

To Discuss Peace Talks Resumption

UN Command to Meet Red Liaison Officers Thursday

SEOUL (AP) — The U. N. Command today agreed to meet with Communist liaison officers Thursday to discuss resumption of negotiations to arrange a Korean peace conference.

U. S. State Department representative Kenneth Young stipulated in a note to the Communist high command that he was sending his liaison secretary to Panmunjom "for the purpose of discussing conditions for resuming conversations as well as the date for their resumption."

The Communists proposed late yesterday that liaison officers meet at Panmunjom tomorrow to discuss resumption of preliminary political talks to set up an over-all Korean peace conference.

Decision Made by Dulles Young sent the Red request to Washington and the decision was made by the State Department there.

The preliminary conference, which was to work out the time, place and composition of a peace conference, was broken off Dec. 12 when U. S. special envoy Arthur Dean walked out after Red negotiators had accused the United States of "perfidy."

Earlier, India offered the Korean repatriation commission a secret plan for solving the tense war prisoner problem after the group turned down a Swedish proposal to free all POWs as civilians Jan. 23.

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Cancer Death Held Privilege

PARSONS, Kan. (AP) — "I consider it a privilege to die of cancer."

The Rev. Julius Busse uttered these words from his bed at Mercy Hospital here, and explained:

"You see, with cancer you have time to prepare for death. With something like a heart attack, you go too quickly to make your final preparations."

Smiling, but speaking matter-of-factly, the 46-year-old Catholic priest said yesterday in an interview:

"I welcome death."

Death is no stranger to the priest, an Army chaplain five years. He served with the 7th division in World War II.

"It isn't the certainty of death that men fear," he said. "It is the uncertainty of death. The soldiers I saw die weren't frightened any longer after they knew for sure they were going to die."

U.S. Pilot Killed Bailing Out

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — Three U. S. Air Force pilots bailed out from the Pacific Northwest after their jets Monday night after running low on fuel, and one of them plunged to his death.

The other two landed safely with their parachutes.

The Air Force did not identify the victim immediately, but the family of Capt. Fred Barrett at Ellensburg, Wash., said they had been notified that he was missing on the flight. An Air Force spokesman said the dead pilot's parachute failed to open.

The two who parachuted safely were identified as 1st Lt. Robert E. Barnes of Merina, Wash., across Lake Washington from Seattle, and Capt. Dafford N. Meyers of Dillon, Wash.

The dead pilot, with the plane's ejection seat still strapped to him, was found Tuesday by a searching party that combed the woods and hills near this west central Germany town.

New Blue Book Out Shortly

Oregon's new Blue Book will be issued in a few days. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery said Tuesday.

The book, originally scheduled for publication early last fall, has been delayed by many changes in the format, he said.

60 Death Toll In Northeast Big Blizzard

Region Digs Out of Worst Snow Storm in 5 Years; Cold Increases

NEW YORK (AP) — The northeast Tuesday dug out of its worst snowstorm in five years, as clearing skies brought a forecast of increasingly cold weather.

The storm, which started Sunday afternoon, caused at least 60 deaths and deposited up to a foot of snow in some sections.

The Weather Bureau here said the storm was moving in a northeasterly direction along the New England coast and out to sea.

However, the bureau warned that a wave of freezing air was waiting to move in on the area from the Northwest and Canada as soon as the snowstorm is gone.

Sleet Extends South Sleet extended as far south as North Carolina yesterday. There was snow in Georgia.

North of Washington, D. C., the sleet coated heavy snowdrifts with a treacherous icy surface, crippled traffic and brought accidents on roads, streets and sidewalks. Adding to the death toll were sledding mishaps and heart attacks as many persons bucked the snow and sleet or tried to shovel it.

Today, this was the state-by-state death toll: Washington, D. C., area, 4; Maryland, 26; Pennsylvania, 16; New Jersey, 15; New York, 5; Connecticut, 7; Rhode Island, 2; Massachusetts, 6.

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Ad Campaign Against Gloom

WASHINGTON, UP — An advertising executive proposed today that the National Advertising Council launch a high powered campaign to combat "whispering campaigns" and "gloom and doom" predictions of depression.

William C. McKeehan, Jr., chairman of the joint committee of the Association of National Advertisers and the American Association of Advertising Agencies, said "negative factors" in the nation's economic and industrial picture are receiving more publicity than "positive factors."

