

Gromyko May Delay Report On Tests' Ban

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MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko apparently will not make his report to the Soviet Parliament on banning nuclear tests until next week.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev is expected to announce his new government to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) at the same time.

Both events are expected at a joint session of the Council of Union and Council of Nationalities, probably Monday or Tuesday.

In his speech on banning nuclear tests Gromyko may announce that Russia, without waiting for the United States and Britain, is suspending its own H-bomb tests.

The move would be intended to overshadow President Eisenhower's invitation to foreign scientists to witness tests in the Pacific this summer to show how far the United States has advanced in reducing radioactive fallout.

Meets For Four Hours

The Council of Nationalities met for only four hours Friday and Khrushchev left an hour before the meeting ended. It will meet again Monday.

The Council of Nationalities turned to discussion of Khrushchev's plans to reorganize Soviet machine and tractor stations and sell the machines to collective farms.

Khrushchev has labeled the plan part of his drive to surpass U.S. agriculture.

Speaker after speaker, each allowed about 20 minutes, praised the Khrushchev plan.

Premier Nikolai E. Avkhimovich of White Russia said Khrushchev's reorganization plan was "as revolutionary as collectivization" which got under way in 1932.

Murder Trial On In Albany

ALBANY, Ore. — The second degree murder trial of Bruce Westberg, 35, continued here Friday.

He is accused in the gunshot death of Thomas Glenn Phillips, 47, Lyons, Ore., last month. Judge Peperly, Lyons, Ore., a prosecution witness, testified Thursday that Westberg visited him at his home Feb. 19 and told him Phillips was dead.

Phillips' body was found on a davenport Feb. 19 after Phillips had spent a night in the Westberg home. A bullet was found in the body later by a mortician.

Four witnesses said earlier that Westberg, an unemployed logger, had told them a heart attack caused Phillips' death.

Glendale, Azalea Mail Bids Being Received

Bids for carrying mail in the Glendale and Azalea areas are being received by the Post Office Department's regional transportation manager in Seattle.

Glendale Postmaster Howard Edson said bids will be received in Seattle until 4:30 p.m. May 22, for carrying mail from July 1 of this year to June 30, of 1961.

A \$3,200 bond is required with each bid. Bids should be sent in a sealed envelope to the regional transportation manager, Box 1183, Seattle 11, Wash.

PERON MISSING

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic — Juan D. Peron has vanished from his hotel here and diplomatic sources in Buenos Aires say the former Argentine dictator has gone to Europe.

President Plugs To Keep Trade Agreement Going

WASHINGTON, P. — President Eisenhower says letting the administration's international trade program lapse would jeopardize the jobs of many Americans and build up the "deadly peril" of communism abroad.

It also would mean a return "to the law of the jungle in trade relations between nations," the President said last night in addressing a bipartisan dinner here and coast-to-coast television radio audience.

Eisenhower plugged hard for his request that Congress extend the Reciprocal Trade Act for five years. He also wants authority to cut tariffs as much as 25 per cent.

The program later roughly going at the Capitol and is under fire too from some businessmen — 100 of whom staged an opposition rally in Washington.

The 1,200 diners Eisenhower addressed gave him warm ovations. The start and conclusion of his talk and interrupted him seven times with applause.

Adlai E. Stevenson, twice the Democratic nominee for president, led the list of Democrats providing a bipartisan touch.

House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.), in a speech read for him because he had a conflicting engagement out of town, sounded a note similar to Eisenhower's in saying the Soviet challenge to the free world in economic competition is "unrelenting and deadly."

Highway Measure Passage Urged

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democratic congressional leaders pushed today for quick action on the highway construction speedup bill to try to get it to President Eisenhower's desk next week.

The Senate passed the big anti-recession measure 84-4 and immediately asked for a speedy conference with the House on it. The House may take up the request today.

The bill would pour an additional \$1,800,000,000 in federal-state funds into the nation's roadbuilding program this year, although much of the actual spending would come later. Passage of the bill is expected to provide 88,000 new jobs this year, and its sponsors say more than 500,000 eventually may be added.

Reuther Agrees Some Labor Curbs Necessary

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"the Becks and Hoffas." He referred to former Teamsters president Dave Beck and his successor, James R. Hoffa, both subject to Rackets Committee subpoena charges.

