

West Sets Price For Negotiations In Indochina War

By ARTHUR GAVSHON
BERLIN (AP)—High officials reported Sunday night the Western Allies have set a price for negotiating an Indochinese peace with Red China: The Peiping regime must co-operate first in a Korean settlement or else stop arming the revolutionary armies of Ho Chi Minh. And the West wants action—not promises.

The American, British and French foreign ministers are expected to make this plain to Russia's Vyacheslav M. Molotov Monday in the course of the first cabinet session of the Big Four conference.

Other Goals

U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault were also reported determined to:

1. Fix a deadline for their main discussions on a German settlement—unless Russia is prepared to modify her demands.
2. Rebuff a Molotov effort to win immediate international recognition for the quick-shooting government of Mao Tse-Tung. The Russian statesman sought such recognition by proposing that Red China be brought into a Big Five parley to consider global problems.

Disarmament Policy

3. Confine all international attempts to bring about world disarmament to the United Nations. Molotov himself came up with an idea nearly two weeks ago for world disarmament conference under U. N. auspices to include Red China and other non-members.

The ministers, with three aides and an interpreter each, kicked off the third week of their conference in the conference room of the Allied Control Administration building in the American sector here.

For the past week they had been meeting in the Hall of Mirrors of the Soviet Embassy in the Communist sector.

Western informants also said Sunday night Eden is prepared to urge that Prime Minister Churchill drop any idea of seeking a face-to-face meeting with Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Human Torch Starts Miami 3-Alarm Fire

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A human torch set off a three-alarm fire at the Red Top Cab and Baggage Co., in downtown Miami Sunday, causing damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

Daniel Molina, about 35, ran screaming from the building "looking like he had been hit by a flame thrower", and was taken to a hospital with second and third degree burns. His condition was critical.

Dozens of taxicabs were waiting around the building ready to change shifts when the fire broke out. Cabs were being filled with gasoline.

"Molina was standing in a pool of gasoline and was filling a cab," one driver said. "Then a spark from a cigarette or somewhere ignited the gasoline and a sheet of flame shot up where Molina was standing."

Other drivers heard Molina's screams and saw him running through the rear of the building.

"They were yelling at him to stop, to roll on the ground—but he wouldn't listen," said Rudy Bjork, a driver. "They finally knocked him to the floor and rolled him in coats and sweaters."

Dispatcher George Becker said damage to 40 automobiles, alone might reach \$120,000 and "there were several new Cadillacs and about a thousand tires on the second floor" of the two-story building.

2 ESCAPEES CAUGHT
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Two more of the nine desperate convicts who escaped from Atmore Prison were captured Sunday while the three still at large were believed cornered in woods near Perdido, Ala.

Fair weather is forecast for mid-valley today and tonight but the Weather Bureau at McNary Field expects a partly cloudy sky condition Tuesday morning with increased cloudiness during the day.

Temperature today is expected to range near 50 with a low tonight near 28, forecasters said.

TO SEEK MINISTERS
NEW YORK (AP)—A training program to encourage more young people to enter the ministry, and backed by \$100,000 annually of Rockefeller money, was announced Sunday by the American Assn of Theological Schools.

Siegmund to Join Race for County Post

A fourth Republican candidate for Marion County Commissioner was in the race Sunday with the announcement of J. Laurance Siegmund, deputy county assessor since 1947.

Siegmund, a former businessman and restaurateur in Stayton and once that city's mayor, has been a resident of Salem since 1946. He was born on a farm near Stayton and has been a resident of Marion County all his life.

In his statement of candidacy, Siegmund emphasized that "since I have been a farmer for a number of years, as well as a businessman, I feel that I will be able to understand the many and varied problems and serve the people of Marion County in an efficient manner."

Other candidates for the post, now held by E. L. Rogers, are Salem Alderman Thomas Armstrong and E. A. Kurtz. Rogers is expected to seek re-election.

Council to Get Plan to Reduce One-Way Grid

A return to two-way traffic for certain "fringe" streets of Salem's one-way grid system will be proposed at the city council meeting tonight, City Manager J. L. Franzen said.

Being considered for return to two-way traffic are High and Cottage Streets between Marion and Union Streets; and Court and Ferry Streets between Commercial and Front Streets, he said.

The one-way system on these streets was originally intended to lead traffic safely into and out of the grid but traffic officials believe it may be hampering the smooth flow of traffic, the city manager explained.

Other council business will be a resolution to prohibit parking on the east side of 15th Street between B and D Streets, Franzen said. This action has been requested by the Traffic Safety Council.

Portland Raid Nets 18 Minors

PORTLAND (AP)—State Liquor Commission inspectors and military police arrested 18 persons, all under 21, in a raid on a public dance hall parking lot Saturday night.

