

U. S. to Let Russia Decide Form of A-Pool Parleys

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — U. S. officials said Sunday Russia can have its choice, within reason, as to how discussions of President Eisenhower's atomic pool plans may be conducted.

On the eve of preliminary talks on arrangements officials indicated their preference for negotiations that would be:

1. Exclusive; limited to the United States and Russia, or these two plus Britain.

2. Secret; not moved any time soon to the floodlighted and often controversy-ridden arena of the United Nations.

Secretary of State Dulles will begin preliminary talks here Monday with Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin in an effort to discover what arrangements the Soviet government wants and whether it is sincerely interested in more formal atomic negotiations.

Only Real A-Powers
Authorities here say the United States, Russia and Britain are the only real atomic powers in the world today.

The coolness in official quarters here toward holding early discussions in the atmosphere of the United Nations is explained by the argument that such negotiations have heretofore all ended in deadlock.

Though this is no fault of the organization, officials say, it may have created traditions, attitudes and fixed positions which would work against successful negotiations on the President's plan.

To eliminate obstacles
The real key to Dulles' approach to the talks with Zarubin, however, is that he wants to eliminate all obstacles to successful negotiation which might arise out of arrangements. He wants to give the Soviets no excuse for refusing to negotiate.

He is said to feel that the best approach, therefore, is to find out how they want to go about it and to do it their way if at all possible. Meanwhile, it appeared that both the atoms for peace negotiations and efforts to reach agreement with the Soviets on other issues, such as reunifying Germany, would be punctuated by the explosion of what may be history's first real H-bomb.

What effect this may have on the negotiations is speculative but it seems obvious that the successful explosion of a hydrogen bomb

such as might be dropped from an airplane to destroy a big city, would build up worldwide public demand, if not increase official urgency, for agreements toward averting an atomic war.

It's Animal Swim Suits



LOS ANGELES—The trend in swim suits for 1954 is toward animal skin effects and luscious Betty Koch models two of them in California's annual Spring Market Week in Los Angeles. At left she wears a fetching one piece suit which she calls "double dare," with plunging back and front. At right she models a two piece "zany zebra." (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Thief Takes Hitching Post

The horseless carriage replaced old Dobbin on the streets of Salem and now even his hitching post is under attack.

Mrs. John H. Johnson, 110 Hansen Ave., reported to city police Sunday that an antique hitching post, cast in the shape of a horse's head, was stolen from in front of her house on New Year's Eve.

Investigating officers said bolts anchoring the post had been removed. Probably some New Year's Eve prankster horsing around, they added.

Swedes Ask PWs Receive Civilian Status

PANMUNJOM — The Swedish delegate to the Korean Repatriation Commission proposed officially Monday that all war prisoners be released as civilians Jan. 23.

Maj. Gen. Jan Svenstrom's proposal parallels Allied demands and the Communist proposals that the POWs be held indefinitely until a still-unset Korean peace conference discusses their fate for 30 days.

Svenstrom urged that the problem be "discussed and decided as soon as possible."

The commission adjourned after 20 minutes to study his proposal.

Fresh Corn at Brownsville

LEBANON — Bill Ubers, who lives in the community of Brownsville south of here, ate fresh corn out of his garden this week.

Going out to clean up last year's corn stalks, he discovered newly matured ears growing up on them.

North Dakota Sheriff Picks Up Man in Salem

John Floyd Bergstrazer, Denhoff, N. D., held in the Marion County jail since Jan. 4, was released to Sheriff Lloyd V. Kreim of Sheridan County, N. D. Sunday.

Bergstrazer was picked up by Marion County deputies on a McCuskey, N. D., justice court warrant charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

QUIT IS NO GAMBLE

ROSELIE PARK, N. J. (AP)—Some Union County theaters, with giveaway programs resort to quiz sessions to get around New Jersey's anti-gambling laws. Raffles, considered games of chance, are illegal. Games involving skill are okay. Hence the quiz.

London Paper Says Molotov Suffers Attack

LONDON — The London Daily Sketch said Sunday Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has suffered a heart attack, according to "information received in London."

The newspaper did not further identify its source. There has been no mention of any Molotov illness in news service dispatches from Moscow or on the Moscow Radio. The Daily Sketch said that according to its informant Molotov collapsed in the Kremlin a week ago.

