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## Herter Says Ministers' Talk Is Success

### Eisenhower Pleased By Secretary's Report

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter reported to President Eisenhower here today that the just-concluded Western foreign ministers meeting in Paris was "very successful" in preparing for negotiations with Soviet Russia.

Herter conferred with the chief executive on the glassed-in sun-porch of the Eisenhower home here for an hour and 15 minutes.

Both the President and his new Secretary of State seemed pleased by the results of their talk. Eisenhower personally escorted Herter to a waiting Marine Corps helicopter for the Secretary's return flight to Washington.

Herter arrived in Washington from Paris this morning. After a brief pause in the capital, he continued on to Gettysburg by helicopter.

Flying to the Eisenhower farm with Herter were White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerly and Maj. John S. Eisenhower, the President's son and assistant White House staff secretary.

"Very Successful"

A shiny green jeep with "Ike and Mamie" painted on the hood drove to the helicopter to pick up Herter and take him to the house about 100 yards away. The president met him at the door and the two leaders went into conference shortly after 10:30 a.m. e.d.t.

The meeting broke up at 11:45 a.m. and the President, wearing a plaid sports shirt, tan jacket and slacks and bow tie, climbed into the jeep with Herter and rode the short distance to the heliport improvised on a section of pasture in front of the house.

Hagerly said Herter gave his "very successful" appraisal to the chief executive, as the Secretary had said publicly upon his arrival in Washington earlier in the day.

Hagerly said Herter's report undoubtedly covered much of the material the Secretary will incorporate in his public report to the nation next Thursday night by radio and television.

Herter told reporters that the Paris talks were "very successful." He said that "both in spirit and in substance we reached complete agreement on a highly important Western position."

## Red Tape Snarls Sea Rescue Try

WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. (UPI)—A Norwegian sea captain today blasted Vancouver authorities for letting red tape snarl rescue operations when his ship was swept by an explosion and fire within sight of land.

But Capt. William Alcher, 52, showered praise and gratitude on Canadian and U.S. Navy volunteers and local fishermen whose quick action may have saved his 5,300-ton freighter Ferngulf from sinking near here Friday night.

Five crewmen were injured, two critically, when the lumber-laden Ferngulf drifted near the mouth of Burrard Inlet off West Vancouver, 700 tons of fuel oil ablaze in its main tanks.

"I sent an S.O.S. for a fireboat and doctors as soon as the explosion occurred," Alcher told a reporter. "We were told by the City of Vancouver that we were outside their limits."

He said that more than an hour later he received a message that a fireboat and doctor were coming.

"We saw no fireboat, but a Royal Canadian Air Force helicopter came and circled," he said. "It did not land. We had no doctor on board, so for an hour the men had no treatment except from me. I kept shoving morphine into them."

The Ferngulf burned for nearly four hours before the fire was brought under control mainly by volunteers from the Canadian destroyer escorts Saguenay and Assiniboine and the U.S. Submarine Capitan. Capt. Alcher said his "entire midships" was destroyed.

Heros Lauded

Ten Canadian and 10 U.S. Navy men were credited by the skipper with most of the work that led to the fire being quelled and the ship finally being towed into the Burrard Dry Dock in Vancouver, where it arrived at about midnight. The Canadians were led by Navy Commander K.E. Lewis and the Americans by Chief Petty Officer J.L. Scrimager of San Diego, Calif.

The Canadian and U.S. ships were tied up near each other at a dock when the call for help arrived. The fire party was organized within minutes.



DR. CLEM'S OFFICE—Cardboard cartons were used to build "Dr. Clem's medical office" of old Independence, Mo. for the Mt. Emily District Boy Scout pageant scheduled in the Ackerman school gym at 7:30 p.m. today. Tom Kelly, a "pioneer" is shown putting finishing touches on the office while Cub Scout John Craig tries the office door. An estimated 500 Scouts will be participating in the production which will depict the historic move from Independence, Mo. to Independence, Ore. (Observer Photo)

## Khrushchev Will Turn Down West 'Package'

# Russia Will Reject West Deal

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG  
United Press International  
PARIS (UPI)—Diplomatic observers predicted today Russia would turn down the West's "package" deal on Berlin and Germany at the Geneva Conference this month.

