

Soviet Offers to Raise Iron Curtain to A-Inspectors

Vishinsky Demands Atom Weapons Ban; West Wary of Plan

PARIS (AP)—Andrei Y. Vishinsky proposed Saturday simultaneous prohibition of atomic weapons and establishment of strict atomic controls under which international agents would come and go on continuous inspections in any country, including Russia, whenever necessary.

The Soviet foreign minister

told the United Nations Political Committee in a speech outlining his new ideas on atomic control that the international control organ should have the right "to conduct inspection on a continuing basis; but it shall not be entitled to interfere in the domestic affairs of the states."

Change of Policy

The Russians in the past have rejected the idea of permanent inspection teams, contending they would spy for the West. Vishinsky declared his plan was a "tremendous and momentous step forward" and called on the West to match the proposal.

To Consider Plan

U. S. Ambassador Ernest A. Gross told the Political Committee the United States would consider the proposal. He suggested the place to discuss it was in the U. N.'s new 12-nation Disarmament Commission.

Vishinsky made clear to reporters after the committee adjourned until Monday that he wants the U. N. Assembly to proclaim now at this session—an unconditional ban on atomic bombs. He said, however, that such a ban could not take legal effect under his plan until the control system was declared effective.

Tied up with his plan is the old Russian recommendation, often rejected by the West, for a one-third reduction in the armed forces of the Big Five powers—the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China.

'Youth for Ike' Leader Chosen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harry V. Smith, Tacoma, Wash., was named Saturday as Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana regional director for the "Youth for Eisenhower" movement.

Plans to set up the campaign were discussed by James L. Guilmartin, Miami, Fla., lawyer who said it would constitute a "new national political force."

Guilmartin said the group hopes to get "hundreds of thousands" of young persons to join up and wear buttons inscribed "I Like Ike."

Heart Attack Kills Driver, Crash Follows

EUGENE (AP)—A heart attack was blamed Saturday for the death of John Arthur Calloway, 59, Eugene, whose car was involved in a traffic crash at Springfield Friday.

At first it was believed the crash had killed Calloway, but a medical examiner found he died before the collision.

DEMOS TO HEAR BROWN

PORTLAND (AP)—Edmund G. Brown, attorney general of California, will be principal speaker at the Jackson Club banquet here Feb. 2.

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Carlsen Dodges Offers

(Pictures on page 6)
FALMOUTH, England (AP)—Capt. Kurt Carlsen stubbornly rejected Saturday all fat offers to cash in on his 14-day saga aboard the Flying Enterprise. He said he was just not interested.

He hid out most of the day in a Cornish hotel five miles from town, dodging promoters with contracts all ready to sign for story and movie rights, television and radio appearances and endorsement of commercial products.

Disappointed and somewhat bewildered, these men sat around hotel lobbies and most of them conceded there was no chance now at least of changing the courageous skipper's mind.

No Commercialization
When he stepped ashore Friday Carlsen said "I most certainly do not want honest efforts . . . to save my ship to be commercialized in any way."

And when Carlsen makes up his mind it is hard to change him. His stubborn but losing fight to save his ship from the angry Atlantic proved that.

He has turned a deaf ear to offers totaling between \$84,000 and \$112,000 which have come from the United States, Britain, France and Denmark.

Still catching up on the sleep he lost aboard the ill-fated Enterprise, Carlsen said he wants only to get back to his wife and two children in Woodbridge, N. J., and then get another ship and go back to sea. His company, the Isbrandtsen Line, has assured him that another ship, perhaps another Flying Enterprise, will be assigned to his command.

Ticker Tape Parade
But before returning to his life's work at sea he will be lionized at a luncheon in London on Monday and a ticker tape parade in New York.

A crowd of about 300 admirers quickly surrounded him and touched off an impromptu demonstration. Police had to clear a way for him.

He spent an hour and a half clearing away legal angles involved in the sinking of the Enterprise. Afterward Philip Fox, the shipping agent, said Carlsen had completed his business here and was free to travel to London.

President of State Health Board Dies

SEASIDE (AP)—Dr. Otto C. Hagemeyer, who was elected president of the State Board of Health this week, died at his home here Friday night.

