

## Gromyko Says His Proposal Is Price For Berlin Truce

GENEVA (UPI) — Russia's foreign minister today warned the West today that her loaded All-German Committee proposal is the price for a Berlin truce. The western powers accused Russia of threatening to torpedo the Big Four talks.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told the western foreign ministers that the All-German Committee, on which East German Communists should have equal representation with the West Germans, is tied tightly with his Berlin truce proposal.

For the western Big Three, warned that if Gromyko persisted in in-

## Sec. Herter Given Full Authority

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter has full authority to agree to a Big Four Summit Conference if Russia makes it clear it will respect western rights and obligations in Berlin.

The president told his news conference, however, that for the moment there doesn't appear to be any break in the deadlock at just-resumed Geneva Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference.

He said he was sure the Russians would like to reach an agreement at Geneva if it was all in their favor. However, he added, the real question was whether the Russians were ready to make concessions, in exchange for western concessions, that would give everybody confidence that there was some progress being made toward peace.

Eisenhower said he was not adverse to going along with the other allies in negotiating the ultimate fate of Germany and Berlin and all other subjects at any level. But in the meantime, he said there must be a clear understanding of western rights.

He said he and Herter are in full agreement that they are not going to surrender any rights or make any retreat that would be clear evidence of western weakness.

Eisenhower made it clear that he does not favor suggestions, reportedly advanced by the West Germans, that the Berlin issue be shelved without any agreement and a summit conference held on other issues.

## Drive Goal Set For United Fund

A goal of \$31,484.54 has been accepted by the United Fund board of directors for the 1959-60 drive.

The recommendation was made by Dr. Gordon W. Clarke.

Clarke reported that the budget committee, which he heads, believed the community should be confronted with the agency's real needs which this amount represents.

June McManus president of the group reported that the area clinic held recently in Pendleton found that most agencies had increased their needs and that the public must either provide these needs or face curtailment of services.

David C. Baum was appointed to head the committee which will select candidates to return the board to full strength.

## REJECT RED PROPOSAL

ANKARA, Turkey (UPI)—The Foreign Ministry disclosed today that Turkey has rejected the United States and Britain in rejecting the Soviet proposal for a nuclear-free zone in the Balkan and Adriatic Sea areas.

## Haggard Convicts Give Up Mine; Officials Hunt For Booby Traps

PETROS, Tenn. (UPI)—Prison officials searched today for dynamite booby traps believed planted by 95 convicts who surrendered after holding up for two days in a mine at Brushy Mountain State Prison.

Earl Hensley, about 50, one of four hostages held, said four of the convicts told him the prisoners had set booby traps in the mine.

The prisoners, haggard and worn, filed out of the shaft Tuesday. Two hostages, Ben Davis, about 36, and Hensley, the last of four mine foremen held by the

sisting in such a "package," the East-West talks may founder.

Gromyko ignored the warning and a parallel appeal by Secretary of State Christian A. Herter to drop the demand for participation of the Communist East Germans as equals at reunification talks during any interim Berlin truce.

Another two hours of talks left the conference as deep as ever in deadlock and no move was made in the conference room to get secret negotiations started.

Before the ministers met for the second plenary session since the talks resumed Monday, a surprise behind the scenes move by Gromyko touched off hopeful speculation that the Communists might come up with a proposal that could get the stalled conference going again.

Gromyko invited British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd to lunch Thursday and Lloyd accepted. Sources interpreted the invitation as a move by Gromyko to get the secret talks started after he himself had blocked it Monday by insisting on having the East German Communists participate.

The news of Gromyko's invitation leaked out as the Big Three foreign ministers again bombarded the Soviets in the conference room with renewed demands for a tamper-proof Berlin truce agreement.

## Walla Walla Boys Develop 7-Foot Rocket

WALLA WALLA (UPI) — Two Army demolition experts were scheduled to arrive here today to destroy some home-made solid fuel rocket propellant developed by two teen-agers for their seven-foot long-rocket.

