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Dulles Vetoes Russian Plan For Meeting

Says Conditions Laid Down By Reds Unacceptable

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today rejected as unacceptable Soviet proposals for a foreign ministers' meeting as a prelude to a summit conference.

Dulles bluntly told a news conference that the United States rejects moves which would make this country any party to a fraud, a hoax, a show or a spectacle at a summit conference between East and West.

Great Danger

Dulles said there is a great danger in all efforts to substitute fiction for reality in dealing with outstanding East-West problems. He suggested that the Soviets may want to promote the fiction, as he put it, that the East-West cold war has come to an end.

Dulles said the United States wants meetings with the Soviet Union which would resolve significant issues in a manner to ease East-West tensions and promote world peace. But he said this government would not attend a summit conference which would increase tensions.

Terms Unacceptable

Dulles' brusque comments were directed at Moscow's proposal to hold a foreign ministers' conference in April to set the time, place and agenda for a summit conference. The Soviet proposal was contained in notes to the United States, Britain, France, and other countries.

The Russians said at the same time that advance agreement should be reached on a summit agenda based only on subjects "all participants in the conference are ready to discuss." They then ruled out a discussion of Germany and the status of "Eastern" European satellites—two subjects the United States wants to talk about.

Progress Possible

Dulles said the conditions laid down by the Soviets in their most recent move are not acceptable to the United States as they now stand. Perhaps some progress can be made in working the two sides closer together.

As things stand now, Dulles said, it does not seem a summit meeting could usefully be held unless such further steps are taken to bring the two sides closer together.

Race Track Bids Call Delayed

Plans and specifications for the Gateway Park race track in the Upper Valley have been delivered by architects to directors of Fortuna Corp., Bob Duden, El Paso representative of the company, said today.

Mr. Duden said he assumes the company will ask for bids on construction of the \$1.5 million racing plant soon. Company officials had planned to ask for bids yesterday. A 45-day racing meet is scheduled to start next Oct. 10.

In Albuquerque, Bryan Johnson, Fortuna attorney, said plans and specifications were received but that he is "not prepared to make any comment at this time" regarding a call for bids.

Construction plans are subject to approval of a stock sale prospectus by the Securities Exchange Commission in Washington.

Bergman, Rossellini Agreement Sought

ROME, March 4.—Ingrid Bergman and Movie Director Roberto Rossellini were reported today to have completed separate private talks with their attorneys on the pending breakup of their marriage.

Friends said both hope a mutually agreeable verdict will be handed down in Rossellini's annulment suit which is scheduled for a re-hearing March 12 in Rome.

The director arrived secretly from Paris over the weekend and he and Ingrid are living in different apartments of the same Rome building.

Ingrid is slated to fly to London soon—possibly tomorrow—with their three children. She plans to rent a Paris apartment later.

LITTLE LIZ

So many people would rather be right than be pleasant.



SHE'S FROM TEXAS—Mrs. Marian S. Rosen, 24, of Port Arthur, was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday. She is one of the youngest attorneys from Texas ever to be admitted. Mrs. Rosen was sponsored by Representative Jack Brooks, Texas Democrat. (United Press Telephoto)

Do You Want a Baby?—No. 2 Infants Are Adopted Here Through Secret Deals With Mothers

Pastor Says Unlicensed Persons Place 45 Per Cent of Children in Homes

By VIRGINIA TURNER

Many "under the table deals" have resulted in El Paso because of the difficulty childless couples face trying to adopt babies legally.

The El Paso County Child Welfare Board quit handling adoptions of Anglo babies born here because it was forced to concentrate on neglected and deserted children placed in its care.

Shortage of trained personnel and funds do not allow time and effort involved in processing the hundreds of applications for the few Anglo babies available, according to Mrs. Merle Lackey, administrator. So Anglo babies born here are now turned over to other Child Welfare units in Texas where applications have already been processed.

