

## Soviet Agrees To Study U.S. Disarm Offer

### International Control Of Some Conventional Weapons Proposed

LONDON (AP)—Russia has promised to give close study to a new U.S. disarmament proposal, a two-step plan would ultimately freeze 25 per cent of the major powers' conventional arms in a common pool.

U.S. disarmament expert Harold Stassen broached the idea yesterday before the U.N. Disarmament subcommittee discussing plans for arms reductions. Russia, the United States, Britain, France and Canada are the members.

Informed sources said Stassen told the closed session that, as a first step, the five nations should place 10 per cent of their non-nuclear weapons, ships and other military equipment under international control. This would go into effect one year after an agreement was signed and ratified.

A reduction to agreed manpower levels would be taken at the same time. All five nations have agreed to cut the levels to 2½ million for Russia and the United States and 750,000 for Britain and France.

If this step were carried out satisfactorily, Stassen said, he would then recommend to the U.S. government that it agree to retire another 15 per cent of its conventional arms.

Soviet Delegate Valerian Zorin termed Stassen's proposal "very important" and promised to give it careful study.

Western observers described the session — 99th since the subcommittee was formed in 1954 — as the "best so far." They stressed, however, that the talks were still at a highly theoretical stage.

## 2 Convicted in Union Welfare Money Racket

NEW YORK (AP)—Two former union leaders, ex-mobster George Scalise and Sal Ciento, have pleaded guilty to union welfare racket conspiracy charges.

Each faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in prison. The two men made a surprise switch in their pleas from innocent to guilty Monday as they were about to go on trial in General Sessions Court.

Chief Asst. Dist. Atty. Alfred J. Scotti said: "This is the first conviction involving racketeering in union welfare funds in this state."

Scotti added that it also was the first time since a new state law took effect in September, 1953, that a union official—Ciento—was convicted of conspiring to receive a bribe.

The prosecutor said various principals in the racket netted \$229,000 in two years.

Judge John A. Mullen continued each defendant in \$5,000 bail pending sentencing on May 8 of their pleas of guilty to conspiracy and bribery charges.

Scalise and Ciento were charged with receiving kickbacks from Louis B. Saperstein, of Newark, N. J., an insurance company agent. They were to have gone on trial on charges of accepting \$50,000 bribes in the welfare fund racket.

## Phone 'Hog' Bill Passed by House

Legislation to make it illegal for party line telephone users to refuse to get off the line when someone needs it for an emergency, was approved by the House Monday and sent to the Senate.

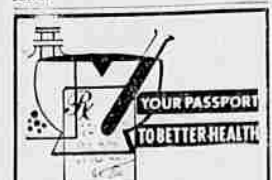
The bill provides a maximum penalty of a year in jail and \$500 fine if the user refuses to yield the line when someone else needs it for an emergency call to summon the police, fire department, or medical assistance.

Anybody who falsely claims an emergency would be subject to the same sentence and fine.

The bill also applies to users of a pay telephone who refuse to yield the phone.

## Attack Is Big Goal

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Premier O.K. Yui said Tuesday all steps his government takes in the fiscal year starting July 1 will be focused on one goal—an attack on the Red-held Chinese mainland.

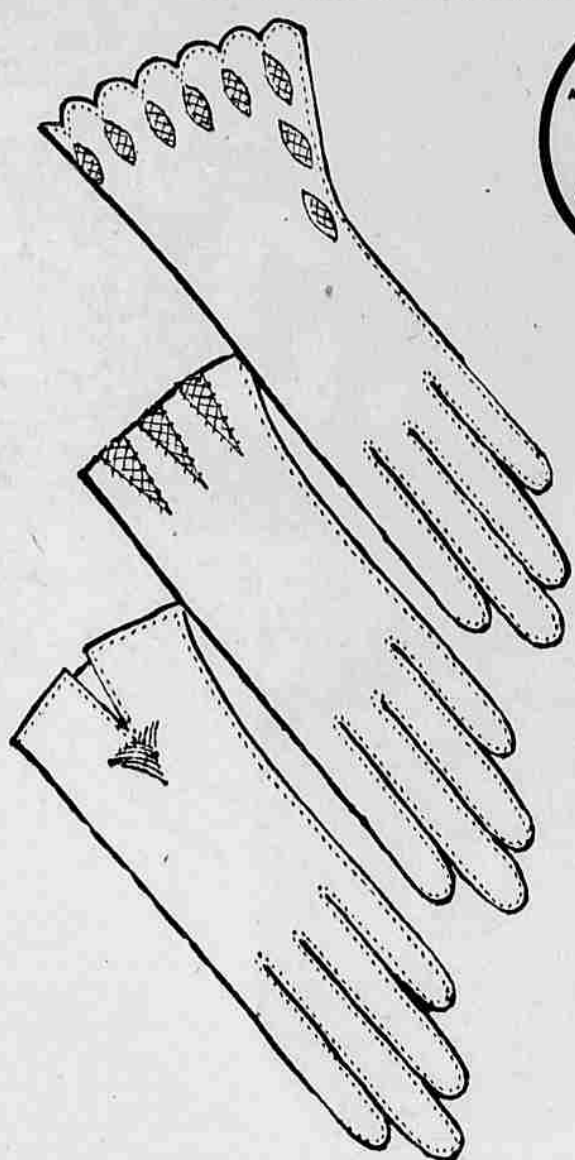


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