

Bonn Cabinet Turns Down Peace Agreements



LUCKY LANDING—Firemen and Navy rescuers help passengers through escape hatches of an American Airlines plane shortly after it made emergency landing at Glenview Naval Air Station, Ill. The pilot, who discovered his landing gear would not lower properly, landed the Convair on only two of its wheels. None of the 40 passengers aboard was hurt.

Probe of Northwest Power Operations To Show Control Switch

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Washington—A congressional investigation of Pacific Northwest power company operations is expected now to be the first tangible evidence of the switch-over in control of the new 84th Congress to the Democratic party, as far as the power issue is concerned.

Such a probe has been twice promised by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), currently chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and its anti-monopoly subcommittee. Last August he said he wanted to look into the Hells Canyon controversy, but the Republican Policy Committee of the Senate effectively blocked Langer by preventing the allocation of his requested \$37,500 to finance the investigation.

To Explore Issue
In October Langer again said his committee would tackle the private vs. public power fight in the region, particularly a local scrap between Washington Water Power Co. of Spokane and a nearby PUD in Stevens county, Wash. Now that the election returns are in, informed sources at the Capitol say this issue will be explored by an investigative committee.

And there are indications that, once begun, the probe will branch out to encompass the formation last year of the Pacific Northwest Power Co. by four of the region's utilities — Pacific Power and Light Co., Portland General Electric Co., Washington Water Power Co. and Montana Power Co. This is considered a natural for the Senate anti-monopoly subcommittee, whose new chairman when the Democrats take command in January will be Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who shares Langer's feelings about the desirability of protecting public power development against private utility opposition.

This week's move by the Pacific Northwest Power Co. to gain permits from the Federal Power Commission for two dam sites on the Snake river, Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley, only heightened fears here among public power advocates that this new company is designed to be the vehicle for what they suspect are private utility intentions of trying to gain control of the entire Northwest power grid.

Election Tactics
The specific incident that may spark this probe was the election last week of a private power company-supported candidate to one of the three positions on the board of the Stevens County PUD. A protest over the tactics being used in that election campaign was detailed for the anti-monopoly committee by Master A. Lars Nelson of the Washington state Grange, who told the story as follows:

"In Stevens county costly 'smear' pamphlets purportedly issued by a self-styled 'Citizens Committee' have appeared against the PUD. Expensive staffs of public accountants have been used in the vain attempt to find something wrong with the public agency books. Law firms from Spokane have been used to try to block the lawful pursuit of business by the local district. Door bell ringers have been imported by the private power firm to mislead the people of Stevens county in an attempt to control the local utility's board by election of the private power candidate."

Utility Candidate Wins
The result of the election was that the utility-supported candidate, John Aston, won out over the incumbent PUD commissioner, D. L. McKern, by 237 votes.

The presumption is that this will strengthen the Spokane utility's chances of besting the PUD in the Stevens county service area clash in which they are involved.

The Washington Grange leader argued that such "actions demonstrate the need for tightening utility regulations to stop customer discrimination, monopoly abuse and political action used to destroy their competition."

Applegate Tells of 'Traitor' Charges
Chicago — (U.P.) — Richard Applegate said today some citizens have called him "traitor" for making a germ warfare confession for his Communist captors.

Applegate, a newsman imprisoned for 18 months by the Chinese Reds, said his critics do not realize that the Communists are "uncanny" at brainwashing.

"They even had me believing for a while that we did use germ warfare in Korea," he said, "although I was a correspondent there for 20 months and knew it was a lie."

The Communists never used his confession, he said. If they had, they would have found that the authorities he quoted to substantiate germ warfare charges were "Maj. Red Skelton, Capt. Bob Hope," names that were a clear giveaway to Americans, he said.

Applegate, a former United Press correspondent and an NBC foreign correspondent, told the Executives' Club of Chicago of his experiences from the time he was captured on his yacht to his release Sept. 15, 1954.

Canvass of Election Results Completed
Canvass of the votes in the Nov. 2 general election was completed by Jackson county deputy clerks today.

The official count made no changes in the outcome of any of the races, although totals were slightly different in some instances from the unofficial totals completed election night.