The Rev. William A. Steffen, director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of El Paso, termed the situation "a sad one."

"It's unfortunate the community has not been alerted to the situation," Father Steffen said.

45 Per Cent 'Under the Table'

He estimates that about 45 per cent of children adopted in El Paso each year are the result of "under the table" deals between doctors, lawyers, nurses, ministers and others who act as go-betweens for the unwed or deserted mother and childless couples, or in "deals" directly between mother and adopting parents.

"The go-between, knowing of the plight of the mother, assures help," Father Steffen said. "He or she can offer legal and medical help but knows nothing of the real social problem. It is a terrible thing to see what can happen when amateurs muddy up the water, because these people are not schooled in thinking of the benefit and welfare of the child."

"Texas law prohibits anyone without a license acting as such a go-between, although it allows a mother and couple to make any arrangements they wish. Go-betweens are subject to a fine and imprisonment, but such a violation is difficult to pin down."

"Usually an unmarried mother is paid for her medical and other expenses with a bit to go on after the baby is born. But no rehabilitation for the mother is provided and there is no reason to believe she won't become an unwed mother again."

Gives Advice on How to Adopt

How can a couple adopt an Anglo child here? "If such a couple came to me for advice, I would suggest the best medical check possible to eliminate the chance that they are unable to have a child of their own," Father Steffen said. "Then, if that had been done, I'd have to tell them that the community, as of today, offers nothing to help in the problem."

"The Catholic Charities, after many discussions with the State Department of Public Welfare and the Child Welfare unit, are in general agreement that we would like to be the private agency for adoptions in this area."

"The State Department of Public Welfare encouraged our thinking in this direction. There are certain requirements needed in acquiring a license and minimum standards to be followed."

"But the key to the whole problem lies in the fact that trained personnel are not available. There are 75,000 such positions open for social workers in the U. S. now, paying from \$4500 to \$11,000 annually. Many persons who work in these fields are not trained professionals, who must have a college education and two years of graduate work for a master's degree."

They Could Obtain the Money Now

"If the personnel were available, we would get the money now, some way. The problem is essentially one of the total welfare of a baby."

"Right now, these ideas are more hopes than plans, based on adequate personnel, budget and auxiliary services to the mother. It seems the community is putting too much emphasis on recreation areas and not enough emphasis on the family life problem. There seems to be a lack of appreciation of the importance of a strong family unit in our society."

Father Steffen said his idea of setting up an adoption agency would include children of all faiths and the Catholic agency would work with boards composed of Protestant and Jewish representatives in placing children of mothers of these faiths.

The mother's religion or her decision as to the faith of the couple adopting her child, is the deciding factor in placing her baby for adoption.

Condition Improved Aid Total Listed

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, March 4.—Sherman Billingsley, 56, owner of the Stork Club, was reported in "very good" condition today in Roosevelt Hospital after being injured in an auto accident last night.

Heavy Snow Falls In Southern N. M.

Higher World Population Aids Cotton

Production Problems Discussed At El Paso Meeting

A growing world population is helping boost the use of cotton, a high U. S. official told the Western Cotton Production Conference in El Paso today.

"Since 1920 the world population has increased by more than 50 per cent," said E. D. White, associate director of the Office of Food and Agriculture of the International Co-operation Administration.

"Each person in the world is consuming 6.6 pounds of cotton a year." He said the population increase is one of the most favorable factors that will influence increased use of cotton in the future.

Stronger Position

More than 600 producers from California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas were present at the opening session of the two-day conference at Hotel Cortez. Purpose of the meeting is to give farmers latest information on how to improve quality and cut production costs.

Mr. White said that while cotton production has been rising in the free world in the last few years, so has cotton consumption.

Cotton is in a stronger position in world markets now than it has been in recent years because price differences between growers in various countries have been reduced, and because cotton has become priced more in line with its chief competitor, rayon. Mr. White said.

