



Ike Says U. S. Ready To Talk With Peiping

Matters Affecting Nationalists Out

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Eisenhower said today the United States is willing to confer alone with Red China regarding a Formosa area cease-fire, but not on matters affecting Nationalist China.

Ike Recently In Contact With Zhukov

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WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower disclosed today he has been in private correspondence with Soviet Defense Minister Zhukov within the past three weeks. He said the correspondence holds out some slim hope of betterment in United States-Soviet relations.

Eisenhower told of the correspondence at a news conference, and said he has a feeling world peace prospects are on the upswing.

In saying he feels peace prospects are improving, Eisenhower said it is also possible, however, to balance every encouraging development—such as Russia's willingness to agree on an Austrian peace treaty—with an adverse development, such as the Red Chinese air buildup in the vicinity of Formosa.

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SECRETARY OF STATE John Foster Dulles points a finger during his news conference in which he told reporters, "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." (AP Wirephoto)

Ike Calls For Action To Lift Farm Income

President Backs Benson Program

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower called today for a "many-sided attack" on the problems of low-income farmers.

"We must open wider the doors of opportunity to our million and a half farm families with extremely low incomes — for their own well-being and for the good of our country and all our people," he said in a special message to Congress.

The message transmitted recommendations by Secretary of Agriculture Benson which the President said had his "general approval."

It urged, among other things, 50 million dollars of lending authority and strengthening of off-farm employment opportunities for farmers, barely able to make ends meet.

BASED ON STUDY
Benson's proposals were based on a study requested by the President more than a year ago. The President also sent Congress a report on this study, saying it emphasizes the long-range nature of the problem and that it would serve to stimulate continuing study and action.

Eisenhower told Congress "an immediate start is extremely important." He said in a nation where per capita income is the highest in the world, more than one fourth of the farm families still have cash incomes of less than \$1,000 a year.

Part of the assistance program would require new legislation. The President said requests for this and for necessary appropriations will go to Congress shortly.

Sen. Allen of Vermont, one of the Republican senators who got a preview of the administration program, said yesterday every little new legislation "would be required to put the program into operation."

PARTS NEW
In a letter to the President, Benson said parts of the program are new and other parts have been operating, though not fully developed. Benson recommended launching "pilot operations" in not less than 30 of the 1,000 low-income counties during the year starting July 1.

He said action by Congress will be needed to:

1. Authorize the Farmers Home Administration to make loans to part-time farmers.

2. Concentrate special funds outside the present agricultural extension formula to assist pilot programs and to extend aid to low-income farmers.

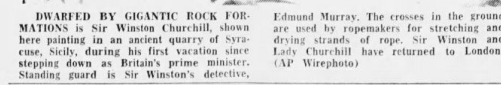
3. Appropriate new money outside the regular budget for extension research, soil conservation, farm loans and related service.

4. Authorize 30 million dollars of new money.

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DWARFED BY GIANT ROCK FORMATIONS is Sir Winston Churchill, shown here painting in an ancient quarry of Syracuse, Sicily, during his first vacation since stepping down as Britain's prime minister. Standing guard is Sir Winston's detective.

Sees Threat To Independence Bricker Urges Amendment

WASHINGTON — (P) — Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) said today his proposal to curb the treaty power should be written into the Constitution to block the designs of "advocates of world government" who seek to repeal the American Declaration of Independence.

Bricker said such persons seek to achieve world government in various ways, including amendment of the United Nations charter, and he declared:

"The end result is the same—the United States would cease to be a sovereign, independent nation. When independence is destroyed, our liberties are lost. That is one of the most important reasons why we need a constitutional amendment safeguarding the power to make treaties and executive agreements."

NEW HEARINGS
The Ohioan made these statements in testimony prepared for the start of new hearings before Senate Judiciary subcommittee on proposed amendment to curb the treaty power. The Eisenhower administration has opposed Bricker's amendment, and a revised version of it was narrowly defeated last year in the Senate.

In a prepared opening statement, Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), the subcommittee chairman, said "it will be difficult to continue long as they do the basic questions of the powers of the presidency until the administration has presented its current position."

DULLES DELAYED
Secretary of State Dulles had been scheduled to appear today, but Kefauver disclosed Monday that the White House had ordered an indefinite delay. Dulles said yesterday he remains opposed to the Bricker amendment.

He said the delay had been ordered because some other administration officials were not prepared to testify.

Kefauver said he had received indications that Atty. Gen. Brown

WRESTLING SPECTATOR DEAD OF INJURIES

BUFFALO, N. Y. — (P) — Henry F. Stephan, 73, died last night of injuries his doctor says he received when a lady wrestler fell on him.