(The 63-year-old foreign minister was able to fulfill his official duties as late as last Wednesday, however. A Soviet government spokesman last Thursday said Molotov received U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen on the previous day and informed him of the Soviet government's willingness to begin preliminary discussions with the United States in Washington on President Eisenhower's international plan for developing atomic energy for peaceful purposes.)

The Daily Sketch speculated that Molotov would be unable to take part in the four-power meeting of foreign ministers in Berlin Jan. 25. It said it was expected his place would be taken by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

U.S. Pro-Reds Put on Show For Indians

PANMUNJOM — American pro-Communist prisoners put on a musical show Sunday night for 100 Indians of the custodial forces in Korea's demilitarized zone.

An Indian spokesman said: "Had any of the prisoners wished to be repatriated he had an excellent opportunity to do so."

He said the prisoners did a remarkable job of stage setting with implements at hand.

"They even used tin foil from cigarette tins to make spot lights for the stage," he said.

Communist slogans provided a backdrop for mass singing by Koreans and the 21 Americans remaining in the camp.

The spokesman said solos were sung by two of the former GIs but he did not know their names, although they were "colored men."

Mrs. Luce on Way to Italy

NEW YORK — U.S. Ambassador Clare Booth Luce cut short her vacation Sunday in order to be at her post in Rome as Italy chooses a new government.

"I am not rushing back," said Mrs. Luce as she boarded an airliner at Idlewild Airport, "but I am going back a few days ahead of schedule."

"When a government changes, such as this one, our government likes to know the facts as the ambassador sees them."

Giuseppe Pella resigned as premier of Italy last week and no successor has been chosen. Mrs. Luce declined to comment as to what effect this political situation might have in international affairs.

The ambassador had been in this country for two weeks of what was scheduled to have been a month's vacation. She was scheduled to arrive in Rome Monday.

Tot Swallows Nitro Pills

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—"Look, mommie, all gone." Two-year-old Jimmy Resch happily showed his mother an empty bottle of nitroglycerine pills.

Mrs. Marjorie Resch, with her three sons, Tom, 5, David, 12, and little Jimmy at a drive-in theater Saturday night, frantically told theater manager Stanley M. Livingston that Jimmy had filched the heart stimulant pills from her purse.

An ambulance rushed Jimmy to a hospital and a stomach pump. Immediately after the treatment, Jimmy observed:

"Mommie, I'm still hungry."

Rocket-to-Moon Stays on Earth

DENHAM, England — A rocket moon-ship got a test Sunday and went the wrong way.

Instead of going up — which is the general idea — it stizzled harmlessly and hit the ground. The stand on which it had been placed for the tryout had collapsed.

But the Ruislip and Northwood Scientific Society was not discouraged by the seeming failure of the five-foot craft and its 50 pounds of cordite. They plan to make a more powerful rocket for experiments leading to future flights into space.

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Grand Slam in World Champion Bridge Tourney

MONTE CARLO — Douglas Steen, 25, and atomic researcher Lew Mathe, 30, both Los Angeles, provided a sensation for the world bridge championship Sunday by calling for and scoring a grand slam.

Playing against Frenchmen Pierre Gastera and Rene Bach-erich, the Americans were 37 match points ahead at the end of the second day of team play.

Europe, Asia Feel Effects Of Storms

LONDON — Storms churned the Mediterranean and blizzards whipped the Baltic Sunday as rough winter weather battered much of Europe and parts of Asia.

A BOAC Comet jetliner with 35 aboard flew out of what another airline pilot termed good flying conditions and crashed into the storm-tossed Mediterranean off Elba Sunday morning. No survivors were reported.

In the north Baltic, two small Swedish ships with 17 men aboard were feared lost.

A Tokyo-bound Scandinavian DC6 airliner was slightly damaged by snow piled on Bromma Airport in Stockholm. No one was hurt.

Fog in Delhi

In far off New Delhi thick fog and chilling winds blowing out of the Himalayas blanketed the Indian capital and surrounding areas, forcing incoming planes to change their routes and keeping Sunday holiday crowds at home.

Germany, Italy and Sweden had their heaviest snow of the year. In Stockholm, an all-night snowstorm, the worst in living memory, turned that capital into a city of ice. Deserted city buses and cars lined the streets. Some people had no daylight at all.

