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State of Union Talk Urges Both Parties To Avoid Paralysis

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower held out the hand of cooperation to the new, Democratic-controlled Congress Thursday along with a massive legislative program keyed to warding off "the catastrophe of nuclear holocaust."

In a message to the lawmakers on the state of the Union, a message that bid strongly for political harmony and goodwill, Eisenhower saw a heartening hope for world peace, and progress toward the ultimate "rule of freedom and justice."

Congressmen received his message with somewhat mixed feelings Thursday. They applauded his call for teamwork, but many members reserved judgment on specific proposals, such as the plan for reducing the total manpower of the armed forces.

The President appeared personally before a joint session of the Senate and House to present a massive legislative program. He warned that the peace of today is insecure in the face of "military machines and ambitions of Soviet - Communist bloc" that create sobering problems and world uneasiness.

Democrats and Republicans broke in with applause for a promise that "America's response to aggression will be swift and decisive." Russian Ambassador Georgi N. Zaroubin sat stone-faced and motionless.

Among a number of the Congress members who heard the President deliver his message in person in the House chamber there was something less than exuberant enthusiasm for a military program that will cut down manpower and place increased dependence on airpower and new weapons of "rapid and destructive striking power."

But for the presidential offer of cooperation, from himself and every government agency, in meeting the problems of perilous times there was a loud demonstration of approval.

Parties 'On Trial' With the shift of congressional control to the Democrats, Eisenhower said, both parties now are "on trial." He called on them to avoid paralysis and "indecision approaching futility." He urged:

"Let the general good be our yardstick on every great issue of our time."

A heavy burst of applause ran through the chamber. The President asked the Congress to enact all the major measures denied him in the 83rd — such items as power to cut tariffs, changes in the Taft - Hartley labor law, steps to let 18 - year - olds vote, statehood for Hawaii but not Alaska, government insurance for private health plans, more public housing, higher postal rates.

Edge Takes Off Previous White House announcements had taken the edge off many of the new proposals; such as for a vast new highway program, a modified plan for universal military service, resistance to tax cuts, a minimum wage boost from 75 to 90 cents, an hour which would raise the pay of 1,300,000 workers, minimum wage coverage for more persons, extension of the draft and defense production and war powers acts, pay hikes throughout the government.

Then there were suggestions unveiled for the first time in this 7,800-word message. Eisenhower tied into his health program a recommendation for financial help with medical expenses for people on relief. He urged legislation to help the states combat juvenile delinquency. He sought funds for a new office under his direct jurisdiction to coordinate public works activities of federal, state and local governments.

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Baby Drouth Ends at Dallas DALLAS, Ore. — This area's 1955 baby drouth ended Thursday when a girl and a boy—the firstborn of the new year—arrived to claim a big assortment of prizes offered by Dallas merchants.

Pink booties and most of the prizes go to Rosemary Louise Wuehrich, 1011 Birch St., Dallas, who was born at 2:30 a.m. at Bartlett Hospital. She weighed six pounds, nine ounces. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wuehrich, recently moved here from Wisconsin.

Several prizes earmarked for the first boy born here in 1955 will go to a son born Thursday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Larimore, Valsec.

The Polk Co. Itemizer-Observer sponsored the contest.

Bankruptcies Set Record in Oregon PORTLAND — The number of bankruptcies mounted to a record 1,815 in Oregon last year. Federal district court records showed the previous high was 1,595 in the year 1929. The total for 1953 was 1,285.

Death Claims Andrew Lee, Civic Leader

Andrew A. Lee, 89, resident of Salem for 65 years and former president of First Federal Savings and Loan which he helped found in 1912, died in a Salem hospital Thursday after an eight-week illness.

Lee, a native of Loda, Ill. (June 15, 1864), was on the Willamette University Board for many years, his death now leaving a vacancy on that directorate. He was also on the Salem Library Board since its inception until Jan. 1 of this year, and was long active in the First Methodist Church.

The deceased's interest in schools dated from his 10-year tenure as a member of the Salem School Board shortly after the turn of the century, when membership still was on a partisan basis. He ran as an independent; served on the board which erected the old Salem High School and the Garfield, Richmond, Englewood and Highland Schools; and was drafted as a write-in candidate for a second term.

He was recently honored at ceremonies attendant on the raising of the old high school and the dedication of the new South Salem High School. Affiliations included long-time membership in the IOOF Lodge and Rotary Club.

