

Russia Expected To Accept Plan For Conference

By Donald J. Gonzales
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Diplomatic officials believed today that Russia would agree to a Big Four meeting which would include discussion of armaments in Europe.

Then a turbulent debate on who's to blame for the rearmament race will burst long and loud.

It was unlikely, however, that a Big Four foreign ministers' parley would be held before mid-April at least. Secretary of state Dean Acheson is committed to attend a foreign ministers' meeting of the 21 American republics here beginning March 26 which might last two weeks.

The United States, Britain and France, in notes to Russia, made public last night, suggested to Moscow that Big Four deputies meet March 5 in Paris to draft an agenda for a future Big Four meeting.

The western offer stipulated that among the matters that would have to be discussed are "causes of tension in Europe, including the existing level of armaments, problems affecting Germany and the Austrian treaty."

Reds Have Motives
The Russians have been endeavoring to hold Big Four talks on Germany alone. But officials thought the Kremlin would agree to the meeting of deputies and inclusion of the armaments question. The west wants to know why Russia and her satellites have an estimated 5,000,000 troops under arms, including a reported 35 fully armored or mechanized divisions in East Germany and Poland.

The Russians, on the other hand, have shown signs they wish to inquire about United States and western European rearmament plans, including projected rearmament of West Germany. The soviet tactics are regarded by experts as an effort to slow the non-communist armament drive aimed at closing the gap between eastern and western forces.

If an agenda is agreed upon by the deputies, the western powers proposed that the foreign ministers' full dress meeting be held in Washington. But it was likely the west would agree to another site.

Data on Study Courses Offered
Students taking correspondence courses offered by the Oregon state system of higher education, and any others interested in home study, will have an opportunity to discuss their needs with a representative of the system, when Howard J. Akers, head of the office of correspondence study, will be in Bend next Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Akers will have information concerning both college and high school courses available in Oregon for credit and for use in obtaining high school diplomas. He will be at the high school from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The University of Oregon and Oregon State college will accept a maximum of 60 hours earned by correspondence toward completion of the requirements for a bachelor's degree. The college of education will accept 18 hours toward completion of their three-year curriculum and 24 hours toward their four-year program.

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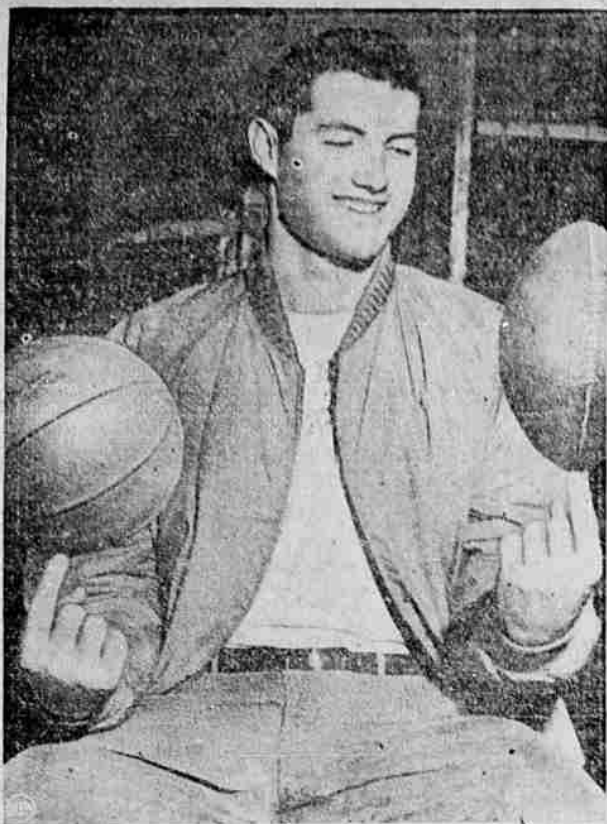
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Deadline Near On Applications

Vinton L. Green, field representative for the Oregon department of veterans affairs, announced today that applications for world war II prisoner of war benefits must be filed with the war claims commission, Washington, D. C., by March 1.

The war claims act pays one dollar for each day member of the armed forces was imprisoned by any enemy power and \$60 for each month a civilian was interned by the Japanese in the Pacific theater. Survivors eligible to receive the benefit in event of death of the ex-war prisoner or civilian interned also must apply by the March 1 deadline.

Application forms are available at the county judge's office in the Bend courthouse; the department of veterans affairs, state library building, Salem; and 415 SW 11th avenue, Portland; from the local veterans organizations and the Red Cross.

Milk some day may be on the market as a frozen concentrate.