Need Clean Fiber

"Wherever cotton is supported at prices substantially higher than rayon, there is an incentive to shift to the use of rayon," he said.

Robert W. Smith, vice president of Lowenstein Cotton and Storage Corp., Anderson, S. C., outlined the effects of fiber quality on mill operations.

He said all of the branches of the industry must recognize the

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COTTON CONFERENCE—Cotton producers discussed problems facing the industry at the Western Cotton Production Conference opened here. From left, Cecil H. Collette, general chairman; E. D. White, Claude L. Welch, Dr. Robert H. Black, Robert W. Smith and Mitchell Landers.

Pick Six Jurors For Rape Trial

Samuel M. Franco of 715 Brown street became the sixth juror selected for the trial of Refugio Cosio, charged with the statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl.

Cosio, 35, a taxi driver, met the girl the night of last July 6 when she was a passenger in his cab. Later, it is charged, he drove out to the desert with her in his private car and had sexual relations with her. The girl said she is expecting a child next month as a result.

Negro on Jury

Five jurors selected yesterday spent the night and today in the Del Camino motel because one of their number is a Negro woman.

The Cortez Hotel, which has been used to house juries because no provision was made in the temporary courthouse for dormitories, was "full up because of conventions and a large number of visitors," Sheriff Hicks reported after Bailiff Jim Apodaca had discussed with the hotel the fact that Mrs. Willie B. Johnson, a juror, was a Negro.

The Del Camino Motel agreed to accept the mixed jury provided they stayed in their rooms and their meals were served to them there, the sheriff said.

Accepted by State

Defense Attorney Wellington Chew asked no question, passing the juror back to the prosecution—a custom among lawyers which indicates the defense expects the prosecution to excuse the juror. Assistant District Attorneys Jim Mast and Lawrence Welsh announced acceptance of the juror.

It has been the custom here to avoid use of Negro women on juries in criminal cases because the law requires the jurors must not be separated during the trial. At the same time, another law prohibits whites and Negroes from using the same hotel rooms and other facilities.

Other jurors selected include Earl J. Hooker of 4711 Leeds street, A. C. Rosas of 220 Lake street, Anthony B. Soila of 2905 Moorehead street and Mrs. Edna L. Waddell of 7800 Santa Monica street. Mrs. Johnson gave her occupation as a housewife and her address as 306 North Raynor street.

Convicted Bishop Appeals Decision

FLORENCE, Italy, March 4.—The Roman Catholic Bishop of Prato filed an appeal today against a defamation conviction which has created bitterness between the Vatican and the Italian government.

The most Rev. Pietro Floridelli asked the higher court to annul his conviction and the fine of \$65 he was ordered to pay for declaring a couple "public sinners." The sentence was suspended.

But the resulting furor led Pope Pius XII to cancel a celebration, scheduled for March 12, of the 19th anniversary of his coronation.

The Vatican newspaper said the couple who brought the action against the bishop were automatically excommunicated.

U. S. Judge Studies Case 38 Workers Sue Oil Firm for Back Wages

U. S. District Judge R. E. Thomason today took under advisement a Standard Oil Co. motion to dismiss a suit for back-wages filed by 38 self-styled employees of the firm.

J. F. Halse, attorney for Standard, contended that the National Labor Relations Board has exclusive jurisdiction in cases coming under the National Collective Bargaining Act.

The 38 plaintiffs, with Ernest Guinn acting as their attorney claim they were employed by the Standard Oil Co. here, and that they were wrongfully discharged by the firm without the right of arbitration.

The group, which lists Manuel Cedillo et al. as plaintiffs, are seeking benefits they claim they are entitled to under a union contract with Standard.

Charge Wrongful Discharge

Mr. Halse contended "that the men are not entitled to such benefits because they do not belong to Operating Engineers Local No. 552, AFL and CIO with whom Standard made the contract for the El Paso area."