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Jet Bomber Airborne for Over 47 Hours

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Secretary of Air Force Harold E. Talbot disclosed Thursday night that a B-47 bomber had flown 21,000 miles and stayed in the air 47 hours and 35 minutes. In doing so, the bomber set new distance and endurance records for jet aircraft.

Noting that the flight covered the equivalent of four-fifths of the distance around the world, Talbot said it is "mute testimony to the ability of the Air Force to fly its aircraft to any point on the earth's surface."

The secretary referred to the record flight in a speech at the University of Buffalo.

Details supplied by the Air Force in Washington revealed that the flight was made last month by a six-jet B-47 which flew a repeated flight pattern between North Africa and England before landing finally at Fairford Royal Air Force Station near London.

(The B-47 is a Boeing airplane Co. plane, designed in Seattle and manufactured in Wichita, Kan.)

The flight was one of a series of missions by the Air Force to explore combat range potential of the bomber, which is now the backbone of the U. S. air striking force.

The bomber was refueled in the air an undisclosed number of times.

Its average speed was said to be about 445 miles per hour, including slowdowns for refueling.

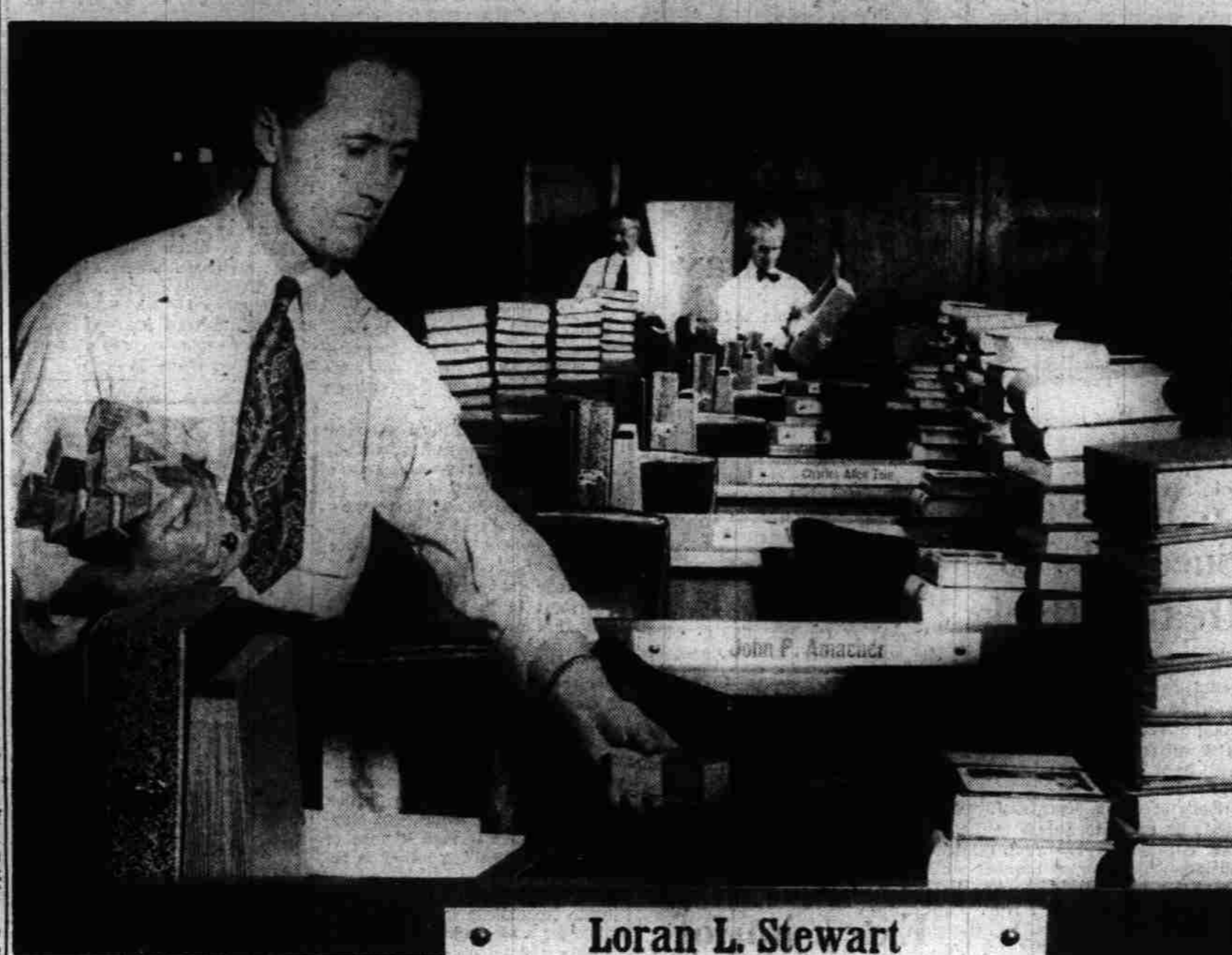
The previous endurance record achieved by a B-47 was 24 hours and one minute in a flight last summer.

