Molotov Startles Big-3 With Plans For World Meet

By DANIEL DE LUCE

BERLIN (AP) — Russia startled the Western Big Three Thursday with a proposal for a world conference this year, including Red China, to deal with the East-West arms race and atomic weapons control.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov agreed to sidetrack temporarily his bid for a Big Five conference seating the Chinese Communists in the spring, then offered a resolution embodying the new proposal for a world parley on disarmament.

The resolution was presented while the three Western foreign ministers were again demanding that the Berlin conferees go on to the problems of Germany's unification and Austria's independence.

It would pledge all four "to take measures within the framework of the United Nations to convene in 1954 a world conference on general reduction of armaments with the participation of both the members of the United Nations and the non-member states."

Phrased as if already adopted, the resolution added:

"Full agreement (by the Big Four) has also been reached that the plan of measures for the general reduction of armaments would be linked up with a simultaneous solution of the problem of atomic weapons."

There was no debate on the resolution. Introducing it was almost Molotov's last act as chairman of Thursday's fourth session of the Berlin conference.

For four hours, he wrangled with Secretary of State Dulles, France's Georges Bidault and Britain's Anthony Eden over his pet project—Red China in a Big Five.

The Westerners steadfastly refused to go into a conference with Peiping on sweeping world problems.

In a speech loaded with sarcasm, Dulles called Molotov a diplomatic magician who wanted to by-pass and replace the United Nations with a Big Five conference including "a proclaimed aggressor," Red China.

By "pulling rabbits out of a hat" and "making the preposterous seem plausible," Dulles said, Molotov was attempting to revive all the hopes held nine years ago for the United Nations and pretend they could be achieved by a Big Five now.

Molotov complained that the American's words were sharp and said Dulles was badly informed by "Kuomintang scarecrows" (Nationalist China) in the U. N.

Doctor Blamed For Rabies Death of Boy

CHICAGO (AP) — A hysterical woman told a cornoer's jury Thursday she tried in vain to get anti-rabies treatment for her 2½-year-old son who had been bitten by a stray dog.

The jury decided that the child, Charles Brouwer Jr. had died of rabies. It recommended that a physician, Dr. Irwin L. Greenspon, of suburban Lansing be "reported to the proper authorities."

Mrs. Donna Brouwer, 21, testified in tears that she has suggested rabies several times to Dr. Greenspon after the child was bitten Dec. 8. She said she and a neighbor saw the dog bite the boy on the hand.

"You worry too much. He doesn't need them," she quoted Dr. Greenspon as saying.

Dr. Greenspon on the witness stand denied she had requested anti-rabies treatment repeatedly. He said also he had treated many dog bites and that he hesitated to give anti-rabies shots because of dangers involved. He said the shots could cause paralysis or death.

Treaty Plan Compromise Progressing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Knowland of California, Republican leader of the Senate, announced Thursday night "substantial progress" has been made on a bipartisan substitute for the controversial Bricker amendment to curb the President's treaty-making powers.

He told reporters that Democratic and Republican leaders would work into the night on the compromise and that its terms would be made public Friday "if we are successful."

Any bipartisan substitute offered to the Senate will have the blessing of the White House, Knowland said.

As Knowland worked behind the scenes with other Senate leaders, Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio), took the Senate floor to rip into President Eisenhower's arguments against his measure to give Congress and the states more control of international agreements.

He declared the President used "untrue" and "emotional" arguments against the plan, and that Eisenhower had been sold "a bad bill of goods" by his advisers.

Doctor Reports Pope As 'Much Improved'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius' physician found him "much improved" Thursday and said he appeared to have completely recovered from his recent nervous stomach disorder.

His personal physician said he found the 77 year old pontiff considerably rested and overcoming the fatigue of his recent heavy schedule.

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U. N. Claims 9 Of 21 'Talked' On Fellow PWs

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The U. N. Command charged Thursday night that nine of the 21 Americans who took up life in the Communist world had squealed on fellow prisoners during captivity.

In a generalized statement which omitted names, the command bared the records of the 21 shortly after they had joined a Briton and 325 South Koreans in quitting a pro-Red prison camp for the Communist version of life as "free men."

The statement said four of the nine alleged stool pigeons feared punishment, if they went back to the United States, for currying favor with Red guards by informing on fellow prisoners.

Five really had no sincere Communist beliefs but stayed with the Reds for such reasons as falling in love with Chinese women.

Twelve of the 21 showed pro-Red leanings immediately after being captured and one had defended communism in talks with other soldiers before his capture.

Five had been sent into Red China during captivity for special training.

Over half of them never got through high school and the only two who went to college were "easily swayed."

Freight Train Strikes Truck, Damage Minor

A Southern Pacific freight train collided with truck and trailer about 10:30 Thursday night at 12th and State streets, but damage was not extensive and no one was injured, city police said.

