

Big Four Ministers Hear Ike's Personal Appeal For Progress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower personally appealed to the Big Four foreign ministers today for progress at the deadlocked Geneva Conference in order to justify a summit meeting.

The President conferred in his office for about a half hour with the foreign ministers and Russia's Andrei Gromyko said afterwards that it was a "pleasant and useful conversation."

The White House said in a statement that the President had "expressed hope that on their return to Geneva the foreign ministers would be able to achieve that measure of progress which would make a subsequent meeting of the heads of government desirable and useful."

Peaceful Solutions
The President said that he had followed the Geneva Conference proceedings with close attention, the White House said.

"He expressed the hope that the thorough exchange of views that are taking place there would lead to a better approach to the solution of the problem that confront us in Europe. He, of course, stressed the necessity of finding peaceful solutions to our problems. The President likewise, expressed the hope that on their return to Geneva the foreign ministers would be able to achieve that measure of progress which would make a subsequent meeting of heads of government desirable and useful."

The Big Four foreign ministers had broken off their Geneva talks to attend the funeral of John Foster Dulles.

All Appeared Jovial
Meeting with the President were Gromyko, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd, and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville.

All appeared to be in a jovial mood when they emerged.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty reported that at the outset of the meeting, the President expressed his thanks for the respect the visiting foreign ministers had shown to Dulles by flying here for the funeral.

Hagerty was asked if the White House statement implied that a summit conference was not now justified. He replied that he did not think the statement had said that.

Hagerty then was asked if Gromyko might have brought the President a message. He answered that only Gromyko could reply to that question.

Only the four foreign ministers were present for the conference with the President. Inasmuch as all spoke English, no interpreters were needed.

Gromyko Speaks
Eisenhower was said to have made clear his view that there had to be progress at Geneva to warrant a summit meeting, and that it was up to the foreign ministers to move toward a solution of the German problem.

After the meeting ended, Gromyko was chosen by the foreign ministers as their spokesman. Lloyd told newsmen that the Soviet diplomat was "going to make a statement."

Smiling as the newsmen jammed around him, Gromyko said: "We had a pleasant and useful conversation with the President."

He seemed ready to say something more, but Couve de Murville cut him off by interjecting: **See BIG FOUR ON PAGE 3**

RICKY CITED, OZZIE SILENT

ENCINO, Calif. (UPI)—Teen-age actor-singer Ricky Nelson was cited for speeding in his foreign sport car early today. Ricky, 19, of Hollywood, was following his father's car when he was ticketed for traveling 50 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone.

He also did not have his operator's license with him, police said.

The rock 'n' roll singer's father, Ozzie Nelson, watched in silence as officers wrote the citation.

New Fire Station Discussed

Grant Millering told City Commissioners last night that the Fire Department and Equipment Committee recommended that a new centrally located station be constructed along the railroad tracks near Greenwood Street.

Millering, as chairman of the committee, spoke for the group which consists of Chief Ray Snider, George Alam, Bill Brasure and Keith Patten.

Commissioners will discuss the report of the committee at next week's meeting.

Also at the meeting the commission approved a 20 year lease of 1.75 acres to the Federal Forest Service at the municipal airport for the construction of a borate storage and mixing building.

Planes of the Blue Mountain Air service use the borate mixture for use in fighting forest fires.

A letter from the Retail Merchant's association was read which urged the city to beautify the downtown La Grande area for the centennial visitors this summer.

The group also urged the town to hold a Centennial Cleanup-Paintup week June 7-13.

Resolution 1705 which advocates the annexation of certain territory north of Lake St. and east of County Road, was passed by commissioners.

The officials also approved the use of the old city grader by the Jaycees for work on their stock car track east of La Grande.

Final budget meeting for the budget committee will be held tomorrow at noon at City Hall.

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United Press International
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Tearful Mother Tells Of Her Son's Suicide

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A tearful mother today told police her 11-year-old son took his own life because his playmates teased him about his dad being a "jailbird."

