

Peace Talk Contest Only Defines Issues, Clues to Compromise Still Hidden

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The peace talk contest under way between Washington and Moscow so far has defined and sharpened the great East-West issues without developing any clue as to how they may be compromised or resolved.

8 Children Die As Fires Strike Canada City

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (AP) — Three fires — one of them burning to death eight children and one destroying a \$300,000 lumber yard — struck the twin border cities of Sault Ste. Marie in an 18-hour period ending early Sunday.

The children perished in a fire which swept through a one-story house on the outskirts of this Canadian city Sunday morning.

Five of the victims were children of Philip and Winifred Derry, who suffered severe burns trying to rescue the youngsters. The other three were neighbors who were spending the night at the Derry home.

Across the St. Marys River police said two 11-year-old boys admitted starting a small fire to warm themselves Saturday night and it touched off a spectacular blaze that destroyed most of the Lock City Manufacturing Co., a lumber products firm.

Wind-whipped flames shot high into the air and could be seen 50 miles away. Thousands of residents from both cities ringed the fire scene.

Seven nearby homes were saved only by a 20-inch thick concrete firewall. Also spared was the lumber company's big new showroom which had been dedicated only a day earlier as part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration. This is located across a street from the manufacturing operations.

The first of the three fires destroyed more than 1,000 telephones in a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. warehouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The telephones were to be used in converting to a dial system. The blaze damaged just one wooden end of the concrete block warehouse.

Loud-Mouthed Rooster Sought

ROGUE RIVER (AP) — This Southern Oregon town wants roosters that crow loud and often.

The one that crows most often in a half-hour period here May 23 will be declared champion in what is planned as an annual rooster-crowing contest.

Robert Gail, chairman of the sponsoring Roosters Club, said the roosters would be shut inside dark cages. At 10 a. m., the cage doors will be opened. This is supposed to make the rooster think dawn has arrived, and he will set to crowing.

Gail said he expected about 500 entries.

Canadian Regiment Leaves Trust Fund For Korean Child

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A returning Canadian regiment which had to leave its 7-year-old Korean mascot behind has deposited a \$1,000 trust fund here for the boy, the Bank of America said Sunday.

The money is to feed, clothe and care for "Willie Royal" and to begin his education "as a Korean national of the Christian faith." The Right Reverend Arthur E. Chadwell, assistant bishop of Korea, was named to administer Willie's money.

Bodies Recovered from Mine; Seventy Trapped Men Freed

ANGANGUEO, Mexico (AP) — Masked rescue workers Sunday brought out the bodies of 11 workers killed Saturday in a cave-in and explosion of an American Smelting Company silver mine here.

With black and yellow smoke still pouring from the mouth of the mine, the search teams hunted for the bodies of 14 other known dead and six other miners still unaccounted for in Mexico's worst mine disaster in recent years.

Some 200 of the mine's 300 day-shift workers managed to escape from the upper level when the lower level roof caved in Saturday afternoon, causing electrical shorts which touched off violent dust or gas explosions and turned the caverns into a blazing inferno nearly 500 feet below the surface.

Some 70 other men were led out of the murky tunnel Saturday night during rescue efforts in the darkness, made more drastic by the wailing and praying of friends and relatives of the victims. Those saved during the night suffered ill effects from the smoke but otherwise were believed not in serious condition.

The mine, which in addition to silver also yields zinc, gold and iron, is in a remote mountain area three miles from this little village 80 miles west of Mexico City. The town itself is reachable on twisting narrow cart roads.

The cave-in carried through four subterranean levels. Three of the known dead lie in a flooded gallery on the lowest level.

Four Mexican government mine officials reached here Sunday

in response to President Eisenhower's peace challenge of April 16 served notice that if the President thinks there is a new era in Soviet foreign policy since Premier Stalin's death he is mistaken.

As U.S. experts analyze the Moscow statement, it appeared to provide no new openings for specific East-West negotiations, no evidence of any important changes in Kremlin plans and policies, and no encouragement other than a familiar generalization for believing that the Soviets are now ready to join in businesslike efforts to end the cold war.

Signs From Korea
The hardening of the issues was pointed up by signs from Korea, and by the spreading war in Indochina, that there will be no quick or easy settlement with the Reds, if there are to be any settlements at all.

Despite official optimism by the Eisenhower administration many well-informed authorities here, particularly in the state department, see no chance of a break in the cold war.

In the Korean talks resumed at Panmunjom Sunday after a lapse of many months the Communists disagreed with everything the Allies proposed.

Eisenhower Hopeful
The White House issued a hopeful statement as a reflection of Eisenhower's April 16 speech, which boiled down to a new call on the Soviets to do something concrete in the way of easing world tension. Of the Pravda-Izvestia statement, the White House said mainly the tone was milder than "the usual vituperation against the United States."

Meanwhile, the North Atlantic Treaty Council in Paris, at which Secretary of State Dulles is the chief U.S. delegate, stated officially that it had found no evidence of a lessening of the Soviet threat. And in this country, Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith said the United States is always ready to try to make settlements but is also aware that it is dealing "with an extremely reactionary regime still wedded to an archaic concept of power."

