

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1954

12th
Day

353 Days
to come

in at 8 AM - decided to have press conference Wednesday -
went with Pres. to Advertising Council opening at Red Cross -
on way back discussed with him Korea situation, particularly
as affected Jan 22 with release of POW's. Said everything
possible had been done - gave orders to military to carry out
and protect prisoners - reports from Korea - ours and neutral
don't indicate trouble - but ready for any emergency -
will fight if any interference.

Dallas speech for night - closed with Pres. -
in effect gave notice to Communists will counter
movement of his letter (anywhere) with instant retaliation -
fully show in notes we won't stand for any funny business.

Went over with Stuyvesant, Shultz, Cretcher, Hays, Penner,
Wagon to Advertising Council at 4 P.M. - outlined and
letter - went okay

Wife services trying to press for answer on whether Pres.
in State of Union in using secret ballot on atomic waste
would "pro. strike" or "post. strike" - forum put into
message one objection Shultz & Kutchell by Weerts - Sen.
Smith's bill for "post. strike" - said his bill was cleared
at W.H. - at work by Shultz & Wagon - Snaps on it -
forum showed how been in in front place - Sen. Ines
plotted it in statement, as did CIO and AFL - included
answering it today - leave it for press conference -