

MINUTES OF THE 150th MEETING
of the
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
held in the Conference Room of The White House
on Thursday, June 18, 1953, at 10:00 a.m.



MEMBERS PRESENT

The President of the United States, Presiding
The Vice President of the United States
John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State
Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense
Harold E. Stassen, Director for Mutual Security

OTHERS PRESENT

George M. Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury
Joseph M. Dodge, Director, Bureau of the Budget

Admiral William M. Fechteler, for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence
Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President
Lewis L. Strauss, Special Assistant to the President
C. D. Jackson, Special Assistant to the President
Colonel Paul T. Carroll, Military Liaison Officer

SECRETARIAT

James S. Lay, Jr., Executive Secretary
S. Everett Gleason, Deputy Executive Secretary

DECISIONS

1. AGENDA FOR 150th NSC MEETING

Agreed that, in view of the developments in Korea and East Germany, action on the items scheduled for consideration at this meeting should be deferred.

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2. PRESIDENT RHEE'S RELEASE OF NORTH KOREAN PRISONERS OF WAR

Agreed that the United States should repudiate President Rhee's unilateral action in releasing North Korean prisoners of war as a violation of his agreement with the UN Command, and should state that, unless he gives unequivocal assurance that he will abide by the actions of the United Nations Command in accordance with such agreement, the United States will have to effect other arrangements.

NOTE: A message from the President to this effect subsequently transmitted to President Rhee.

3. THE RIOTS IN EAST GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

- a. Noted an oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence on the events leading up to the recent East German and Czechoslovakian riots, and the implications thereof for Soviet policy.
- b. Discussed alternative courses of action open to the United States as a result of this evidence of popular opposition to Soviet control within the satellites, as presented by Mr. C. D. Jackson.
- c. Noted that the President confirmed his authorization to proceed with the development of the Volunteer Freedom Corps (NSC 143/2) at such time as might be agreed upon by the Secretary of State and Mr. C. D. Jackson.
- d. Agreed that the Secretary of State should:
 - (1) Inquire of Chancellor Adenauer as to his need for additional arms for the West German police forces.
 - (2) Consider raising in the United Nations the Soviet repression of the popular demonstrations in East Germany.
 - (3) Continue intensified efforts to persuade our allies to refrain from relaxing their controls on trade with Communist China in the event of a Korean armistice.
- e. Requested the Psychological Strategy Board to prepare, for urgent Council consideration, at a special meeting if necessary, recommendations as to policies and actions

to be taken during the next sixty days to exploit the unrest in the satellite states revealed by the recent East German and Czechoslovakian riots.



NOTE: The action in c above subsequently transmitted to the Secretary of State and Mr. C. D. Jackson. The action in d above subsequently transmitted to the Secretary of State for implementation. The action in e above subsequently transmitted to the Psychological Strategy Board for implementation.

4. U. S. ACTIONS REGARDING THE NEAR EAST
(NSC Action No. 801)

- a. Noted an oral report by Mr. Cutler on the status of the actions to be taken pursuant to NSC Action No. 801-d, as a result of the visit to the Near East by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security.
- b. Noted the President's desire that:
 - (1) The training of a small number of Saudi Arabian officers in the United States be carried out in accordance with the suggestion of the Director of Central Intelligence.
 - (2) The President be notified when the defective military equipment delivered to Saudi Arabia has been replaced, and the payment to Libya on account of rent for the U. S. air base has been made.
- c. Noted an oral report by the Secretary of State that the negotiations between Saudi Arabia and the British Government regarding the British protectorates were proceeding in an orderly manner.

NOTE: The action in b above subsequently transmitted to the Secretary of Defense for implementation.

5. PROPOSALS FOR SOLUTION OF CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING NATIONAL SECURITY

Noted the President's desire that any member of the Council having a proposed solution to such issues as had been discussed at this meeting, should communicate them to Mr. Cutler for reference to the NSC Planning Board.

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