Five of those arrested were juveniles. Three others were sailors.

Lt. Gordon McReary of the Liquor Commission said there had been a number of complaints recently about minors drinking in cars in the parking lot.

Clouds Due to Arrive Tuesday

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THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	25	.00
Portland	47	23	.00
Baker	50	28	.00
Medford	50	27	.00
North Bend	46	41	.00
Roseburg	54	21	.00
San Francisco	60	38	.00
Chicago	39	22	.00
New York	38	27	.00
Williams River	38	27	.00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Fair except for scattered high cloudiness today and tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday. High today 50-52 and low tonight 25-30. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 30.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
29.43 22.89 25.31

6 Survive Plane Crash in Alaska; 2 Die, 8 Missing

CURRY, Alaska (AP)—A veteran Alaska bush pilot who waded 15 miles through deep snow to wreckage of an Air Force C47 said Sunday night the plane apparently blew up in the air, killing at least two men. Eight others of the 16 aboard are missing and six survived.

The bush flier, Cliff Hudson, told the Associated Press in a long distance telephone interview from this little interior Alaska waypoint it was unlikely any of the missing men would be found alive.

The twin-engine C47 crashed Friday 75 miles northeast of here on a 275 mile flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

Hudson, who located the scattered wreckage late Friday, said several of the rescued men told him of suddenly being flung into the air as the plane disintegrated. "They said they were playing cards and riding along smoothly one minute and the next thing they were floating down to earth," Hudson reported.

The Air Force would make no official comment on Hudson's conviction that the plane exploded. "All the guys I saw were pretty banged up from being scraped along the rocks when they hit the ground and were pulled along by their chutes," Hudson said, "but none of them seemed to be hurt too badly."

"I saw two bodies wrapped in parachutes where the plane went down—it was spread over three-quarters of a mile—and they'll never find any more of them alive."

Hudson tramped through deep snowdrifts to get from this little Susitna River town 75 miles northeast of Anchorage to the crash scene. He told his story when he arrived back here.

Hudson said the two known dead were apparently knocked unconscious by the explosion and could not pull the ripcord on their chutes. He said those he talked to related that all the men aboard the plane were wearing parachutes.

He said the six who have been found or sighted were wearing heavy winter clothing and that fact probably saved their lives in the 26-degree above temperature.

Rescuers found three of the six survivors 15 miles from the downed plane. Two others were near the wreckage and another was sighted by a helicopter as it was en route to Curry. All have been flown out.

Men Identified
The Air Force identified the six men as:

- Airman 3. C. Rupert C. Pratt, home town unavailable; Airman 1. C. Edward J. Fox, hometown unavailable; Airman 2. C. Huey T. Montgomery, Eldridge, Ala.; Airman 2. C. Edward W. Olson, Elkader, Iowa; Airman 1. C. Bobby G. Sallis, West Helena, Ark.; and Airman 2. C. Eli R. LaDuke, Au Sable Forks, N. Y.

Sallis and LaDuke were both taken to an Air Force hospital at Elmendorf Air Force Base, where attendants said they were suffering from exposure and were unable to give a coherent account of the crash.

The other four men were also en route to Elmendorf. All six were passengers aboard the two-engine plane.

Hudson said the rescued men with whom he talked seemed to be in good spirits despite their experience. He quoted one of the men as saying:

"Boy, I'm going to Sunday school every Sunday from now on."

PAUL ALTHOUSE DIES
NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Althouse, American Tenor who co-starred with Caruso in a 30-year career at the Metropolitan Opera, died Saturday. He was 64.

PORTLAND FIRE FATAL
PORTLAND (AP)—Dominic LeFevre, 50, died in a fire which swept through his second floor apartment in northwest Portland early Sunday.

A young Salem housewife and a Salem insurance man may head the Democratic ticket in Marion County at the May primary election it was indicated Sunday.

Democratic party activities in the county pointed to Guy W. Jones Jr., operator of a Hollywood insurance agency, and Mrs. Alfred (Sheila) Laue, as among possible candidates for the Oregon legislature.

Jones is newly elected president of the Marion County Democratic Club and Mrs. Laue is its secretary. Both indicated they were considering running, but had not decided definitely one way or the other.

Other candidates in the county may be decided at a club executive board meeting Tuesday, Jones said Sunday. "We probably will not have a full slate of candidates but hope to have a list of strong candidates," Jones said.

So far only Democrat to announce has been P. W. Hale, Hollywood jeweler, who is a candidate for city alderman in Salem.

Others are expected to announce prior to a Feb. 12 public meeting here at which State Richard L. Neuberger and his wife, Rep. Maurine Neuberger, Portland, will speak.

