

# Khrushchev Predicts Easing Of Cold War Tensions

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### Five Areas Are Listed For Accord

MOSCOW (UPI) — Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev said today that 1964 can be "a year of decisive change for the better" in the cold war if the United States and the Soviet Union "are united in the interest of peace."

In an exclusive statement to United Press International answering this correspondent's questions on the prospects for peace in 1964, Khrushchev said he believes agreement can be reached on a number of steps toward relaxing international tensions, including reduction of armed forces and military spending on both sides.

He quoted with approval the words of the late President Kennedy that the two nations need a better weapon than the hydrogen bomb or missiles "and that this better weapon is peaceful cooperation."

He said President Johnson's stated intention to carry on Kennedy's policy has been met with gratification in the Soviet Union.

Khrushchev cited Soviet budget cuts for military spending earlier this month and said: "It would be a good thing if other states took similar action. I would call it a policy of mutual example in the curtailment of the arms race."

Khrushchev listed these areas of possible agreement: —The slowing down of the arms race and further alleviation of international tensions.

**Cites Arms Reduction** —Reduction in the armed forces and cuts in military expenditures.

—The reduction of armed forces stationed in other countries.

—A non-aggression pact between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Communist Warsaw Treaty powers.

—The establishment of nuclear-free zones and agreement to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

"An effort should be made to restrict the arms race, step by step, thereby fostering a favorable atmosphere for the radical solution of this issue through general and complete disarmament," Khrushchev said.

Addressing himself to the people of the United States, he said:

"In the coming year we want to see the development of relations of peaceful cooperation, good neighborliness and friendship between the people of the United States and the Soviet Union.

**Friendship is Important** —"This is important for our countries. It is important for other nations, too."

Arguing that the Soviet Union needs peace to advance its ambitious economic plans, Khrushchev said:

"The American people, we believe, do not want war either. The Soviet people are gratified to note that many people in the U.S., including prominent figures, believe it necessary to seek ways to bring about mutual understanding and achieve agreements, peaceful settlements, on disputed problems."

Khrushchev endorsed the late President Kennedy's policy of peaceful cooperation and expressed satisfaction that President Johnson has declared his intention to continue that policy.

### Fire In Hotel Claims 21

#### Seven-Story Drop Claims One Victim

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — Fire marshals, building inspectors and insurance investigators combed the 14-story Roosevelt Hotel today for clues to the cause of a fire that killed 21 persons and injured 60.

Most of the victims were choked by the deadly black smoke that rose from a fire on the first floor and filled the hotel, blocking escape routes.

The hotel was filled to capacity with Gator Bowl football fans, including Miss America who was hospitalized from smoke inhalation.

City Fire Marshal E. C. McDermon said "I have a pretty good idea what the cause was." McDermon indicated it would be sometime, however, before the cause was determined with certainty. He refused to estimate how long the investigation would take.

The investigators included representatives of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the National Fire Protective Association, the Mutual Investigation Bureau and the City Building Department.

A terrified woman leaped or fell to her death from the seventh floor while scores of the hotel's 499 guests were crawling to safety on makeshift ropes of sheets and blankets.

Others were rescued from the roof by helicopters and firemen raised ladders to the lower floors of the 50-year-old building to bring others to safety.

Authorities said that apparently all of the victims except the woman who plummeted from the seventh floor were killed by the choking smoke that curled up elevator shafts, stairwells, air ducts and even loose pipe fittings, making some exits impassable.

The fire, which broke out at 7:45 a.m. EST, collapsed the first floor but the flames could not spread because the brick structure was fire-proofed.

Miss America, Donna Axum, was trapped in her 10th floor room for an hour before she managed to escape. She held a news conference in a hospital to announce she was unharmed shortly after fleeing the building clad in a fur coat over pajamas.

Authorities met this morning to look into the cause of the fire.

"I have a pretty good idea what the cause was," said city fire marshal E. C. McDermon, but he declined to comment further.

Bright orange Navy helicopters, battling updrafts from the heat, hovered over the roof and took off injured persons.

Of the 60 persons taken to hospitals, 19 were admitted. Screams pierced the air and a policeman with a megaphone stood in the street urging guests not to jump from the windows.

**Crawled Through Halls** —Guests crawled through the halls and hid in bathrooms, but many of them suffocated in the murky smoke.

"It was awful," said a survivor. "The worst thing you could imagine. One man found a way out and didn't come back to tell anyone."

Firemen rescued the Manhattan College basketball team, here for the Gator Bowl basketball tournament, from the fourth floor windows. The University of Florida basketball team, also housed in the Roosevelt, escaped unharmed.

Most of the dead were found above the seventh floor. The smoke was thickest in the upper rooms.

Hundreds of dazed survivors wandered the streets around the hotel clad in night clothes and, in some cases, only towels.

