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President Eisenhower Defends Intelligence Flights Over Russia

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today sternly defended U.S. intelligence flights over Russia as distasteful but essential to prevent the Soviet Union from launching a Pearl Harbor against the free world.

We must guard against surprise attack, he said.

Russian secrecy, the President told a crowded news conference, is a major cause of international tension today and the safety of the free world depends on the information necessary to maintain a constant, strong deterrent.

The President rejected as ridiculous Soviet charges of "provocative" espionage by the United States. His eyes narrowing and with a touch of anger in his voice, he said that before the Russians accuse the United States of being provocative, they had better look at their own spy record.

Will Go to Paris, Russia

He said U.S. intelligence efforts such as the recently downed U.S. plane in Russia were a distasteful but vital necessity because nobody wants another Pearl Harbor. It is essential, he said, for the United States to have the best possible knowledge of military forces and related preparations around the world, particularly to guard against surprise attack.

The President also disclosed he plans to press again for his "open skies" system of aerial inspection as part of over-all disarmament.

Eisenhower told a crowded news conference, in his first public comment on the U.S. spy plane episode, that he still plans to go to the summit meeting in Paris, he still plans to go to Russia in June and that the plane incident has not changed the basic character of East-West difficulties.

Choosing his words with extreme care, the President said there were discrepancies in the Russian story about the plane brought down May 1 more than 1,200 miles inside Russia.

Not Pictures of U-2

For one thing, the President said, he did not believe that the American U-2 plane was shot down from a high altitude as claimed by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

The President also said that Russian photographs of the plane debris were not pictures of the U.S. craft.

During the news conference, Eisenhower also addressed himself to tough remarks in Moscow this morning by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, accusing the United States of "deliberate provocation" in concert with Turkey, Pakistan and Norway.

When reporters called his attention to the remarks, Eisenhower immediately brought up the case of the convicted Russian spy in this country, Col. Rudolph Ivanovich Abel who was sentenced to 30 years in prison for spy activities in the United States. Brusquely, Eisenhower said that before the Russians accuse the United States of being provocative, they had better look at their own record.

Calls Charges Ridiculous

Eisenhower said the United

States and her Allies were not engaged in anything provocative, but looking only to their own defenses. Furthermore, he said sternly, the Russians know this and their charges of provocation are ridiculous.

Gromyko had said in Moscow that "the provocative violation of the territories of other states means playing with fire—one of the most dangerous ways of balancing on the brink of war."

Warning that any future flights over Russia will be "smashed to smithereens," Gromyko also repeated an earlier warning that U.S. Allies lending their bases for such flights will be rendered "harmless."

Moscow Radio blared a threat that if spy flights kept on, Russia would take "more drastic action," perhaps involving "the security of the United States."

Eisenhower knew that his news conference would be dominated by questions about the plane incident and he decided to face 274 reporters frontally by opening the conference with a four-point statement outlining the reasons behind American intelligence activities involving Russia.

Lists U.S. Reasons

Eisenhower spoke only from notes. Copies of his remarks were not made available for immediate quotation. These were his essential points:

1. The need for intelligence activities: He said no one wants another Pearl Harbor and it is essential for the United States to have the best possible knowledge of military forces and related preparation around the world particularly to guard against surprise attack.

He said secrecy and suspicion within the Soviet Union made the intelligence operations of other nations essential as long as Russia follows a fetish of secrecy.

2. The nature of intelligence-gathering activities: American efforts in this field, he said, must be secret because they must circumvent the walls of secrecy erected by other countries. Our intelligence operations are divorced from the regular agencies of government, he said, but operated under broad directives and supervised by responsible officials.

3. How we should view intelligence work: The President said that in essence, intelligence work is a distasteful but vital necessity. In the present day of modern weapons, open societies constituted the only answer and this was the basis for his open skies proposal made at the Geneva Big Four meeting in 1955—to assure that no one could launch a surprise attack.

4. We should not be distracted from the real issues of the day: He said the issues went far beyond the propaganda uproar created by Russia over the flight of an unarmed, non-military plane. Eisenhower, in a deadly serious tone, said the more important matters before the world leaders were such things as disarmament, solutions for the problems of Germany and Berlin, and the whole

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Triton Crewmen Welcomed Home

NEW LONDON, Conn. (UPI) — With the Stars and Stripes rippling proudly from her conning tower the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine Triton returned from a historic undersea voyage around the world today—and promptly gave her crewmen's families their second shock in two days.