Neuberger told The Statesman Sunday he was still undecided whether to run against incumbent U. S. Sen. Guy Gordon. He said he would probably make up his mind within the next two weeks.

Deadline for filing for the primary May 21 is March 12. (Candidates' story also on pg. 3.)

Preview of Spring Finds Boating Enthusiasts Active



Sunny Sunday heightened outdoor activities in the mid-valley area with throngs rushing to the beaches, mountains and streams in usual summertime fashion. Enthusiasts of Salem Boat Club were out in numbers Sunday giving their new boat ramp and the Willemette River its first 1954 test. Several scores in some 15 to 20 boats converged on the landing underneath the Marion Street Bridge by mid-afternoon. (Statesman Photo.)

Pope Rallies, But Anxiety Continues

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Ailing Pope Pius XII rallied Sunday. The 77-year-old spiritual leader of more than 400 million Roman Catholics still is feeble and anxiety continues over his condition because of his age and the toll taken of his strength by two weeks of serious illness.

In the most heartening communique since the pontiff was stricken Jan. 25 by a stubborn stomach ailment, his personal physician and faithful friend, Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, announced Sunday:

"The Pope last night slept rather well. Signs of improvement are noted in the condition of the stomach, which is quieter and less disturbed. However, in his general condition there continues to be considerable weakness."

Resting Easily
It was the second consecutive night in which rest had come easier to the Pope as he lay on his wooden bed in the Apostolic Palace with grave-faced medical experts in constant attendance.

During the evening the Vatican announced the Pope had spent a "tranquil day" Sunday.

As always, no matter how ill, the pontiff took time for affairs of the church Sunday morning. Msgr. Domenico Tardini, pro-secretary of state for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, was at the papal bedside for some minutes to report and receive instructions.

Liquid Food
But the doctors sternly insist the Pope conserve his meager strength. A little liquid food is able to pass the Pope's lips now but for many days he was unable to take food. That—coupled with a long siege of hiccups, now passed—left him greatly enfeebled.

It is this general weakness which is the great source of worry to his physicians. If the Pope remains able to take liquid, physicians hope to be able to give him another set of X-rays which will pinpoint the stubborn ailment, believed glandular in origin.

Hughes Offers to Buy All RKO Studio Stock
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Howard Hughes, who holds the controlling interest in RKO Radio Pictures Corp., said Sunday he has offered to buy out the rest of the stockholders for \$2 1/2 million dollars.

The industrialist-plane builder-pictures producer said this sum represents \$6 a share for all stock except his—a price twice that presently quoted on the New York Exchange.

'Traffic' Accident Breaks Tot's Arm

The crash of a speeding tricycle Sunday evening resulted in a fractured left arm for a 3-year-old Salem boy, authorities at Salem General Hospital reported.

Donald Leslie Jones, 1081 Parkway Dr., was thrown to the ground when his tricycle, being pushed by an older brother, overturned. He was treated and released, hospital officials said.

GRAB AT BIRD FATAL

NEW YORK (AP)—A 55-year-old nurse fell to her death Sunday from a third floor window. Police said she apparently lost her balance trying to catch a parakeet escaping from its cage. She was Miss Mary Blue, of Forest Hills.

Daily Speller

Following are 20 words from a list of 1000 which will form the basis for semi-final and final oral competition in The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest for 1954, in which 83 schools are participating.

allowance pardon
combination argue
employer venture
cylinder complaint
advertising evaporate
barometer answer
elsewhere occupation
ignorance familiar
objection contrast
instruction worried

Beaten Woman's Home Holds Over \$500,000

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—More than half a million dollars was found Sunday in the home of an 86-year-old woman who was beaten brutally last Wednesday.

The woman, Mrs. Carrie Wherritt, dressed in rags and lived alone.

Police counted \$291,800 in cash and estimated there was at least that much more in securities in a safe in her bedroom.

Mrs. Wherritt, still in serious condition in receiving hospital, offered no explanation of the large sum of money.

The cash was in \$500, \$100, \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills.

Police found Mrs. Wherritt sprawled on her bedroom floor after a neighbor reported she had not seen the aged woman for several days. The safe lay beside her.

Detectives theorized that the woman was beaten for refusing to tell robbers the combination of the safe.

The neighbor, Mrs. Evangeline de Martini, 54, told police that Mrs. Wherritt often left her house at night—always traveling through alleys instead of streets—and would return about midnight.

Mrs. Wherritt's home is a two-story red brick flat in the path of one of Detroit's new expressways. All but one other house around hers had been razed to clear a path for the highway.

Police said Mrs. Wherritt's living room was a museum piece of antiques, and the basement was loaded with old newspapers, tin cans, light bulbs, metal coat hangers and other objects.

