

Brass-Tacks Talk On Geneva Flight Believed Helpful

GENEVA (UPI)—The Big Four foreign ministers returned to Geneva from Washington today after a historic "flying conclave" in which they held their first brass-tacks secret session—15,000 feet above the Atlantic.

The Big Four, returning from the funeral of former U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, held a 90-minute conference that began an hour after their U.S. Air Force transport plane left the east coast of North America.

Fireworks Factory Explodes

IIDA, Japan (UPI)—An explosion tore through a fireworks factory here today, leaving at least 16 persons dead or missing and more than 50, mostly school children, seriously injured.

The explosion took place in this central Japan city, about 100 miles west of Tokyo.

Rescuers were still digging through the ruins in search of the missing hours after the blast.

The police said at least four persons were dead and expressed fears that 12 missing persons, mostly workers in the factory, were also dead.

The injured children were at a grade school near the factory. The explosion, police said, destroyed the factory and demolished or severely damaged buildings within a 325-foot radius.

Three dwellings near the factory were destroyed, the police said.

The explosion occurred at the Uchiyama fireworks factory which was located on the outskirts of Iida.

In addition to the Hamai grade school, a senior high school dormitory and an Iida police station were damaged.

Among the dead and missing, the police said, were Fustataro Uchiyama, owner of the factory, and 12 factory workers.

Crewmen Die In Jet Crash

IWAKUNI, Japan (UPI)—A jet bomber from the U. S. Marine Air Corps here crashed at sea early today, apparently killing all of its four crewmen.

The twin-engine A3D was reported missing at 12:15 a.m. Five hours later, Japanese fishermen found bits of wreckage, two flares, helmets and an oxygen mask floating off Uka Island, 12 miles southeast of here.

A crash boat dispatched to the scene identified the wreckage as part of the missing plane.

'WHAT A DELIGHTFUL VILLAGE'

Things Too Easy For Youth English Vacationer Believes

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A touch of merry old England arrived in La Grande two days ago in the form of bright-eyed Mary Berry, junketing English business woman.

"What a delightful village—and valley," was one of the first statements of the lady from Sheffield in Yorkshire. She is the guest of the La Grande Soroptimist Club.

Miss Berry, who is actually on vacation in the United States, has spent a great deal of her time the past three weeks as the guest of

large corporations in the East. She is principal of a business training college for a large British company which employs 4,000 persons. Miss Berry recruits and employs all female personnel for the company.

In addition to her school duties the petite English woman also serves as an Honorary Lay Magistrate—and has the power to send law offenders to jail for a year, or fine them up to 100 pounds.

"You don't have such an office in the United States," she said, "but I'm actually a judge—in com-

paring the position with similar ones in this country.

Miss Berry, a past president of Soroptimists in Sheffield—in middle England—and past president of the Business and Professional Woman's club for Yorkshire county, flew here from Lenore, North Carolina via Denver, Salt Lake City and Boise, Wednesday. Mrs. June McManus, La Grande Soroptimist, met her at the Boise airport and brought her to La Grande.

"The mountains between Boise and La Grande remind me of the Pennine Range near Sheffield—though I must admit the Pennines are merely hills compared to your mountains," she added with a bright smile.

Miss Berry, though small, glowed with a bright smile constantly. "It's the friendliness of your people," she said, when the point was mentioned.

"It's odd the similarity I find in your people here to those in England," she remarked, "since we get a different interpretation of the United States from the press, radio and television, in England."

"I find that the majority of your people in this country want precisely what the average Englishman wants—security, home, family and a decent way of life."

"One thing I find slightly ajar in both countries—youth has too many comforts—things are made too easy for them. It would be better if they had to struggle more—it makes for a stronger foundation in later years."

Today Miss Berry is a guest of the Soroptimists on a trip to Wallawa lake. She will leave tomorrow for "maybe Richland and Seattle." She is due to fly back to New York early next week and will leave by ship for England on Wednesday.

While in La Grande she has been a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McManus.



APPOINTED—Bernis B. Conatser Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Conatser, of Elgin, has been appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Conatser was graduated from Elgin High School last night.

Eight Unions Make Demand On Railroads

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Eighteen unions have demanded longer vacations and two additional holidays a year for 550,000 railroad workers.

The workers involved are shop craftsmen, telegraphers, clerks, signalmen and others who do not actually run the trains.

G. E. Leighty, spokesman for the so-called nonoperating unions, said Thursday night that identical demands would be served on every railroad in the country.

He said other demands for pay raises and changes in operating rules probably will be made "within the next few months" before three-year contracts expire Nov. 1.