The death, following a long illness, came just three days after his election. Hagemeyer had practiced in Oregon more than 40 years. He was Seaside health officer, and was named to the State Board of Health in 1945.

Van Fleet Says Any Red Attack to Face 'Disaster'

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Sunday his U.S. Eighth Army was "in better condition than ever" and any all-out



GEN. JAMES VAN FLEET "Disaster Awaits Reds"

offensive by the Reds would meet "with complete disaster both on the ground and in the air."

Van Fleet told AP Correspondent William C. Barnard that the Reds have increased the size of their Air Force. But he said the Eighth Army would "handle" any Red aircraft sent over U. N. lines in a major offensive.

"Those planes would fall like rain," he said. "It would be something to see."

The general said the Communists now have more artillery in Korea than the Eighth Army and that they have also reinforced their armor. But the greatest buildup, he said, was in the Red Air Force.

Van Fleet said the Eighth Army had not been hurt in any way by the lull along the battlefield that has existed since the provisional cease-fire line was established in late November.

"Our Army is in better condition than ever," he said. "We are over-strength in our units. We'll stay sharp and we'll stay fit. Everyone in Eighth Army appreciates that we cannot afford to be caught napping."

Cincinnati Hotel Blaze Kills Two

CINCINNATI (AP)—A fire burned through the top three floors of the Sinton Hotel's annex early Sunday, killing at least two persons.

An hour and a half later, Capt. George Pearce, night police chief, said the blaze was out and firemen were "positive everyone else escaped."

The dead were Raymond Hatrack, of Mount Carmel, Pa., and an unidentified Air Force officer.

Hatrack was believed to have jumped from either the eighth or ninth floor and landed on a third floor roof separating the annex from the hotel proper.

At least nine persons were injured, including two firemen. The Sinton has more than 500 rooms and nine stories and is one of the city's larger hotels.

Pacific Storm Heads for State

A new storm appeared in the North Pacific Saturday, and the Weather Bureau forecast some snow in the Northwest. But none was expected in Salem. Forecast from McNary Field Weather Bureau showed some rain expected in Salem.

Low ceiling at Portland Airport forced two big DC-6 passenger planes to land at McNary Field Saturday afternoon, United Airlines officials reported. Subsequent flights were landed at Troutdale, which with Salem escaped the Saturday afternoon fog bank.

Truman May Avoid Plea for Tax Increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has about decided not to ask this election-year Congress for new boosts in income or excise tax rates, informed officials said Saturday.

Rather, they said, the President will hit hard for a twin program of (A) tighter tax law enforcement, and (B) the plugging of what he has termed loopholes costing the government several billion dollars of revenue yearly.

Officials who may not be named said Mr. Truman's political advisers cautioned against an all-out drive for an increase in tax rates. Barring a last-minute change of mind, they said, the President apparently has agreed.

The reasoning of Mr. Truman's political aides was said to be that the administration shouldn't stick its neck out needlessly on behalf of another tax boost since chances of enactment are so dim.

Key Congress members of both parties have said that barring all-out war there will be no general tax hike this year.

This reported decision by Mr. Truman would mean abandonment of his repeatedly proclaimed goal of pay-as-we-go financing of the mounting defense effort.

FEE TO TRY SMYTH
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal Judge James Alger Fee, of Portland, Ore., was appointed Saturday to preside at the conspiracy trial of James G. Smyth, former Northern California Internal Revenue collector, and three others.

Student Climbs Scaffolding to Win Bet—Gets Citation

A Willamette University student climbed the scaffolding erected for repair work on Salem First Methodist Church Saturday night to win a \$1 bet—but he collected a city police citation on charge of disorderly conduct instead, police said.

It was not determined if he collected the wager. He is scheduled to appear on the charge Monday.

Sierra Storm Buries Reno Under Snow

By The Associated Press
A severe storm swirled through the Sierra Nevada Saturday, burying Reno, Nev., under more than 18 inches of snow—heaviest fall there in 14 years.

Heavy snow piled to record depths in the Sierras. The blizzard closed off all but one land route to Northern Nevada. All plane flights were cancelled in the storm area.