He further argued that State and Federal courts have no jurisdiction in a matter which, he says, must be dealt with solely by the Labor Relations Board. He pointed out that the plaintiffs had made a petition to the Board which has been denied. Standard, he said, considered the Board's verdict as final.

Seek Benefits

Mr. Guinn for the plaintiffs, argued that employees have always been able to enforce their rights in the courts. He maintained that the sole issue in the case is whether the plaintiffs are employees of Standard. He claimed the workers are entitled to benefits under a National Collective Bargaining Act contract if they were employed by Standard, regardless of whether they were members of a specific union which signed the contract for all the firm's workers.

Mr. Halse contended that the argument had already been before its proper tribunal, the Labor Board, and since the Board had denied the plaintiffs' petition, he

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Wants to Come to E. P. Patterson's Father Urges Investigation

Luther M. Patterson, father of W. D. Patterson, said today "it's about time" some legal action is taken to find his missing son and daughter-in-law.

He told The Herald-Post he would like to come to El Paso and, if his son's lawyer approves, ask for a court of inquiry to investigate what has become of one of El Paso's most baffling mysteries.

The elder Patterson gave his views on the first anniversary of the disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, operators of the Patterson Photo Supply at 143 East Main street.

The couple vanished on or about March 5, 1937.

"I thought my son would show up by now," Luther Patterson said in a telephone interview from Chicago. "I have never had any word from him or Margaret (Mrs. Patterson). Neither have my daughters. My idea has been that maybe they are in a sanatorium some-

Storm Shuts Schools At Silver City

Showers General Over Northern Section of State

A snowstorm which dumped six inches of snow on the Silver City area last night, swept through southwest and central New Mexico.

Light showers were forecast for El Paso with little change in temperature.

High today was to be 58 degrees; low tonight, 41 in the heights and 37 in the valley. High tomorrow was predicted at 56 degrees.

Schools Closed

The six-inch snow fall was on top of three inches which fell yesterday in Silver City. It was still snowing early today.

All schools were closed including Western College and Cobre Consolidated High School at Bayard, serving the mining district. Power and phone lines were hard hit by the storm.

Pinos Altos, a mountain town north of Silver City, had nine inches. The moisture was seen as a bonus in an already wet new year, and all areas of the state benefited from it.

Snow fell in Cloudcroft early today, measuring about three inches. Rain and snow have fallen at Cloudcroft for the past three days, but high winds and warm weather quickly melted the snow.

Albuquerque reported snow and rain measuring .09 of an inch of moisture.

Snow and Rain

Other areas reporting snow and rain and the amounts: Santa Fe, .20; Clayton, .13; Clovis, .10; Columbus, .70; Glenwood, .35; Grants, .04; Las Vegas, .19; Raton, .13; Socorro, .14; Truth or Consequences, .33; Roswell, .03, and Alamogordo, .01.

The Sheriff's Office in Silver City warned motorists to use chains and drive only when necessary. Main highways were open but dangerous.

Chino Mines Division of Kennecott Copper operations at Santa Rita mine and the mill and smelter at Hurley kept normal schedules.

Roads in Northern New Mexico were icy.

Airport Manager Gets Pay Increase

James Gagnon, manager of El Paso International Airport, receives a salary increase of \$65 a month under the new City budget. This raises his salary from \$9900 to \$10,650 a year, effective April 1.

The airport managed by Mr. Gagnon receives an increase of \$38,111.94 in the 1958 budget. The budget for 1957 provided \$349,111.61 for the airport. The new budget provides \$407,223.55 for the airport.

The breakdown of the 1958 appropriation for the airport is: Salaries, \$265,862.80; pensions, \$9500; Social Security, \$5672.20; utilities, \$31,000; supplies and repairs, \$50,455; insurance, \$8735; operating expense, \$6140; travel expense, \$1850; interest and fiscal fees, \$28,003.55; total, \$407,223.55.

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