Dave C. Morgan, Cave Junction, driver of the truck, told police he was going north on 12th street when the northbound train struck the rear of the truck, scraped the side of the trailer and damaged the front fender of the cab.

Britain to Open Trade With Soviet Satellites

LONDON (AP) — Britain disclosed Friday she will open trade and financial talks soon with three Soviet satellites — Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

A Board of Trade spokesman said, however, Britain will not alter her embargo against the export of strategic or war potential goods to any Iron Curtain nation.

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Bodies of 3 Babies Found In Storeroom

LONDON (AP) — Discovery of three babies strangled with nylon stockings and stuffed into suitcases touched off a nation - wide search for their killer Thursday.

Police said they wanted to question thrice - married Mrs. Elsie Rodgers, 37, estranged missing wife of a street car motorman.

All three bodies, each in a separate suitcase, were found in a store room of a pet shop at Burton-On-Trent.

The girl clerk at the shop said a woman left the bags there several months ago "for safe-keeping."

The ages of the children ranged from a few weeks to nearly a year. The mummified state of one child indicated it had died more than two years ago. Another apparently had been dead about six months.

Delay Asked In Minimum Wage Boost

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Thursday asked Congress to wait until economic conditions improve before boosting minimum wages above 75 cents an hour.

He said an increase in the wage level now might bring about more unemployment.

Eisenhower's position, set forth in his economic message to Congress, came as a surprise since Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell told the CIO convention last November the administration was "working hard" to raise the minimum and extend its coverage to millions more workers.

Might Hurt Business

The President expressed concern that any higher minimum might drive low profit firms out of business and said:

"We should undertake adjustments of a minimum wage at a time when economic activity can take them in stride, thereby minimizing the risk of unemployment of the less productive workers whose welfare the minimum wage seeks to aid.

'Failure to Perform'

Labor union leaders had regarded Mitchell's CIO speech as a virtual promise of a higher minimum.

Sen. Murray (D—Mont) commented that Eisenhower's decision to retain the present minimum wage for the time being was "another example of his failure to perform on a promise."

Soviet Official Missing After Botching Deal

TOKYO (AP) — An official of the Russian mission to Japan was missing Friday under strange circumstances spurring speculation ranging from suicide to reports he was in U. S. protective custody.

Kyodo News Agency quoted police as theorizing that the Russian, Yuri Rastovorov, fell into disfavor after botching a deal for getting military information from an American airman.

The Russian mission told Japanese police Thursday that Rastovorov, its second secretary, vanished Sunday while suffering from a "nervous breakdown." The mission asked police to search for him.

U. S. Embassy and military officials said they knew nothing about the disappearance. One said the missing Russian had not asked the Embassy for asylum.

Newbry Gets Little Hope In Multnomah

PORTLAND (AP) — Secretary of State Earl Newbry opened his campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination here Thursday night, but right away got disagreeable news.

Earl Riley, former Portland mayor, advised Newbry and his campaign workers at a dinner that Newbry's greatest opposition will come from Portland and Multnomah County, which has about a third of the Oregon vote.

Riley advised the Newbry workers to drum up support in the rest of the state to try to overcome Multnomah County opposition.

Newbry made no comment on this in a brief talk. His opponent in the May primary is Gov. Paul Patterson.

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Audience Cool To Stern Isaac Stern

By MAXINE BUREN
Statesman Music Editor

Isaac Stern, violinist, played on Thursday night to a small and rather unresponsive audience at Salem High School. It was not until the last that his listeners warmed to the violinist, and he was then called back for a number of encores.

A violinist with great proficiency of technique, Stern chose a difficult program and then performed the numbers with impressive technique and style. Opening with a composition by Rameau-Ysaye he followed with Chaconne by Bach, which is played unaccompanied and gives opportunity for much technical skill. This he accomplished with assured virtuosity.

His next number was Sonata in D minor Op. 108 No. 3 by Brahms, another showpiece and then Prokofieff's very modern Sonata in F minor, Op. 80.

His final group, Albumblatt, Wagner-Wilhelmj and La Campanella by Paganini attracted the listeners who warmed to the player's music also during his playing of the Waltz Sentimental by Tchaikowsky, Hora Staccato, Dinicu-Heifetz and Four Roumanian Dances by Bartok, the encores.

Alexander Zakin is the excellent accompanist.

Coffee Probe Still On by Senate Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee decided Thursday to go ahead with its own investigation of soaring coffee prices.

This will be in addition to the probe which President Eisenhower announced Wednesday is being undertaken by the Federal Trade Commission.

Sen. Beall (R-Md), who proposed the Senate inquiry, said:

"It is hard to believe that crop damage, even though extensive, in only one country, ... could so radically affect the coffee market."

"The increased daily trading, the immediate effect on retail prices, indicates that there have been some extraordinary profits made."

Coffee industry spokesmen, who blame the price increases on short supplies caused by frost damage in Brazil, plus increasing demand, said they would welcome an inquiry.

