

COMPLAINT HITS SP TRAIN DISCONTINUANCE

Western Leaders Optimistic After Big 4's First Day

By MAX HARRELSON
GENEVA (AP) — Western leaders were reported moderately optimistic over the first day's developments in the Big Four summit talks.

The four foreign ministers met today to lay the groundwork for an afternoon meeting of President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Eden, French Premier Faure and Soviet Premier Bulganin.

Although there were wide gaps between the positions of the East and West, President Eisenhower and other top officials expressed satisfaction over the friendly spirit voiced in the opening statements.

Eisenhower, as chairman of the first day's two meetings, said the weeks of talks "will be a great success" if "we can preserve and sustain this spirit of friendship."

Western observers considered Bulganin's tone extremely moderate in comparison with the usual Soviet tirades against the West. The Soviet Premier also promised to examine all Western proposals with the greatest care.

It was noted that both Bulganin and Eisenhower made friendly gestures toward each other's government. Eisenhower said that there was no reason why the American and Russian people should not be good friends. Bulganin replied that he was glad to hear such an expression from the American leader.

Some Regrets Noted
Well-informed sources said the first American reaction to Bulganin's opening speech was this:

1. Regret at the refusal to discuss international Communist subversion and freedom for the satellites although the Soviet reaction was anticipated.

2. Gratification at Russia's announcement that she would contribute "an appropriate amount" of fissionable material to the international atomic agency now being set up as part of the Eisenhower atomic energy plan. It was pointed out, however, that the offer was hinged on the actual formation of the agency and was thus subject to withdrawal.

3. Regret over the "negative" attitude of the Russians on German unification.

4. A feeling that the Far Eastern issues Bulganin raised are not appropriate for discussion here. It thus became apparent that some of the issues raised were for all practical purposes already eliminated from the conference agenda. These included the Far East, the Soviet satellites and international communism.

The main issues, as anticipated, remained European security, German unification and disarmament, or some sort of limitation of armaments to halt the world atomic race.

Revival Meetings Being Held At Glide Church
The Glide Assembly of God Church is holding nightly revival meetings until Sunday, according to Mrs. Arthur Selby, News-Review correspondent. Services begin at 7:45 p.m.

The Rev. Rufus Fowler, evangelist, is conducting the meetings. He is assisted by the Rev. Roy McKeever, pastor of the Glide Church. Special music by the church choir has been prepared for the nightly messages. All residents of the community are cordially invited to attend.

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
The Columbia river gorge, from Portland to The Dalles, is a fabulous scenic area. It is also one of the world's greatest transportation routes. Here, where the mighty River of the West broke through the mountain barrier that separates the Pacific coastal plain from the wide hinterlands—one can see, often in one sweeping glance, all the forms of transportation that man has used from the beginning of time to get himself from here to there.

First there is the river itself—man's first important highway. It was by the Great River that the Indians came down from the interior to Astoria, at the Columbia's mouth. Boats still ply its waters. You can see them chugging up and whistling down.

On both sides there are paved highways, the modern descendants of man's first trails—which, wherever possible, followed the rivers to avoid too much climbing up and down the ridges.

On both sides of the Columbia there are railroads—which came into the transportation picture when man learned to make a steam engine that would move on wheels.

And up in the air—the PLANE, man's latest instrument of transport, buzz back (Continued on Page 4 Col. 5)

The Weather
Fair and continued warm today, tonight and Wednesday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours 79
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 46
Highest temp. any July 109
Lowest temp. any July 40
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. from July 1 1.11
Precip. from Sept. 1 22.75
Sunset tonight, 7:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:50 a.m.

Harmony Restored At Winston; Fire Dept. Signs Up 32
Harmony reigned in Winston today, following a few storm-swept days.

A proposed recall of two members of the Winston-Dillard Rural Fire Dept. Board evaporated; the rural fire department had 32 volunteers following Monday's organizational meeting; and apparent calm ruled in the Saksdorf Orchard area.

