

Krushchev Stealing Attention From Foreign Ministers Talks

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For a reason still known only to the Kremlin, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev seems to be making a deliberate attempt to take world attention away from the four-power foreign ministers conference at Geneva.

Khrushchev himself has labeled his current visit to Albania a "friendship" visit.

But since Khrushchev is fully aware of his own publicity value and since it is known his representative at Geneva will not act except upon Kremlin instructions, his 13-day visit to the Albanian capital of Tirana attracts more than usual attention.

This week also coincides with the original expiration date (May 27) of Khrushchev's ultimatum to the West to get out of West Berlin.

While the ultimatum's expiration date now has been pushed forward into the indefinite future, it remains the reason for the present foreign ministers meeting in Geneva.

Now, suddenly, Khrushchev shows no interest either in his ultimatum nor in his previously clearly voiced demands that the foreign ministers reach decisions quickly so he could have his own summit meeting with President Eisenhower.

One theory concerning Khrushchev's trip is that it is to attend a "summit" meeting of the Soviet satellites.

East German Premier Otto Grotewohl is in Albania presumably on vacation. Also there are top leaders of Romania and Bulgaria. It may be that a new Kremlin move involving the satellites is in the making and top leaders have been summoned to be told about it. The Kremlin, however, has demonstrated it is capable of making any move it wishes without informing those most affected.

There are other situations which might be discussed and which Khrushchev might feel take precedence over Geneva.

One is the restored good will between Greece and Turkey, at the close of the Cyprus conflict and the obvious drive among the NATO alliance for closer ties among Mediterranean nations allied with the West.

Tito A problem

In this category would fall the recent visit of the Greek prime minister to Turkey and the visit of the Greek king and queen to Italy.

Related issues would be the friendship pact among Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece and Italy's decision to accept U. S. missile bases on Italian soil.

Albania is just across the Adriatic from Italy and is sandwiched between Yugoslavia and Greece which also have Adriatic coastlines.

Add to this brew two other ingredients and you have excellent reasons why Khrushchev should want to reassess the Communist position in the Mediterranean. One is the continued enmity between Yugoslavia's President Tito and the Kremlin. Khrushchev might feel it is time once again to try to heal this breach.

The other is talk that the neutral, or uncommitted, states might have a summit meeting of their own. These states would include, among others, Yugoslavia and Egypt, and their decisions might well go against the Kremlin.

Strength For NATO

Finally, there are reports from both the Allied and Communist sides that new moves are on foot to strengthen NATO in the western Mediterranean.

There has been no official confirmation of these reports but they claim that another suggestion may be made soon that Spain be brought into NATO and that steps also are underway to strengthen the Allied position in both Morocco and Tunisia on the North African Mediterranean coast.

But most important of all seems to be the timing of Khrushchev's Albanian visit. Why right now?

ANN LANDERS

Answers Your Problems



Dear Ann: A friend pulled something last night which I felt was the height of bad manners. My husband says I have nothing to gripe about. We'd like you to decide.

We were invited to this dinner party three weeks ago. My cousin, his wife and sister drove in unexpected for the weekend. We couldn't go off and leave them so I phoned the hostess and asked if we could bring them along. After all, what are three extra people? She was most ungracious so I finally said, "If we can't bring them we'll have to stay home." She then said, "All right. We'll manage somehow."

The party was rotten. She packed everyone around one table instead of being sensible and using two tables. They must have run out of wine as there were no refills. She did her damndest to make me uncomfortable.

I say a real lady could have handled the situation with aplomb and made everyone feel at home. Do you agree?—Put out.

Dear Put: Since A. G. Bell and Sam Morse invented those wonderful gadgets there's no excuse for people to blow in from out of town "unexpectedly." If you allow yourself to be "surprised" this way a second time, you're a chump.

You should not have put the hostess on the spot. Far better to have phoned your regrets. Only if she had insisted you come and bring the three extras, should you have considered it. It ill becomes you to criticize the crowded table and the wine shortage—particularly when you caused it.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 12 years old who is taking piano lessons and do not enjoy them in the least. My mother keeps saying "You'll thank me someday." I just hate for my father to spend all that money on lessons. He could sure put it to better use. I keep telling

him that but he says "Listen to your mother."

My older sister took piano lessons for five years and she can't even play one song. I can just see myself following in her footsteps. Why should I be forced to take lessons if I don't want to? I know for sure I'll never be a concert player no matter what. Please set me free.—Piano slave.

Dear Slave: Even though you'll never be a "concert player" piano lessons are still worthwhile. We must do many things in life we don't enjoy, but it's good discipline to do them anyway.

Time and energy expended at the piano is better spent there than other places teenagers find these days. Stick with the lessons. This may sound familiar, Chicken, but "You'll thank me someday."

REPORTER SAYS HOFFA LYING IN DENIAL OF STRIKE THREAT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — From where I sit there just isn't any doubt that the Teamsters' Jimmy Hoffa is lying about that general strike speech he made the other day in Brownsville, Texas.

Neither is there any doubt that Hoffa knows now that he spoke out of turn. He rammed his foot in his mouth and far down his gullet.