"They said the West had no alternative to offer now and that the Geneva meeting at best would postpone the ultimate showdown over Berlin called for by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev last Nov. 27.

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, apparently anticipating this, let it be known he favors a series of summit meetings to solve East-West disputes as "a new and imaginative approach to the central problem of our age."

Macmillan outlined this aim Friday night in a Glasgow speech summing up his government's stand before the May 11 Geneva meeting.

"After the foreign ministers meeting I look forward to a meeting of the heads of government concerned at a summit conference," Macmillan said.

"The form which the summit

conference takes must, of course, depend on the result of the foreign ministers' meeting this month. But I am hopeful that sufficient progress will be made to make a summit conference fruitful."

## Red Spy Ring Discovered

MUNICH, Germany (UPI)—An East German intelligence officer who fled to West Germany has given the Bonn government details of a vast Communist spy ring operating against the West German government and NATO Allies, officials disclosed today.

They said details supplied by this and other Communist defectors has led to the arrest of "many" persons and their conviction.

The latest two Communist East Germans to flee to the West were Lt. Walter Glassl, 27, and Capt. Helmut Hofer. Both were with the East German "peoples army" espionage service, but apparently Glassl gave most of the details.

Intelligence sources said Glassl's story checked with information supplied earlier by Lt. Siegfried Dombrowski of the East German military intelligence who fled last year.

The East German spy apparatus was said to operate through three agencies—the Ministry for State Security, the "coordinating administration" of the Ministry of National Defense and the "independent section" of the armed forces.

Glassl also told of his own training in a spy school which went under the name of "high school for the foreign political news service." The school is located in Gransee and each student works under a code name.

Western diplomats in Paris said privately they expected just enough concessions from Russia at the foreign ministers conference to force the Allies to attend a summit conference.

Macmillan said he and other leaders hoped the summit would not be regarded as a single act of state to settle all the affairs of Europe or the world.

"It should be regarded as the beginning of a period of negotiation which will be continued in a series of similar meetings," he said. "If we can do that we shall indeed be pioneers in a new and imaginative approach to the central problems of our age."

Macmillan denied that such talks would amount to appeasement.

## Research Official Speaks Monday

The method by which a point in Union county was determined as the geographic center of the fifty states of the U. S. will be explained at luncheon Monday when W. O. Holmes, president of research firm, talks at a joint Chamber of Commerce and Lions club meeting.

Following the talk by Holmes the San Carlos, Calif., company president will accompany local officials to a point along Catherine creek where a sign advertising the center of the United States will be erected. The sign will inform tourists that the center of the country is seven miles east of the sign. The exact spot is in an inaccessible point in federal forest land now under snow.

Representatives from Portland are expected here Monday to take part in the ceremonies to mark the historic spot.

JACK JENKINS, former vice principal at La Grande High School and presently principal at Nyssa, has been appointed principal of Oregon City High School for next year. Jenkins was vice principal here up to four years ago.

## Study Shows Service Lost 2,500,000 Men

# Education Lack Hurt U.S. Army

NEW YORK (UPI)—Results of an intensive study launched by Dwight Eisenhower before he became President showed today that 2,500,000 men the army either never got or couldn't use during World War II broke down primarily because of a lack of adequate education.

These men, equivalent of 165 divisions, were lost because of mental and emotional breakdowns. "Men who had only a grammar school education or less were about five times as likely to become ineffective as men who had some college education, the study said.

Most of the 2,500,000 men—about two million of them—were rejected in draft board screening. The rest served and were discharged, many after long and

honorable duty. But that means that one of every seven of the 18 million screened for duty failed because of emotional or mental defects, the survey said.

Eight Years in Preparation  
The survey was inaugurated by President Eisenhower in 1951 when he was president of Columbia University. It is being published Monday in a three-volume work entitled: "The Ineffective Soldier: Lessons for Management and the Nation."

The work is a cooperative venture involving the university, several business corporations, foundations, unions and the government. It took eight years to prepare.