Reuther cautioned the Rackets Committee not to forget that unions are made up of human beings and "none of us is infallible."

Reuther's criticism of strike violence and mass picketing in the Kohler strike eased tensions on the main point of Reuther's testimony — the Kohler strike.

"We made mistakes," Reuther told the special Senate investigating committee, "but the record shows that we are trying to find our shortcomings."

Advance predictions of sharp clashes between Reuther and Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), who have been feuding for years at long range, did not materialize.

Reuther disarmed questioners in a surprise move when he conceded that some of his union's members did engage in "improper" violence and mass picketing in the UAW's bitter, marathon strike against the Kohler Co. in Wisconsin.

Reuther said this violated UAW policy and that he personally abhors violence, because he has experienced it at the hands of "company goons" himself.

Chairman Reynolds Presides Over Last Highway Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Oregon Highway Commission, meeting under the direction of Chairman Charles Reynolds for the final time, opens bids Friday on 12 road projects throughout the state.

The commission opened its monthly meeting Thursday by approving for award 13 bids totaling more than five million dollars.

Legislative interim committees from Oregon and Washington also meet Friday with the commission. The Friday session was the last scheduled for Reynolds, a La Grande businessman who has served on the commission nine years. He has been chairman since 1957.

More than 200 persons attended a testimonial dinner here Thursday night for Reynolds. Reynolds will retire March 31.

Earlier, the commission opened bids on 13 highway projects but later rejected two because they were too high.

One called for building a maintenance station addition at Ukiah on the Pendleton-John Day Highway in Umatilla County. The \$14,825 bid was submitted by Bennett and Hickey of Burns.

The other was a \$36,131 bid submitted by Arthur Simonson of Baker for grading and oiling 39 of a mile of Bellwood Avenue in Union.

The only other change in the bids opened Thursday occurred in a \$14,532 bid by the Russell Olson Construction Co. for grading and oiling .34 of a mile of Lincoln Street in Clifton.

The bid, when approved for award, was revised to \$14,792. The commission said the construction firm is in Pendleton, and not Portland as it originally reported.

Action also began on a proposal for construction of a new building at Salem to house offices of the state police, the public utilities commissioner and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The commission, which feels the building would be a move for economy, directed Highway Engineer W. C. Williams to take the proposal to the Board of Control.

The commission, which ends its current meeting Friday, said its next meeting will be held here May 8-9.

Green HEU Selects Nominating Committee

The Green Home Extension Unit met Wednesday with chairman Mrs. Elmer Schlander in charge. The topic of study was sandwiches, plain and fancy, presented by Jane Rammage and Lorraine Jones.

A planned potluck was served at noon. During the business meeting the chairman appointed Hilda Auer, Bea Cornilison, and Marge Doyle to serve on the nominating committee. Marge Doyle reported on the progress of the program planning for the coming year, and a donation was made to ACWV.

Hilda Auer read a letter from Miss Helen Chandler, former home extension agent for Douglas County but presently working in Pakistan. Miss Chandler told of her life in India, and described the country and places she had visited. She drew word-pictures of the life of the Indian people, from the agricultural areas through the merchant classes.

The next meeting of the Green Extension Unit will be held at the Umpqua Park April 30 with Ione Rammage and Maxine Holbrook presenting the subject of outdoor cooking, reports Mary Weikum correspondent.

Seven Persons Perish In Rochester Blaze

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Seven persons, three of them children, died of suffocation early today when a fire trapped them in an apartment house.

Fire Capt. Joseph J. Nalor said the fire apparently broke out on the front porch of the 2½-story building near downtown Rochester and swept upward, burning the front of the house and cutting off all exits.

Six of the dead were Puerto Ricans.

Army Deserter Allowed To Visit His French Wife

VERDUN, France — Wayne Powers, the 37-year-old Missouri soldier facing wartime desertion charges, was allowed a brief meeting last night with the French woman who sheltered and supported him for 13 years.

He met in private for 45 minutes with Yvette Belouse, the mother of his five children, who has addressed a personal plea to President Eisenhower for clemency.

Lt. James A. Stapleton, Detroit, and Lt. Leon F. Avakian Jr., Norton, Mass., were appointed to defend Powers before an Army court-martial. The maximum sentence for desertion in wartime is death.

