

# Reds End Demand For 'Round Table' Korea Conference

PANMUNJOM — The Communists Wednesday indicated they had dropped their demands for a Korean round table peace conference but still would insist on non-belligerents — including Russia — sitting in to insure a "harmonious atmosphere."

The Reds put forth their position on the composition of the conference during a meeting of Allied and Communist diplomats seeking to lay the groundwork for the long delayed conference.

Meanwhile, the Indian Command announced that for the third straight day there would be no interviews Thursday to anti-Communist war prisoners by Red agents seeking to induce the POWs to return home.

In the diplomatic sessions, North Korean Delegate Ki Sok Bok reiterated his proposal that the peace conference be conducted "between the two sides on an equal footing."

He said that the Allied opposition to neutrals would "make it impossible for the political conference to accomplish smoothly its task in a harmonious atmosphere."

# Four Alaska Fliers Found

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Four Alaska fliers who have been missing in the territory's interior were found Tuesday unharmed.

First to be located was Jack Peck, vice president of operations for Alaska Airlines, and Thomas Campobasso, the airline's director of operations and maintenance.

They both were safe and their plane is near a cabin, Civil Aeronautics Administration officials said. They apparently had landed Sunday after encountering bad weather on a flight from McGrath to Unalakleet on the West Coast.

# Elks Varietv Show Dec. 17

The Salem Elk's Lodge will present "Elk Varieties of 1953," their annual charity benefit show, at Salem High School auditorium the evening of Dec. 17.

This year the lodge will present an all-professional cast in lieu of home talent. Previous charity shows have been held at the lodge three or four nights in succession, but a full schedule of activities at the lodge prevents this year, officials explain.

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# Secret White Reports Bared At Hearing

(Story also on Page One.) WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell Tuesday broke an eight-year seal of secrecy on FBI reports, sent to the White House during the Truman administration, which told of the wholesale theft of U.S. secrets by an alleged Soviet spy ring within the government.

Testifying with Brownell at a tense congressional hearing, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover disclosed that the FBI delivered seven separate warnings to the White House—not two as reported earlier—dealing with espionage and specifically mentioning Harry Dexter White.

This was in the period from Nov. 8, 1945 to July 24, 1946.

Brownell emphasized anew that he wasn't impugning Truman's loyalty, but he did not retreat an inch from his original statement that started the whole controversy boiling — that White "was known to be a Communist spy by the very people who appointed him to the most sensitive and important position he ever held in government service."

Questioned sharply by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.), Brownell said he could not see how "any reasonable person, with legal training, could reach a different" conclusion. He agreed with McClellan that in essence he was saying that White was "known by Harry Truman to be a Communist spy."

Brownell has said Hoover sent the "White House two reports on Sov" espionage, one a general document dealing with White and others in December, 1945, and a second relating to White along the following February 4.

After conferences with the Monetary Fund was approved by the Senate Feb. 6, 1946. Truman said Monday night he allowed the appointment to go through after conferences with Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who then was attorney general, and the late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, who was secretary of the treasury at the time. The "final responsibility," Truman said, was his.

The Senate subcommittee took note of published reports that White's move to the Monetary Fund was under an arrangement with the FBI so that White could be kept under better surveillance without tipping any persons involved in espionage.

To Clear Up Point  
It was largely to clear up this point, Chairman Jenner (R-Ind.), said that the subcommittee felt it necessary to call Hoover to the witness stand. And on that point, Hoover said:

"I did not enter into any agreement to shift White from the Treasury Department to the International Monetary Fund. This was not within my purview."

The FBI, he said, never objected to getting rid of government officials on whom it had evidence of subversive activities.

Asks Removal  
In fact, he said, he told Atty. Gen. Clark on Feb. 21, 1946, a fortnight after the Senate approved the White appointment, it would be "unwise" to let White remain in government. He said Clark told him "an effort would be made to remove Harry Dexter White, although the attorney general expressed doubt that this would work out."

He said Clark advised him White would be surrounded at the Monetary Fund with especially selected people who were not security risks and that Truman wanted surveillance continued.

Hoover said he told Clark surveillance would be kept up if that was the desire.

But it was harder for FBI agents to keep track of White after the suspected treasury official went to the Monetary Fund, Hoover said. This, he explained, was because the premises of the fund had "extra-territorial status" — not subject to U. S. government control — and agents had no right to follow White there.

