

U. S. Whips Up New Plan To Halt Nuclear Testing

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Eisenhower administration officials are whipping into shape a new plan for halting nuclear tests about next Jan. 1 by agreement with Russia. The plan is pointed toward forthcoming Allied talks and a probable summit conference late this year.

Despite Russia's charge that U.S. nuclear bombers are risking world war by their operations in the Far North, high state department officials are convinced the Soviet Union and the Western powers are moving steadily toward a meeting at the summit. And the most likely subject for agreement is the much debated ban on nuclear tests.

One new angle developed by

U.S. planners in this field is a proposal that if a test ban had to be revoked at the end of two or three years the atomic powers would guarantee in advance that any further tests would be free of fallout.

UNDER GROUND

The most obvious way to eliminate fallout, officials said, would be to explode the atomic devices under ground so that radio-active materials would be sealed in the earth. Ultra-high altitude nuclear explosions, presumably would also offer a means of fallout control if properly engineered.

State secretary Dulles plans to attend a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Copenhagen May 5-7. He wants to have the results of the administration's disarmament review with him at that time, especially decisions on test suspension policy.

Present U.S. planning is based on the assumption that by next Jan. 1 the United States and its allies will know enough about the results of the Pacific tests and about their own relationships in the atomic field so that they can say definitely whether they are willing to enter into a suspension pact or not.

ISSUE PENDING

The shape of allied decisions as they involve Britain depends on the extent to which the United States is willing to share its atomic weapons secrets with Britain. The issue is pending before

Congress and the outcome is uncertain.

But U.S. officials say that if the Americans do not give the British the information they have requested to carry through their own weapons development, then the British intend to go ahead with testing. The French are in pretty much the same policy position but not clearly so far advanced in the nuclear field.

The sharing issue, as well as the related problem of test suspension, will be discussed by Prime Minister Macmillan when he comes here in June for talks with President Eisenhower. Macmillan is reported to have emphasized to Eisenhower already in several confidential messages that he regards the possibility of an East-West agreement on test suspension under international policing as the most hopeful subject for summit conference discussion.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claud Perry and two children of Moncton, N. B. were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Brown and family in St. Louis.

Sincere sympathy are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cormier and family of DeBlois in the sudden death of their two month old baby.

Miss Marina Brown has left for Moncton, N. B. where she plans to spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougal Wedge, Summerside, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Levi Arsenault and Mr. and Mrs. C. Wedge.

Mr. Belonie Gaudet spent the week end in Wellington visiting friends and relatives.

Friends of Mrs. Joseph Goden will be sorry to hear that she is a patient in the City Hospital, Charlottetown. C. R.

Claim Revolt Soon To End In Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Government forces drove Friday toward Bukittinggi, capital and last stronghold of the tottering rebel regime on Sumatra.

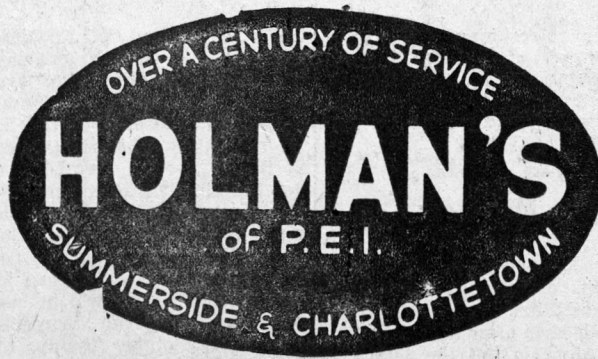
"It will all be over soon," a military spokesman predicted.

He refused to say how far the troops had advanced on Bukittinggi. The town lies 58 miles by twisting mountain road and 40 miles by air north of Padang, the rebel port the government said its forces seized Thursday.

Rebel Premier Sjafruddin Prawiranegara and his government of young Indonesian colonels apparently must soon make the hard decision of whether to stand and fight or flee to the ber of votes.

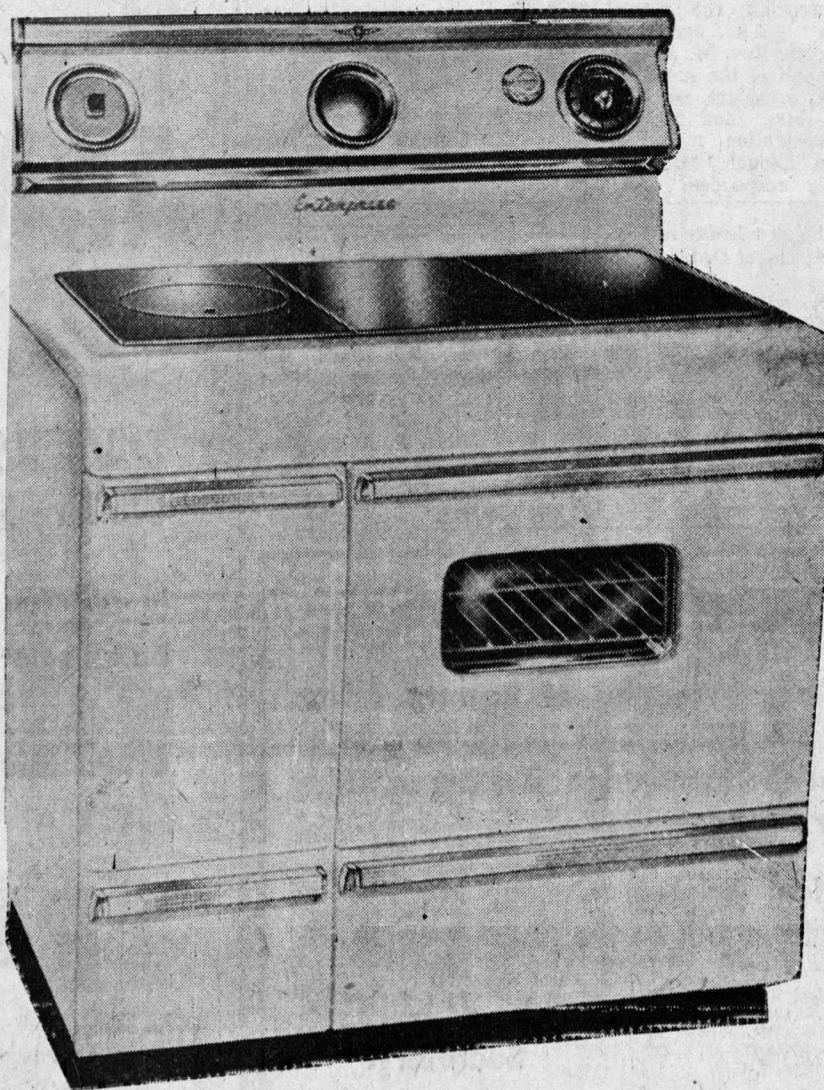
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