The first was Tuesday's revelation that the 177 underwater Magellans, "missing" for 85 days, had made history with a 41,500-mile submerged circumnavigation of the globe.

The second was the beards that crewmen grew during nearly three months in the busy interior of the world's biggest submarine.

Most of the crew's 130 wives and flocks of children in Sunday best crowded onto a Navy dock to join in an emotional welcome for the U.S. Navy's newest heroes.

Hugs and Kisses

"He's grown a beard," gasped a typical wife when the Triton glided into view. Children by the dozen screamed "Hi, daddy."

The crew was lined up at attention on the narrow deck for a ceremonial welcome befitting the great sub but broad smiles broke through the stiff discipline.

There was a chill, steady drizzle at this Atlantic naval base and Secretary of the navy William B. Franke was an hour late arriving. Bad weather diverted his plane.

The crew was a few minutes late getting ashore, too, stymied by a balky gang plank. They broke into apellmell dash for hugs and kisses with wives and youngsters.

Great Strategic "First"

After the family welcome the crewmen formed up again for the official ceremonies acknowledging Triton's accomplishment of a great strategic "first" for the U.S. Navy.

A Coast Guard band provided a touch of humor by playing "Over the Bounding Main" as the Triton slid up to her dock. Some 500 persons crowded alongside to greet her.

All but 47 of the Triton's crew are married and their wives had been without word since the world's largest sub sailed Feb. 16. Not until Capt. Edward L. Beach had sealed his orders at sea did the crew know their historic mission.

Wife "Guessed It"

"I guessed it," Mrs. Rebecca Blaede, wife of electronics technician Nathan Blaede, of Clearbrook, Minn., said jubilantly Tuesday night. "We all talked about where they might be and I said we hadn't heard for so long that I bet they were sailing around the world."

The crew was awarded a Presidential Citation today. Tuesday Beach, who formerly was President Eisenhower's naval aide, was decorated by his boss at the White House with the Legion of Merit. Then the skipper was returned in a helicopter to the Triton for the last leg of the voyage to the big Atlantic sub base here.

Make Two "Broachings"

The Triton stayed submerged except for two "broachings"—partial surfacings—once to transfer a critically ill radarman to the cruiser Macon off Uruguay and once off Cadiz, Spain, in a tribute to Magellan who sailed from that port on Aug. 10, 1519.

Magellan's voyage took three years and 27 days. Of the five ships that sailed under his command, only one returned to Spain on Sept. 6, 1522.

Chief Radarman John R. Poole, of Colchester, Conn., who was taken ill during the trip, was returned to the Triton by small boat today so he could come home

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy this afternoon and east portion tonight. Partial clearing west tonight. Continued cool. Thursday partly cloudy, not quite so cool. Low tonight 35 to 40. High Thursday 50 to 56. Sunday today 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Thursday 5:30 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Partly cloudy with moderate temperatures. Lows 38 to 40. Highs 55 to 60.

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Mrs. Maud Merriman Dies This Morning

Mrs. Maud Merriman, 79, of 222 South Fourth street, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at the Adams county memorial hospital. She had been in failing health for three months and critically ill since Sunday.

A lifelong resident of Adams county, Mrs. Merriman had operated millinery shops in Monroe and Decatur for 30 years.

She was born in Blue Creek township June 5, 1880, a daughter of David and Hannah Wells, and was married to L. W. Merriman Aug. 30, 1903. Her husband preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1940.

Mrs. Merriman was a member of the First Baptist church, the Missionary society of the church, and the Pythian Sisters.

Surviving are three sons, Russell and Arthur Merriman of Fort Wayne, and William Merriman of Decatur; three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Goldie) Fettler of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Olive Kreigh of Tecumseh, and Mrs. Herman (Frieda) Colchon of Decatur; 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Two sisters and six brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Zwick funeral home and at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist church, Rev. Stuart Brightwell officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening until time of the services.

Late Bulletins

BERN, Switzerland (UPI) — Two Soviet embassy officials have been caught spying and ordered expelled from Switzerland, the Swiss government announced today.

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U. S. Production Hits Record Level

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower disclosed today that unemployment dropped sharply last month and U.S. output hit a record level of more than 500 billion dollars a year.

The President announced what he described as good economic news in a voluntary statement to his weekly news conference.

He said employment rose 1,900,000 between mid-March and mid-April to a level of 66,200,000. This was the biggest April increase by far in the post-war period, he said.

During the same period, he said, unemployment dropped more than 500,000.

The President said retail sales were up 3 per cent above March and the gross national product passed the half-trillion mark on an annual rate basis for the first time in history.