Stephan was seated in the first row at a wrestling exhibition in Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 14 when one of the woman wrestlers tossed the other out of the ring. She landed on Stephan.

In a hospital here since shortly after the accident, Stephan underwent an operation which revealed a blood clot on the brain caused by the accident, the doctor said. It was this clot which eventually proved fatal, the doctor added.

Man Taken After Siege Two Are Injured In Shooting Fray

FRACKVILLE, Pa. — (P) — A man angered by a pending divorce shot two relatives and then held his mother hostage for four hours until a neighbor surprised and disarmed him early today.

Charles Klevis, 28, was wounded by a fusillade of bullets as he attempted to flee following his disarmament by Joseph Andrushin.

Klevis jeered defiantly at police who demanded his surrender and when captured told them "I'm not sorry for what I did."

He went to the home of his sister-in-law Mrs. Cecilia Klehash, 41, late last night and kicked in the front door. Mrs. Klehash told police as she was rushed to a hospital for treatment of critical wounds of the head.

In the house with her were a daughter, Charlotte, 15, and a sister, Betty Klevis, who had initiated the divorce action.

Klevis drew a gun, Mrs. Klehash said, and she asked, "Why can't you be reasonable and talk?"

He replied, "There's nothing to talk about."

His wife tried to push a table against him but he pinned her to a wall and then shot at Mrs. Klehash, who was running to telephone police, and at Charlotte Klehash, who was fleeing the house.

The girl was wounded in the arm, back and hip. Her condition was reported as fair. In the meantime, Mrs. Klevis fled.

TO MOTHER
Klevis then ran three quarters of a mile to the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Klevis, 66. He held her and a visiting neighbor, Mrs. Tony Hancher, at gunpoint as the police demanded his surrender.

State police arrived and Trooper Alf Karitske persuaded Klevis to come to the door. He held her and a visiting neighbor, Mrs. Tony Hancher, at gunpoint as the police demanded his surrender.

Karitske grabbed at Klevis' weapon, a .45-caliber automatic pistol, and jumped back and shouted at the intruder.

"I'm going to kill you!" Karitske yelled out of the doorway before a shot could be fired. Then police barricaded the house, lit up the house with their car and demanded Klevis' surrender.

Weather Delays Atomic Civilian Defense Test

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. — (P) — The Atomic Energy Commission at the last moment today postponed the big atomic civil defense test because of unfavorable weather conditions.

The announcement was made to hundreds of observers and news men gathered at an observation point near this model community, braced to receive atomic fury.

The elaborate test had been scheduled for 5:15 a.m. PDT. The postponement was disclosed after a weather briefing. It was the second 24-hour delay in the test, originally scheduled for yesterday.

TNT SHOTS FIRED
The announcement came at 4:23 a.m. only eight minutes after the second of two TNT shots had been fired to test wind direction.

The wind was blowing almost due south, right at observation point. News men and the general direction of Las Vegas, the nearest populated city.

The crowd groaned as the announcement came over the loud speaker.

But more than 2,800 troops and other civil defense observers in forward areas must have felt the frustration even more.

The blizzards of the desert night had promised a cold day of reckoning for the atomic test town. It was only a few degrees above freezing on Yucca Flat as news men and invited observers rolled into News Town for what was to be a history's largest public nuclear test.

The observer groups had traveled 90 miles from Las Vegas by bus to the site and many had bothered to try catching some sleep before departing at 11:30 p.m. Now they will have to repeat the process tomorrow, if the weather is favorable.

High winds which have raked southern Nevada for two days came up strong again this morning. Besides the morning chill

Steelworkers To Seek Raise

PITTSBURGH (P) — CIO United Steelworkers today notified 98 basic steel producing companies that it intends to seek unspecified pay boosts for 600,000 members employed in the house steel industry.

David J. McDonald, president of the 1,250,000 member union, said the notices were mailed yesterday under the 1951 contract, steel companies are required to begin negotiations within 30 days after the notice is received.

The contract runs, for three years, but contains a wage reopening clause.

The contract also provides that the union is permitted to strike in support of its position if no agreement is reached by midnight June 30.

McDonald said companies which received reopening notices, from the union comprised the majority of the basic steel industry.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and a little warmer today. Mostly fair and cool tonight. Tomorrow sunny and warmer.

High yesterday—70.
High today—70.
High tomorrow—80.
Low this morning—50.
Low tonight—52.
Sunrise 5:38 a.m.; sunset 7:55 p.m.
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These Women, Who Will Be Two Miles Away From Blast, Pose . . . And Wait . . . And Wait. (AP)