'Flying Saucer' Merely Cheese

Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (AP)—Forty pupils gazed open-mouthed as a cylindrical object, seemingly trailing white smoke, sailed into the Rowan street schoolyard.

"Flying saucer!" they screamed, scrambling for Principal B. J. Strand's office. Strand called the sheriff's aero squadron and then investigated the "thing"—a tube about 14 inches long and eight inches in diameter—lying atop the school sandpile.

There was something written on the "saucer," Strand edged up carefully and read it aloud to his enthralled audience.

"American cheese," an embarrassed milk company driver hurried up to claim the cheese. It had bounced off his truck into the school yard just as a jet plane made vapor trails across the sky.

BEDTIME ALARM
Oxford, Miss., (AP)—Lightning set off the city's fire alarm siren while townfolk were getting ready for bed. The siren, atop a huge water tank, sounded for 10 minutes before it was disconnected.

Kids Called Into Army Now Getting Raw Deal, Claimed

By Lyle C. Wilson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—What the moms and pops should know about the quarrel over manpower among the armed services is that their kids who go into the army are getting a very raw deal.

This is not the army's fault. Blame lies with the selfish policies of the navy and air force in grabbing far more than their share of the more intelligent young men eligible for military service.

The army kids get a raw deal because the enlisted personnel of the army as a whole is of inferior stuff. Not all foot soldiers are inferior—not by a long shot. But the army is being compelled to accept more than its share of less intelligent men and gets much less than its share of the more intelligent.

That means that the average of intelligence among the army's enlisted men is too low for the army's safety. Many squad and platoon leaders in the army are smart as paint. Yet the army must draw its noncommissioned officers from what is available.

Non-Coms Inferior
After the ablest men have gotten their stripes the army must promote men less able. These non-com leaders of the small units really run the battle once the shooting begins. They can save lives or waste lives. The moms and pops should know that their kids do not have as good a chance to live under leadership of an inferior sergeant as they would have if the sergeant were smart and on his toes.

And neither does an army have

as good a chance to win battles and wars with inferior men. Inferior is the right word, too. There is a thing called the army general classification test. Top score is around 150. A grade of 70 is so low that congress said none making it should be drafted.

Navy Also Factor
Neither the air force nor navy takes men who score below 80. Thirty per cent of army draftees and 54 per cent of army volunteers score below 80. By a series of gimmicks and dodges, the air force and navy are draining off more than their share of good men, including the college trained.

Defense secretary George C. Marshall and his manpower deputy, Anna M. Rosenberg, could stop it but so far have failed to do so.

Just as a sample of how crazy things can get, it develops now that the air force has been gobbling up college men so fast that the percentage of college trained men among its privates and non-coms is greater than among its commissioned officers.

The army has just laid in on the line to Marshall to take some steps, but fast.

Telephone Strike Possible Feb. 27

San Francisco, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Order of Repeaters and Toll Testboardmen threatened today to go on strike against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Feb. 27 unless it reaches settlement of its wage demands.

Union president Leslie Norman announced 84 per cent of the membership in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and part of Idaho voted in favor of a walkout.

A strike would tie up west coast long distance lines. The union maintains and operates long distance and television lines, news, ship-to-shore and telephoto circuits.

The union is demanding top scale pay of \$93.97 weekly after 6½ years, and the telephone company has offered \$81.83. Negotiations, which were recessed last Friday, will resume next Monday, the day before the threatened walkout.

ALL IRONED OUT
London (AP)—The Bank of England has begun ironing Britain's paper money to make it go further. Until recently all notes turned in by the big banks were replaced by new ones but now they are cleaned, pressed and re-issued to save the government money.

Robins like cherries and take a heavy toll if trees are not protected.

Property Form Deadline March 2

Leslie M. Ross, Deschutes county assessor, reminded county taxpayers today that March 2 is the deadline for filing personal property tax forms.

A penalty of five per cent will be assessed from those filing late, he noted. Forms may be obtained from the county assessor's office in the Bend courthouse or at the city hall in Redmond.

Ross also reported that he and his staff will gladly assist anyone needing help in filling out the form. Taxable personal property includes: Merchandise and stock in trade, furniture and equipment in business, commercial use or in rentals, livestock, poultry, farm equipment, portable sprinkling systems, all power tools, road equipment, manufacturing machinery, boats, and privately owned improvements on public lands.

Failure to receive a form in the mail will not exempt a person from filing. Ross also stated.

NAVY MAN ON LEAVE

Madras, Feb. 21—1941 Edeimiller, who has been serving aboard a navy destroyer in Japanese and Korean waters, is spending a

leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Edeimiller of Agency Island. His ship participated in the evacuation of United Nations forces at Hungnam.

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