hysterical they had trouble finding out what had happened. Finally, the mother calmed enough to give the address and report.

"My daughter is Susan Hayward," she said.

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SUSAN HAYWARD

Women Await Atomic Blast Test Role

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. — In the first participation of their sex in a Nevada nuclear test, more than 100 women will face the fiery blast of tomorrow's scheduled atomic explosion.

Seven — all volunteers — will crouch in a split trench only two miles from ground zero. They will be there to show that by taking simple precautions, people can survive unharmed close to buildings that are damaged.

Among the several hundred observers at News No. seven, miles from ground zero, they represent civil defense groups from all parts of the nation and national women's organizations such as the American Nurses' Assn., veterans group auxiliaries and the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. R. C. Page of Charlotte is present for the test.

Another 25 women will have the atomic inferno to prepare and serve breakfast on News No. 6 for nearly 2,000 test participants. This will typify an emergency feeding after a disaster.

"DUTY-BOUND"
"Every housewife is duty-bound to protect her family," says Mrs. Jean Wood Fuller, women's activities director of the Federal Civil Defense Administration. "As long as there is the threat of atomic bombs, she must be prepared to protect her home and family from disaster."

Mrs. Fuller, 43, a handsome blonde grandmother and one of the volunteers who will be in the trenches, believes women should learn first aid, how to package and store food to protect it from fallout (radioactive dust) and should have on hand an emergency food supply, a first aid kit and a battery-powered radio.

In case of attack, the basement will become the most important room in the house," Mrs. Fuller says in an interview. "I think this atomic test will show that if the family's bomb shelter and food are in the basement, the family can survive."

BASEMENT IMPORTANT
She had reference to the "Daring" mannequin family's two-story brick residence 4,700 feet from between Williamson and Weldon.

A bill enacted into law by the Senate will transfer Caswell County from the 15th Judicial District to the 17th Judicial District. The measure amends the judicial redistricting bill approved March 5 by the Legislature.

The House passed a bill to limit the granting of state lands useful for future purposes. Under the amended bill, the state could lease such lands for 10 years to a private agency.

The Senate received a bill to transfer \$500,000 in 1953 bond funds from the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium to be applied to retirement of the bonds instead of for building purposes.

Navy Station Blast Kills 4

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP)—An explosion at the Navy's underground clearance station today left four men known dead, one missing and five injured. All were civilians, Rear Adm. Joseph H. Wellings, naval base commander, announced.

The death toll was increased some 2½ hours after the blast when a body was taken out of the wrecked dynamometer room.

Our Weather
Partly cloudy and mild today. Generally fair and cool tonight. Tomorrow, fair and warmer.

High yesterday — 75.
High today — 75.
Low tomorrow — 50.
Low today — 50.
Sunrise 5:38 a.m.; sunset 7:04 p.m.
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Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give Thee grateful thanks because Thou hast first loved us. May our love for Thee evidence itself in devotion to the doing of tasks for Thee. Help us to serve Thee by serving our fellowmen in a spirit such as Christ had in dying for us in His name. Amen.

POSTMASTERS NAMED

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has sent to the Senate these postmaster nominations for North Carolina:

Darl L. Orr, Foresta Dam; William B. Early, Old Fort; Thomas F. Littlejohn, Ruffin; Nancy F. Harris, Wake Forest.