The Gator Bowl football teams—North Carolina and the Air Force Academy—were quartered in other hotels nearby, as were other basketball teams here for the Gator Bowl basketball tournament.

**Home Loans Gain** —PORTLAND (UPI)—The Portland Office of the Federal Housing Administration said today that it approved a record \$93.5 million in home insurance loans in 1963.

The office serves Oregon and Clark, Klickitat and Skamania counties in Washington.

### Hatfield Welcomes LBJ, Aides

#### Rocky To Primary; Walsh Heads Effort

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield today welcomed New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller into Oregon's 1964 presidential primary "as I do any aspirant for the Republican nomination."

Rockefeller announced in New York Sunday he would enter the primary and the William E. Walsh of Coos Bay, president of the Oregon Board of Higher Education, would be his state campaign manager.

Hatfield, who has been mentioned as a possible nominee for vice president on a Rockefeller ticket, earlier invited GOP presidential candidates to enter the Oregon primary.

"I welcome him as I do any aspirant for the Republican nomination to the presidency," he said.

Rockefeller's announcement came as no surprise since he already had declared himself a candidate for the nomination. Under Oregon's unique primary law he would have been on the ballot anyway.

**Strong Campaign Likely** —But his announcement does, in all probability, mean he will campaign extensively in the state.

In Coos Bay, Walsh said that in accepting the appointment as state chairman of the Rockefeller campaign, "I am joining a team of Republicans who have a candidate for President who is not only eminently qualified for that high office, but one who can unite all Republicans for victory next November."

Walsh indicated Rockefeller planned to visit Oregon in early February.

The announcement from Rockefeller headquarters said Walsh would resign his education position in January to devote full

### Youths Rough Up Hotel Pickets

Two pickets at the Rose Hotel coffee shop and bar room were roughed up, and the sign carried by one was destroyed, they reported to city police.

The incident occurred about 5:55 p.m. Saturday. Carl A. Johnson of 342 SE Pitzer St., Roseburg, told officers two young men, one of them tall and the other short and stocky came along where he was picketing.

He said one of the men tore the sign from him, damaged it and struck him on the shoulder.

About that time, Goldie Kleich came by to relieve him as a picket. She was cursed, called foul names and shoved around.

One of them is alleged to have asked "what was she unfair to?"

Johnson reported the incident to the police. He said both men appeared to have been drinking but were not necessarily drunk. He signed a complaint for their arrest today.

### Four Lose Lives On Oregon Roads

By United Press International —Six Oregon residents lost their lives in traffic accidents during the weekend. Four of the deaths were recorded in the state.

Donald Lingal, 35, Canby, was struck and killed by a car while pushing a car on U. S. Highway 99 near Canby Saturday night.

Warren Storm, 16, a resident of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, died when the pickup truck in which he was riding collided with a Union Pacific train on State Highway 205 near Burns Saturday night.

James Crawford, 77, Klamath Falls, and his wife, Celia, 72, were killed when their car was struck by a Southern Pacific freight train on U. S. Highway 97 at Dorris, Calif., Saturday.

Mark Bussear, 16, Eugene, died in the crash of a pickup truck near Eugene Saturday. Carl Thaler, 29, Portland was injured fatally when he was struck by a car in Portland Friday night.

### Greeks, Turks Accept Neutral Zone Proposal

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI) — British Commonwealth Relations Secretary Duncan Sandys announced today both Greek and Turkish Cypriots have accepted his proposal for a neutral zone along the cease-fire line in Nicosia.

Disengagement in the zone started immediately and officials hoped it would be completed by this evening.

Sandys made the announcement after presiding over a 13-hour meeting of a political liaison committee representing all sides to which he put his proposals for halting bloodshed on the island. The meeting ended just before dawn.

The cease-fire line was set up Saturday. Sandys' plan laid down the withdrawal of Greek and Turkish Cypriot fighters from their strongholds along the line and the establishment of the neutral zone by British troops.

Sandys took the proposal to President Markarios at his palace this morning for his approval on behalf of the island's Greek Cypriots.

British High Commissioner Sir Arthur Clark carried it to Vice President Fazil Kuchuk's residence at noon for his approval on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot community.

A half-hour of sharp gunfire in Nicosia Sunday broke into the tense truce but there were no reports of casualties. Last week's battles and snipings on the island were estimated to have killed 200 persons.

Informed sources said attention was focused on Nicosia "as the heart of the problem."

The crisis centers on President Archbishop Makarios' plan to change the three-year-old constitution. The constitution, as it now stands, gives certain minority rights to the island's Turks—who make up only 20 per cent of the population here—and these Turks fear any change will wipe out these rights.