Dr. Eli Ginzberg of Columbia was principal author. Co-authors were James K. Anderson, Sr., Sol

# Senate Defeats House Tax Measure, Passes 'New Industry' Tax Bill

## School Elections Set For County Residents Monday

Union county voters, as residents of various school districts, will be going to the polls Monday to select school board members and vote on budgets.

In the La Grande school districts, voters will choose between John Thomas (Bud) Jones Jr., Robert Barnes and F. E. Masters to fill a five-year board term. Mrs. Arlo Noyes is running without opposition for a one-year term. Money-wise, La Grande district voters will approve or reject a proposed \$174,691 levy over the six per cent limitation to balance

a \$1,401,010.38 expected expenditure during the 1958-59 school term. The new budget calls for an increase of \$39,500 increase in operating expenditures plus bond costs connected with the construction of a new Greenwood school and remodeling of Riveria.

There is apparently only an indirect connection between the voting Monday and the county-wide reorganization plans now being studied by the State Department of Education.

The reorganization plan will not go into effect until July, 1960. Voters living in districts now operating as non-high school districts will vote Monday on a non-high budget for the last time because of the reorganization which will eliminate those districts. The non-high budget up for approval Monday is \$34,317. This money is used for tuition and transportation of about 100 students living in non-high districts.

Voters in all districts will vote Monday on the Rural School district levy of \$26,311.36. All districts will also elect one board member at large. Carl Webster, a member of the county reorganization committee and the Rural School board member from Island City, and Charles Reynolds, now board member at large, will be competing for the member-at-large posts in the Monday voting. Reynolds was appointed to the post under the 1957 reorganization act.

Also included in the cast of the Mary Chase drama are Nola Rupp, Huntington; Jean Edmison, Bend; Mary Conklin and Susan Hartley, Ontario; Josie Ward, Forest Grove; Jean Hunter, Bill Ward, and Larry Wilder, Pendleton; Nancy Brooks and Larry Nelson, La Grande; Ken Manns, Wallowa; Mike Ferguson and Margaret Preston, The Dalles; Bob Miller and Mike Hanford, Milton-Freewater; Wayne Soward, Heppner; and Tarry Clifton, Weston.

## Mrs. McThing Is Scheduled For Theatre

"Mrs. McThing," spring production of the Eastern Oregon College theatre, is scheduled for a three-night run beginning Thursday, May 7.

According to Richard G. Hiatt, director, "Mrs. McThing" is a "funny play and we're out to make you laugh." Tickets go on sale Monday at Hoke Coffee shop.

Featured in the cast are two youngsters, sixth grader Ronnie Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fuller, and second grader Becky Kimbrel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kimbrel of La Grande.

The suspects were nabbed after a chase that reached speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

The alleged rape victim was found bound and gagged in the suspects' car when it was finally halted by an officer.

The four suspects were William Ted Collins Worth, 24, a telephone company lineman; David I. Beagles, 18; Pat Scarborough, 21, who is stationed at Fisher Air Force Base in North Carolina, and a juvenile whom police would not identify.

Officers said the Negro victim, her date, and another couple were parked behind the stadium at the Negro university following a school dance when the white men drove up in a 1959 blue Chevrolet.

Police said the white men ordered the two couples to get out of the car in which they were sitting.

Police said one of the white men was armed with a 12-gauge automatic shotgun and another had a switchblade knife with an eight-inch blade.

The Negroes were ordered from the car and the men were told to kneel in front of the headlights. The Negro girls were told to get in the suspects' car.

The Negroes told police that once when cars approached they were forced to lie down to keep from being seen.

One of the girls managed to break away but the other girl was put in the suspects' car and taken away. The girls' dates were forced to leave. They did so but stopped at a house to call sheriff's officers.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Cooke, a junior at Florida State University, spotted the suspects' car and gave chase.

"I chased them at speeds up to 100 and finally got them to stop," Cooke said. He held them at gunpoint until other officers arrived.

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## Legislators Attempt To Windup '59 Affairs

By JAMES D. OLSON  
SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon House and Senate, meeting in their 110th day, tried to get together on a tax program today so they could go home.

The Senate late Friday defeated 16-13 House bill 670 which by Senate amendment made no change in the present income tax schedule other than reducing dependency credits from \$600 to \$500. But the bill was scheduled for reconsideration today.

