

# Ike Ready for Summit Talks on Peace, He Tells Bulganin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—President Eisenhower told Soviet Premier Nikoli Bulganin in a personal message today that "I am ready" to attend an East-West summit conference on condition that it is carefully prepared and shows "good hope" of promoting world peace.

At the same time Eisenhower proposed to the Soviet Premier a sweeping series of agreements at this "decisive moment in history" to renounce outer space warfare, abandon use of the veto in the United Nations over peaceful settlement of disputes, and call off nuclear weapons tests "indefinitely" under a program to stop making nuclear weapons.

But the President rejected by clear implication Bulganin's recent call for a summit conference by early April. And he brushed aside as unnecessary or inadequate half a dozen recent Soviet proposals including an East-West nonaggression pact, an agreement not to use force in the Middle East, and creation of a zone free of nuclear weapons in West Germany and Central Europe.

The President set forth his views and proposals in a 4,000-word message which Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office in Moscow late today.

The letter replied specifically to a Bulganin letter of Dec. 10. It clearly covered also another long note the President received from Bulganin last week, although that may get a further specific reply later.

The leaders of Britain, France and other NATO nations, who also received December and January messages from Bulganin are expected to reply within a few days, taking the same line as Eisenhower.

The tone of the President's letter was cordial but tough in spots. In appealing for political freedom in Eastern Europe, he reminded Bulganin of the Hungarian revolt 14 months ago and he said bluntly that Soviet communism is responsible for the cold war. He also demanded that Russia live up to its Geneva summit conference agreement to reunify Germany through free elections.

To diplomats it appeared that, in spite of the obvious deadlock on how a summit conference should be arranged and the Eisenhower-Bulganin stalemate on great basic issues, the President's letter advanced the prospects for a summit meeting, possibly sometime later this year.

In discussing his appeal to eliminate the capacity for space war even before it is fully developed, Eisenhower recalled that 10 years ago the United States offered a plan to renounce making atomic weapons. If Russia had accepted it, he said, the world would not today be under the nuclear menace.

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## Arctic Cold Grabs East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
An arctic cold wave occupied the eastern states Sunday. Saranac Lake in the New York Adirondacks was one of the nation's coldest spots with a low reading of -25.



Night-time readings in the 30s prevailed over northern Florida while the teens were the rule in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

Skies Kept Clear  
A high pressure weather system centered over Lake Ontario kept skies clear and winds from the north.

Thunderstorms broke out over parts of Texas and rain spread northward into Missouri and Nebraska.

A vigorous weather disturbance near the British Columbia coast sent a flow of Pacific moisture inland over much of the far West.

A rainy pattern prevailed over much of Washington and Oregon and into parts of northern California.

Moisture Expected  
Fair weather is expected to give way to moisture Monday throughout most of the East. Rain was forecast for the Carolinas, rain or snow in the Middle Atlantic states and snow extending into New England.

Gusty north winds swept across Texas, kicking up large dust clouds in some areas.

It was the Bulganin letter, renewing his appeal for summit talks, that got the play in the European press over the Eisenhower message. In December, on the eve of the NATO conference in Paris, Bulganin addressed communications in similar tone to heads of the conferring states, with an effect almost upsetting to the plans of the United States.

Dulles was thinking of these moves on the checkerboard of propaganda.

The response of President Eisenhower to the first Bulganin letter, and in part to his later communication, made public Sunday, may well be regarded as a counter attack in the war of propaganda.

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—Ex-Gov. Elmo Smith said today he does not expect to run for Republican nomination for governor this year.

The Albany newspaper publisher said, however, a number of persons had urged him to run.

"I cannot foresee circumstances under which I would become a candidate. I appreciate the thinking of many friends that I should run. However, my business and personal interests are such that I do not expect to become a candidate," he said.

State Treasurer Sig Unander is the only Republican who has announced a decision to seek the nomination for governor. Two others who are considering it are Secretary of State Mark Hatfield and State Sen. Howard Belton of Canby.

At least three have announced intention to run on the Democratic side. They are Gov. Robert D. Holmes, ex-state senator Lew Wallace, and Wiley W. Smith, Multnomah County assessor.



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## Succumbs



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Moon, his kid brother Kay, and his pals, Mammie and Lord and Lady Plushbottom have been favorites of newspaper readers for 34 years. The strip is now carried in 250 newspapers in the United States and Canada and has appeared in several foreign countries.

Maurice T. Reilly, executive vice president of the Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate, said the comic strip would be continued by Ferd Johnson, who has been Willard's associate for the past 30 years.

Willard, who had suffered two heart attacks since 1954, was stricken Jan. 7 at his Beverly Hills home. His wife, Marie, was with him constantly in the hospital and was at his side when he died.

