

Eisenhower Encouraged By Reception

General, Back in London, Declares No Nation Can Afford Separatist Course

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LONDON, Jan. 16.—General Eisenhower declared Tuesday that "the only way the free world can defend itself successfully is for the free world to stick together."

Before flying to Lisbon, the supreme Atlantic Pact army commander told a London news conference:

"I do not believe that any one country, no matter how strong, can afford to pull off and go by itself."

The general's statement was interpreted as an indirect reply to former President Herbert Hoover's suggestion that the United States not contribute men or money to West Europe until nations there can "erect a sure dam" against the Communist tide.

Heartened by Visits.

Eisenhower said he was heartened by his round of defense talks in Paris, Brussels, the Hague, Copenhagen, Oslo and London.

"I have been cheered," he said, "by the obvious readiness of governments and citizens to meet the onerous requirements of the task."

Questioned about morale in Western European lands, the general said he recognized "there are differences because of the very nature of things."

Eisenhower urged each free nation to say it itself:

"We intend to put into this effort one more man-hour in proportion to our size than anyone else."

"If we can live up to that simple little doctrine, we need have no fear."

Asked about proposed rearmament of West Germany, the general said:

"The whole question has become one for world politicians to decide. In such cases soldiers are forced to keep their mouths shut."

He said this same procedure applies to the question of Spain, which is outside the 12-nation Atlantic Pact combine.

Eisenhower, who saw British Foreign Secretary Bevin, then lunched with Bevin and Prime Minister Attlee, said his feeling on returning to London was, "This is where I came in."