Army officials at Fort Lewis said Chris Warner, 16, and Philip Ekstrom, 18, developed the fuel and the rocket and had been invited to go to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., for its firing.

Redstone scientists requested a copy of the basic formula for the fuel and then wrote Warner's mother that it was highly unstable and should be destroyed immediately. The fuel was being kept in the family refrigerator while young Chris was working on a wheat ranch in eastern Oregon.

The rocket is eight inches in diameter. It is believed by Army officials at Fort Lewis to be the largest ever built by amateur rocket enthusiasts and is said to be capable of reaching a speed up to Mach 3.5 (about 2500 mph).

The missile can travel a distance of 90 miles at an altitude of 45 miles, according to the boys' calculations. Army officials said.

Redstone Arsenal invited the boys to bring their rocket to Alabama after Fort Lewis queried the Department of the Army about the possibility of using one of the three major rocketry ranges in this country.

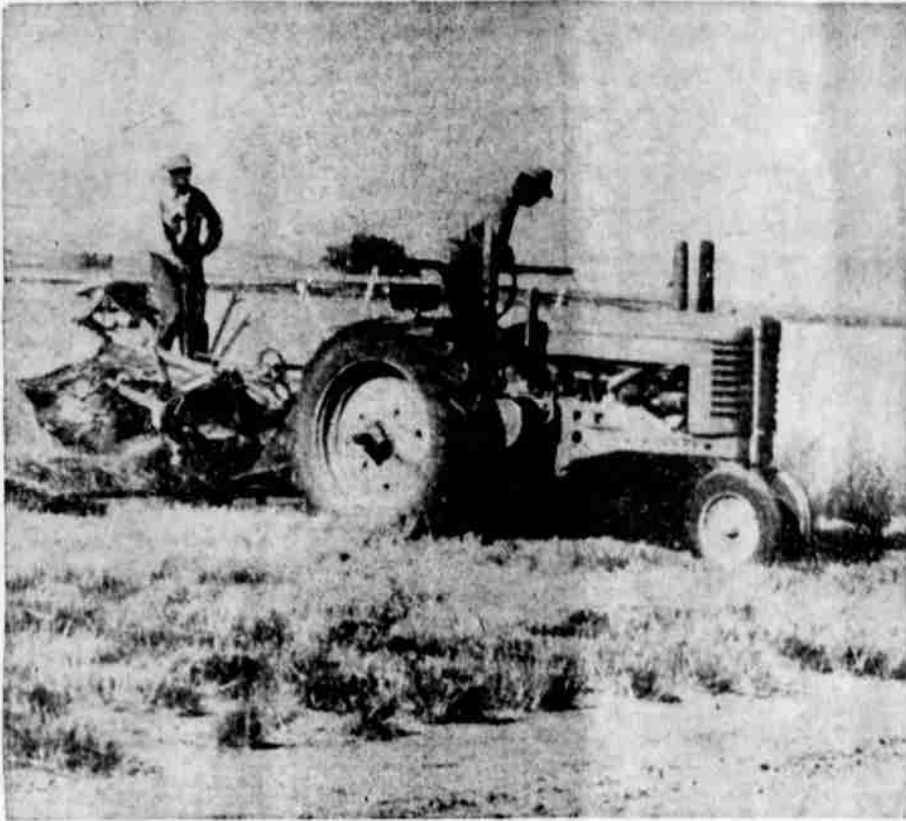
Scientists at the Alabama range said Warner and Ekstrom can take their rocket to Redstone as soon as a new, safer fuel is developed, Fort Lewis officers said.

## Warrant Issued For Durel Shrum

A warrant for the arrest of Durel Wayne Shrum on a charge of assault and battery was issued yesterday by Municipal Judge Ross E. Hearing.

Shrum who lives at 1704 1/2 Fourth street, was picked up by police at 11:58 yesterday evening. Bail was set at \$100.

