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Secret Truce Sessions Collapse

Negotiators Quit Attempt To Reach Pact on Exchange

Observers Fear Resumed Fighting

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — United Nations and Communist negotiators abandoned Friday their attempts to reach agreement in closed sessions in an exchange of war prisoners, last obstacle to a Korean armistice.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U. N. negotiator, disclosed that the 17 secret meetings held since July 4 had proved "completely fruitless." He said the two truce teams were no nearer agreement than when they started the secret sessions.

Renewed Fighting Seen
Observers feared the collapse of the secret meetings gravely increased the chances of renewed and heavier fighting. There appeared little likelihood future "open" meetings would bring the two sides any closer together.

The negotiators will meet again at 11 a.m. Saturday in "open" session. News men will not be permitted to attend, but will be briefed after by an official U. N. spokesman.

U. N. Hopes Up
When the Communists asked for secret talks July 4, the Allies had hoped for "realistic" discussions of the prisoner issue. The U. N. disclosed the Reds instead adamantly insisted on repatriation of all Chinese prisoners held by the United Nations.

The U. N. told the Communists it holds 170,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners, of whom only 83,000 wish to return to the Red side after a truce. The U. N. said again it positively will not force any prisoner to return to Communism against their will.

Of the prisoners, the U. N. said, only 6,400 of the 21,000 Chinese held by the Allies wish to go back behind the Bamboo Curtain.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il insisted on the return of all Chinese "volunteers."

Panic Averted in Fire on Demo Floor

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.) — A quick-thinking Massachusetts politician headed off a possible panic among 12,000 delegates and spectators at the Democratic convention early Friday when a small fire broke out on the floor.

Peter J. Clougherty, Massachusetts state Democratic committeeman and an "honorary" Boston fireman, yanked a microphone from the hands of South Carolina Gov. James F. Byrnes and began shouting:

"Don't get excited. Don't panic. It's only a little fire. It's only a newspaper burning. Don't worry about it. It'll soon be put out."

"Firemen are right there on the job."

The fire apparently was started by a cigarette falling in a mass of discarded campaign material.

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The 21st annual Oregon state convention of the Loyal Order of Moose opened here Friday with more than 1000 delegates attending.

Convention Floor Fire And Stevenson Drive Heat Lengthy Session

Chicago — (Special by wire) — You can always trust the Democrats. They will put on a good show even if they have to burn the place down to get it.

They didn't exactly burn the place down last night, but someone did start a fire on the floor, and things became a trifle hotter—not much—than they were before, until the hall firemen came to the rescue with fire extinguishers and put it out.

They also put out the determination of the organization forces to keep in session until the nomination of Governor Stevenson, even if they died in the attempt, and some of them nearly did.

When your correspondent staggered—that's the correct word—out of the "crazy slaughter house" at 2 this morning, there was the aluminum dirigible high in the starry sky, with the single word "Kefauver" on its side brought into sharp relief by the searchlights turned on it.

That was a perfect symbol of the incredible evening. Estes Kefauver was down but he wasn't out, that steel hand beneath that velvet glove came out and fought a rear-guard action with the aid of Senator Douglas of Illinois, Senator Humphrey of Minnesota and the two Roosevelt boys which can hardly defeat Stevenson, but will probably leave no doubt he has been in a fight, and may leave scars he will carry throughout the campaign if he has one.

The odds are still about five to two he will. But after last night even with the support of President Truman's alternate, there are not many takers, in the press gallery at least, who care to put up and money—if they have any left—on this as any sure thing.

Incidentally the Oregon boys and girls held their Kefauver standard up higher than any other in the hall, in spite of the emotional surging all around them and for fourteen solid hours, held the fort against all invaders.

It's a bleary-eyed and battle-weary bunch of delegates filing into the "slaughter house" this morning, but that Kefauver dirigible is still high in the sunny sky, and the coonskin caps are not being taken off for anyone.

We predicted it would be a long, long time before the voting started, but we never thought it would be the following morning.

P.S.—It's a shame Mary Greiner Kelly of the fighting Kellys isn't here. What a time she would have.

Egyptian Head Jails Seven High Officials

Cairo — (U.P.) — Egypt's new army "strong man," Mohammed Naguib Bey, arrested seven high Interior Ministry, police and Army officials Friday and seized control of Alexandria, King Farouk's summer capital.

