

Nehru Urges U. S. Deal With Russia For Mideast Pact

By CHARLES LANE
NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 12 (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru said tonight the United States should "take the bull by the horns and deal with Russia" on a Middle East settlement.

India's Top Envoy Menon To Miss Meet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru's most trusted adviser on foreign affairs is missing from the delegation named by Nehru to assist him in his talks beginning here Sunday with President Eisenhower.

The reason for the omission of India's foremost diplomat—talk, gray, V. K. Krishna Menon, with the sharp tongue and the burning eyes—is obvious to diplomatic experts here. His inclusion, as an official member of Nehru's delegation would almost have doomed the Nehru-Eisenhower talks to failure before they began.

Probably no other world figure, even including Russia's V. M. Molotov, arouses such criticism and bitterness in the upper levels of the United States government as Menon.

Officials in the State Department do not trust the Indian diplomat. They consider him much too friendly with the Communists and think that on a number of occasions he has followed a pro-Communist line in the United Nations.

Syria Urged To Allow Oil Line Repairs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The United States is reported urging the Syrian government to allow speedy repair of the big oil pipeline from Iraq which has been sabotaged in four key places in Syria.

American diplomats are understood to believe that by flying emergency supplies into Syria a 20 to 40 per cent flow of Iraq oil to the Mediterranean could be restored within two months.

This partial flow, when added to emergency oil shipments from the United States, would go a long way, it is believed, in helping Western Europe overcome the critical oil shortage now facing it.

About 500,000 barrels of crude oil daily flow from the Iraq oil fields of Kirkuk across Syria to the Port of Beyrout on the Mediterranean before Middle East fighting erupted six weeks ago.

To back up Egypt, four pumping stations, pushing oil along the 200 mile line, were blasted by Syrians. Three of these are understood to have been completely wrecked and the fourth 75 per cent destroyed, shutting off the entire oil flow.

Boy Who Killed Father Awarded Life Insurance

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—A federal court jury today decided that James Harvey Bissell, who beat his father to death with a baseball bat, was entitled to the father's \$10,000 life insurance.

The government had asked the court to determine whether Bissell, now 19, or the other claimant—Mrs. Lillian Bissell, Nampa, Idaho, the slain man's mother—was entitled to the money.

Mrs. Bissell contended that she should have it, basing her claim on the belief that the youth had "femininely" killed her son, Eldon Lawrence Bissell, in the course of a quarrel at Burns, Ore., three years ago.

Attorneys for young Bissell recalled that his client had been acquitted on a charge of manslaughter in the slaying on the ground that he was temporarily insane at the time.

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Flood Threat Abates Over West Oregon

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
(Story also on page 1.)

Debris-laden main rivers in Western Oregon, fed by rain-swollen tributaries, approached their crests Wednesday night, but the immediate threat of additional flooding appeared dim despite a forecast of showers through Thursday.

Streams which went out of their banks in the wake of Monday's deluge and melting snow left damaged roads, bridges, farm-lands and a few damaged houses over a wide area.

The main stem of the Willamette continued to rise in its lower reaches. The crest was expected to move past Corvallis and Albany Wednesday night, and past Salem early Thursday, in Portland, the river's crest was expected Friday.

The South Umpqua River crested south of Roseburg Tuesday night, as did the McKenzie River. The McKenzie began a moderate rapid fall after going more than three feet over flood stage at Colburg. The Rogue River, however, crested five feet short of flood stage at Grants Pass.

The Eastside flood from Corvallis to Albany was to be closed until 7 a.m. Thursday. Water from the Willamette was expected to cover the road part of that time.

The flooding brought accompanying perils. At Oakridge, the drinking water supply was believed possibly contaminated, and boiling was recommended.

Southern Pacific trains returned to normal schedule in the afternoon. A trestle washout five miles south of Oakridge held up service temporarily.

The Pope & Talbot Lumber mill in Lane County closed yesterday, idling about 450 men. A trestle on the railway that hauls out the company's lumber was weakened by swollen Salmon Creek and a 100-foot section of the bank approaching the trestle was washed out.

Reports indicated the mill may be closed for three weeks. Oakridge schools, closed Tuesday, reopened Wednesday.