80-Mile Gale

The snow completely covered thousands of windows and blocked hundreds of doors. With winds howling at 80 miles an hour, buses, trams and trains were stalled. Heavy damage was reported to Swedish woodlands.

Dozens of mountain villages in the Apennine Ridge were still snowbound as Italy counted a week's storm toll of six persons frozen to death. All of Italy shivered in the coldest day of the winter, with Turin reporting two below zero.

Ship Feared Lost

Winds whipping the Baltic sea-board reached hurricane force during the night and sent ships scurrying for shelter. The 900-ton Swedish freighter Nedjan was feared lost, with a crew of 15.

An air-sea rescue plane sighted wreckage — a smashed lifeboat and deck cargo — drifting in the churning breakers south of Eggere, a lighthouse leading to fears the Nedjan broke up on the rocks.

The lighthouse keeper said he saw an empty rowboat blown clear across the island by the wind.

Another small Swedish fishing vessel that braved the storm is missing with two men aboard.

Motorecyclist Dies in Wreck

PORTLAND — Rodney Dean Ludwig, 20, was killed Sunday when his motorcycle plunged off a Mt. Scott road.

Apparently there were no witnesses to the accident but a motorist saw the wreckage and notified authorities.

The motorcycle shot off a dead end road, hit the ground 15 feet farther on, broke off a tree, and then fell on the rider. Ludwig's neck was broken.

IGA Managers Meet Today

Approximately 50 IGA managers from the Willamette Valley are expected to gather in Salem this afternoon and tonight for a banquet and display of products, according to Edward Klippert, director of IGA store operations in the Willamette Grocery Co.

Discussion and display of nationally advertised products during the afternoon at the Marion Hotel will be followed by a banquet about 7 p.m., he said.

North Korean Asks U.N. Call Peace Parley

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANMUNJOM — North Korea's Red foreign minister, Nam Il, urged Sunday night at Pyongyang that the U. N. General Assembly meet at once and ease mounting tension in Korea by setting up a peace conference.

Shortly before in New Delhi, the Assembly's president, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit said she was not convening it "at the moment" but "developments are taking place" which might require it.

Tension in Korea centers on the disposition of 22,000 captured Chinese and North Korean soldiers who have not asked to be returned to Communism.

Insist on Release

The Allies insist they must be released at 12:01 a. m. Jan. 23 to go as civilians to South Korea and Formosa. The Reds oppose it, insisting the prisoners be held until a peace conference passes on their fate.

The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, in charge of the prisoners and caught squarely in the middle of the dispute, called a Panmunjom meeting for 10 a. m. Monday (5 p. m. Sunday PST). A spokesman for India, chairman of the commission, said only the meeting was "an important one."

Nam Il's public appeal over Pyongyang radio for the U. N. General Assembly session followed a similar but less urgently-worded suggestion Saturday by Chou En-Lai, foreign minister and right hand man of Red China's No. 1 Communist, Mao Tse-tung.

Chou called on the U. N. General Assembly to "shoulder its responsibility by seeking ways of solution" and said if it decides to meet then representatives of Red China and North Korea should "participate in its discussions."

He said nothing about holding an immediate Assembly meeting but did urge resumption "at once" of preliminary discussions at Panmunjom.

In New Delhi, Mrs. Pandit, said after Chou had spoken but before Nam Il made his appeal:

"I am not convening the General Assembly at the moment although the question is before my mind. . . I am conscious of the fact that developments are taking place which might make it necessary to reconvene the assembly."

She cannot call the Assembly back until at least 31 of the 60 members support her. At the U. N. headquarters in New York, a Western delegation source said few countries would support such a meeting if it were to involve lengthy debate on composition of a Korean peace conference.

Lodge Installs Dr. Brown

Dr. Bernard D. Brown, Salem optometrist, was installed as president of Willamette Valley Lodge, B'nai B'rith, men's fraternal organization, during a banquet at the Marion Hotel Sunday evening.

Other men installed were Albert Ross, vice president; Dr. Robert Golden, second vice president; Jack Franklin, treasurer; Sandy Cowan, secretary; Sam Muchnick, warden; and Jerry Williams, guardian.

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