Five of the officials were accused of plotting against Naguib. Another, Lt. Gen. Hussein Sirry Amer, former commander of the Frontier Corps, was arrested on the Western Desert while trying to escape into Libya. A high Coast Guard official also was arrested.

Premier Aly Maher Pasha announced in Alexandria that Naguib had been appointed commander-in-chief of armed forces, increased in rank from major general to full general, and given the pay of a cabinet minister.

Economic Adviser Quits
Maher announced the resignation of Elias Androussa Pasha, the king's economic adviser and Egypt's delegate in the Suez Canal Co.

Naguib was moving swiftly to remove all possible opposition to his three-day-old military coup and the Maher government he obliged King Farouk to accept.

The Army occupied the state broadcasting station in Alexandria to "maintain order and security."

Naguib flew to Alexandria by Army plane to confer with Maher.

No New Reports On Crime Cases
No new reports on southern Oregon's two major and current unsolved criminal cases were made today.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, investigating the murder of two auto parts firm executives last week end, had no report to make on the progress of their work. The men, A. M. Jones and C. D. Cullane, were found Monday, gagged and shot through the head near the south entrance to Crater Lake National park.

State police in Medford said today are intensifying their search for George Baker Dunkin, prime suspect in the June 24 murder of State Policeman Phil Lowd. Dunkin is still thought to be in the northern Jackson county area where he has been sought for a month.

Reckoning Finally Comes On Parking Violations
John B. Hamacher, 724 King street, let his violations against city parking ordinances accumulate over a three-month period. Yesterday the reckoning came. He was fined \$45 for 12 parking violations between April and July 24, police said.

Police records showed Hamacher with seven citations for violation of the all-night parking ordinance and five tickets for meter violations. None of the tickets were paid for, according to the police.

Early Thursday morning Hamacher's car was again found parked in the street and was towed into the police garage. His fine and towing charge totaled \$45.

POLLS OPEN TO 8 P.M.
Polls for the election to form a rural fire district adjacent to Medford will be open today until 8 o'clock this evening. Ballots can be cast at the Lone Pine school for precincts 29, 30, 31, 57 and 59, and at the Oak Grove school for precincts 28, 58, 60, 64, 67 and 68.

Radio Highlights
A nation-wide National Broadcasting company radio network program on the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee will be carried by radio station KMED (1440 kc) Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by KMED.

Union Committee Meets To Approve Steel Settlement

Fairless Sits in With Policy Group

Washington — (U.P.) — The CIO United Steelworkers, wage-policy committee ratified the White House steel agreement late Friday, formally ending the longest and most costly steel strike in the nation's history.

Washington — (U.P.) — The longest and most costly steel strike in the nation's history neared an end Friday, as the CIO Steelworkers met to approve a White House-prompted settlement.

The union's 170-man wage-policy committee met to put its formal stamp of approval on the agreement reached at the White House late Thursday between CIO President Philip Murray and U. S. Steel President Benjamin Fairless to end the 54-day-old strike. Fairless had represented the "Big Six steel firms."

A reliable source said Fairless accepted Murray's invitation to attend the committee meeting and answer any questions the members might have about the new contract.

As soon as the committee acted, Murray was expected to issue an immediate return-to-work call to 600,000 workers in the basic steel industry. The workers have been on strike since June 2, when they walked out minutes after the Supreme Court ruled President Truman's seizure of the industry was unconstitutional.

Last Offer Matched Closely
Settlement terms matched closely the industry's last offer to the union during negotiations last week in Pittsburgh.

The agreement provides for an average 16-cent hourly wage increase retroactive to March 1. The industry had proposed the boost be paid back only to March 16. Prior to the strike, the Steelworkers averaged \$1.88 an hour.

The pact calls for a modified union shop, the main issue in the drawn-out dispute. The union security clause requires new workers to sign a union membership card to take effect within 30 days, unless a worker chooses to leave the union during the last 15 days of the first month.

Other contract improvements include six paid holidays and increases in differentials and other "fringe" benefits amounting to about five cents an hour. The total package settlement was about five cents below the 26.1 cents recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Immediately after the agreement Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman announced that the steel industry will get a price increase averaging slightly more than \$5.20 a ton. The industry was entitled to only \$2.84 under the Capehart amendment to the economic controls law.