The complaint on which the warrant was issued was signed by his wife Margaret Mae Shrum of the same address according to police.



**HARVEST TIME IS HERE**

Grass harvesters are hard at work. Most of the valley's blue grass is cut and banded. Sixty per cent of the fescues are also banded. (Observer Photo)

## Grande Ronde Valley Grain Harvest Begins

The first load of barley came into the Pioneer Flour mill in Elgin City, Monday.

The initial harvest load came from Mrs. Harlan Long and Son's ranch near Mt. Glenn.

A lot of the winter barley is ripening and ready to cut now or within a short time.

Valley blue grass is mostly cut and in the bunds and about 60 per cent of the fescue is cut and banded.

Wheat in most areas of the valley is still almost 10 days to two weeks from harvest. In some areas root diseases have damaged the wheat.

Farmers have begun harvesting the green peas in the Elgin area. The cherry harvest should start either the latter part of this week or the first of next week according to Ted Sidor, Union county extension agent. The crop appears to be only 40 per cent of last year's yield due to early spring freezes which cut the crop.

Sidor reported that so far this year the water situation has been adequate. Late spring rains have kept water in most storage ponds and furnished moisture for crop production. Union county has been one of the favored counties in the state as far as moisture is concerned according to Sidor.

"Most crops in Union county look very good and it appears to be a bumper crop this year," Sidor said.

## Cancer Claims Ernest Bloch

PORTLAND (UPI)—World famous composer and conductor Ernest Bloch, 79, died in a hospital here today where he had been under treatment for cancer.

Bloch, whose works ranged from the tone poem "America" to symphonies and the Opera "MacBeth," had been a resident of Agate Beach on the Oregon coast since 1948. He entered a hospital here July 7 and died at 7:50 a.m. today.

Born in Switzerland in 1880, Bloch came to the United States in 1915, shortly after starting work on "America" for which he was awarded a prize by Musical America in 1919.

## Officer Added To Guard Staff

Lt. Col. George W. Boyd, staff assistant for the old 18th Infantry Regiment for 8 years, has arrived in La Grande to assume similar duties with the 1st Battle Group, 180th Infantry which has headquarters in La Grande.

Col. Boyd, who is also executive officer of the Battle Group, will be in charge of all full time employees and is direct assistant to Col. David C. Baum, Battle Group Commander, in matters of administration, training and supply.

Col. Boyd has 24 years military duty and served with the 41st Division during WW II. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge during the Papua, New Guinea and Philippine Island Campaigns.

Mrs. Boyd and her two daughters will move to La Grande as soon as arrangements can be made for adequate housing.

## ROLLS NO GOOD FOR SHEEP MEN

DERBY, England (UPI) — The Rolls-Royce Co. announced it had received a complaint from an Australian sheep farmer who recently traded in his 30-year-old Rolls. "It's useless," he wrote of the new car. "There is no outside running board. Where on earth do they expect me to put the dead sheep?"

## Music Program Is Set Tonight At High School

The La Grande Summer Music Concert will give their annual concert tonight in the La Grande High School Auditorium. This year 240 students have taken part during the six weeks that these classes are held. More than one hundred have started on a band or orchestra instrument, and the rest have been divided into three more advanced band classes. Don Scott directs these classes.

The program tonight will start with demonstrations by the beginning classes, and then each of the other bands will present three or four of the selections they have learned during the summer.

The Junior High Woodwind Quartet, whose membership includes Beverly Schaad, Janice Pipes, Bonnie Scott, and Phyllis Lyman, will also perform.

The concert starts at 8 and there will be no admission charge.

## AIRLINES BAN PORTABLES

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has approved an agreement among international air carriers to prohibit passengers from playing portable radios in flight. The agreement by members of the International Air Transport Assn. said the radios might interfere with radar and navigation equipment.