# Mail Fraud Case Delayed By Pregnancy

PORTLAND — Because his wife is pregnant, a Eugene salesman won't have to go to Oklahoma to face a mail fraud charge right away.

William Lindsey, 34, told U. S. Commissioner Robert Leedy that his wife expects her fourth child next month, and he expressed a wish to be with her until after the event. Leedy continued the removal hearing until Jan. 15, provided that Lindsey posts \$2,500 bond.

Lindsey, who works for a food freezer firm, was indicted by a Muskogee, Okla., grand jury on a charge of promoting a fraudulent scheme in which Future Farmers of America chapters in that state were supposed to sell calendar advertising.

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# And Then There Were Three



KOOSKIA, Idaho—Three little kittens, who act just like moles, take turns coming out until they fill all the holes. The venturesome pussies, who had hidden under an old building near the home of Roscoe LeGresley in Kooskia, Idaho, responded one by one to the coaxing of the LeGresley children. Papa was on hand with a camera to record the three-stage coming out party. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

# Firemen, Wives Sign For Dancing Classes

Don't be surprised if you see some Salem firemen waltzing with their ladders in jig time or doing the rumba on the hose line. Eleven of the laddies at central station and their wives have signed up for dancing lessons at a local dance studio.

# Two Portland Men Charged With Extortion

PORTLAND — Two men, accused of attempting to extort \$1,150 from three cab drivers, were arrested here Tuesday.

Booked on charges of larceny and attempted larceny involving extortion, were Earl D. McKillop, 27, and Vernon Charles Dent, 33, both of Portland.

The three cab drivers, Raymond Leap, Bob Sellen and Norman Checkley, said the two men told them they had information the three were about to be arrested on vice charges. The two men offered to have the charges "fixed" for sums totaling \$1,150, the cab drivers said.

The cab drivers reported the matter to the district attorney, who arranged the arrests.

# McCarthy to Reply by Air To Truman

NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) Tuesday demanded radio and television time to answer former President Truman's reference to him Monday night.

The National Broadcasting Co. said it wired McCarthy an offer of time.

There was no immediate comment from either major radio and TV networks.

McCarthy referred to Truman's talk as an "attack upon me."

In defense of his conduct in the Harry Dexter White case, Truman said at one point in his speech Monday night:

"It is now evident that the present administration has fully embraced, for political advantage, McCarthyism. I am not referring to the senator from Wisconsin — he is only important in that his name has taken on a dictionary meaning of the word. That meaning is the corruption of truth, the abandonment of our historical devotion to fair play, it is the abandonment of the 'due process' of law." x x x

# Can Company Strike Voted

PORTLAND — The CIO Steelworkers Union here announced Tuesday that local members had voted authorization for a strike at the American Can Company plant in Portland.

Whether the strike is called is up to Jack Heathman, union president. About 500 employees would be affected.

The union has been negotiating with the company in New York for a wage increase and other gains. About 20,000 workers in 35 plants of the company are included in the negotiations.

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# Exceptions to New Zoning Code Sought

(Story also on page one.) Salem Planning and Zoning Commission now faces the first requests from property owners for exceptions to the new city zoning code which went into effect last week.

Three December variance hearings were scheduled by the commission Tuesday night at a City Hall meeting, and Chairman W. W. Rosebraugh predicted "we'll be besieged by a great number of variances for some time to come."

Variances, which the commission now has the power to allow after public hearing, mean permission given to property owners to violate some feature of their zone in special hardship or unusual cases.

Many of the requests now being made are on the basis that property owners had made their plans before the new code was enacted. Hearing was set Dec. 15 on William Roth's request for permission to build three cabins and a house addition on property he has owned for some time on 16th Street near the Paulus Bros. Cannery. Now it's in M-2 industrial zone which forbids new residential construction.

W. C. Germain, Coos Bay, wants to convert a two-story house to duplex use at 346 N. 13th St., now in an R-2 zone. Hearing was set for Dec. 15.

Remodeling of a neighborhood store building at northeast corner of Lincoln and South Commercial Street is asked by Frank D. Vinson. Although this is a residential zone, the store was operated as a grocery there many years. Hearing will be Dec. 8.