The U.S. Agriculture Department blamed the price squeeze on outmoded producing techniques and predicted a continuing shortage for the next several years.

In a letter to Chairman Aiken (R-Vt) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Undersecretary True D. Morse said that coffee growers are still using the same methods they used 50 years ago.

Beall commented:

"Retail price levels have risen abruptly and the industry predicts that they will continue to increase for as much as two years.

"I do not know what caused this situation, but I think it would be a worthy endeavor for this committee to try to find out."

All Persons Safely Out of White Pass

YAKIMA (AP) — All persons were safely out of slide-plagued White Pass Thursday and a rotary snowplow and a bulldozer punched their way to nine abandoned cars trapped by snowslides. The pass was opened to traffic in the afternoon.

State Patrolman Jack Parker brought six persons from the marooned cars to Yakima.

One of the six was State Patrolman Herb C. Harriman of Packwood, on the west side of the pass. He had to abandon his car Wednesday.

"The last thing I saw of it," he said, "was the aerial sticking up out of the snow."

Harriman had spent most of Wednesday trying to help motorists in the area.

The other five brought out by Parker were Jack Frost and James McCafferty of Yakima and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Blankenship and their daughter, of Packwood.

Red Files Ordered Destroyed By White House, Jenner Says

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jenner (R-Ind) said Thursday night that in 1944 "the White House" ordered the Navy to destroy the files of a Navy counter intelligence unit in New York which has amassed much information about Communist activity.

The files, Jenner said, "had the basic information on Communists in the maritime units, Communists on the waterfront, and Communists in the convoys that went to Russia itself."

In 1944 Franklin D Roosevelt was President and Russia was an ally of the United States in the war against the Axis powers.

Jenner, chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, told of the incident in a talk at a testimonial dinner for Robert Morris, former counsel for the subcommittee and now a New York City municipal judge.

Morris was a World War II naval intelligence officer.

The senator quoted Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations during the war, as telling Adm. Chester Nimitz, then commander of the Pacific fleet, that "the White House" gave the orders to destroy the files.

(Adm. Nimitz, reached by phone at his Berkeley, Calif, home, said "I have no recollection of the incident at all.")

Jenner made plain that his Communist hunting subcommittee intended to investigate the matter.

Jenner said that in May, 1944, Morris was a lieutenant in the counter intelligence section of naval intelligence in the New York district, and one of his undercover agents had succeeded in penetrating the Communist organization.

One night, he related, Morris got a telephone call from a New York Times reporter saying that Victor Kravchenko, an official of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, had fled his Soviet masters and wanted to talk to Morris.

Morris and Kravchenko, who later wrote the book "I Chose Freedom," had a talk, Jenner said, and shortly thereafter Morris' superior asked Washington for authority "to get the many more details Kravchenko could supply."

But word came back from Washington, Jenner said, to "let Kravchenko alone."

Jenner continued:

"Why? Who was there in Washington who didn't want American naval intelligence to be told the truth about Soviet anti-American activities, Soviet plans and Soviet intentions?"

The senator said that after this, word came to New York that plans were underway to have naval intelligence break up its Communist counter intelligence unit, "including this secret apparatus which the New York group had set up."

Morris went to Washington to protest, but, Jenner said, "someone scattered the members of the New York unit of naval intelligence to the four corners of the earth—within a few days after Bob Morris made his plea."

"And they did something worse," Jenner continued. "They ordered the destruction of the files gathered by that unit."

Court Acquits Marine in Shotgun Death

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A general court martial Thursday acquitted Marine Pfc. L. C. Kemp, 23, of murder in the shotgun killing here Dec. 2 of Irving V. LeFever, 27, civilian gardner.

Kemp admitted that he shot the gardener, after a dispute at the San Diego Marine Corps recruit depot over respect to the national colors.

He testified: "I didn't intend to kill Le Fever, but I did intend to hit him."

The eight officers of the court martial returned the verdict after deliberating 1½ hours.

Kemp, whose home is in San Angelo, Tex., was guarding brig prisoners with the shotgun, when he took Le Fever, a Navy veteran of World War II, to task for failure to come to attention at morning raising of the national colors.

He said Le Fever advanced on him in a threatening manner after declaring: "I'm no —— —— Marine. I'm a civilian."

The gardener, hit in the shoulder at no more than 27 feet by the full buckshot charge, fell dying, his last words: "What do you think you're doing. Don't you know I have a wife and two kids."

Snow Storm Hits Michigan

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A snow storm that left Michigan buried under one of the heaviest falls of the winter moved into the Eastern states Thursday.

Parts of Michigan were still digging out from the snow storm that left a blanket up to 10 inches deep. Five deaths were attributed to over exertion from snow shoveling.

The temperature dropped to —26 degrees in Cadillac, Mich., but a quick warmup ran the mercury up to 17 degrees above during the afternoon. For the first time in more than two weeks, no United States city reported an afternoon temperature below zero. International Falls, Minn., reported an even zero, however.

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