Salem Real Estate Sold For \$100,000

A \$100,000 real estate transaction for investment purposes was completed Wednesday on three parcels of land on Ferry, Cottage and Winter Streets near the downtown business district.

Purchasers were Francis W. Smith and Bernice E. Smith of Credit Bureau, Inc. of Salem, who bought all the properties from Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. George Rossman. Negotiating the transaction was Grabenhorst Bros. real estate firm of Salem.

Smith said he had no other present plans for the properties except for investment. Included is a building at 700 and 714 Ferry St. occupied by Johnson's Market and the State Employment Service; 240 S. Cottage St., occupied by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. service shops; and 265 and 267 S. Winter St., occupied by a duplex and a telephone company parking lot. No change in the tenants is contemplated, Smith said.

The union likewise refused to submit its wage and other contract demands to arbitration. No immediate strike was threatened. Vernon W. Satterwhite, assistant to the union's president, William P. Kennedy, said that no strike vote has been taken.

The union and 140 railroads have been in negotiation on a new contract with representatives of the National Railway Mediation Board serving as mediators.

'Melodies in Flowers' Rose Festival Theme

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—"Melodies in Flowers" will be the theme of the 1957 Rose Festival parade, scheduled for next June 15.

The Rose Festival Parade Committee announced the theme today.

Eisenhower tomorrow afternoon will end 7 1/2 weeks of vacation combined with work at the Augusta National Golf Club and fly back to Washington. He will leave here aboard his private plane, Columbine III, about 3:30 p.m. EST.

Man Charged

A man who gave his address as Crabtree was charged Wednesday night with check forgery, Salem police said. The man, Donald Frederick Schultz, admitted that a \$20.00 check he had tried to cash at Terrible Cafe was worthless and that he had cashed three others in Salem during the day, police said.

Assamby Backs Mollet

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—The French National Assembly supported Premier Guy Mollet's plea for European solidarity today and voted 294-226 to return the rich Saarland to Germany. The act removes a major continental sore spot.

Caged Crickets for Sale



LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 12—A Long Beach pet store is selling crickets in convenient bamboo cages to Christmas trade. Just the thing, according to store owner Ann Slingston, to brighten the Christmas hearth of man who has everything. (AP Wirephoto)

Letters to Santa Claus Show Children's Heartfelt Wishes

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—The real or fancied needs of childhood are delightfully simple—hopelessly complex.

By way of illustrating this, the New York General Post Office today made public some of the 6,300 letters to Santa Claus it has received thus far this year.

Each year the post office tries to match the plaintive demands of children to the contributions received from well-wishers. Names of the boys and girls are not made public, however.

For an insight into a child's solution to perplexities of an adult world, consider Andrew's request: "My mother hollers at me for drinking all the milk. Please send me a real cow."

And for a refreshing touch of boyishness, there is Dorothy who wrote: "I know you are busy with good girls and boys. But will you please come to me house too, even if I have been bad."

Finally, there is the terrifying poignancy behind this letter from 10-year-old Anthony and his little sister, Louise: "We live with my grandmas because my daddy is away in prison and my mother is not with us for two years. We have nothing so please help us. Maybe we could send daddy something too, because he wrote to me he is very sick. We miss daddy, so please come to our house."

Rail Union Rejects Offer

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which claims to represent 135,000 operating railroad workers, today rejected wage proposals offered by the nation's principal railroads.

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Theater Time Table

ELLSNORE
"EVERYTHING BUT THE TRUTH" 10:20
"IVE LIVED BEFORE" 8:30
CAPITOL
"DAVEY CROCKETT & RIVER PIKES" 7:30, 11:30
"BOOM TOWN" 9:30
HOLLYWOOD
"JULIE" 7:30, 10:30
"DR. AT SEA" 9:00

The Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Rain
Astoria	42	44	37
Baker	32	44	37
Medford	53	45	54
North Bend	36	32	129
Portland	54	43	37
Salem	57	48	38
Chicago	28	19	11
Denver	45	29	trace
Fort Worth	77	53	59
Los Angeles	67	48	00
Miami	80	68	00
New York	40	30	00
San Francisco	61	49	00
Seattle	56	43	14
Spokane	47	33	00
Washington, D. C.	53	44	13

Today's forecast (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Rain and windy today, becoming partly cloudy tonight and Friday; southerly winds, 20-30 miles per hour at times today, diminishing tonight. High temperature today 58, low tonight 40, and high Friday 50. Willamette River: 15 1/2 feet. Temp. 12:31 a.m. today 34.