Letters from all over Western Europe continue to pour in to the American Embassy in Paris, asking leniency for Powers. Some 45,000 had been received.

Powers left his transportation unit in 1944 and lived with Yvette in the little French town of St. Quentin, never going out in the daytime. His father in Chillicothe, Mo., said his son had not written home in many years and in 1950 Powers' American wife divorced him for non-support.

Blues Composer Handy Succumbs

NEW YORK — W. C. Handy, 84-year-old composer of "The St. Louis Blues" and other jazz classics, died today at Sydenham Hospital.

The blind Negro song writer was taken to the hospital Sunday night from his Yonkers, N. Y., home. He had been under treatment for pneumonia and complications.

At his bedside when he died were his wife, two sons, William Jr. and Wyr, a brother, Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Lewis; and a grandson, William Handy III. The children are by Handy's late first wife. He married Mrs. Irma Louise Logan when he was 81.

Handy suffered a stroke about three years ago and had been confined, with rare exceptions, to his suburban home since.

He had hoped to fly to St. Louis April 7 for the premiere of the movie "St. Louis Blues," the story of his life.

The son and grandson of Methodist preachers, Handy became a professional musician against parental objections. His father denounced such people as sinners. He wanted his son to be a minister.

County TB, Health Assn. Slates Annual Meeting

Three important events are planned for the annual Douglas County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. annual meeting at the Roseburg Elks Club April 15.

The events are the election of officers, presentation of awards and a round-table discussion. During the round table discussion Dr. Mary Soules, county health officer, will explain the county health program and Don Harmon of the state tuberculosis office will explain the state phase of case finding.

Dr. J. A. Colbrunn, radiologist and association president, will talk on radiation. Dr. William Holt is scheduled to talk on the control of his patients. Attorney Donald Dole, association vice president, will serve as moderator.

As of March 25, a total of \$11,344.66 had been collected in the 1957 Christmas Seal sale. This is \$2,954.21 behind last year's total. Camas Valley was the only area in the county which exceeded last year's total.

53 Billion Requested For Agriculture Dept.

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farm," the committee said. "Pump priming through increased military expenditures is only temporary relief at best. The only action which would have long range benefits would be to bolster farm income at the market place through price support levels that will assure the farmer a fair return for what he produces."

Financing recommended by the committee includes:

1. Direct appropriations of \$1,426,585,653 for regular department activities. This is \$103,900,000 less than Eisenhower requested, but 100 million dollars of the cut was in the soil bank conservation reserve program which the committee said would be restored if more farmers sign up.

2. An appropriation of \$1,750,399,886 to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corp. (CCC) for its price support and related activities. This was the amount the President requested.

3. Authorization for the Rural Electrification Administration and the Farmers Home Administration to make loans for farm improvements, including installation of electricity and telephones. These loans are repayable over 35 years with interest. The amount recommended is 185½ million dollars more than the President requested, with 154 million of the increase earmarked for the REA.

Mitchell Doesn't Favor Extending Jobless Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Labor Mitchell told Congress Friday he was not prepared "at the moment" to recommend extension of emergency unemployment relief to workers not entitled to jobless benefits under existing law.

He said the administration program for limited expansion of unemployment benefits under existing state programs "will take care of the major part" of the current unemployment situation.

Mitchell testified before the House Ways and Means Committee at the start of hearings on President Eisenhower's plan for federal financing of a 50 per cent extension of the time for which jobless benefits are now paid.

Mitchell asked for fast action on that alone but Democrats opened the door to consideration of proposals which would go far beyond the Eisenhower program.

The committee will consider recommendations for federal relief to unemployed workers who are excluded from benefits under existing programs.

Mitchell said he recognizes there are workers not covered by existing programs who need assistance.

But he said the desire for "an expeditious and unencumbered bill, which would not raise any complicated questions," caused the proposal to be limited to existing programs.

Chairman Mills (D-Ark.) said as the hearing got under way that the committee will consider proposals to help workers not now covered.

Rhee Ridicules Summit Efforts

SEOUL, S. — Syngman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea, ridiculed prospects of any successful results being achieved through another summit conference with the Communists.

He says the summit-talk proposal is only a "delaying action" to give the Soviet Union more time to prepare for aggression.

He advocates an immediate military action instead.