Two crack westbound Southern Pacific streamliners—carrying 450 passengers—were blocked by snow slides in the Donner Summit area. Passengers aboard the SP's City of San Francisco and Overland Limited from Chicago were in no danger.

Many Reno residents were snowbound in their homes. All available city and private snow removal equipment was thrown into the task of clearing streets, and opening blocked highways.

Main highways between California and Nevada were impassable.

Parts of Northern California were beset with floods after a bout with snow, rain and winds. Some points in Central California had over two inches of rain.

Flood water drove some 1,500 people from low-lying homes in the San Francisco Bay area.

The snow storm raged all along the Northern California Sierra and into Oregon.

Highway 99 north to Oregon over the Siskiyou was open, but chains were necessary.

Moderately cold weather covered the Eastern half of the nation. Coldest spots in the country were Great Falls, Mont., International Falls, Minn., both -8.

Britain's One 4-Jet Bomber Crashes

BOURNEMOUTH, Eng. (AP)—Britain's only four-engine jet bomber—recently taken off the secret list—crashed Saturday in a test flight.

One crewman was killed but four others bailed out safely just before the big plane—known as the Vickers Valiant—exploded and nose-dived in flames to the ground.

Fog Delays Search for Ship, Crew

SEATTLE (AP)—A dozen military planes were readied Saturday night for a daybreak takeoff to search the gale-swept North Pacific for the freighter Pennsylvania and her 45-man crew, missing since Wednesday.

Poor visibility Saturday forced the Coast Guard to call in all search planes.

Meanwhile, the Coast Guard gave orders to the last two civilian ships in the area—the Netherlands Victory and the Pelican State—to head for their West Coast destinations.

A spokesman said the weather was too rough for the freighters to continue their search of the storm-tossed sea some 465 miles northwest of Canada's Vancouver Island.

Ships in Area
The Coast Guard Cutter Klamath and the Canadian ocean patrol ship Stonetown remained in the area. The Klamath's 4 p.m. weather report told of an overcast sky, rain squalls and fog patches, 15-foot seas, a falling barometer, 40-degree weather and 45-50 mile per hour winds, with gusts up to 65 miles per hour.

"We will continue the search until successful or until all hope is abandoned," a Coast Guard spokesman said Saturday night. He called the "hope abandoned" period "Still indefinite."

Debris Sighted
Hopes had been buoyed late Friday by reported sighting of floating debris 24 to 34 miles south and southeast of the disabled vessel.

The floating material included a hatch cover, lumber and plates, boxes, drums and an oil slick.

The Coast Guard said it considered the nature of the debris sighted as giving no indication whether the Pennsylvania still was afloat.

A spokesman reported finding of a hatch cover might be considered ominous, but that the Pennsylvania's captain, George Flower, had reported before abandoning ship that the No. 2 hatch was open and full of water.

The Council will consider petitions from Eola and Morningstar districts for a two-month extension of fire protection while those districts are completing arrangements for their own fire protection.

A new bill on the agenda would adopt as city law all the applicable provisions of the state liquor control law (Knox act). This is proposed in order to eliminate any question over the city's long-exercised power of enforcement of this law.

The Carroll Moores estate fund of \$30,000 will be up for consideration again Monday. The Council is to recommend to Pioneer Trust Co. an appropriate use of the bequest left by Moores for a Salem pioneer memorial.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	41	30	.00
Portland	33	24	.00
San Francisco	53	46	.06
Chicago	37	25	.00
New York	47	30	.00

Willamette River 6.5 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy with considerable fog this morning. Increasing cloudiness with occasional rain this afternoon, becoming showery late tonight. Little change in temperature with the highest today near 42 and the lowest tonight near 34. Salem temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 27.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year	Sept. 1	Normal
This Year	26.79	29.80