Economic Outlook Good

Meanwhile, he said prices have remained reasonably stable with the cost of living index fluctuating only one-fourth of 1 per cent in the last six months.

All this is proof of the great strength of our free enterprise system, the President said. He added that if Americans continue to act responsibly the economic outlook is very good.

The President also:

Said U.S. intelligence efforts such as the spy-plane incident involving Russia are distasteful but vitally necessary to avoid another Pearl Harbor. He branded as ridiculous Soviet charges that it was "provocative espionage."

Expressed disbelief that the American U-2 reconnaissance plane was shot down from a high altitude as Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has claimed.

Announced that he still plans to go to the summit meeting in Paris next week and will still go to Russia in June.

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Wilbur Petrie

Wilbur Petrie Reelected To Head Red Cross

Wilbur Petrie, Decatur business man, was reelected chairman of the Adams county chapter of the American Red Cross in the annual business meeting at the Decatur Youth and Community Center Tuesday night.

Petrie will begin his second one-year term July 1. He succeeded Earl Fuhrman as chairman last July 1.

Dick Heller, publisher of the Decatur Daily Democrat, was named first vice chairman of the chapter, succeeding Stanley Brennenman of Berne, who resigned from the board. Heller served last year as second vice chairman.

Claren Neuenschwander, principal of Berne-French high school, was named second vice chairman of the board, succeeding Heller. Neuenschwander has served on the board a number of years.

Also reelected were Miss Glynys Roop, Decatur teacher at Northwest school, as secretary, and Richard Macklin, Decatur auto dealer, as treasurer.

Mrs. Oelberg Honored

Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, chapter executive secretary for the past five years, was honored with a roll of appreciation for her outstanding contribution to the chapter, and a five-year pin, by Miss Selma Bernstein, field representative of the American Red Cross for this area.

Rolls of appreciation were also presented to Silvan Springer and Homer Winteregg, co-chairmen of the rural fund drive, and to the Decatur and Berne Community Funds.

In addition, a new 50-star American flag was presented to the chapter by Miss Bernstein as the first chapter in the 10 counties of the district to reach its fund goal.

Three New Directors

Elected to three-year terms as directors of the Adams county chapter were Mrs. Flossie Lybarger, of Geneva, Homer Winteregg, of Monroe, and Fred Kirsch, of Berne. They replace Delmore Wechter, Carl Braun, and Ray Eichenauer, whose terms expire July 1. Reelected serve on the board were Gail Grabill, Miss Marie Felber, Claren Neuenschwander, Richard Macklin, Ray Leitz, Mrs. Henry Heimann, Walter J. Stoppenhagen, and Talmadge J. Campbell.

Members of the board whose memberships expire next year are Earl Fuhrman, Mrs. Margaret (Continued on page six)

Mrs. Lillie Grim Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Lillie Grim, 84, former resident of Decatur, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hovarter, at Terre Haute.

Her husband, Jacob Grim, died in 1945, and she had made her home with her daughter since that time.

Surviving in addition to the daughter are a son, Harry Grim of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Mrs. Leatha Elston of Huntington.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Zwick funeral home, with burial in the Ray cemetery near Monroe.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. Thursday until time of the services.

Late Bulletins

MOSCOW (UPI) — Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today that the spy mission of the U.S. U-2 jet plane over the Soviet Union has changed his opinion about President Eisenhower.

Russia Warns Over Flights

MOSCOW (UPI) — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko warned today that violation of Soviet territory by foreign planes "means playing with fire—one of the most dangerous ways of balancing on the brink of war."

Gromyko also told a news conference that the Soviet Union has not decided yet whether to put Francis G. Powers, 30, Albany, Ga., pilot of a U.S. U-2 jet the Soviets said they shot down over Sverdlovsk on May 1, on trial for espionage.

An investigation is now underway and as soon as it is completed "the appropriate decision will be taken," he said.

But Gromyko called the violation of Soviet air space by Powers' plane a "deliberate provocation" and said Russia holds Turkey, Pakistan and Norway guilty as "accomplices."

Show Plane Remnants

He added that any future aerial flights over the Soviet Union will be "smashed to smithereens," and repeated previous warnings to U.S. Allies about permitting their territories to be used for such flights.

The Soviet Union will be able to render these bases harmless, he warned.

Gromyko's attack came as the Soviets put on display in Gorky Park remnants of what they said was the wreckage of the plane flown by Powers, along with items of equipment he was carrying at the time.

Followed up a Soviet note delivered to the United States Tuesday night protesting the flight.