SERVICE CUT DENIED PORTLAND — The Southern Pacific Railroad denied Thursday a report that it is considering taking off its overnight passenger trains between Portland and Ashland in March.

In the Interest Of Spelling! More than 3000 7th- and 8th-grade students of Marion, Polk, Linn and Yamhill Counties are competing in the 5th annual Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest. Following are among words being studied:

- identity
- quotation
- guardian
- revenue
- bracelet
- cabinet
- medicine
- luxury
- awkward
- colonial
- consolidated
- typewriter
- ornament
- atmosphere
- nuisance
- cigar
- nervous
- biscuit
- ambitious
- concrete
- diameter
- rhythm
- dedicate
- merit
- discovery

Everything from Paper Clips to Law Books Ready at Capitol



Loran L. Stewart

Making ready for the 1955 Oregon Legislature, state employees are filling the legislators' desks with everything from paper clips to law books and are otherwise getting the House and Senate chambers in order. Such was the scene in the House chamber, above, as Nicholas F. March (foreground), Louis A. Schultz (left background), Carvel Thomas (right) and other workers checked in supplies Thursday. (Statesman Photo)

Stocks Decline Again

NEW YORK — Heavy selling dashed prices down Thursday in the stock market for the second straight session.

A fairly strong rally near the close, however, cut back extreme losses and sent many key issues into higher ground.

As measured by the Associated Press average of 60 stocks, the total value of all securities listed on the New York stock exchange declined an estimated \$1,600,000,000. The fall Wednesday, by contrast, was around \$3,400,000,000 in quoted value.

Individual issues showed losses of 1 to around 5 points in numerous cases. Gains went to between 1 and 2 points.

U. S. Move Wednesday's break was touched off after the Federal Reserve Board in Washington raised margin requirements to 60 per cent from 50 per cent in a move that Wall Street interpreted as a psychological warning against letting the current bull market get out of bounds. Stocks have been advancing strongly for nearly 16 months.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks dropped back \$1.60 at \$150.80. Wednesday it was down \$3.40. The retreat now has brought the average down to the level of last mid-December.

The industrial component of the average fell \$2.70, railroads were off \$1.70, and utilities eased down 10 cents.

195 Issues Up There were 1,281 individual issues traded, nine less than Wednesday's record high. Gains were made by 195 issues while 921 fell. There were 11 new highs and 6 new lows for the year scored.

Volume hit 5,300,000 shares, highest since the outbreak of World War II on Sept. 5, 1939, when the total was 5,932,000 shares. Wednesday's volume at 4,640,000 was the highest since the start of the Korean War in June of 1950.

Intense Selling Selling became so intense in the afternoon that the ticker dropped 13 minutes behind in reporting transactions on the floor.

Brokers' offices were jammed and their phones seldom silent. Announcement that a Senate committee planned to study the long rise in the market brought a flood of new queries to dealers.

Men Pledge World's Fair Survey Fund Marion County became the first county to pledge its share of \$30,000 needed by the Oregon Centennial Commission to make a world's fair survey. Thirty-one businessmen pledged \$1000 at a Thursday morning breakfast at the Marion Hotel.

Edwin Armstrong, the governor's administrative assistant, and Charles Bollinger, secretary of the commission, said the Stanford University research agency will make the survey to determine if a world's fair in Oregon is feasible.

Portland will attempt to raise two-thirds of the \$30,000, asking the rest of the state for the remaining sum, Bollinger said.

The meeting of businessmen was requested by William H. Hammond and Bernard Malnwarding, local representatives of Governor Patterson's committee to study the project.

Toe Woe Due To Lazy Dog FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Because his dog left the door open, Phillip Gleason, 35, was hospitalized here Thursday with severely frozen toes.