Hoffa's proposition, as reported from Brownsville by United Press International and by the Associated Press, was that he would call a general strike if unions were brought under anti-trust laws.

A nationwide transportation strikes would paralyze the United States. A general strike is just one degree removed from civil conflict as is well known in Great Britain where organized labor got too big for its plus four's back there in 1926 and called all union men off their jobs.

Hoffa's threat of a general strike of his transport workers shocked and frightened many a citizen and public official. The reaction was instant and angry. Hoffa sensed that, and he is claiming now that he was misquoted which surely is not so.

United Press International staffed Hoffa's speech with Darrell Mack of UPI's Edinburg, Texas bureau. Mack is a good reporter, a pro, or he wouldn't be in our Edinburg bureau. The Associated Press is quite competent and able to speak for itself. I have competed with AP men for nearly 40 years, and I have found them to be sound and accurate reporters. The AP does not send boys out on a man's job either.

So it was the night Hoffa spoke in Brownsville. Our man, Darrell Mack, and the AP reporter were in agreement on what Hoffa said in Brownsville.

So McGraw, a press associa-

tion professional of long and distinguished standing, put in a telephone call to Mack in Brownsville to make sure that the latter's report had been received correctly. Mack confirmed what Hoffa had said.

The little man who owns and operates the Teamsters outfit won't get away with this peculiar variation of taking a Fifth Amendment exit from a hot spot. He's stuck with his public-and-government-be-damned point of view and stuck hard.

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PORTLAND (UPI) — (USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 200; includes 4 loads Canadian fed steers; balance mostly cows; choice steers around 1050-1150 lb mostly 29.50, few out at 28.50; small lot good around 1000 lb, 29; few good 850 lb, heifers 27.50; utility heifers 21-24; few utility cows 18-19; canners-cutters mostly 14.50-16.

Calves 50; slow; few good choice vealers steady with Wednesday's 1-2 decline at 29-33, some held higher.

Hogs 150, includes 100 head bought to arrive; scattered sales steady; 1 and 2 butchers 290-300 lb, 19c; 225-285 lb, 16.50-17.50; 160-170 lb, 16.50-17; sows scarce, salable 13-15.50.

Sheep 200; supply mostly spring lambs; market active, steady; several lots mostly choice 90-100 lb, spring lambs 23.50-23.75; few cull-utility ewes 3-5.

PORTLAND GRAIN

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Soft white hard applicable 2.03.
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Hard red winter, ordinary 2.09.
Hard white baart, ordinary, 2.07.
Oats no bid.
Barley no bid.

PORTLAND DAIRY
PORTLAND (UPI) — Dairy market:

Eggs — To retailers: Grade AA large, 37-39c doz.; A large, 35-37c; AA medium, 32-34c; AA small, 27-28c; cartons 1-3c additional.

Butter — To retailers: AA and Grade A prints, 65c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 63c.

Cheese (medium cured) — To retailers: A grade cheddar single daisies, 41-51c; processed American cheese, 5-lb. loaf, 40-43c.

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"And that is all."

Several hours before the White House meeting, Herter briefed congressional foreign affairs experts on the Geneva talks. The secretary was quoted as saying further negotiations would be "long, drawn-out process, requiring a great deal of patience" on the part of the West.

"Complete Unity"

Herter also told the congressmen there is "complete unity" among the western foreign ministers in their dealings with Gromyko. He said press reports to the contrary are "unfounded."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said all 10 senators and congressmen present "expressed to the secretary our confidence in him and our appreciation for his candor with us."

Among others attending the briefing were Sens. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) and Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Rep. A. S. J. Carnahan (D-Mo.)

Dorothy Smith Funeral Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy L. Smith, 94, a resident of La Grande the past 43 years, who died Wednesday, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Dempsey-Snograss chapel.

The Rev. C. Kopp will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the La Grande cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, who had lived at the St. Joseph Hospital the past three years, was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill. She is survived by a son Robert of San Jose, Calif., a daughter Mrs. Lorene Spencer of La Grande and three grandchildren.

APPEALS FOR MOSLEMS

PARIS (UPI) — The Catholic and Protestant churches of France joined Tuesday in an unprecedented world appeal for help for Moslems left homeless by the war in Algeria. Maurice Cardinal Feltin, archbishop of Paris, and Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation, signed the appeal.

Porter Opposes 'Dunes' Measure

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Legislation by the Eisenhower administration to establish national parks at seashores would take the Oregon dunes area out of the control of Congress and for that reason Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said Wednesday he would oppose the bill.

Porter said he had no intention of sponsoring the national seashore bill in the House as Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has done in the Senate. He also said he would not "go along" with any drive to get the measure passed in this congressional session.

The bill would authorize the interior secretary to choose three coastal sites in the U. S. and create national seashore establishments. The Eugene Democrat said he did not think that should be left to the discretion of the interior secretary. He added he wanted a "specific bill" with everything mapped out. He said he particularly wanted the proposed boundaries of such national parks indicated.

Neuberger, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and Porter are sponsors of a bill to specifically authorize a national coastal park that would include the Oregon dunes and Sea Lion coves.

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