Park Concession Controls Removed

Portland — (U.P.) — Price controls were removed Friday from sales by concessionaries at Crater Lake National Park.

Carl C. Donough, Portland district director of the Office of Price Stabilization, said the OPS had removed controls from all national parks at the same time.

Donough said the National Park Service itself exercises control over such concession operations and has developed a system of approval, review and pricing of rates. Price ceilings, therefore, were deemed unnecessary, he said.

Weather
FORECAST: Fair and warm through Saturday. Scattered afternoon showers over the mountains. Low tonight 69, high Saturday 95-98.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 92
Lowest this Morning 58



DELEGATES CHEER BARKLEY—Banners of all the states gather before the rostrum as Vice President Alben Barkley, his wife beside him, receives the biggest ovation of the Democratic national convention in Chicago. He gave the same kind of a fighting speech, and received the same kind of a demonstration, as he did in 1948 before becoming Vice President.

French Soldiers Hold Off Commie Assault

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — French troops holding "T-Bone Hill" on Korea's explosive Western Front beat off an assault by screaming Chinese Communists Friday in a savage, close-in battle that choked French bunkers with enemy dead.

The hard-fighting French battalion, which has won more U. S. heroism awards than any other UN unit of its size in Korea, counted more than 200 enemy casualties from a force of 600 ordered to seize their hill position.

Of the casualties, 64 were killed and 150 wounded.

Chinese Army Assigned
The Chinese have assigned an army of about 30,000 men to pummel UN positions blocking the Chosun "gateway" on the classic invasion route to South Korea.

From this army, the Chinese hurled a battalion at the French unit. The attack, which began about 2 a.m. was preceded by 2,000 rounds of artillery and mortar explosives.

Artillery of the U. S. 2nd Infantry Division, to which the French battalion is attached, caught the Chinese attackers on their way into the French positions.

Medford CAP Cadet Off for Scotland

Washington — (U.P.) — The Civil Air Patrol's "good will" European aerial tour took off Friday aboard Air Force planes carrying members of the 1952 international cadet exchange program.

Cadets Rodger K. Menzies of Portland, Ore., and Albert R. Eaton Jr., Medford, Ore., were among the group of 50 youths flying the Atlantic.

The 17-year-old Menzies will be assigned to the Netherlands while Eaton, 18, is to be in a group assigned to England and Scotland.

Menzies and Eaton were chosen by the Oregon CAP wing for the exchange program and arrived here early this week in an Air Force C-47.

Eaton is the son of Mrs. Mildred C. Eaton, 626 Park Place 5, and completed his junior year last spring at the Medford high school. He is the second Medford boy to be chosen for the CAP exchange program. Last year James Merritt, then a Medford high school student, was selected and visited Denmark where he studied airplanes and aviation.

Astoria — (U.P.) — The U. S. Public Health Service has ordered its Astoria office closed August 1, despite protests from civic and other organizations.

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New York 3 7 0
Raffensberger, Podbielan 6, Hiller 8, and Seminick: Hearn and Yvars.

Home runs: For New York — Hearn.

School Janitor Held On Morals Charge
William Henry Engelbert, 38, of 1116 Reddy avenue, Medford, has been arraigned in district court on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, but has not yet entered a plea, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland.

District Judge Rawles Moore set bail at \$2,500. Engelbert has been janitor at the Eagle Point school for the last seven years, according to records in the sheriff's office.

Zoning Petitions Circulation; Time Of Filing Unclear

Initiative petitions for county zoning are still being circulated in Jackson county, according to County Judge J. B. Coleman.

He said that at his last contact with the group backing the measure, there were not enough signatures to make the initiative valid. A meeting is being held this afternoon in the county court chambers between the court and petition backers, Coleman added.

Another initiative measure for Jackson county only, the anti-cloud seeding initiative, has already been submitted with the required number of signatures.

Before State Deadline
The cloud seeding measure was submitted before the deadline for state-wide initiatives which was July 3, but the law is somewhat "hazy" regarding the date for filing local measures after this date.