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Bank Robbery Suspect Held, Witness Asks to Be Kept in Jail SEATTLE — Less than 24 hours after the \$67,000 robbery of a suburban Tacoma bank, a magazine sales crew supervisor was arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy in the holdup. A taxicab driver, held as a witness, asked to be kept in jail for his own safety.

The FBI reported "a small part" of the loot was recovered and a search for other persons continued.

Officials didn't explain how the quick arrest occurred, but the Post-Intelligencer said indications were the taxicab driver had given a crucial tip and was frightened that he might be harmed by persons still at large.

The charge of conspiracy to commit the robbery of the Parkland branch of the National Bank of Washington was filed against John William Murphy, 35, supervisor of a door-to-door magazine sales crew.

Brought before U. S. Commissioner John A. Burns, Murphy said he had no attorney and his arraignment was continued until 1:30 p. m. Monday. Bond was set temporarily at \$25,000.

The man held as a material witness was Virgil K. Gunnarson, 25, Tacoma. After Murphy was taken from the courtroom, Gunnarson was told he was entitled to be released on his personal recognizance.

"I do not want to be released," he replied. "I am in fear of my safety and would rather stay right in jail until this whole thing is cleared up."

Bail for Gunnarson then was set at \$1,000.

Richard D. Auerbach, FBI agent in charge, said "There is no question that Murphy was not the only person involved in the robbery."

Asked whether Murphy was alleged to be the principal figure in the robbery, Auerbach replied: "We don't believe he was."

He added that in view of "the active continuing investigation" he couldn't disclose how much money was recovered, where it was found or details of the arrests.

The Tacoma bank was robbed during the noon hour Wednesday by a lone, armed man who ordered a bank employee to fill a paper bag with money. Then the robber made a getaway afoot after calling "Happy New Year" to 40 employees and customers who had been held at pistol point.

Plane Crashes Claim Lives Of 12 Persons

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Plane crashes round the world in the last two days have taken at least a dozen lives. All but one of the planes were American military craft. Three of the accidents were collisions in the air of jets.

Eight persons, including five Indian children, were reported killed in the worst of the wrecks, the only non-military one. A Saskatchewan Government Airway's plane crashed at Buffalo Narrows, 200 miles northwest of Prince Albert in an attempted landing and all aboard were killed.

At Braman, Okla., a crippled B-47 six-engine jet bomber whirled crazily, crashed and exploded in a wheat field. The three crewmen were killed.

Two planes collided in a blinding flash of light over Tokyo Bay. Boats searched the bay for possible survivors. The U. S. Far East Air Force said a Sabre jet fighter and a jet trainer were missing.

Two men survived another jet collision over the Gulf of Mexico. One of the stratojets limped home to Lake Charles, La. The other plunged into the Gulf.

Ironically, an observer in the surviving plane fired his ejection seat and parachuted down about a minute after the impact. He is missing along with the three crewmen of the other craft.

The third jet collision was at 20,000 feet 15 miles southeast of Big Spring, Tex. Two pilot-instructors and their students were able to parachute to safety.

Lee Ohmart to Head Committee in Senate

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE City Editor, The Statesman Lee Ohmart, Salem realtor who steps up to the Oregon Senate this year after two terms in the House from Marion County, will head the Senate committee which probably will tussle with highly controversial electric power and truck-railroad rates legislation.

State Sen. Elmo Smith, already assured of the Senate presidency in the legislative session now only three days away, announced Thursday that Sen. Ohmart would be appointed chairman of the Senate committee on commerce and utilities.

Smith said he considered the Senate fortunate in having Ohmart among its freshmen members.

"His legislative experience, stability and cool judgment make him an ideal man to head that committee," Smith said of Ohmart's appointment.

Ohmart also will serve on the Senate taxation committee, added Smith.

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Salem Precipitation Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 1953 1954 1955

THE WEATHER Salem Max. Min. Precip. 49 28 trace Baker 30 14 trace North Bend 46 21 50 Roseburg 41 31 00 San Francisco 58 40 00 Los Angeles 36 46 50 Chicago 37 28 00 New York 48 32 17 Willamette River 8.5 feet FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight; high today near 44, low tonight near 26. Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 29.

Mercury Dip On Forecast Weather will remain on the cold side in the Salem area today, with little likelihood of rain, according to weathermen at McNary field. The mercury dropped to 28 early Thursday morning and this morning's minimum is expected to be near 26.