Monday evening former fire Chief Robert Nichols called the News-Review to say he and his wife did not plan to circulate recall petitions against two rural fire board members, Charles Hutton and Erv Gubser.

Tuesday Mrs. Nichols re-emphasized her husband's statement adding: "We don't want trouble with anybody, with our neighbors or anybody in the town (Winston)." The meeting of volunteer firemen passed smoothly and efficiently. Chief Shepherd had 32 volunteers listed in less than one hour. Capacity is 35, and he's holding the remaining positions open for bachelors who would be able to live at the fire hall. "It's a nice set-up for fellows who'd like to batch," he pointed out. Men interested should contact him, Gubser or Jim Taber.

After the firemen signed up their elected officers: they are: John Davis, president; Ed Welch, vice president; and Don Hatch, secretary-treasurer. They'll serve until July 1, 1956.

Chief Shepherd had little trouble in checking department names. He used the department books returned to him earlier Monday by the former chief when the two met at Nichols' home. They shook hands.

Tuesday, board chairman Jim Taber pointed out, for the record, that Nichols' resignation Friday evening had been accepted unanimously by the board. He said there was no split in the decision. He also took a moment to commend Shepherd for his work for the district.

Taber had one additional comment. He observed that the neighborhood differences Friday evening in Winston could have been quelled rapidly if "we had a little law enforcement body of our own out here." He termed it "very essential that we do have some protection out here for the benefit of everyone."

Bank Embezzler Nabbed By FBI On Woman's Tip
CLEVELAND (AP) — A woman's suspicion provided the tip which last night enabled the FBI to cut short a months-long effort to find a young bank teller accused of embezzling \$93,780 from a State 16 bank, N. Y. bank last Sept. 28.

The woman had seen a picture of the teller's wife in a New York newspaper, and last Saturday she thought she saw her bring a pair of men's trousers into a dry cleaning shop in neighboring Lorain County. She was right.

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Telephone Assessment Increase Proposed

Council Would Hike Franchise Rate Of 2 Pct.

Negotiations Halted: Duplication Of Street Names To Be Remedied

The finance committee of the Roseburg City Council expects to have a recommendation ready on Aug. 1 for an ordinance in the committee's negotiations with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for a new franchise.

George Luoma, council president and chairman of the committee, said the committee is attempting to set a proposed assessment higher than the 2 per cent of gross local receipts now charged by the telephone company in exchange for the company's right to use city streets for its transmission facilities.

The old contract, which expired about two months ago, required the annual 2 per cent payment to the city.

If the city obtains more than 2 per cent from the company, it will be in a unique position among cities of Oregon. The 2 per cent tax on gross receipts has become effective standard in franchises granted to the company by other cities in the state.

Luoma revealed that his committee met with J. S. McGuire, Roseburg exchange manager, and (Continued on Page 2 Col. 4)

Joy Ride Sends Oakland Teen-Ager To Hospital

Five 14 and 15-year-old Oakland boys took a "joy ride" to Reedport early today that ended far from joyfully.

One boy, Jerry Franklin Brown, 14, is in Keizer Hospital in North Bend in "critical" condition. He was the driver of the car, according to the sheriff's office.

None of the other boys was hurt, reported Dep. Lee Shipley, resident at Reedport.

He said the boys told him they left Oakland at about 1:30 "just for the ride" in a car of one of their parents, Donald Solchenberg, Oakland. They went to Reedport and were on their way back to Oakland on Highway 38. The boys said they were rounding a curve when a truck loomed up ahead and the oncoming lights blinded the driver, Jerry Brown. The car plowed into the side of the road and was demolished.

The accident that ruined the 1955 car occurred shortly after 4 a.m.

Oregon Airman Killed When Planes Collide

ONLEY, Va. (AP) — First Lt. Karl V. Gabler, 23, of Prairie City, Ore., was killed Monday when a jet Thunderbolt he was piloting collided in the air with another jet.