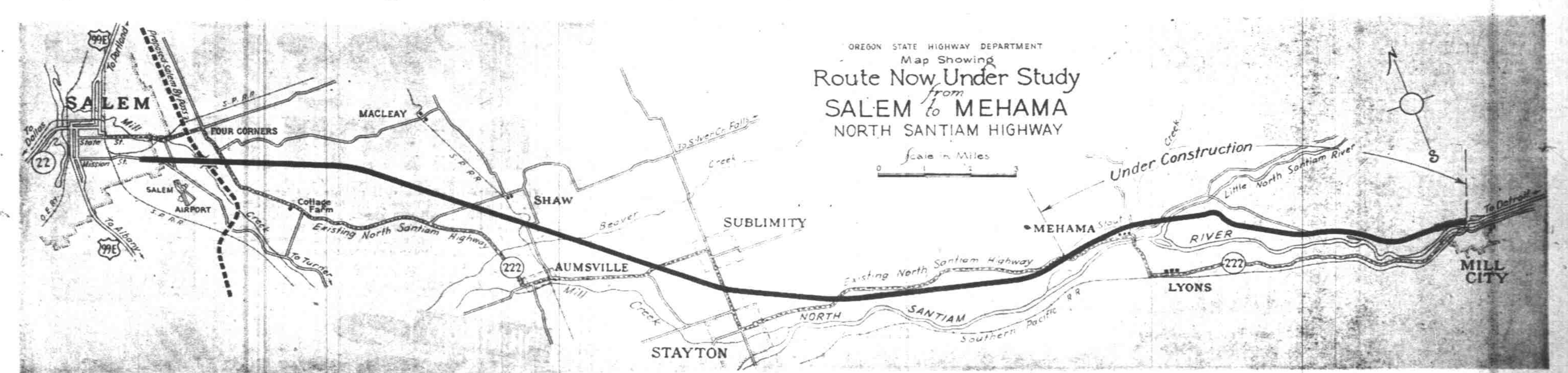
Sen. Belton Out of Treasurer Race Picture

CANBY (AP)—Howard C. Belton, Republican candidate for State Treasurer in 1948, said Saturday he would not run for the office this year.

Now a state senator, Belton said he felt he should finish his term in the Senate and "help complete some of the legislative jobs facing the state."

Belton, who was defeated by Walter Pearson in the 1948 election for treasurer, said he might file for delegate-at-large for the Republican national convention.

Proposed Santiam Highway Outlined; Straightened Route Would Skirt Valley Towns



The route that a straightened and widened North Santiam Highway (222) may follow, in its final link from Salem to the Cascade Range, was outlined Saturday by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock.

According to above map made of "the best route yet studied," the proposed road (black line) would cut away from the present winding road (dotted

line) for an almost straight sweep through the flatlands and foothills between Salem and Mehama. That is the general plan, regardless of route, according to Baldock, because "there is no economy in trying to follow a crooked road." The plan also would prevent "ribbon" business development.

Because the Highway 99E bypass east of Salem will be finished

before the Santiam Highway is finished, or perhaps even before started, the latter will go over the top of the bypass when they cross south of Four Corners.

The map shows an entry into Salem via Mission Street, particularly because of the greater ease of making a grade separation for the Southern Pacific mainline on Mission rather than on State

Street. However, Baldock said, the entry could be made easily at several points.

Since the proposed route bisects the present one at four points, construction by sections is a possibility.

The engineer stressed that the mapped route is only one of several studied, has not been staked out but only undergone foot reconnaissance, has not been seen

by the State Highway Commission, and the department has not closed its mind on the planning.

He would not venture a prediction as to when it might reach the engineering or construction stage.

Already under construction is a nine-mile stretch from Mill City to just west of Mehama, putting the entire highway north of the North Santiam River. This

was graded last summer, a bridge across the Little North Fork of the river is under contract, and the paving contract will be let the end of January.

The proposed route would miss all towns on the present road—Stayton, Sublimity, Aumsville and the community of Four Corners—but would be close to all.

Baldock said the highway would not be a freeway, like the project bypass east of Salem, but

would have controlled access. Right-of-way deeds will give roadside property stated entry spots to the highway, and business development along it would be prohibited.

Only one major bridge structure would be needed, in crossing the Geer Branch of Southern Pacific Railroad south of Shaw. This is not because of traffic on that line, but because the railroad passes through a low area

at that point, making a traffic separation project economically possible.

Continuing the specifications followed on earlier construction, the new road will have paving, 25 feet wide rather than the 16 feet of the present highway.

Improvement of the highway has progressed steadily westward from the summit, since World War II, coming from Idanha to Niagara.