Willard also leaves two children by a previous marriage, Mrs. Priscilla Alden Austin of Tampa, Fla., and Frank H. Willard Jr. of Atlanta.

It was in 1924 that the slapstick world of Moon Mullins came into being, the joint creation of Willard and Capt. Joseph M. Patterson, publisher of the New York Daily News. Willard, who had been a cartoonist since he was 17, was hired by Patterson for the express purpose of starting a new comic strip.

Born in Illinois  
Willard, who was born in Anna, Ill., was regarded by fellow cartoonists as a genuinely funny man himself, and many of his closest friends found a great similarity between Moon and his creator.

He had made his home in Beverly Hills since 1950. Before that he lived in New Canaan, Conn., and in Florida.

## Holdup Man Slays Officer

DENVER, Jan. 12 (AP)—An off-duty policeman was shot and killed tonight as he attempted to stop a fleeing holdup man.

## Gavin Declines Bid for Senate

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 12 (AP)—Gen. James M. Gavin has declined to run for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania.

His decision was made known by State Sen. George M. Wade who had proposed that the general become a candidate following his open criticism of Defense Department policies and subsequent resignation.

Would Be Honored  
In a letter received by Wade yesterday, Gavin said he would be "honored" to join the Pennsylvania congressional delegation as a Republican.

He added: "I feel, however, that I do not have the political background or ability that one should have to represent properly the people of Pennsylvania. In addition, I have not actually lived in the state for some years and thus I am entirely remote from their problems."

Regretfully Declines  
Gavin concluded: "While I am honored by the offer, I must regretfully decline. Thank you again for considering me."

Gavin spent his boyhood in Mount Carmel but left the state at the age of 17 to join the Army.

## Sack-Style Dresses Spread Out

ROME, Jan. 12 (AP)—Italian fashion designers probably will slip in the back door this spring on the sack-style dresses which Paris introduced last season.

None of the Italian designers like to admit it. They pretend horror at the very word "sacco."

Yet call it that or not, the hints designers are dropping in advance of the spring and summer fashion openings here Saturday sound suspiciously like the sack look.

Straight, Narrow  
Waistlines will not be fitted, the designers say. They even admit the line will be straight and narrow, with accent dropping to the hips.

Tireless innovator Emilio Federico Schuberth says he has abandoned belted waists and tunics. His new "embassy line" is sober, straight and severe, with a sash like a diplomat's ribbon running from one shoulder to the opposite hip.

Gattinoni goes straight, too. She uses partial belting over the hips. Shirt fullness drops from the abbreviated belts. The waist is unmarked.

Important Shoulders  
Carosa speaks of "more important shoulders" at the top of her slim, unbelted line. She'll use light cashmeres for suits and filmy silks for dresses.

Eleanora Garnett will wrap the age and use many floral prints in her line. Her colors are taken from candied fruits.

## Two Killed, 3 Injured In Crash Near Albany

ALBANY, Jan. 12—Two men were killed and three other persons seriously injured in a head-on crash about 1 a.m. today a mile east of Albany at Highway 20, state police said.

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The two deaths increased Oregon's 1958 highway toll to 13, according to the Associated Press. (Additional details on Page 3)

## Indianapolis Area Shaken By Gas Blast

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 12 (AP)—A million and a half cubic feet of artificial gas "whooshed" from the top of a municipal storage tank today in a flash explosion that caused near panic in the northwest side of Indianapolis.

Several families fled from their homes in the densely populated area but returned within an hour. Two persons, Cleophus Gilmer, 44, and Lucille Maline, 48, suffered minor injuries when they fell while trying to escape from the scene. Blast cause was unknown.

Civil Defense units and all available policemen circulated in the area and assured residents there was no danger of the fire spreading to a nearby 4-million-cubic-foot tank.

The gas, which half filled the expanding-type smaller tank at the Citizens Gas & Coke Co. Langsdale plant, quickly burned or was dissipated into the air but the intense heat ignited lubricating oil in the structure.

Walter Lentz, plant superintendent, said the fire appeared under control within three hours after the explosion. He said the top of the tank was not blown out but ruptured, collapsed and fell into the tank. Company engineers made a preliminary damage estimate of \$150,000.

Doctors had given her at best a 50-50 chance to live since the incident Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Taylor.

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## Far Leftist Heads for Okinawa Vote Victory

NAHA, Okinawa, Monday, Jan. 12 (AP)—Far leftist Saichi Kaneshi, who has called American policies in Okinawa worse than communism, headed today toward all but certain victory in the race for mayor of Naha.