He said the Advertising Council, a public service organization, should present the grounds for believing that the United States still has great opportunities for economic growth and prosperity.

McKeehan, vice president of J. Walter Thompson Company, offered the proposal at the 10th annual Washington conference of the Advertising Council.

President Eisenhower spoke informally at a closed morning session of the council. His remarks were not made public.

Astoria Hill Stops Sliding

ASTORIA (UP) — Astoria's sliding hillside stopped slipping today thanks to cool, sunny weather and an Oregon congressman said the city was being declared a disaster area.

Rep. Walter Norblad (R., Ore.) said in Washington, D. C., that the Small Business Administration is declaring Astoria a disaster area, thus making emergency loans available to stricken home owners.

Norblad said the agency is acting at his request.

Norblad said the emergency aid would be made available to 26 families whose homes were wrecked in the slide.

The city was moving houses from the slide area.

Public Hearing Called On Salem Grid System

The City Council Monday night voted to hold a public hearing on the one-way grid system and set it for the next meeting night, January 15, when opponents and proponents of the grid may both have their say.

A. R. Mefford, chairman of the organization that is attempting to get the grid abolished, was asked by Mayor Al Loucks if this would be satisfactory to his group, and answered that as far as he was informed at the moment it would, but that he would know the attitude of the grid opponents more definitely after a noon meeting at the Senator today.

Mefford's organization submitted a letter to the council requesting that the city refrain from further expenditures on the grid until public opinion is more fully determined, and the letter was placed in the council files for later reference.

TAKES ON ITALIAN POLITICAL JOB



Amintore Fanfani, 46-year-old Italian Premier Designate, talks to reporters today in Rome after agreeing to form a new government. Fanfani "conditionally" accepted President Luigi Einaudi's offer of the premiership after former premier Giuseppe Pella, who resigned Jan. 5, turned it down. Fanfani is the left wing leader of the Christian Democratic party. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Rome)

Raps Chislers In Insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Paul Magnuson said Tuesday there are "many chislers" among companies that offer health insurance policies to the public.

Magnuson, former medical director of the Veterans Administration, mentioned the firms by name in testimony prepared for a House Commerce Committee hearing.

The committee is making a study of research being conducted on various major diseases. It also is seeking to find the best ways of enabling people to meet the costs of illness.

Magnuson, who headed former President Truman's commission on the nation's health, said the insurance firms he criticized put fine print into their policies, excluding from coverage the big medical expenses that "break the back of the average wage-earner."

He praised President Eisenhower's proposal for a system of limited government reinsurance to "permit the private and non-profit insurance companies to offer broader protection."

CIO Financed Ritchie's Flight

DETROIT (UP) — Canadian authorities balked today at helping Michigan police catch a key witness in the Walter Reuther ambush shooting who used a \$5000 reward from Reuther's own union to finance his get away across the border.

The witness, Donald Ritchie, 33, fled into Canada last week after giving Detroit authorities two signed statements about the 1948 shotgun attack which left the CIO president's right arm permanently crippled.

The CIO United Auto Workers Union disclosed late yesterday it had paid Ritchie a \$5000 reward for providing the information which cracked the attempted murder case. Shortly afterward, Ritchie spoke away from the "protective custody" of Detroit police and crossed the border.

Canadian officials indicated today they were not anxious to pick up Ritchie and turn him over to Michigan authorities.

Jenner Raps U.N. Tribunal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) sharply criticized a United Nations tribunal Tuesday for its award of damages to American employees dismissed by the U. N. after refusing to answer questions about Communist ties.

The four-member tribunal an agency created by the U. N. to review appeals from staff members, ruled last fall in favor of 11 U. S. citizens who appealed dismissals by the U. N. secretary general. The tribunal ordered them reinstated or paid indemnities.

They were among more than a score of Americans who, when questioned by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in a search for any disloyalty among U. S. citizens employed by the U. N., refused to answer questions on the ground of possible self-incrimination.

Rilea and Olson to Return From Capital

Oregon's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, and the assistant adjutant general for the state, Brig. Gen. Raymond Olson, will return Friday from Washington, D. C.

Rilea and Olson have been in Washington on National Guard business and conferring with officials of the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard association.

They left for the east January 3 and boarded the westbound train this Tuesday.

State and Liberty St. Buildings in Big Deal

Business buildings on State and Liberty streets are involved in another major real estate transaction that was completed Tuesday.