Mrs. Jose Rios found her son, Pedro, hanging from a bathroom door Wednesday night with a leather belt wrapped around his neck. His father was sentenced to jail on a morals charge last month.



CIRCUS CELEBRITIES AT ACKERMAN

Lions, tigers, elephants, along with clowns and other circus celebrities paraded in the Ackerman elementary school last night. The event was the annual kindergarten show put on by students for their parents. In the picture above, Clown Harriet Smurthwaite, left, watches as Diane Wilson, center, and Pamela Sue Hadden inspect each other's animal tails just before the big parade and three-ring circus. (Observer)

Hatfield Planning Tough Traffic Controls For Memorial Weekend

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield dramatized the Memorial Day traffic safety problem today when he had a National Guard helicopter with a state policeman as passenger land just across the street from the capitol building.

The helicopter was in communication with state police cars which converged on the site.

Helicopters, observation planes and all available radar equipment will be used over the three-day holiday to control traffic, the governor said.

The decision to use full facilities was made after tallies indicated fatalities were up 31 over the same period last year.

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The demonstration today indicated how helicopters could set down at the scene of an accident, letting off an officer to render first aid and direct traffic.

Spot Congested Areas
Air to surface communications will permit reporting of traffic violators and also spot congested traffic areas.

The project is in cooperation with H. G. Malson, superintendent of state police; Col. Robert Irving, acting adjutant general; and Vern L. Hill, director of motor vehicles.

The location of the various aircraft and radar units will not be announced.

Gov. Hatfield commented: "With three double holidays coming up and the Centennial attracting thousands of additional vehicles to our highways, it is imperative we take every precaution we can to prevent accidents."

He urged citizens to drive carefully during the Centennial summer and said "I have instructed the state police to give full and complete enforcement to our traffic laws."

The governor said he has asked the State Highway Commission to review its policies on designated speed signs on freeways and by-passes.

He also called for a review of

No Free Ducats For Centennial

PORTLAND (UPI) — Even members of the Centennial Commission will have to buy tickets to get into the gates at this summer's Exposition here.

That was the word today from the Commission's management committee which said no free passes would be issued to brass hats, politicians and influential government officials.

Free passes will go only to persons employed on the grounds, members of the Centennial staff, members of the press, entertainers and exhibitors, the management group said.

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Monkeys Survive Space Adventure In Missile Nose

ABLE AND BAKER PROVIDE SCIENCE WITH NEW DATA

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — Two little monkeys flew 300 miles into space today in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile and were recovered alive.

The flight of the two pint sized simians, Able and Baker, gave science important new data needed to insure the safe space flight of man.

Brig. Gen. John H. McNinch, chief of the Army's Medical Research and Development Command, said six and one-half hours after the Jupiter firing that the monkeys were retrieved "alive and in perfect condition."

McNinch said there would be no further information on the effects of the journey on the monkeys "at this time."

The monkeys, first to be recovered alive from a space flight, spent about 15 minutes on their flight which got to a height of about 300 miles. Their nose cone space ship plopped down in the Atlantic 1,500 miles to the southeast near Antigua.

Will Be Displayed
Able and Baker are scheduled to be taken to Washington and displayed Saturday.

Monkey Able, the more educated of the pair of space travelers, was to have sent a type of telegraph signal back to earth during the flight by pressing a key attached to her body. No signals were picked up, which may have been caused by a malfunction of the instrument or because Able refused to perform as trained.

Able, an American Rhesus weighing seven pounds, and Baker, a one-pound squirrel monkey, spent about 15 minutes on the flight and traveled about 300 miles into space, not high enough, according to the scientists here, to seriously affect the monkeys from radiation.

Recovered Intact
Barclay said the nose cone was recovered intact and was on board ship in less than two hours after the launching.

The two monkeys were housed in separate containers. Able was in a 250 pound capsule and Baker in a smaller one that was 9.5 by 12.5 by 6.5 inches.

