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Yanks Put 4-Ton Missile Into Orbit Around Earth

Defiant Note On Berlin Marks NATO Meeting End

By PRESTON GROVER
PARIS (AP)—The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, menaced over Berlin, Thursday voted a speedup in defensive might, including nuclear arms.

The 15-power alliance ended its three-day conference with a communique bristling with defiant phrases in the face of the Soviet threat to freeze United States, British and French forces out of West Berlin.

The member countries made clear their resolution not to yield to threats," the ministers pronounced. And again they affirmed their "manifest will to use nuclear retaliatory forces to repel aggression."

LEARN OF VISIT

Then they learned that for the last three days or so the U.S. had been discussing with the Soviet Union an early visit to Washington of Anastas I. Mikoyan, Soviet deputy premier and intimate of Nikita Khrushchev.

That will take Mikoyan to Washington well ahead of the June 1 deadline the Russians set for declaring West Berlin a free city, surrendering the isolated old capital to harassment by Communist East Germany.

The expectation was that this might well be the first chance the East and West would have for the two major world powers to get to the roots of the problem of East-West tensions.

The visit by Mikoyan next month tended to scale down the importance of the notes the West is preparing to send Khrushchev in reply to his virtual ultimatum on Berlin.

Nevertheless, drafting officials went ahead with carrying out the decisions by France, the U.S., Britain and West Germany to reject outright the Russian proposal. The rejection was backed solidly by the whole Western alliance.

SUGGEST NEW LOOK

Coupled in the notes with the rejection will be an invitation to the Russians to take a new look at the problems of uniting Germany and of bringing security to Europe.

HORSE HEADS FOR OLD HOME

LONDON (Reuters)—Charlie, a homesick horse, figures on spending Christmas with his old family.

He escaped from his new owner at Dumfrow, east of London, a few days ago and ever since has been trotting with uncanny accuracy toward the mountain farm in Wales where he used to live.

So far, Charlie has crossed eight rivers, two main railroad lines, five major highways and nothing has stopped his dead-straight route—not even several police forces, automobile association patrolmen or assorted farmers.

Charlie's homing instinct is puzzling horse experts. They've heard of cats and dogs making a 200-mile homeward trek, but never a horse.

Charlie's new owner, Mrs. Anne Tomkin, says if Charlie makes it to Wales she'll reward his efforts, he'll be able to visit the family for a while.

Name Apostolic Delegate To US

WASHINGTON (AP)— Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, 52, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, has been named the Vatican's apostolic delegate to the United States—the seventh since 1883.

He succeeds Amleto Giovanni Cardinal Cicognani, who served as delegate here for an unprecedented 25 years and who, this week, was created a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

Bank Teller's 'Fling' Draws 4-Year Sentence

OTTAWA (CP)—A 17-day, champagne-splashed spending spree resulted Thursday in a four-year prison term for good-looking Boyne Johnston.

The dapper, 25-year-old Ottawa bank teller, who vanished last Oct. 26 with \$260,000 in bank funds and had a brief taste of high living before being recaptured in a Denver, Colo., nightclub, was sentenced to four years in penitentiary by Magistrate Glenn Striker. Maximum sentence on a theft charge is 10 years.

Johnston, formerly of Renfrew, Ont., had pleaded guilty Dec. 10 to stealing the money from the Sparks Street branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada, where he was employed as chief teller.

Commonwealth Day On May 24

LONDON (Reuters)—Empire Day, which falls each year on May 24, will be known from now on as Commonwealth Day throughout the whole Commonwealth, Prime Minister Macmillan told the House of Commons Thursday.

Macmillan said this step was being taken with the concurrence of other Commonwealth governments and of the Empire Day movement.

He was sure the change would be widely welcomed as representing the general feeling in Britain as well as the Commonwealth countries.

At Ottawa, available officials said they had heard nothing of the matter.

Missile Visible To Many

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP)—The head of the advanced research projects agency said Thursday night that an Atlas missile now circling the globe in orbit probably will be seen by most North Americans and it should have a lifetime of about 20 days.

"The success of Thursday night's shoot constitutes a very major step in space exploration and opens new avenues in space for large satellites in the future," director Roy W. Johnson said.

For radio tracking purposes the satellite will be broadcasting signals on frequencies of 107.97 and 107.94 megacycles.

The Atlas weighed 10 tons with its fuel and propulsion components on the launching pad before it was sent aloft.

The big missile stood 85 feet high and was 10 feet in diameter.

Proposed Red Visit Welcomed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Thursday welcomed Anastas I. Mikoyan, Russian No. 2 man, for a two-week visit to Washington that conceivably could ease the cold war.