A dozen forest fires broke out in the Klamath Falls area and have burned over 1,400 acres of brush and timber according to George Wardell, head of the Klamath Forest Protective Association.

The largest fire, north of Hildebrand, was brought under control after burning over 1,000 acres.

A lightning storm centered in the Bly mountain area, 50 miles east of Klamath Falls, touched off eight separate fires. All were reported under control.

Three lightning-kindled fires on the Klamath Indian reservation were reported under control today according to Billy Crawford of the bureau of Indian Service. Clarence Edgington, regional fire dispatcher in Portland, said the fire hazard was getting worse each day as high temperatures continue and the forest becomes drier.

The weather bureau reported that no rain is in sight through next Monday. The forecast for eastern Oregon through Thursday is fair with a high of 85-95 and a low tonight of 48-60.

## Man Arrested On Basic Rule Violation Here

A La Grande man was arrested for violation of the basic rule yesterday afternoon.

Wendell Larry See was picked up by police at his residence, 2704 Fir street at 4:40. The charge was failure to drive on the right side of the road and did not observe speeding.

Bail was set at \$25 and a hearing scheduled for 3 this afternoon.

# Nation's Steel Mills Silenced By Strikers

## Ike Urges Continued Discussion

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today that the steel strike for the moment had not created emergency conditions warranting use of the Taft-Hartley Law, but he urged labor and management to continue negotiating.

The President told reporters it was obvious that if the strike lasted so long that steel inventories required by the government were exhausted, the defense production program would face a very serious situation.

He said, however, that he was in no position today to estimate accurately how long the strike would have to run before it interfered with the defense program.

He suggested the fullest possible use of free bargaining between labor and management before there is any direct federal intervention. Under the Taft-Hartley Law, the President, if he determines that a labor-management dispute has created an emergency threatening the "health or safety" of the nation, can request the Justice Department to seek an injunction stopping a strike for 30 days.

Eisenhower, responding to a variety of news conference questions about the steel strike which began at midnight when a half million workers walked out, made it clear that he did not believe conditions now warranted his use of the Taft-Hartley Law.

He did not believe he should have done more as chief executive in the days before the strike. He said too much government pressure inevitably changed the nature of free bargaining. The President in the pre-strike period confined himself to statements urging both sides to keep on negotiating.

## Court Refuses To Drop Union Cleanup Order

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Court of Appeals refused today to delay or reconsider its sweeping cleanup order against President James R. Hoffa of the giant Teamsters Union.

The three-judge court denied the teamsters' request for a stay of the order pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Before the court acted, Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said the Senate Rackets Committee's heated session with Hoffa Tuesday proved "there can be no cleanup from within" the union.

The appellate court has ruled that the U.S. District Court here has the power to enforce recommendations of a "watchdog" court of monitors named to keep an eye on the way Hoffa runs the union.

## ALL THIS AND NO AGREEMENT

GENEVA (UPI) — Delegates to the foreign ministers conference have variously labeled conference memoranda as "working papers" and "talking papers." Tuesday the West German delegation presented a new one—a "thinking paper." There has been no explanation as to the difference between the memoranda, but one observer said they show that diplomats can: Talk without thinking, work without thinking or talking, and think and talk without working.

## Hoffa Remarks Dim Hopes For Union Cleanup

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said today the Senate Rackets Committee's latest temper-tossed assault on Teamster President James R. Hoffa proved "there can be no cleanup from within" the union.

McClellan told newsmen he hoped that testimony in the last few weeks by "Hoffa and his henchmen" would fortify the three-member board of monitors a federal judge set up to supervise Hoffa's control of the 1,500,000-member union.

The senator, who planned to hand down a fuller verdict today, made the comments in the wake of a non-stop hearing of almost nine hours Tuesday, with Hoffa in the featured role.

Chief counsel Robert F. Kennedy said it was "not necessarily" Hoffa's final appearance nor the end of the two-and-a-half-year Teamster inquiry. He said this would depend on further developments before the end of the year.