Judge Coleman said he believes the date is 90 days before the general election, which would make the filing August 4, but wasn't definitely sure. Deputy county clerk and a district attorney's office spokesman were likewise not clear on the matter, due to the indecisiveness of Oregon law.

A check on the exact date is now under way.

Camas Valley Blaze Fatal to Firefighter

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Fire crews Friday attempted to halt the spread of a 50-acre fire in the Camas Valley section of the Old Tioga burn after one firefighter was killed and another injured in battling the blaze Thursday night.

Dead was Joe Johnson, 65, Camas Valley, recruited from the Coos County Forest Patrol, who was crushed while falling a snag in the fire area.

The injured man was John Stanley, 62, also of Camas Valley.

BIG GRASS FIRE
A grass fire burned over about 10 acres on Kirkland road, north of Central Point, shortly after noon today, according to the state forest patrol. A forest patrol crew handled the blaze until a Central Point rural fire district crew arrived on the scene, they said. No property damage was reported.

ABANDON SEARCH
The sheriff's office reported this morning that it is not continuing the search for James Marion Hurst, Butte Falls, missing since he quit his job at the Willow Creek dam last Tuesday.

It was learned yesterday that Hurst had been given a ride to Medford and was not lost in the woods as originally suspected.

Public Debate on Oregon Truck Issue Gets Under Way in Meeting at Astoria

Astoria — (U.P.) — The first favor of the so-called state truck referral which would increase truck taxes in Oregon.

Sen. Elmo E. Smith, John Day, chairman of the Legislative Highway Interim Committee, spoke in favor of the 1951 legislation as being "reasonable."

Other members of the Highway Interim Committee were Sen. Angus Gibson, Junction City, and Warren Gill, Lebanon, and State Rep. Jack Geary, Klamath Falls, and Pat Loneragan, Portland.

Kefauver Holds 67-Vote Margin On Initial Count

Delegates Hope To Finish Tonight

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.) — The first presidential ballot of the Democratic national convention ended Friday with no candidate getting nearly enough votes for the nomination.

The official vote for the four front runners: Kefauver 340, Stevenson 273, Russell 268 and Harriman 123½.

Chicago — (U.P.) — Thomas J. Gavin, President Truman's alternate delegate in the Missouri delegation, today disclosed the President's choice for the successor to the White House when he cast his one-half vote for Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

The entire convention had been in suspense since Monday when Gavin steadfastly refusing to disclose the President's choice until voting time.

The winning candidate needs 616 votes.

Remaining Votes Scattered
The remaining votes are scattered as follows:

Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma 65, Gov. Paul Dever of Massachusetts 37½, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota 26, Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas 22, Vice President Alben W. Barkley 48½, President Truman 6, Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois 3, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Swing of New York 4, Sen. James E. Murray of Montana 12, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas ½.

Absent 1.

Individual Polls Asked
But numerous demands for individual polls of state delegations dragged out the proceedings. Pennsylvania was the ninth state to be polled, delegate by delegate.

Even before the roll call dragged past the half-way mark state delegations were caucusing on their second ballot intentions and campaign managers were trying to swing deals all over town.

Among the caucusing delegations was Michigan which decided to shift its 40 votes, cast for favorite son Gov. G. Mennen Williams on the first roll to Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Ready for Second Count
The delegates, punchy from Thursday's marathon session and Friday's dragged out balloting, dug in for the second roll call.

The first roll call started at 12:21 p.m. CDT shortly after the 31st Democratic national convention went into its fifth day. At 3 p.m. the roll call had progressed no further than Pennsylvania.

Tired delegates hoped to wind up the whole business late Friday night with a speech by President Truman and an acceptance address by the nominee. Mr. Truman was flying here even as the ballot was taken.

Highway Construction Bids Due in August

Ashland — Bids for construction of a four lane highway from the Jackson county farm south to Billings hill, totaling 4.65 miles, will be opened by the State Highway Commission at its August meeting, according to word received here.

The project, estimated to cost a half-million dollars, will complete the four-lane of the highway from Medford to the north boundary of Ashland. The bid on the Medford-county farm section was accepted at the June meeting of the commission.

On both sections, the new highway is planned to follow the present right-of-way.

Prineville — (U.P.) — Francis J. Fox, 57, of Prineville, died Thursday when a load of logs slipped off a truck and pinned him to the ground.