In an interview Rhee disclosed he has repeatedly asked the United States to stand aside and let his army unify Korea by moving north.

Two occasions since the armistice were ready to go," the President said. "Both times American military authorities locked up gasoline stores, once for two days and once for three days."

Rhee claimed that without question his republic of Korea army is strong enough to liberate the North even against Communist Chinese troops. He asked only for arms and logistic support from the United States.

Mrs. Woodrow Fugate Passes In California

Mrs. Woodrow (Katherine) Fugate, 44, former Oakland resident, died March 27 at Crescent City, Calif.

She was born April 12, 1914 at Amberg, Wis. Survivors include her husband, Woodrow, six children, Dorwin, Duane, Douglas, Clyde, Delbert and Dorinda, all of Crescent City, and her mother, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Amberg, Wis.

Funeral services will be at Crescent City April 1. Burial will be held April 2 at the IOOF Cemetery in Oakland.

New Dixonville 4-H Club Meets Saturday

A new 4-H club was organized last week in the Dixonville area, called the Deer Creek Livestock Club.

Attending the meeting was Robbie Carrico, Lloyd McCraw, Cindy Wadsworth, Mike Dunstan, Albert and Mike Radcliffe, Jerry, Larry and Jack Rust, and Mrs. Doris Wadsworth and Mrs. Jean Radcliffe.

New leaders for the club are Dale Bonebrake and Gerald Rust. Meetings will be held every two weeks at the Rust home on South Deer Creek Road.

New officers are, president Rob-Dunstan; secretary, Cindy Wadsworth; treasurer, Jack Rust; news reporter, Jerry Rust; yell leader and song leader will be announced later.

The next meeting will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., according to Jerry Rust, news reporter.

Days Creek Man Suffers Injury

NELSON, B.C. — William Belcher, 38, a timber cruiser from Oregon, is in good condition in a hospital here after falling from a log in the Tye district, 4½ miles east of Nelson.

Belcher suffered multiple injuries to the head and body in the fall Sunday, and lost consciousness.

When he came to later, he tried to start a fire with pages from a notebook, but was unable to get his matches to light. The dazed man spent Sunday night in long grass which offered small protection.

The next day he heard a train whistle. He managed to crawl to the tracks and flag the train, which took him to Proctor. From Proctor he was brought to Nelson by ambulance.

Belcher, from Days Creek, Ore., was cruising timber in the Tye district when he apparently became lost. He spotted two railway track scooters Sunday, but was unable to draw their attention.

Belcher's wife was notified of the accident and came to Nelson to be with her husband. They intend to move to the Kootenays as soon as he recovers fully.

Doering Speaks To Lions Club

Dr. J. A. Doering, new manager of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, spoke at the Roseburg Lions Club Thursday night on uses of tranquilizer drugs and efforts of the hospital to rehabilitate the patients.

Tranquilizers are not themselves a cure, he stated. They merely provide a chemical piece of mind, so the patient no longer resorts to insane behavior and "we can get at them." He traced the history of tranquilizers to the effects of a tea concocted in India.

He also discussed means of rehabilitation after the patient has been reached mentally. Resocialization is very important, he said. He told how the psychiatrist or psychologist works with the patients. Nurses work as mothers, social services supply entertainment and hobby and vocational work is emphasized.

More patients are being returned to every day life now, he said. Some difficulties are encountered, but he urged local townspeople and merchants to be tolerant in such cases.

Glenn Clute was announced as the new chairman of the Lions Boy Scout committee for Troop 92. He replaces Sam Goforth, who is being transferred by Shell Oil Co. to the Coos Bay area.

Gases Made To Travel Up To 500,000 M.P.H.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Navy scientists seeking ways to harness the H-bomb reaction for power production have been able to make gases travel at nearly 500,000 miles an hour.

Dr. Alan C. Kolb of the Naval Research Laboratory said today the research method involves exposing the gases momentarily to electrical power equivalent to that produced by 1,000 big power stations.

He discussed the research in a report prepared for a meeting of the Optical Society of America.

Herbert Ketell Says FHA Action Was Unwarranted

"Wholly unwarranted and most unkind" is the stated reaction from Herbert K. Ketell, Portland builder, to the action of the Federal Housing Administration in releasing notices of its ban of future FHA loans to him.

"The matter is still in process and not settled," he said. He called the notices as "premature."