Temperature Near 90 in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The temperature rose to 88 here Sunday, sending thousands to the beaches.

Lifeguards said Santa Monica had the greatest winter crowd in their memory. Traffic was bumper to bumper along the ocean front.

At Los Angeles International Airport the mercury reached 90, a record there. In downtown Los Angeles the highest February recording was 92 in 1921, but Sunday's 88 was a record for Feb. 7.

PHILIPPINE QUADS BORN

MANILA (AP)—Quadruplets were born Sunday to Maximina R. Canlas 28, wife of a fisherman, in the San Fernando Provincial Hospital in Pampanga. All are boys.

Author's Murder With Woman Duplicates Scenes of Savage Novels of Roaring '20s

By WATSON SIMS
NEW YORK (AP)—Writer Maxwell Bodenheim and a woman believed to have been his wife were found slain Sunday in a setting as savage as his novels of Greenwich Village in the 1920s.

Bodenheim, 63, had a spectacular and controversial career in the 1920s and 30s as a writer of poetry and harsh novels. In recent years he had faded into an obscurity of alcoholism and poverty.

5 Injured in 3-Car Wreck Near Idanha

STAYTON (AP)—Five persons were treated at the Saniam Memorial Hospital here Sunday afternoon for injuries sustained in a three-car smashup about four miles east of Idanha on Highway 22, state police reported.

Most seriously injured was Byron Jackson of Sweet Home, who received a fractured left shoulder, hospital authorities said. He was a passenger in a car operated by George A. Sieg, also of Sweet Home.

Sieg and three other passengers, including a 1-year-old boy, were treated for minor cuts and bruises. All five were released Sunday night.

Investigating officers said a westbound car operated by Robert L. Arnold of Beaverton, went out of control on an icy spot and slid into a car driven by William N. Backe, 4355 Monroe Ave., Salem. The impact caused the Backe vehicle to veer into the Sieg car, police said.

Sieg's car was almost totally wrecked, police said, and the other two cars were extensively damaged.

Train Kills Bridegroom

PENDLETON (AP)—Roscoe E. Broyles, 39, of Echo, Ore., a bridegroom of three days, died when struck by a train near Stanfield Sunday.

J. A. Folsom, Umatilla County coroner, said the Union Pacific freight train crew reported that Broyles was killed outright when he lay down on tracks in front of the oncoming train.

Folsom said investigation of the case was not yet complete.

Copters Thwart Long Passes for British Sailors

BANGOR, Wales (AP)—Four helicopters ferried 200 crewmen to the British aircraft carrier Perseus Sunday—and ended their hopes of a long shore leave.

The crewmen came ashore Saturday night but rough seas stopped the small boats scheduled to take them back to the carrier this morning.

So the carrier's four helicopters dropped into a car park and quickly flew the crewmen back aboard.

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On the chest of the dead novelist, police said, was a copy of Rachel Carson's best seller, "The Sea Around Us."

No weapons were found. Police ruled out robbery as a motive for the double slaying in the poorly furnished room. No other motive was indicated immediately.

Papers on the woman's body bore the name Ruth Fensgan, 35. Other tenants said she was the writer's typist and that the couple was believed to have been married some time ago.

Bodenheim had been a shabby figure on the streets of Greenwich Village and the Bowery in recent years.

But as a young man he had been a prominent figure in the literature of the Bohemian village and the lusty Chicago of the 1920s.

Watchman at Mine Held in Death of Boy

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—An 80-year-old mine watchman who told officers he fired a .22-caliber rifle in the air "to scare off some boys" was held Sunday without charge in the death of Howard McCoy, 13.

Sheriff Art Everson quoted the watchman, Frank Graves, as saying he did not aim at the Denver youth.

McCoy and three other boys, members of Denver Boy Scout Troop 29, were on a Sunday outing in a left Hand Canyon, 21 miles northwest of here. Scoutmaster G. D. Taylor, who was with seven other Scouts three miles away, said McCoy and the other youths wanted to inspect the old Slide Mine.

Two of the Scouts with McCoy told Sheriff Everson they also felt bullets.

Larry Taylor, son of the Scoutmaster, said a bullet passed through a canteen carried on his belt. Charles Swartz, 13, reported a bullet ripped through his sweater.

Neither boy was injured. Everson said a dog belonging to one of the boys also was killed by a bullet.

The McCoy youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy, apparently died of a bullet which struck him in the back of the head, Everson said.

Graves, the watchman, has been employed at the Slide Mine for about 12 years, Everson said. He lives in a cabin near the mine entrance.

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Are you gonna take that? What are you, a mouse or a man?"