Incomplete official returns from all 24 polling places in the capital of America's chief Far Eastern base island gave him 34,968 votes to 32,786 for Tatsu Taira, the moderate Socialist candidate who is willing to cooperate with America.

Only a few thousand of the more than 70,000 votes cast Sunday remained to be tabulated. About 70 per cent of the 99,739 registered voters cast ballots in bright, sunny weather.

Both candidates favor return to Japan of this U. S. fortress island on Red China's doorstep but Taira insists U. S. occupation troops must stay to combat Communist threats. He is acceptable to the U. S. Army command.

Kaneshi, candidate of the extreme leftist Okinawa People's party, had the support of the party's pro-Communist Chief Kamejiri Senaga, ousted as mayor last Nov. 23. The election was held to name Senaga's successor.

Three panelists found the word "personally unattractive."

"Hideous," said John Mason Brown, a permanent member of the panel.

## He's Here!



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## On the Brighter Side . . .



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## Heavy Rainfall Raises River

Heavy rain the past two days raised Willamette River almost 1 1/2 feet but Associated Press reported that no flooding is expected in Western Oregon.

Showers are forecast today and tomorrow with some sunny periods today, McNary Field weatherman said.

More than two inches of rain fell on the Southern Oregon Coast Saturday night and Sunday, AP reported. North Bend had almost two inches Sunday.

Salem's heaviest 4-hour fall was .96 inch for the period ending at 4 p.m. The Sunday figure was .62 with most of it falling between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., weathermen said.

Showers this morning and partial clearing this afternoon are predicted at Northern Oregon beaches.

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## Blood Drawing Tonight to Seek to Ease State Crisis

A special blood drawing tonight, ordinarily for Salem Army Reserve personnel only, will be opened to civilians to help alleviate the critical shortage of donor blood in the state, William Staley, blood chairman said Sunday.

The drawing will be held at the training center, 775 Airport Rd. SE, from 8 to 10 p.m. Staley noted that the hours would allow many to contribute who could not get off work for the monthly drawings.

The Red Cross declared a state of emergency in Oregon Thursday because of the suddenly depleted blood bank reserves. The supply at the Portland regional center fell from its normal 250 pints to 50 during the holidays and has not been built up enough to take care of emergencies, Staley said.

State employees will contribute in a special drawing Wednesday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. in the Public Service Building cafeteria.

Marion County used 3,493 pints in 1957, but contributed only 2,531, he said.

The Weather

Today's forecast: Showers and sunny periods, morning fog, cloudy with showers tonight. High temperature 48, low tonight 38.

(Complete report page 3)

## Hodge Aide Convicted In Swindle

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 12 (AP)—Edward A. Epping, a key figure in a scandal involving the theft of 1 1/2 million dollars in state funds, was convicted today of forgery, confidence game and embezzlement.

A jury of nine women and three men deliberated about 9 1/2 hours before returning its verdict against the 39-year-old Epping, former office manager for imprisoned ex-State Auditor Orville E. Hodge.

Epping, who already is serving a four- to five-year state sentence for conspiracy to defraud the state, now faces an additional sentence which could run as high as 34 years. Epping pleaded guilty on the conspiracy charge.

Circuit Judge Dewitt S. Crow deferred passing sentence, pending the filing within 15 days of a defense motion for a new trial.

In closing arguments, Epping's attorney, Robert H. Rice, pictured him as the "biggest whipping boy the state has ever seen."

Rice contended that the scheme to loot the state treasury was masterminded by Edward A. Hintz, 69-year-old former president of the Southmore Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago. He said Epping was set up as the "fall guy" in case Hintz got caught.

Hodge, 53, pleaded guilty in 1956 to all charges against him and is serving a 13- to 15-year sentence in Menard Penitentiary. Hintz is serving a 1- to 3-year prison sentence for cashingphony state checks made out by Hodge.

## Girl, 15, Dies After Baseball Bat Beating

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Jan. 12 (AP)—Carol Taylor, 15, whose foster brother told police he bashed her skull in with a baseball bat after an argument, died today in Sequoia Hospital.

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Dist. Atty. Keith Sorenson said murder charges would be filed tomorrow against Coride Lee Pendleton, also 15. He has been held at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall for investigation of assault.

An officer said the youth told him an argument over popular singers resulted in the violence.

Spelling Bee

The Statesman-KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest is now on for nearly 5,000 7th- and 8th-grade students in 73 valley schools. Twenty-five words are published each school day. No composite list will be available.

allowance	technique
domestic	valuation
incisible	ridiculous
fancy	shrubbery
nephew	propose
memories	judicial
proprietor	lemonade
relieved	orchestra
persuaded	merit
scenery	anticipate
unreasonable	biology
uncle	obscure
	stewardess