In the deal are the building long occupied by The Spa at 382 State street, and the buildings occupied by the insurance agency of Scollera Foley & Rising, the Raymond G. Warren jewelry store, and Lee's Barber Shop at 141 and 143 South Liberty street.

The White estate has owned part or all of the properties for the last 28 years. The building that was replaced by the Lively Building at State and Liberty several years ago was at one time part of the properties, and the corner property was known as the Tigra building.

William H. Hammond, vice-president of Union Security company, who will manage the properties, said the building on State street occupied by The Spa will not be altered. The property on South Liberty, however, if the present tenants cooperate, will be replaced by a new building.

NEW YORK (AP) — A 42-day strike against 36 of the American Can Co.'s plants ended Tuesday and negotiators signed a new contract providing a 15-cents-an-hour package for the CIO workers.

A company statement, issued after the contract signing at 3 a. m. said:

"Preparation is being made at the struck plants to resume operations as quickly as possible, and it is expected that all locations will be in full production during the course of the current week."

The contract, covering 20,000 workers, was signed by negotiators for the company and the CIO United Steelworkers.

The agreement provided the same total package and general wage increase which last Tuesday ended a strike of 14,500 members of the steelworkers union against 36 Continental Can Co. plants.

Ship's Officers Plead Innocent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Watch officers of two ships which collided Jan. 1, 145 miles north of San Francisco have pleaded innocent to Coast Guard negligence charges.

Five counts were lodged Monday against Charles F. Corrigan, junior third mate of the cement ship Permanente Silverbow and four against Charles Fabri, Welches, Ore., junior third mate of the freighter Colorado.

The charges involve their maneuvering and orders prior to the crash which damaged both 7,600-ton vessels.

A trial on the charges—which could affect the licenses of the two third mates—was interrupted Monday when attorneys for owners of the Silverbow moved to introduce new evidence.

The lawyers said officers on a third ship in the area, the Standard Oil tanker J. H. MacGaregill, observed the movements of the Colorado and Silverbow before the collision.

Officers of the Colorado and Silverbow were charged with negligence in not maintaining proper lookout and in not taking proper evasive action.

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McCarthy Put On Rules Group Of the Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans voted Tuesday to put Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) on the Rules Committee — a new assignment which will increase his power in the Senate.

The Rules Committee, among other things, passes on allotments of funds for Senate investigations. Some Senate Democrats have said they would try to cut funds for McCarthy's investigating subcommittee in the 1954 session.

As a Rules Committee member, McCarthy will be in on any debates — and votes — there as to what funds should be allowed for his investigations.

Added Assignment The Rules Committee post is an additional assignment for McCarthy. He continues on the Appropriations and Government Operations Committees. McCarthy is chairman of the Operations Committee as well as of its investigations subcommittee.

The McCarthy assignment was the only surprise in the list of new committee posts announced after a conference of all GOP senators.

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U.S. Withdrawal Feared in France

PARIS (AP) — Robert Schuman, former French foreign minister, said Tuesday the French public fears America's withdrawal from the continent more than any possible German-American alliance.

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the Anglo-American Press Assn. the man who fathered the steel and coal community which bears his name predicted that France eventually will ratify the six-nation European Defense Community treaty as well.

"There is no other solution to the problem of German rearmament. There is no alternative," he said.

Swedes Plan More Airforce

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — King Gustaf Adolf VI asked Sweden Tuesday to spend more on its air force, already estimated as the fourth largest in the world.

The monarch's request came in his speech from the throne at the state opening of the Swedish Riksdag (parliament).

The King said total defense expenses during the coming budget year should remain largely unaltered—the equivalent of about 400 million dollars—and the increasing costs for certain war material would have to be countered through strict economy.

Haile Selassie to Visit Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia will visit Washington in May and then tour the United States.

A White House announcement will be the President's guest here for several days probably from May 19 through 21.

Members of Chamber To Sign Questionnaire

A questionnaire is going out today to all members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce asking them to indicate on what chamber committees they would prefer to serve during this year.

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Truman Says He Will Never Attack Ike

New York (AP) — Harry S. Truman, who knows about the U. S. presidency first hand, says no one will ever "hear me attack the man who holds that office."

"He has troubles enough without a former president criticizing him," Truman says. "It's a man-killing job."

He made his comment in a speech yesterday at a meeting of the Radio and Television Executives Society.