The collision occurred about 4 a.m. above Virginia's eastern shoreline.

The pilot of the other plane, 1st Lt. John J. Hull of Janesville, Wis., parachuted to safety.

Gabler, who is survived by the widow, Mrs. Marjorie Ann Gabler, Portland, entered the Air Force in 1951.

Both planes in the accident were from Langley Air Force Base.

End Of Racial Segregation In Public Schools Ordered In Virginia By U.S. Tribunal

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A special federal tribunal did the expected here Monday and ordered Prince Edward County, Va., to end racial segregation in its public schools. But the court set no specific time limit for compliance with its order and supporters of segregation immediately claimed a "great victory."

The court order "restrained and enjoined" Prince Edward, a county in which Negro students outnumber whites, from "refusing on account of race or color to admit to any school under its supervision any child qualified to enter such school."

But it added that this directive would not be enforced until "after such time as the defendants may have made the necessary arrangements for admission of children to such school on a nondiscriminatory basis with all deliberate speed."

The decision was almost identical with a similar decree last week involving the Sumner school district in Clarendon County, S. C. Both districts were directly affected by the Supreme Court's edict.

New Curfew Law With Teeth Stated

An ordinance to correlate Roseburg's curfew ordinance with that of the state was ordered prepared by the City Council Monday night for its meeting on Aug. 1.

Drawing up of the new ordinance was recommended by City Manager George Farrell, who told the council that limitations of the present municipal law were described for him last week by Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum and Police Chief Stan Olson.

Action toward the new ordinance came as a result of last week's flare-up over juvenile matters after Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly commented harshly about children being at large on the streets at late hours.

The city manager repeated for the council a complaint by Slocum that the city law on curfew isn't stringent enough to hold juveniles responsible for being out late.

"There's nothing in the ordinance to give more than a reprimand," Farrell quoted the police judge as saying.

The city and state are far apart now on definition of curfew. The city ordinance declares that any person under 18 years of age on the streets after 10 a.m. is in violation. The state law sets the hour for the same aged children to be in at midnight.

But the city ordinance has no strict enforcement clause. The state holds the juvenile violator liable on the first offense and parents of repeaters may be held into court.

Slocum and City Atty. Paul E. Geddes were given the responsibility of drawing up the new regulation.

Meat Cutters, Dealers Still Lack Agreement

Negotiations between Roseburg Meat Cutters Union and the Roseburg Independent Meat Dealers Employers' Committee and Safeway Stores Inc. were at a standstill this week, according to Al Henninger, chairman of the local employers' committee.

He said the employers' new offer had not yet been presented, but it was expected it would be tendered at a meeting this week.

Henninger said the new offer would give the Roseburg meat cutters the highest wage for cutters in the state. He said it would amount to more than \$5,000 a year.

Meanwhile, Herb Smith, secretary of the local union and the one in the Coon Bay area, said last week that he had told the employers he would have T. J. Lloyd, Salt Lake City, vice president of the union, on hand for the next meeting. He said Lloyd could probably be in Roseburg by this Friday.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Two caseworker personnel changes in the Douglas County Welfare Office in Roseburg have been announced by Administrator Mrs. Lois Baker.

New caseworker in the county is Miss Patsy Mardin, Sutherlin. Miss Mardin is a University of Oregon graduate.

Mrs. Baker said the resignation of Mrs. Steve (Audrey) Healy became effective Friday. Mrs. Healy resides in Roseburg.

New Date Set For Vote On Merger Of Vets

Roseburg's Local 2949 of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers (AFL) has reset the date of election for the proposed consolidation with Local 2718, Myrtle Creek, according to Ted Prusia, Roseburg business agent.

The Myrtle Creek local already has approved the merger. The Roseburg local was to have voted Saturday, but the election was called off until business affairs within each local can be completed.

Prusia said the consolidation would bring together about 1,900 workers, with 200 members in the Myrtle Creek local and 1,600 in Roseburg's.