The hearing culminated with McClellan's remorse over "contradictions" in Hoffa's proposal that underlings be called to provide answers he said he could not remember. The underlings thereupon invoked the Fifth Amendment's protection against possible self-incrimination.

Kennedy called this tactic by Hoffa "completely dishonest."

## Runway Is Topic For Commission

A report on the airport runway situation will be the main item on the city commission's agenda at their regular meeting tonight.

City Manager Fred J. Young has also received communications from the Civil Aeronautics Board and the State Sanitation Authority in regard to the construction of the lagoons on city property near the airport.

Young has also sent a map of the airport with an overlay of the proposed sites of the ponds to the Federal Aviation Authority for approval.

## McDonald Predicts Victory

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PITTSBURGH (UPI) — A half-million United Steelworkers went on strike today, cutting the nation's steel production to a comparative trickle.

With negotiations for a new union-industry labor contract tightly hung up on the thorny issues of wages and "management's right to manage," the workers got produce 90 per cent of the country's steel walked out.

USW President David J. McDonald called on the heads of the 12 major steel companies, whose decisions set the pattern for the giant industry, to agree to submit the dispute to a three-man fact-finding board.

Industry sources here saw little chance of acceptance of the proposal and the most costly strike in the nation's history.

The walkout, the sixth by the big union since World War II, started officially at 12:01 a.m. e.d.t. when a two-week extension of the previous wage agreement expired. But by the deadline, the mills already were idle and the furnaces banked or emptied.

McDonald left New York City, scene of 10 weeks fruitless negotiations with the industry, Tuesday night to appear before cheering workers at a strike rally of employees of U. S. Steel Corporation's Fairless workers at Morrisville, Pa.

Raising aloft a picket sign proclaiming him the "No. 1 picket," the union president said: "We're absolutely determined on this strike and by the eternal gods we will win."

A crowd estimated by police at 1,200 roared its approval.

After the rally, McDonald returned to New York where later today both industry and union leaders were to meet with federal mediation experts at the urging of President Eisenhower.

Pre-strike estimates were that the steel workers would lose \$2 million dollars in wages and the industry \$248 million dollars in production each week the walkout continued.

A 34-day strike in basic steel in 1956 cost the industry an estimated two billion dollars in lost wages and production. It also led to price increases in almost every item made of steel.

## Dixon-Yates Contract OK Court Rules

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U. S. Court of Claims ruled today that the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract was valid, and awarded the utility firm \$1,867,545 in termination costs.

The majority of the court held that there was no conflict of interest involving Adolph H. Wenzell, who acted as the government's advisor when the contract was being set up.

The government had refused to pay any contract termination costs to the Mississippi Valley Generating Co. (the Dixon-Yates firm), contending that Wenzell's dual capacity in the case violated the law and invalidated the contract.

While he was acting for the government, Wenzell was a vice president of the First Boston Corporation, an investment banking firm that later handled part of the financing on the deal.

The court said the evidence indicated that Wenzell was not working for the government at the time the contract finally was reached, and that therefore was not involved in a conflict of interest.

The Dixon-Yates combine agreed on Nov. 11, 1954, to build a huge power generating plant at West Memphis, Ark., to provide current needed by the Atomic Energy Commission.

In August, 1955, after a site had been acquired and some preliminary construction work done, the AEC announced that it would be able to receive power from another source and cancelled the Dixon-Yates agreement.

The case touched off a bitter controversy on the issues of public vs. private power generation, and was one of the issues in the 1954 election campaigns.



**NEW EQUIPMENT**—Tom Ruckman, Imbler, holds the new emergency kit belonging to the Imbler Fire District. The kit includes a resuscitator to be used for drowning and electric shock, an aspirator to be used to relieve obstructions in the throat, and an inhalator which will be used in heart attack, smoke, shock, and suffocation cases. The equipment will be on the truck at all times.