Notices of the ban were received Tuesday by Oregon lenders. They applied to Ketell and 10 of his corporations. Ketell is a builder of homes in the Cloverdale Addition, which is now undergoing a half million dollar rehabilitation.

He declared that the Roseburg housing project of 180 units was "not built by me, although I was in the sponsoring company, and FHA had no trouble with the project as long as I was connected with it." Some 120 homes were repossessed by FHA.

He said the ban does not involve all the corporations and projects reported. He continued that the Justice Department had investigated his affairs and "found nothing wrong with my operation which would justify their action."

He said the action taken by Oscar Pederson, Portland director of FHA, is not final. It is subject to revocation and modification, he said, by Norman P. Mason, commissioner of FHA. "We are confident such action will be taken by Mr. Mason."

Ketell concluded that he and his attorney were leaving for Washington, D. C., immediately. He said he felt the "difficulties and misunderstandings" will be ironed out and the organization reinstated under the FHA insurance program.

Ketell's Wife Asks \$300,000 In Divorce

PORTLAND, Ore. — An amended divorce complaint against Herbert R. Ketell asking \$300,000 alimony and \$3,900 monthly maintenance was filed Thursday by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Linda Ketell.

Last September she brought suit against her husband, a building contractor, charging him with cruel and inhuman treatment. Pending trial of the suit, she was awarded \$650 monthly support.

She said in the amended complaint that Ketell was worth more than one million dollars.

Sutherland Boy Injured In Tractor Accident

Fifteen-year-old Clayton Sampson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sampson of Sutherland, was admitted to Douglas Community Hospital at 3:25 p.m. Thursday for emergency surgery after he was involved in a tractor accident, hospital authorities report.

Clayton was riding the tractor down a hill when the brakes would not hold and the tractor ran into a fallen log, overturned and threw the boy clear, hospital authorities said. Clayton fractured his right hip when he landed authorities added.

His condition is reported as satisfactory this morning.

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Dimick To Attend Chrome Miners' Meet Saturday

The special meeting of chrome miners Saturday in Cave Junction will be attended by state Sen. Dan Dimick, chairman of the Senate Mining Interim Committee.

Dimick said the chief purpose of the meeting is to discuss methods of getting an extension of the government chrome purchase program. Also to be discussed will be plans to establish a ferrochrome refining plant in Southwest Oregon.

At one time mining was the second largest industry in Oregon, Dimick pointed out. He said that in 1936, \$45,000,000 in salaries and wages was paid to men employed in this industry in Oregon and that more than \$484,000 was paid by the industry in taxes.

Dimick said, "Oregon, and particularly Southwestern Oregon, according to surveys, is one of the richest undeveloped mineral areas in the United States. The development of these vast natural resources will stimulate business, give jobs to thousands of employees and will bring to Oregon stable, year-round payrolls."

Two Boys Admit Thefts At Cafe

Roseburg police said today that two 14-year-old Roseburg boys have admitted taking seven cartons of cigarettes and 20 cigars early Tuesday morning from the Jiffy Way Cafe, 1542 SE Stephens St.

Police said the boys admitted in written statements that they pushed in a front window which had been temporarily repaired after being broken a few days earlier. They then stuffed the smokes into newspaper bags on their bicycles.

Of the loot, 44 cigarettes and 14 cigars were recovered by officers. The police report said that one of the boys had two sets of car keys in his possession, and that one of the sets was for a car on a downtown used car lot.

After their arrest, the boys were put into the custody of their parents. They will appear before Julian Hellock, county juvenile officer, Monday for scheduling of juvenile court appearance.

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WARDS GO DODGE TRUCKS — Pictured above are two of the fleet of 400 Dodge Trucks recently purchased by Montgomery Ward & Co. to be used in Wards service departments throughout the country. Shown, following delivery of the new Dodges, are (left to right) Ed Nolte, manager of the local Montgomery Ward store; Paul Barcus, general manager of Barcus Sales and Service; Clyde VanAtta, Doyle Cook and Cliff Pennell, all employees of Wards local service department.

Dodge Truck is presently celebrating its 40th birthday with the biggest promotional effort in its history, said Paul Barcus, local Dodge dealer. Dodge trucks first went on sale to the public in the spring of 1918, although they were produced for the army more than a year before.

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