

U.S. Rejects Russ Plan for Jap Peace Pact

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The United States today rejected a Russian plan for a Japanese peace treaty which, among other things, would strip Japan of all American defense forces.

The Russians had proposed that the United States and its allies scrap their own largely-completed program for a Japanese peace settlement and start anew, with red China cut in on the treaty-making.

An American translation of the Russia proposal, which became available here today, showed what the Soviets want in the way of a treaty.

For one thing, it would call for the departure of all foreign troops from Japan one year after the treaty was signed. This would mean stripping Japan of American defenses.

For another, the Soviets would sharply limit Japanese armed forces, whereas the treaty draft proposed by the United States would permit Japan to rearm in accordance with its own estimate of its defense needs.

The Russian note was delivered to American ambassador Alan Kirk in Moscow on May 7. It suggested the calling of a Big Four foreign ministers' conference in June or July to undertake "preparatory work" on the peace treaty. The four foreign ministers to be represented would be those of the United States, China, Britain, and Russia. China, in Russian usage, means communist China.

The day after Moscow's disclosure that it had sent a note proposing a Pacific Big Four conference on the treaty, state department press officer Michael McDermott denounced the move. He called it an effort to "stall" work actually going forward on the treaty and to gain a double veto for Russia—her own vote and that of red China.

The text of the formal American reply was handed to Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin today by assistant secretary of state George Perkins. The text will not be published until tomorrow night (8 p.m. eastern standard time), but it was learned the effect of the reply to Panyushkin is the same as the remarks made by McDermott—a rejection.

Services for A. A. Schramm Held in Salem

The company attending the funeral services for the late Alfred A. Schramm overflowed the chapel of the Golden mortuary Saturday afternoon. Friends from Coquille, Albany, Putnam and other valley points gathered to pay tribute to a friend whose death occurred suddenly from natural causes the night of May 15th at his mountain retreat.

Rev. Brooks Moore of the First Methodist church, his pastor, spoke feelingly of the deceased as one who cultivated friendships and sought to give service to his fellowmen. Mrs. Josephine Albert Spaulding sang two numbers.

Interment followed at Belcrest memorial park.

Polk Extension Agent Resigns

DALLAS, May 18—The resignation of Doris Beebe, county extension agent in home economics on the Polk county extension staff was announced today by N. John Hansen, county extension agent in agriculture.

Miss Beebe has resigned to return to Carthage, Mo., to serve as extension agent in home economics for Jasper county. She came to Polk county in September, 1950, and has been in charge of home economics extension work for both adult and 4-H club workers during that period.

Wanda Hughes, extension agent-at-large, will be in Polk county May 21 through June 12 pending the selection of a permanent replacement for Miss Beebe.

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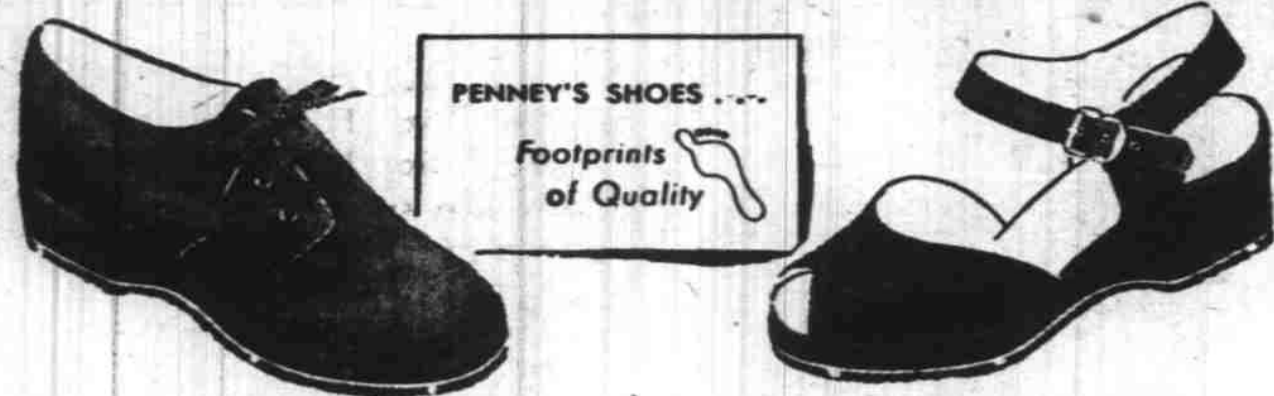
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