The unions are asking for two weeks vacation after one year of service, three weeks vacation after five years, and four weeks after 10 years. The present contract provides for one week vacation after one year, two weeks after five years, and three weeks after 15 years.

Unions cooperating in the holiday-vacation movement are: Machinists, Boilermakers, Sheet Metal Workers, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Railway Carmen, Firemen and Oilers, Railway Clerks, Maintenance of Way Employees, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Signalmen and Hotel and Restaurant Employees.

Business Ruined By Union

Labor Committee Hears Testimony

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A House labor subcommittee Thursday heard a former truck line owner testify he was forced out of business in less than 10 weeks when he resisted organizing efforts by the Teamsters Union.

Sam Lugash said at the opening of the two-day hearings that picketing, a secondary boycott and "continued threats of violence against myself, my men and even my wife" forced him to sell his small business in October, 1957.

Lugash said the "pressure came from the Teamsters Union."

When he and his 16 drivers resisted Teamster organizing efforts, the union began picketing his business and resorted to violence, he said. A secondary boycott also was enforced.

Tires Slashed
Lugash told the three-man committee headed by Rep. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) that the tires on one of his trucks were slashed and that one of his drivers was beaten by a Teamster agent.

He said the union agent was an ex-prize fighter. The driver, he said, apparently was afraid to testify against the agent and later left the county.

"I applied to the National Labor Relations Board for relief," he said. "The board forced the Teamsters Union to enter into a settlement agreement."

"But the boycott continued, with pressure on the shippers instead of their employees. My business dropped to such a point that I was forced to close the doors."

"The secondary boycott provision of the present law does not stop boycott pressure."

Union Official Denies Charge
Teamsters official Sid Cohen, secretary of Local 208, told the committee that Lugash had been planning to sell his business at the time of the organizing efforts. He denied that Lugash was forced to sell.

He got a "pretty penny" when he sold, Cohen said.

Asked by committee members Reps. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) and Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif.) about possible labor legislation, Cohen said:

"I am quite sure the Teamsters local here, or any other union, can effectively police their own affairs."

Nearly a dozen witnesses appeared before the committee during its opening session. The committee hoped to gather information for use in future legislative bills concerning labor and business.

Wayne Doubts If Neuberger Will Improve

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Wayne Morse left the door slightly ajar today for possible support of Sen. Richard Neuberger in next year's elections but he indicated it probably would be closed before it was opened.

The two Oregon Democrats have been carrying on a dispute for some time. It was rekindled recently when Neuberger replied to criticism by Morse at a speech in Marion, Ore., April 11.

Morse said Thursday that whether he would support Neuberger for re-election depended upon whether the latter's record "improves" between now and 1960. He added, "I don't expect his record to improve."

The senior Oregon senator said he had "no present intention of proposing or grooming anyone" to oppose Neuberger in the 1960 primary. Speculation has listed ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Rep. Edith Green as possible Neuberger opponents in the 1960 primary. Holmes said he would never run against Neuberger and Mrs. Green said she had no plans to do so.

Neuberger said he did not intend to get into a name-calling contest with Morse. "I have done my best in the Senate to make an honest, fair record based on my conscience and such knowledge as I have."

Neuberger said he had no idea who would run against him. "This is a free country. Anybody who wants to run against me should run against me."

Last week Neuberger accused Morse of causing disruption among Democrats in the state's congressional delegation. He was replying to Morse's April 11 speech in which Morse criticized Neuberger's support of administration foreign policies.



The four girls who will be representing eastern Oregon at the Oregon Centennial Exhibition and International Trade Fair in Portland for 100 days this summer is spending today becoming more familiar with Union county scenic and historic spots. The four girls, from left above, Bea Jean Haskell of Baker, Cayuse Indian sisters, Belva and Joyce Hoptowit, and Marjorie Pithoud of Enterprise, are shown on a bridge at Catherine State Park this morning. Mike Kilby of Pendleton will man the Portland booth for the Northeast Vacationland, Inc., Ray Calvert, a Pendleton and La Grande businessman is chairman of the committee planning the booth. (Observer Photo)

Monkeys' 300-Mile High Rocket Ride Clears Major Space Hurdle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI)—The 300-mile high rocket flight by two monkeys who survived in perfect condition cleared one of the major hurdles in America's race to put a man into space, scientists said today.

The 1,500-mile flight and re-entry into the atmosphere after the rocket reached a speed of 10,000 miles an hour was regarded as having "great significance in connection with future human rocket travel," the scientists said.

Information from the experiment, much of it radioed back to earth in code during the 15-minute trip of the big Jupiter rocket, was under intensive study today.