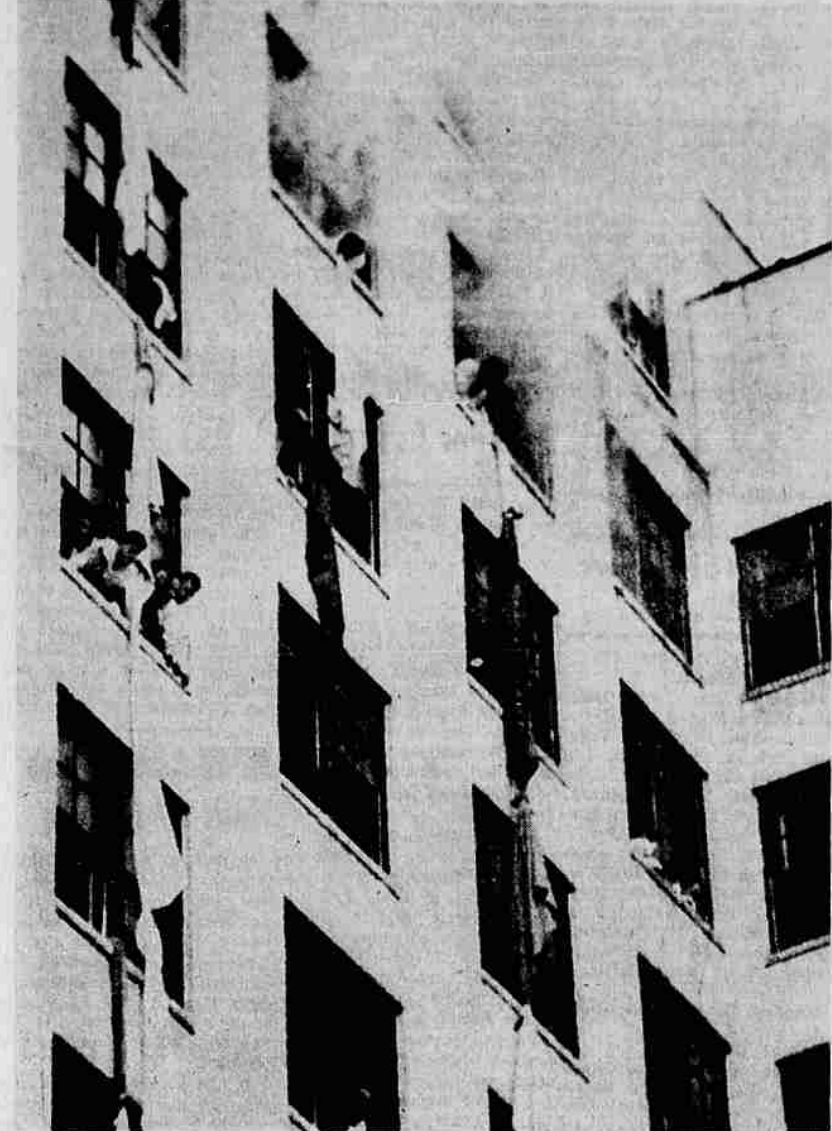
### AA Meeting Place Ravaged By Blaze

Alcoholics Anonymous members will be meeting at a new place Tuesday night. The former meeting place was badly damaged by fire Saturday night.

Roseburg firemen were called to the meeting place at 424 NE Winchester (formerly the Broken Door pizza parlor) Saturday night at 10:40 p.m. They put out the fire in the two-story frame building but not before extensive wall and structural damage was done. Damage was estimated at \$900.

The fire department reported that after a Saturday meeting, someone had apparently emptied ash trays into a waste paper basket, setting off the blaze.

A spokesman for AA said the organization will meet temporarily, starting Tuesday night, at the St. George's Episcopal Parish Hall. Meeting time will be 8 p.m.



CLOSE-UP VIEW of the back of the Roosevelt Hotel shows bed sheets hanging from windows and guests sticking their heads out to escape smoke-filled rooms. Death toll so far is 27 persons, most of them football fans in town for the Gator Bowl game played Saturday. (UPI Telephoto)



MISS AMERICA, Donna Axum, 21, describes the position she found her chaperone, Lucille Previtti, after Roosevelt Hotel became engulfed in smoke early Sunday. They both spent the day in a hospital recovering from smoke inhalation. (UPI Telephoto)

### Miss America Safe After Fire In Hotel

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI) —Miss America of 1964 her honey-brown hair covered with grime and her eyes reddened. She said it with stark simplicity: "I didn't think that we would get out of there alive."

Clad in a white hospital gown and sitting in a wheelchair, beautiful Donna Axum, told newsmen how she was rescued from the Roosevelt Hotel after spending more than an hour in a smoke-filled room on the 10th floor Sunday.