That's why I thought it was a joke at first," added Scroggin. "Imagine a far-off spot like that inviting a bunch of mayors to come and visit."

Lee Ohmart, Lebanon Mayor Ralph Scroggin Thursday when a story datelined Beirut, Lebanon was read to him over the telephone.

The Associated Press story related that mayors of 25 U. S. towns named Lebanon will be invited to visit the republic of Lebanon during its "special tourism year" of 1955. Invitations reportedly were mailed inviting the mayors to come as Lebanon's guests for two weeks, March 1-15.

Finally convinced the story wasn't a joke, the mayor of Linn County's Lebanon said: "Golly, I just don't know. It sounds awfully alluring, but I wonder whether I'd be free to make the trip."

Asked if he knew the location of the republic of Lebanon, Mayor Scroggin said he knew it was in the vicinity of Syria because he recalled Bible passages relating the nearness of the cedars of Lebanon.

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'Routine' Blast Severs Lines, Blocks Road

EUGENE — A road crew working to eliminate a dangerous curve on Highway 36 just west of Swisshome, touched off what it expected would be a routine dynamite blast Wednesday.

But the explosion was so terrific that it covered one-quarter mile of the highway with rocks and earth, ripped out telephone and power lines and badly damaged the Swisshome Co-op lumber mill. Traffic was detoured around the blocked section about 40 miles west of here.

Bert Thompson, mill manager, said boulders and debris destroyed a large transformer which supplied both the plant and the town of Swisshome. Also damaged were the mill's boiler room and steam and feeder lines from a powerhouse. Thompson, who made no damage estimate, said it will be two weeks before repairs are completed.

Workers continued Thursday trying to clear the blocked section. They were not sure how long it would take.

Some crewmen said they believed the force of the blast was underestimated because it was in a strata of soft rock which did not show up in pre-explosion tests.

Suit Contests Allocation of TV Channel PORTLAND — Allocation of Portland television channel 12 to Oregon Television was attacked Thursday in legal action by Columbia Empire Telecasters, owned by the Oregon Journal and KPOJ.

Columbia Empire said its attorneys were petitioning the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington to hold up the Communications Commission construction permit to Oregon Television, pending a hearing before the court.

The commissioner earlier had refused Columbia Empire's request for a rehearing.

Oregon Television, owned by Jack Meier and others, had set March for start of programs by its station, KLOR, which would be this city's third on the air. Construction has started.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

President Eisenhower really gave a report to Congress on the "state of the union" as required under the constitution. He reviewed conditions both domestic and international, giving his views as to our nation's policy: First, to maintain freedom and justice at home and work for them abroad; Second, to keep our economy healthy, providing employment and better opportunities; Third, to be concerned with human problems.

His recommendations were directed toward making this policy effective. This calls for military strength which postpones a balancing of the national budget. It requires a continuance of heavy taxes. The President renewed his recommendation of a health reinsurance program which failed to make progress at the last session; and again endorsed statehood for Hawaii. Repeated also were his recommendations for revision of the Taft-Hartley law and lowering the voting age; also an extension of a federal housing program of 35,000 units for each of the next two years. Reserved for future messages were his proposals for highway construction and for affirmative action to provide school housing.

The tone of the President's message was what one might call conciliatory. Though in the campaign he warned against a "cold war" if control of Congress passed to Democrats he gave no hint of such.

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Hammarskjold, Chou Confer For 3 1/2 Hours

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Dag Hammarskjold and Chou En-Lai talked for 3 1/2 hours in Peiping Thursday about 11 American fliers jailed as spies and other U. N. personnel held by the Communists. The U. N. said they will meet for a second round at 3 p. m. Peiping time Friday.

The U. N. secretary general and the premier — foreign minister of Red China went into their first formal conversation flanked by high, British - trained legal advisors. U. N. circles here speculated that the legal aspects of the issue revolving around the imprisoned fliers were paramount in this initial meeting.

Hammarskjold flew to Peiping in a dramatic effort to obtain the release of the American fliers and the repatriation of other U. N. personnel held by the Communists from the Korean War.

In U. N. Assembly debates on the issue, the United States and its allies declared the fliers were military personnel, not spies, and should be treated as prisoners of war.

The Communist bloc replied that these men were shot down in China on an espionage mission and their convictions were in accord with Chinese law.

Hammarskjold also wants the repatriation of hundreds of prisoners of war who have not been accounted for and who are believed to be held in Communist camps or jails.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH



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