The Jupiter nose cone and its sealed capsules which contained the monkeys and a miniature biological laboratory were retrieved by a Navy tug off Antigua Island.

Undergo Astronaut Tests
The monkeys, the first primates to survive a space flight, thus escaped the fate of the first space monkey, "Reliable," who perished last Dec. 13 when his cone capsule could not be recovered.

The agreement is subject to approval by union membership. It affects about 8,000 Weyerhaeuser workers in Oregon and Washington.

The agreement calls for additional wage adjustments ranging up to a maximum of 17 1/2 cents per hour in certain job classifications and improvements in health and welfare benefits, also effective June 1.

Effective June 1, 1960, will be a 2 1/2 per cent wage hike for all hourly paid employees. Employees on a piecework basis will receive a five-cent an hour increase. The agreement calls for a third week of vacation for employees with 10 or more years of continuous service. This provision is also effective June 1, 1960.

Negotiations between management and the union have been underway since April 21.

Hoffa Associate Caught On Juke Box Indictment

MINEOLA, N. Y. (UPI)—John F. O'Rourke, a top-ranking Teamsters Union official and close associate of union President James R. Hoffa, was indicted and arrested Thursday night on charges involving racketeering in the juke box industry.

Fourteen others, including three officers of a Teamster local, were indicted with O'Rourke, who is an international union vice president and president of the joint council representing 140,000 New York Teamsters.

He became the city's top Teamster several years ago after an election bitterly contested in the courts on the ground that he had won on votes from "paper locals" chartered to extend Hoffa's influence into the New York area.

The indictment returned by a Nassau County grand jury charged the defendants with conspiracy, coercion, extortion and attempted extortion in the use of Teamster Local 266 to collect tribute from juke box operators.

The local was one of several which featured in the Senate Labor Rackets Committee's inquiry racketeering in the coin machine industry.

WEATHER
Mostly fair through Saturday with variable high clouds; high both days 62-70; low tonight 28-34.

Hope Ends For Steel Wage OK

No Wage Boost Industry Says

NEW YORK (UPI)—The steel industry and the United Steelworkers Union have virtually ended any hopes of reaching a peaceful contract settlement.

Thursday in Washington, USW President David J. McDonald admitted that joint contract talks which began May 11 had resulted in no progress.

The union chief accused the industry of not bargaining in good faith and threatened to file charges against the companies with the National Labor Relations Board.

William T. Caples, a vice president of Inland Steel Co., said later that McDonald always accuses the industry of not bargaining in good faith "when we refuse to give him what he wants."

Denies McDonald's Charges
Avery C. Adams, chairman and president of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., said the industry is bargaining in good faith. "We have made our proposal and we will stand by it because it is in the best interest of the entire economy of the United States."

Top steel leaders here for the 67th meeting of the American Iron & Steel Institute Thursday emphasized the industry's determination to resist any wage increase this year. They made it plain they were prepared to go down to the wire with the proposed one-year wage freeze.

The union has demanded a "substantial" wage increase, reduced hours of work, and complete company financing of insurance, hospitalization and medical plans.

Warns Labor, Management
At a dinner session Thursday night, winding up the two-day institute convention, former Treasury Secretary George Humphrey warned that both labor and management can price themselves out of business "with distressing results."

Humphrey, now chairman of National Steel Corp., said that "if our costs become non-competitive, it will simply mean moving jobs from Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago to Britain, Germany and even Russia."

He urged businessmen to take a more active role in politics to protect their interests. He said "highly organized, well funded labor groups are hard at work, seemingly without full realization of the disastrous consequences to themselves of failing to heed the simplest principles of competition."

Fisherman Spots Body In Columbia

PORTLAND (UPI)—The sheriff's office said today a fisherman reported Thursday seeing a body floating in the Columbia river near Bradford Island upstream from Bonneville dam.

Alfred Caramanica, 49, said he and a companion tried to snag the body but that the current carried it out of their reach. Officials at the dam failed to spot it.

Bodies of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin of Portland were found in the Columbia earlier. The parents and another daughter still are missing. The family vanished last Dec. 7.



TAKES OVER—Mel Elder, right, is congratulated by Emerson Smock after being installed president of the La Grande Jaycees at the annual banquet of the club, last night. Smock is a past president of Jaycees. Over 50 Jaycees, wives and guests attended the dinner. Dave Baum was the main speaker. (Observer Photo)



SOROPTIMISTS CHAT—Mary Berry, right, visiting Soroptimist from Sheffield, England, chats with La Grande president, Mrs. Harold Laurence. Miss Berry was entertained by a group from the club at the home of Mrs. June McManus last night. (Observer Photo)