The wily, bustling Mikoyan is expected to arrive early in January. Ostensibly it will be an official visit with Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov.

The main difficulty since the conference began on Nov. 10 was to agree on a program of work. The Western side—the United States, Britain, Canada, France and Italy—tried to limit the talks to a technical study.

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ALBERTON FIRM GIVEN CONTRACT

OTTAWA (Special)—An Alberton firm, Hutt Brothers Limited, Thursday won a \$13,100 contract to build a new patrol cutter for the Department of Fisheries.

Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean said the craft, a 42-foot Cape Island type, would likely go on patrol in Cape Breton waters.

Mr. MacLean also announced award of a \$9,372 contract for a lobster coaster to be used in Northumberland Strait service.

This craft will be built by Conrad Goupil, Shippegan, N. B.

Surprise Attack Talks Bog Down

GENEVA (Reuters)—A deadlocked 10-power conference on ways to prevent surprise attack broke up Thursday without even agreeing to a date to meet again.

Shortly after, Soviet delegate Vasily Kuznetsov, a first deputy foreign minister, told a press conference the West had tried to turn the talks "into a means of preparing a surprise attack."

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PM Silent Following Meeting

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker Thursday punctured expectations that he would make an immediate announcement of new appointments.

Amid speculation he might name new senators and possibly cabinet ministers, Mr. Diefenbaker emerged from a two-hour cabinet meeting to tell reporters there will be "no announcements at this time."

"Appointments are going to be made," he said later. But he declined to state whether they would be made before the next cabinet meeting, scheduled for Saturday.

Prior to Thursday's cabinet session he had told reporters he would have some appointments to announce and would let them know around 2 p.m.

MAY USE EISENHOWER VOICE IN SATELLITE TEST MESSAGE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The voice of President Eisenhower may be stored in tape aboard the giant Atlas satellite launched Thursday night, to be broadcast back to earth later.

This possibility was suggested during a press conference with Pentagon scientists.

The four-ton satellite sent up by the air force is being used in a test of a communications system to send messages to the satellite, then have the vehicle repeat them back later.

Rear-Admiral John E. Clark, deputy director of the advanced research projects agency, and Robert Brady, army communications expert, said that the communications system included both voice and telegraphic coded messages.

Clark was asked if he would deny that Eisenhower's voice was included in one of the tests.

"No," Clark said. "Would he confirm it?" "No," he replied.

Both Clark and Brady steadfastly declined to discuss at this time the nature of the test messages being used.

Brady said that a preliminary message was sent up to the satellite as it passed over one of four ground transmitter stations and then over another.

The test message was sent when the satellite passed above Los Angeles.

About three minutes later, when the satellite was over Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., a "command" signal was sent up telling the satellite to repeat back the message.

Brady said the command signal was received by the satellite and its transmitter went into operation but the answer was garbled.

Christmas Party For Blind Held Thursday At City Club

The annual Christmas party for the blind of Charlottetown was held yesterday afternoon at the Clover Club. It was a gay and cheerful gathering with the guests contributing songs, instrumental selections and readings to the afternoon's program.

The party was arranged and supervised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

Santa Claus made his appearance during the afternoon and each of the guests was presented with a gift from the traditional Christmas tree. Councillor Frank O'Neil capably assumed the role of master of ceremonies.

After the presentation of gifts, ladies of the auxiliary served a Christmas supper. Earlier in the day the ladies served ice cream and candy treats were provided by Sidney T. Green.

Included in those present were Mrs. F. Walter Hyndman, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor and three charter members of the auxiliary, Mrs. W. J. P. Mac-

Millan, Mrs. T. W. L. Rouse and Mrs. Frank MacPhee.

Other auxiliary members present were Mrs. Allan J. MacDonald, Mrs. F. J. Steele, Mrs. A. W. Hyndman, Miss Lorna Weeks, Mrs. John Garnham, Mrs. W. Teed, Mrs. Arthur Coffin, Mrs. J. J. Morris, Mrs. Ralph Jenkins, Mrs. Ivan Horne, Mrs. Laura Clapp.

Also Mrs. Sutherland MacLean, Mrs. P. J. Proud, Mrs. Carrie MacNeill, Mrs. Olive Carr, Mrs. Belle Arbing, Mrs. P. J. Rossiter, Mrs. Harry Bond, Mrs. Dan MacDonald, Mrs. Blythe Murray, Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. J. D. MacGuigan and Mrs. Arthur Affleck.