Motive for the proposed merger is simplification of business and negotiating activities. Executive boards of both locals are to meet at Myrtle Creek tonight to discuss the union of the two groups.

N. Umpqua River Again Clear After Mud Slide

About 60 feet of dike, part of a discharge flume at California Oregon Power Co.'s new Lemolo No. 1 dam, washed out Thursday afternoon.

The result caused fishermen concern over the weekend as mud washed down the North Umpqua River, according to H. C. Wells, Roseburg district manager for Copco.

Wells said the river is clear again and termed the mishap "one of those unavoidable things." Some minor amounts of mud still may fall into the river, he cautioned.

The mud took a 400-foot fall down the side of a cliff before reaching the river, Wells said.

Senators Of 3 Counties Send Joint Protest

Order To Continue Rail Service And Adequately So Requested Of PUC

A complaint against the Southern Pacific Co. by three southern Oregon senators was completed Monday and was being sent today to the public utilities commissioner in Salem.

It requests (1) that the SP be ordered to continue its service after Aug. 7 and (2) that "adequate service" be required of the company.

At the same time, Commissioner Charles Heltzel said at Salem his office has the right to order railroads to cancel plans for abandonment of service.

The complaint was signed by Roseburg's Sen. Paul Geddes and Sens. Gene L. Brown of Grants Pass and Philip B. Lowry of Medford. They were joined Monday by the Chamber of Commerce and Umpqua Development Assn. in Roseburg in protesting the announced intentions of discontinuing the passenger line from Portland to Ashland. (See other stories below and column 5.)

The complaint states that not only would such a discontinuance dislocate passenger service, but it would also end the only method of long-distance express service and would involve carriage of U.S. mails.

The complaint charged that the present rail passenger service is not "reasonably adequate." It said the service was slow, time schedules inconvenient, accommodations poor, equipment outmoded and uncomfortable, and schedules unreliable.

In summation, the complaint (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

Rail Competition Prospects Probed By Roseburg C.C.

The possibility of providing rail competition to Southern Pacific Co. in southern Oregon is being investigated by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Directors of the Chamber Monday requested their Secretary, Manager Harold Hickerson to contact Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel, Salem, to "learn what procedure should be taken to secure joint usage of a railroad line where one railroad has no rail competition."

Hickerson was also directed to write Rep. Harris Ellsworth, requesting his assistance in securing adequate passenger service.

Neither continuance nor removal of present SP passenger train service is favored by the chamber directors. Monday, they were "unanimous in the contention that present passenger service offered is not worthy of the name," according to Hickerson. They concluded that "continuance of the present service would not particularly be an asset to any of the cities along the line."

Daylight Service Wanted
The board's endeavor, said Hickerson, is to help find an "entirely new, realistic service, meeting passenger requirements." Directors pointed out that whether a service loses money or not is not the problem of the towns through which it passes nor people who patronize it.

The board seeks daylight service along the line. It hopes to achieve a service which could make connections at Eugene and south at Dunsmuir, for example, to insure "crack passenger connections north and south."

Hickerson said directors would be working with residents of other cities along the line to promote better service.

The directors said they "take an opposite view from people who think train service would not be used." Hickerson concluded that it appeared to many board members as if the Southern Pacific tended to discourage passenger service on this line by "offering inadequate service."

William Adair Takes Mayor's Job Pro Tem

Roseburg has an acting acting mayor today.

A few days ago, Mayor Ernest Barker Jr. left town on his vacation. Council President George Luoma stepped into his shoes during his absence.

Then Monday night, Luoma told the council he would be away from the city about a week. He asked the council to elect an acting council president.

Councilmen came up with the name of William Adair, and today he is the city's chief administrative officer.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Russians, to evidence their sincerity in declaring for a peaceful program at the Summit conference in Geneva, did not include Khrushchev in their delegation. Roseburg wrestling fans, who prefer the cave-man type of mat combats, should cable their appreciation of the Killer's retention for future mayhem menus.