Death for One Dean Betrayed

SEOUL, Korea (UP) — One South Korean was sentenced to death and another to indefinite imprisonment today for betraying Maj. Gen. William S. Dean to the communists in the early days of the Korean war.

Choi Chong Bong was given the death penalty. Han Do Kyu was sentenced to "indefinite penal servitude."

It was not announced when the death sentence would be carried out.

The heavy sentences were imposed despite a written appeal for clemency for the pair from Dean.

After evading the Reds for many days in July, 1950, Dean was turned over to the communists by the two Koreans. They had offered to guide him to safety, but instead led him into a North Korean ambush.

French Victors In Seno Battle

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Battered fighters from the French aircraft carrier Armandes joined land-based French fighters and bombers Tuesday in the 19th straight day of bombing and strafing of Vietminh forces clustered around the fortified plain of Dien Bien Phu, in northwest Indochina.

There still was no indication of when the estimated 20,000 Communist rebels would launch their anticipated assault on the big French fortress position on the northern border of the kingdom of Laos.

In central Indochina, meanwhile, the battered remnants of seven Vietminh battalions fled into the jungle apparently ending the battle for the French-held Laotian fortress of Seno. The French command, claiming that losses of 1,500 men had been inflicted on the Vietminh, sent paratroopers and North African infantrymen with strong air support in hot pursuit.

Coffee Prices Jump 4 Cents in Portland

PORTLAND (UP) — Retail coffee prices here jumped as much as four cents a pound today as merchants passed on latest wholesale boosts.

The rise came earlier than expected because of a run by consumers after they learned of scheduled advances, one chain store spokesman said.

New prices ranged from 93 to 95 cents a pound for name brands of coffee. Trade sources said the dollar-a-pound coffee might become a reality here this year because production in Brazil has been cut by frost.

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Unhappy Over Flexible Price Support Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp dissatisfaction with some aspects of President Eisenhower's farm program was voiced Tuesday at the first 1954 conference of all Republican senators.

The conference was behind closed doors. Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) declined to discuss the farm debate in detail except to say that some GOP senators "did not feel happy about the general farm situation."

However, it was learned that Sen. Young (R-ND), McCarthy (R-Wis.), Thye (R-Minn.) and Jenner (R-Ind.) told their colleagues of serious doubts about the flexible price support plan offered by Eisenhower in his farm message Monday.

Must Face Facts Young reportedly told the conference that the party must face what he called the facts of political life—that the farmers generally, the big farm organizations and a majority in Congress wanted continuation of high level mandatory supports.

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Says Monopoly Sought by PUDs

MIAMI (UP) — Assistant Secretary of Interior Fred G. Aandahl today accused rural electric cooperative officials of fostering a federal monopoly in the electric power business.

This, he said, "is not in the best interest of the American people."

Aandahl spoke before the annual convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

He complimented the rural electrification program as "one of the very best ventures of our federal government." But he quickly linked Clyde T. Ellis, executive manager of the NRECA, with "crusaders for a federal power monopoly."

"I am deeply disturbed," Aandahl said, "when I see those who are crusaders for a federal power monopoly try to use the rural electric cooperative and their associations to foster federal monopoly."

He said the government "does not assume that it has the exclusive right or responsibility for supplying power needs of an area."

Ike Pleads for Reserve Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Tuesday asked the National Security Training Commission to work closely with the Office of Defense Mobilization in developing plans for maintaining an adequate military reserve establishment.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, the commission chairman, Eisenhower noted that the commission recently completed a lengthy study of Universal Military Training proposals. The commission recommended a start on UMT.

"The President's letter said: 'Because of the wealth of information and experience with this problem which your commission has gained x x x, I suggest that you arrange to work closely with the director of defense mobilization, Arthur S. Flemming.'"

Flemming's manpower commission recommended over the weekend that plans for Universal Military Training be held in abeyance pending a study of plans for creation of reserve forces.

More Cold Nights Forecast for Valley

More of the cold nights are due through the remainder of the week, states the five-day forecast from the weather bureau. Little or no precipitation is due through Sunday.

The mercury slid down to 27 degrees for the Tuesday morning minimum in Salem, and is due to go even lower tonight, a mark of around 25 being called for.

The daytime sunshine is appreciated, although the breezes are crisp and chilly. The immediate forecast is for fair weather tonight and Wednesday.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum today, 27. Total 14-hour precipitation, 0.1 for month, 2.34; normal, 2.25. Season precipitation, 11.78; normal, 29.83. River height, 5.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)