The program presented included Christmas carols; a welcome by Mrs. John B. Murlay, president of the auxiliary; solo, Roy Smallman; bag pipe selections, John Evans; reading, Miss Valerie Arsenault; solo, Miss Violet Daley; reading, Edgar Doucette; violin selections, Miss Thelma Teed.

Accompanist for the program was Mrs. Keith S. Rogers.

Freighters Move Slowly Down River

MONTREAL (CP)—Eleven ocean-bound ships moved cautiously down the St. Lawrence River in the wake of churning icebreakers Thursday night while 19 others waited in Montreal harbor for a 16-mile ice jam to be smashed.

The icebreaker d'Iberville Thursday freed from their white prison the 11 Atlantic-bound vessels that had been trapped since last Saturday off Lanoraie, 30 miles downriver from Montreal.

With the help of the icebreakers Ernest Lapointe and the N. B. Maclean, the ships steamed across Lake St. Peter towards Trois-Rivieres, 100 miles north-east of Montreal. But they still have at least another 700 miles to go before they reach the comparatively easily navigable waters of the North Atlantic.

The ships were to spend the night in Trois-Rivieres and to start the eastward move again at daybreak today.

Bulganin Admits 'Crimes' In Anti-Party Activity

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, disgraced former Soviet premier, made an abject confession of his "crimes" as a member of the "anti-party group" before a meeting of the Communist party's central committee Thursday.

Bulganin, who was replaced as prime minister in March by Nikita Khrushchev, said everything Khrushchev had accused the "anti-party group" of doing was correct.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said Bulganin told the central committee that as prime minister he virtually became the leader of this group.

Tass said Bulganin admitted the accusations, spearheaded by present Premier Khrushchev, were true and that the members of the "anti-party" group constantly opposed the course laid down at the 20th congress of the party in 1956 and "prevented its decisions from being brought into force."

Bulganin told the central committee of the Soviet Communist party Thursday that as premier he virtually became the leader of the anti-party group.

He denounced four former top Communist leaders who were stripped of power in 1957 for their "anti-party" activities.

Bulganin described ex-premier Georgi Malenkov as "an intriguer, capable of any dirty trick and any abomination."

He said former foreign minister Vyacheslav Molotov was "a man, estranged from life and the people, who knew nothing of industry and agriculture."

Former first deputy premier Lazar Kaganovich, said Bulganin Thursday was "a man adept at fine phrases who occupied himself with hindering work by his long and confused speeches."

"When in 1957 the anti-party activities of Malenkov, Kaganovich, Molotov and (former foreign minister Dmitri) Shepilov actively developed I joined them, I supported them and became their partisan and accomplice."

NOMINAL LEADER

"Being then chairman of the council of ministers, I not only became their accomplice but also nominally their leader. The anti-party group met in my office, and

there concerted their anti-party fractionary work."

Bulganin was speaking to the committee's plenary session only a few hours after he was himself denounced by other speakers as being a member of the "anti-party" group.

Bulganin was replaced as premier by Khrushchev last March. Then in September he was removed from the praesidium of the party's central committee. At first given the job of chairman of the state bank, he was further demoted in August to chairman of the Stavropol Economic Council, 800 miles from Moscow.

Last month Khrushchev added Bulganin's name to the disgraced ranks of Malenkov, Molotov, Shepilov and Kaganovich.

Yank Navy Drops Missile Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—The navy cancelled its \$78,000,000 Regulus II guided missile program Thursday night.

Navy Secretary Thomas Gates said the project—which had barely got under way—was being terminated "to provide the best balance in over-all navy weapons systems within the resources available at present and for the foreseeable future."

The contract for development of the Regulus II, which has a range of more than 1,000 miles and can carry a nuclear warhead, was held by Chance Vought Aircraft, Inc., of Dallas, Tex.

The cancellation of the Regulus program represented the third weapons system ordered terminated within recent weeks.

END MARGINAL PROJECTS

Defence Secretary Neil McEldroy said several months ago that some "marginal" projects would

be eliminated as the budget was prepared for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

The navy announcement Thursday night said:

"In the light of rapidly changing technology in the missile field it is apparent that the ballistic missile has greater growth potential in over-all military effectiveness than have air-breathing missiles. The termination of this program will permit the navy to move as rapidly as possible to more advanced systems which include and go beyond the inherent capabilities of Regulus II."

The navy now is developing the Polaris 1,500-mile intermediate range ballistic missile, possibly intended for use from nuclear-powered submarines.

The formal announcement said that "by cancelling the program at this time it is anticipated that more than \$100,000,000 can be recovered."



SANTA ARRIVES IN FORMOSA

Missing are snow, sled and so Santa Claus rides a pedicab through the streets of the capital Christmas shoppers