Able, lying on her back with her knees drawn up to provide maximum resistance from the forces of gravity, wore a special space suit and was equipped with earphones. She reclined on a fiber glass contour couch in an air conditioned chamber with a private heating and cooling system.

Baker was attired in a helmet of molded plastic with a soft chamois lining. She lay on a molded bed made of two layers of rubber.

Little Behavior Change
Navy Capt. Ashton Grabiel, director of research at the Navy School of Medicine, Pensacola, Fla., said "it would appear as though there was remarkably little change in the monkeys' behavior during the first 14 minutes of flight." This period took the nose cone almost to the point of re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

No New Carriers
The panel scuttled a 250 million dollar item for a new Navy super-carrier, but it ordered an extra \$255,000,000 for ammunition, planes and research on Navy anti-submarine warfare.

Gasoline Dealers Agree To Close

PORTLAND (UPI) — It might pay Oregon motorists planning to go somewhere over Memorial weekend to take along an extra can or so of gas.

A large number of independent gasoline dealers in the Willamette valley have agreed to a two-day shutdown Saturday and Sunday to protest pricing policies of major oil companies.

In Salem, 70 dealers have voted to go along with the closure. That is about 75 per cent of the Salem area dealers.

GIFT PROVES FATAL

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — A 26-year-old mother of seven children said today she shot her husband to death with a .22 caliber pistol she intended giving him as a Father's Day gift.

Mrs. Patricia Davis told sheriff's deputies she worried so much about what her husband, Elwood would say about her spending the money for the present that she hot him Tuesday.

New York Musical Director Plans Opera For La Grande

New York City vocalist and musical director John DeMerchant who has previously produced shows in La Grande will hold a workshop, a personal concert and an opera this summer.

DeMerchant, who has relations living in Spokane, Wash., will be in La Grande from June 22 to July 10.

The baritone vocalist and organist for churches in New York City will present a personal concert in the La Grande Latter-Day Saints church at 8 p.m., June 22. He will produce an Oregon Centennial opera "Ten Thousand Miles" in the local high school auditorium the night of July 10.

DeMerchant wrote the words and music to the opera which is based on the 100-year history of the state. Following the world premier in La Grande the show will be produced in New York next fall according to arrangements made by the producer.

DeMerchant is no stranger to La Grande. He first came here in the summer of 1946 for Eastern Oregon College and returned each summer for five years. He also came to La Grande two summers for a sorority group one year and a high school club the



MARY VIRGINIA SPECKHART To Chicago

Mary Speckhart To Be Delegate To FHA Meeting

Mary Virginia Speckhart, ninth grader at La Grande Junior High School, has been selected as an official Oregon delegate to attend the 1959 National Future Homemakers of America convention in Chicago June 13-14.

Miss Speckhart, along with other Oregon delegates, will wear appropriate dresses and badges to advertise the centennial, at Chicago.

She is the youngest girl selected to attend the national conference from the state.

Miss Speckhart has been president of the La Grande Junior High FHA chapter this year. She has completed three years of homemaking at the school, was elected Sweetheart Queen by the student body, has been president of Girls' League. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Speckhart.

Clean-Up Week Proposed Here

Plans are now being completed for a clean-up week campaign in the residential and business districts of La Grande.

Members of the Retail Merchants Association have approved a plan for a business district clean-up the week of June 7-13.

The Chamber of Commerce is now working with La Grande service club officials to coordinate a similar clean-up drive the same week in the residential districts. City officials will be contacted to exert special effort in sweeping downtown streets and alleys.

RMA President Loren Hughes said the purpose of the week will be to "spruce up La Grande for the State Centennial tourist season."

Tunisian Border Incident Reports Threaten Trouble

ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI)—The French army reported Wednesday night its troops crossed the Tunisian border in pursuit of Algerian rebels. Then it took back the statement.

Whether the French actually did venture onto Tunisian soil was left unclear.

If they did, the incident could blow up into the biggest spat between France and Tunisia since French Air Force bombers killed 80 Moslems in a retaliation raid on Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef 15 months ago.

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