NATO Chiefs Work to Hike Pact's Power

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—North Atlantic Alliance leaders agreed tentatively today to strengthen the treaty organization with wider political and economic powers.

But Secretary of State Dulles served notice that the United States reserves full freedom of action in defense of its vital interests without consulting its NATO allies in advance.

A spokesman for the conference of NATO foreign ministers said they endorsed the outlines of recommendations by Halvard Lange of Norway, Gaetano Martino of Italy and Lester B. Pearson of Canada, members of a committee who have been studying political and economic possibilities for NATO.

But, the spokesman said, action on their recommendations was delayed by French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and West Germany's Heinrich von Brentano, who said they wanted to submit amendments.

A high NATO source said Dulles told the 14 other foreign ministers of NATO member countries it would be unfair to the 30 other nations with which the United States has mutual defense pacts if Washington could not act in other parts of the world without consulting NATO.

The report by Lange, Martino and Pearson—called NATO's "Three Wise Men"—recommended that "before any new policy is adopted which might affect NATO or a political announcement is made, there should be consultations."

Dulles, the source said, told the closed ministerial meeting he approved of this principle and hoped it would be adopted. But, it taken literally, Dulles continued, this and another sentence stating "there cannot be unity in defense and disunity in foreign policy" both go too far.

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The family also has another daughter, Shirley Ann, 12, and a son, John, 14.

Nursing Homes Group Asks Increase in Welfare Rates

EUGENE, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Oregon Licensed Nursing Homes, Inc., holding its general assembly here, today told the state Welfare Commission to increase rates for welfare patients or to take them elsewhere.

A spokesman said the organization represents 120 nursing homes throughout the state. Sixty-seven per cent of all nursing home patients are welfare cases, he reported.

He said the average daily rate paid by the state is \$4.09 per day and that the average cost of supplying nursing care is \$5.00 a day.

The organization notified the commission that on Feb. 1 these rates would be charged: Convalescent hospital care, \$9.25 per day; rates for other care would be \$7.75, \$7, \$6, \$5.25 per day, depending upon accommodations provided.

Rates now are paid on a monthly basis, \$150 for convalescent care and \$150, \$135, \$115, and \$100 for the four classes of accommodations.

The state Welfare Commission recently granted an increase of 10 cents a day for care. This was after the nursing homes had petitioned for a \$45 monthly increase.

Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, retiring welfare administrator, said the matter of increasing the rates for welfare nursing home patients would be submitted to the Department of Finance, and was up for legislative consideration.

"There is nothing the Welfare Commission can do right at the moment," she said, "but the subject will be given careful study."

Steel Union Chases Chief From Meeting

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 12 (AP)—Angry members of Local 1408 of the United Steelworkers tonight chased their president, John J. Donahoe, out of the union hall at a meeting called to nominate candidates for international union officers.

The uproar, which resulted in two police squad cars speeding to the scene, came after Donahoe reportedly refused to accept a nomination for Don Harick, who is seeking endorsement for president.

Harick wants to oppose president David J. McDonald at elections in February.

After Donahoe reportedly said that the meeting already had endorsed McDonald, a group of steelworkers surged toward the rostrum and demanded the right to vote. In the scuffling that followed, Donahoe was knocked down twice and lost his glasses.

He started running from the hall, the crowd in pursuit.

Donahoe fled down the street and apparently was not injured. Police said no arrests were made.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported that Donahoe called its officers later and said the local had endorsed McDonald by "acclamation" to seek re-election to the \$50,000-a-year post.

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Tumble at Home Injures Woman

Mrs. Nettie E. Bariges, 72, of 1725 N. 6thurch St., was taken to Salem General Hospital shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday after a fall at home. Hospital attendants said she had an arm fracture but her condition was "all right." Willamette ambulance attendants said they were told Mrs. Bariges tripped over a stool.

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