She met with newsmen only a few hours after her ordeal. The first thing I heard this morning was the telephone ringing in the living room of our suite," said the 21-year-old University of Arkansas student from El Dorado, Ark.

We just thought it was the telephone operator trying to wake us early, so we ignored it. But then I heard the sirens and smelled the smoke."

**Forced Back To Room** —Miss Axum said she woke her chaperone, Miss Lucille Previtti of Lynwood, N.J., and they donned bathrobes and slippers and tried to enter the hall.

The smoke in the hall was terrible so we went back into our room," Miss America said. We tried to stay at the window but Lucille passed out and dropped to the floor," she continued. I could tell she was still breathing so I didn't worry about her."

Miss Axum said she was able to carry on a shouting conversation with Bill Cashman, the man in charge of her Gator Bowl appearance, as he stood in the street below.

Asked what she said to him, Miss America smiled and answered: "Come get me."

Miss Axum said that after she and Miss Previtti had been in the room an hour William Fielden Jr., 19, son of the public relations man from Miami who has been handling her Florida appearance, kicked down her door.

**Carried Across Hall** —Fielden then carried the two women across the hall to the room where he, his father and brother were staying.

### Senate Okays Foreign Aid Compromise

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate today approved the \$3 billion compromise foreign aid money bill, paving the way for congressional adjournment today.

The vote came less than four hours after the Senate met and agreed to limit debate. Despite grumblings of some members about the need for meeting today and a last stand attack on the aid program by Sen. Wayne L. Morse, D-Ore., the Senate did not even use all of its allotted time on the bill.

Senate leaders hoped to clean up remaining routine business and wind up the longest congressional session in 22 years by midnight.

The roll call approval of the money bill, a vote on which the prestige of Johnson administration was pinned, came after Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., won the agreement to limit debate.

The Senate first approved by a 56-14 vote the bill's money items and most other provisions.

It later adopted by voice vote the conferees' recommendations on two nonmoney items which were reported to both houses in disagreement.

The action sent the bill to President Johnson.

One provision restricted use of Export-Import Bank funds to underwrite credit on commodity sales to Communist nations. The other was a minor section limiting employment of non-Americans on aid projects abroad when they do not reside in the aid receiving country.

### Vandals Hit High School

SEATTLE (UPI)—Police and school officials today were investigating vandalism at Lincoln High School here which included the ripping and shredding of 15 U.S. flags, some of them still draped with black bunting of mourning for the late President Kennedy.

Officials said the vandalism occurred sometime during the weekend and that damage totaled about \$1,000.

"It was obvious that the intent of the raiders was to desecrate every flag in the school," said Charles O'Toole, chief security officer for the school district. "The other destruction seemed to be an afterthought."

In addition to desecrating the flags, the vandals broke door windows to classrooms, splashed paint on the walls, floors and ceilings of the art room, slashed upholstered furniture, and dumped papers from desk drawers onto the floor in the main office.

### LBJ, Aides Talk Budget For Defense

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) —President Johnson started at the breakfast table today a series of conferences aimed at quick completion of the fiscal 1965 budget.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and the Joint Chiefs of Staff arrived today at LBJ ranch for a conference with the President. The conference also was primarily concerned with the budget.

Johnson met at breakfast with Budget Director Kermit Gordon, Chairman Walter Heller of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Theodore C. Sorensen, special counsel to the President.

The same three men were in session with the President until well after midnight Sunday night.

**Three Principal Aims** —Their conference had three principal aims—the new budget which must be "locked up" immediately in order to complete printing of the massive document in time for submission to Congress next month; the President's State of the Union message, and his annual economic report which will be submitted to the House and Senate in late January.

"We're here to have a final review of the 1965 budget," McNamara said when he arrived at Bergstrom Air Force Base from Aspen, Colo., where he has been on a skiing holiday.

McNamara shied away from speculation that he might win restoration of some of the funds cut by Johnson from the 1965 requests made by the armed services.

Johnson said recently he had cut original requests of the armed services by \$9 billion. This was a decision made some time ago and official sources doubted this was much of a factor in today's discussions.

The chiefs were believed to be more interested for the moment in seeing that their funds are not cut below levels of the current fiscal year.

### Four Teen-Agers Saved From Rock

CANNON BEACH, Ore. (UPI) — Four young persons from Portland were rescued from a high rock on the beach near Chapman Point Sunday evening.

The four, Patty Harrison, 16; Sandy Emburg, 17; Nick Demico, 16, and William Norton, 21, were brought to safety by half a dozen Cannon Beach volunteer fire department members using ropes.

The four were climbing on the rock when Miss Emburg screamed for help when rocks began to fall. People on the beach went for help.

Norton was struck on the head by a falling rock and received emergency medical care.



Savings Deposits Made by January 10 Earn Interest From January 1

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