The upper chamber did pass Friday the measure which gives special tax treatment to capital gains if they are reinvested in Oregon. The bill is designed to help attract new industry. It now goes to the governor.

House Speaker Robert Duncan said Friday afternoon the Senate tax package was not acceptable to a majority of House members but that he was confident a compromise could be reached. He also said then he was of the opinion it would not be possible to adjourn by tonight.

The Friday afternoon vote on the amended House bill 670 actually was 15 to 14 until Sen. Ward Cook (D - Portland), chairman of the Senate Tax Committee, changed his vote to no and said he would seek reconsideration today.

One Senator Absent  
Sen. Ed Ahrens (R-Turner) was absent. He was reported to have left Salem to attend a sheep show in California.

Proponents of the bill had expected him to support it.

Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) declared after the defeat that "we will resolve our problems after a good night's rest. We like our House colleagues as much as we like ourselves."

In his opening discussion of the bill, Musa declared that while it might not be palatable to all, he felt the Legislature had to face up to realities.

He said that a one per cent gross income tax, as advocated by Gov. Mark Hatfield as a means of broadening the tax base, would be worse than HB 670 which reduces dependency credits by \$100.

"This reduction will affect about 1,500 taxpayers in Oregon who do not now pay any taxes," Musa said. "It will increase the taxes on married people with children—the more children the more taxes."

Dimick, Yturri Attack Bill  
But he argued "these people should contribute something for the education of their children. They should be proud to do so."

Musa pointed to one feature that he declared to be good and that was simplification of the tax return.

Under the bill, a wageowner without any income other than wages would send his withholding slip to the State Tax Commission which would then figure his tax or refund.

Both Republicans and Democrats joined in opposition to the bill.

Sen. Dan Dimick (R-Roseburg) declared the bill placed a tax on the poor and favored the rich. He also said it was geared to a sales tax.

Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) opposed the bill in committee and said he could not support such a measure when the state was facing expenditures totaling 316 million dollars and the Senate tax bills would yield only 310 million.

Committee Praised  
Tax Committee for serving notice on the Joint Ways and Means Committee that 310 million dollars was the limit the committee would go in the way of revenues.

"But nevertheless, where are we going to get this extra six million dollars. I'll tell you. Last session the Legislature took the state out of the property tax field but in so doing it retained the right to tax property for money to pay interest on bonded indebtedness. And that's where the money will come from, from the already harassed property owner."

Yturri said the Legislature should remain in session for a few days longer in order to work out a broadened tax program that would take into account the financial situation in 1961 when he said the state would face a deficit of between 70 and 80 million dollars.

While Sen. John Hare (R-Hillsboro) complimented the Senate Tax Committee "for taking the brain storm of removal of many tax deductions which were placed in the bill by the House Tax Committee, he argued against the bill on grounds that the more money appropriated the more money the state will spend."

"Cut Budgets," Says Hare  
"I do not wish to burden the people of Oregon, people who work and sweat, with higher taxes," he declared. "Cut budgets and cut them deep."

Sen. Donald Husband (R - Eugene, a member of the Senate Tax Committee, said he didn't like everything in the bill under consideration, but felt it superior to the House bill.

"In that House version," he explained, "exemptions for taxes paid on property, interest paid on mortgages and credits for federal income taxes were eliminated. If that won't hurt the small wage earner, I don't know what will."

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D - Portland) took a fling at Gov. Mark Hatfield, saying that the Legislature would not be in the tax hassle if the governor had not said he was against any new taxes while campaigning last year, but at the same time had talked about expanded state services.

"He didn't take into account that expanded state services cost money," Corbett said.

BULLETINS  
Eastern Oregon College was defeated 3-2 in the first of three Oregon College Conference games scheduled to be played here today. Leading 2-1 going into the final inning, an EOC error cost two runs and the game. John Willmarth allowed the Wolves four hits.

Marilyn Waite was named Queen of the La Grande High School May Music Festival today after final balloting. She will reign over festivities scheduled for next week at the school.

The audience was composed of city and county officials, lawyers and judges of the various courts in the county.