A. J. Becker was asked by the commission to submit more information on his request for permission to add a house to a oak property at Liberty and Court Streets.

# Paper Claims Rocket Plane Sets Record

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Times said Tuesday night the Douglas Skyrocket plane last Oct. 14 reached a new world speed mark of 1,772 miles an hour.

Scott Crossfield, 32-year-old pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, was at the controls of the swept-wing rocket plane when it exceeded the record of 1,238 miles an hour set Aug. 15, 1951, by Bill Bridgeman, Douglas test pilot, in the same plane, the Times said.

Miles said officers of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Moffett Field verified the new speed mark.

Crossfield's flight, which followed a drop from the belly of a Superfortress bomber, took him to an altitude of about 62,000 feet above Muroc Dry Lake. It was on the sixth anniversary of the first penetration of the sonic barrier by Maj. Charles Yeager at 967 miles an hour in the Bell X-1 rocket plane.

The World War II Navy fighter hit a top speed of "mach 1.96," or nearly twice the speed of sound, the paper said.

The Douglas plane also holds the world altitude record of 83,235 feet, set last Aug. 21 by Marine Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl.

Miles said Crossfield was dropped at about 33,000 feet altitude and presumably held the Skyrocket in a climb of about 25 or 30 degrees before turning downward at 62,000 feet for his speed dash through the stratosphere.

# Crosby Told To Answer Damage Suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Crooner Bing Crosby Tuesday was directed to file a legal answer within 10 days to a \$1,051,400 auto accident damage suit against him.

Superior Judge Ellsworth Meyer also refused to strike out a plea for \$325,000 punitive damages included in the claims by three persons injured in a collision between their car and Crosby's Oct. 11.

The plaintiffs, city fireman Frank Verdugo, his wife, Lucy, and her brother, Eulalio E. Perea, alleged that Crosby was under the influence of liquor and ran through a red traffic light.

Crosby in depositions has admitted having some drinks at a party during the evening and early morning hours before the accident but denied he was intoxicated and denied going through a stop sign.

The crooner's attorney said his denials will be incorporated in the formal answer to be filed.

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# Arthur Fiedler Gets 'Biggest' Ovation at Symphony Concert

By MAXINE BUREN  
Statesman Music Editor  
Arthur Fiedler conducted the Portland Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday night in what is to be the orchestra's only Salem appearance. He was given the biggest ovation we have ever heard following a performance here.

The guest conductor, director of the famous Boston Pops Orchestra, skillfully led the players in a program of symphonic music of the kind which affords a delightful evening's entertainment.

The first part of the program was played with a limited orchestra. It included the Handel Royal Firework Music, arranged by St. Hamilton Hart and Haydn's Symphony No. 88. Both are fine program pieces, and were done with excellence by the musicians.

The final half of the program was done with full orchestra. First came the pleasant and amusing modern suite The Incredible Flutist by Piston in which, surprisingly enough, members of the orchestra joined lustily in a vocal imitation of a noisy circus crowd.

Two stirring Slavonic Dances by Dvorak followed. The final number, Capriccio Italiani by Tchaikowsky was my personal favorite, and a fine finale to a delightful evening.

The Portland orchestra, which gained skill under the baton of Mr. Fiedler, unfortunately played to a comparatively small house. It was admittedly a busy week in Salem, but it is regrettable that Salem cannot produce an auditorium full of music-minded folk, willing to give up other things to hear the conducting of a man of Arthur Fiedler's musical stature.

Those who attended certainly showed by their applause, their appreciation.

# Moore Firm Opens Office

New business offices of Moore Business Forms, Inc., 1895 S. 16th St., were occupied Tuesday and the remainder of new facilities at the addition will be filled as soon as new machinery arrives.

Moved into as well as the new plant cafeteria with facilities for 80 diners. The new main office is 80 feet in length and 22 feet wide with supplemental space. The complete addition will add 19,000 square feet to the plant.

# Portland Gets Varied Weather

PORTLAND — Portlanders got their choice of weather Tuesday. There were brief periods of rain, sunshine, hail and a lightning storm. At night the thermometer began dropping toward the freezing level.

Two lightning bolts knocked out four transformers of a power firm, interrupting service for several score of homes. The firm said service was restored for most of them within an hour.

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