Defines Problem
Eisenhower delivered his peace challenge to the Soviets in a speech calling for an armistice in Korea as a first step, for a united Korea, for peace in Indochina and Malaya, an Austrian peace treaty, unification of Germany with free elections, liberation of the East European satellites, and for disarmament with resultant savings to be spent on a new world war against poverty and hunger.

The Soviets published the text of Eisenhower's speech Saturday inside the same papers whose front pages took it apart and subjected it to a stream of criticism amounting to a virtual rejection of Eisenhower's proposals.

The text of the long statement was put under searching examination at the state department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the White House. It apparently was decided to treat it both as a policy document and as a propaganda move. Saturday's White House statement emphasizing once more U.S. willingness "to work unceasingly for peace" evidently was designed to counter the propaganda effects of the Soviet statement.

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Solons Frown On Exchange Of A-Secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the Senate - House Atomic Energy Committee have responded to informal soundings with a pointed indication they will reject any proposal to exchange atomic weapon information with Great Britain.

Some members who believe that such an exchange may have been suggested by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in his talks with President Eisenhower early this year said they doubt the administration ever will formally present the proposal.

There is no doubt, however, that some high administration officials would like to have authority for the U.S. to tell the British government how many atomic bombs it possesses and how it proposes to deliver them against an enemy in case of attack.

Such information might include data on the development of atomic power for industrial purposes, but it was not proposed that any information be exchanged on actual manufacture of the atomic bomb or on progress made with the hydrogen bomb.

Opposition within the Senate - House committee to any such exchanges of information apparently is based largely on the belief that Britain's atomic security precautions are not tight enough — that any facts given to London would soon find their way to Moscow.

Jaycee Group Urges Special Day of Prayer

Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce has joined with other Jaycee units in the United States and other civic and veteran groups in promoting an "Operation Pray," May 3.

On that day a united prayer for world peace will be offered. Salem Jaycees recently adopted a resolution calling for a day of national prayer asking for "divine guidance for President Eisenhower, the Cabinet, Congress and Judiciary in their efforts to lead the world to peace," Jaycee officers said.

Judge Douglas Hay, president of the Salem Jaycee chapter, urged all Salem churches and their congregations to offer prayers for world peace next Sunday. Joining in the movement on a national scale are the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions and Kiwanis clubs.

Body of Man Found in Creek

OREGON CITY (AP) — The body of a 75-year-old man missing since April 7 was found Sunday on Hackett Creek, nearly two miles from the mountain resort community of Brightwood.

Lynn Fuller, Portland, and Otto Long, Brightwood, discovered the body of Henry Steiner of Brightwood while inspecting Fuller's summer home property. Steiner apparently had fallen from a stump on which he had sat down to rest. His cane was lying against the stump.

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Suspects in Murder Held

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP) — Police held two men and sought a third Saturday for questioning, following the death of Mrs. Ethel Gladys Moore, 40.

The man sought is one reported to have been seen with her in a tavern Thursday, the day before she was strangled to death in a hotel room.

Held in jail are Ralph W. Plant and Louis R. Barlow. District Attorney John Pickett said Plant told him he had been living with the woman, and had returned from a poker game to find her fully clothed body on the bed. Barlow was a friend of the couple. He disclaims any knowledge of the slaying. Pickett said.

UN Repatriates Leave Communist Ambulances



PANMUNJOM — United Nations' returnees released by the Communists during the fourth exchange of POWs at Panmunjom, are shown about to enter receiving tent after unloading from Red ambulances. At right, center, is Rear Adm. John Daniel, chief UN liaison officer. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Java Volcano Erupts Lava

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The big killer volcano Merapi has been erupting lava streams daily since Thursday, it was reported Sunday night.

The head of the volcanologic service said the dangerous volcanic material is flowing over the very thinly populated northern slope of the mountain and has so far caused no deaths or injuries. There are no signs of panic among the nearly three million people living on Merapi's three other sides, he said.

Talbot Watches Bomber Test

SEATTLE (AP) — Secretary of Air Harold E. Talbot toured the Boeing Airplane Co. plant Sunday and watched a test flight of the giant, 8-jet B-52 bomber.

Talbot said after seeing the B-52 for the first time that he was "very thrilled with the plane and its performance."

Boeing plants here and at nearby Renton are being toolled up for production of the B-52, chosen by the Air Force as its intercontinental heavy jet bomber. Two of the big planes have been completed.

Talbot plans to spend the next three days inspecting aircraft plants in the Los Angeles area.

Chutes Found in B-29 Wreck Area

WESTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Coast Guard searchers Sunday found three parachutes and more bits of wreckage in the area where a B-29 was sunk in the Great Fecenic Bay after an air collision. The Superfort bomber collided with a jet fighter and both crashed in flames Friday. The bodies of the fighter pilot and of one bomber crewman have been recovered. Four other crewmen from the bomber still are missing.

Oregon Vote On Bills Noted

WASHINGTON (AP) — How Oregon members of Congress were recorded as voting on recent roll-calls:

Senate:
On Anderson (D-NM) motion to put aside "tidelands" legislation and take up a bill to provide for temporary economic controls, defeated 61 to 21: For—Morse; Against—Cordon.

House:
On Yates (D-III) motion to send independent officers appropriation bill back to committee with instructions to provide funds for starting 35,000 units of public housing in next fiscal year, defeated 245 to 157: Against—Angell, Coon, Ellsworth, Norblad.

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