Canvass totals, including write-in votes, will be published in full in Sunday's Mail Tribune.

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Funds for Talent Project Believed In Budget for '56

Appropriations for initial construction of the Talent irrigation and reclamation project are expected to be included in the President's budget for the coming fiscal year, it is reported here today.

Jack Hoffbuhr, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, and Bob Kent, of the Talent district, who attended the annual convention of the National Reclamation association in Portland this week, said they had conferred with Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and With W. A. Dexheimer, commissioner of reclamation, regarding the project. They gave assurances of their support.

They warned, however, that while there is a "good chance" of getting adequate appropriations to begin work, there may be a more conservative attitude toward construction starts in the coming year.

Hoffbuhr and others from this area also talked with Harold Nelson, Boise, Ida., regional manager of the reclamation bureau, regarding the possibility of obtaining bureau funds not otherwise obligated for use in rehabilitation work on the Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation districts' canals.

If all goes well, construction could begin shortly after the start of the 1956 fiscal year next July 1, Hoffbuhr said.

Paul Culbertson, president of the Medford district, also attended. Kent was elected president of the Oregon State Reclamation Congress, and Hoffbuhr was named chairman of the board of directors for the congress' fourth congressional district.

Morse Says Burke 'Inferior Choice'
Cincinnati, O. — (U.P.) — Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, the U. S. Senate's lone Independent, has labeled Ohio's senator-elect "a much inferior man" in comparison with the appointive senator he'll replace.

Morse said here yesterday that "if Sen. Thomas Burke loses his recount fight and Rep. Bender remains elected, a fine public figure will have been replaced by a much inferior man."

Morse told a Jewish Community center forum audience that the Senate majority is held neither by Democrats nor Republicans, but by an ultra-reactionary coalition of both parties. He mentioned no names, but identified Bender and the late Sen. Robert A. Taft with his control group. Burke and Bender ran for the remainder or Taft's term.

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Doran was pinned in the car following the collision, police said. The forward part of the car was pushed back, and it was necessary to cut open the car with a torch. A Rogue Service supply wrecker then pulled portions of the car away to free him.

The car smoked after the collision, and there was a danger of fire. A Medford Fire department pumper stood by.

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Must Condemn McCarthy Conduct, Senator Declares

Continuation of 'Slush and Slime' Charged in Speech

'Good Work' Said No License To Destroy

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.) told the Senate today that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's conduct "must be condemned — otherwise we adopt it as a standard here."

Stennis, a member of the special committee which recommended censure of McCarthy, said McCarthy's first words in the Senate in the censure debate this week "were a continuation of the slush and slime that's been poured over other committees."

Stennis was the first Democrat to deliver a full dress speech in the censure debate. And it was the most impassioned speech against McCarthy so far.

'Moral Contempt'
He said McCarthy's "good work" fighting Communism "does not license him to destroy other good work or other members of the Senate."

Stennis urged the Senate to censure McCarthy for his "abuse of witnesses" and "moral contempt" of behavior which included "abuse and more abuse, insults and more insults" against a 1951-52 Elections subcommittee, even after a 60 to 0 vote by which Stennis said the Senate affirmed its confidence in the subcommittee and its members.

Earlier, Sen. Herman Welker (R-Ida.) read to the Senate a letter in which a member of the Censure committee described Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker as having been "evasive and resentful."

However, the author of the letter, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) told the Senate he had changed his mind about Zwicker after the general testified before the censure group.

Changed His Mind
McCarthy's "abuse" of Zwicker at a closed hearing last February was one of the points on which the committee recommended that the Wisconsin Republican be censured.

Walker, a McCarthy supporter, contrasted Johnson's remarks in the letter with a later Censure Committee statement that Zwicker had been "courteous and respectful." Johnson said he changed his mind about Zwicker's attitude when he learned that the general had been "completely under wraps" when he appeared before McCarthy.

As the censure debate continued, Republican Leader William F. Knowland indicated a new compromise plan to end it is being discussed in Senate cloakrooms. He gave no details.

Senate Must Decide
McCarthy was not observed in the Senate chamber while Johnson and Welker engaged in their exchange, nor as Stennis began his speech. McCarthy's attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, was present.

Stennis said that when the Senate made McCarthy chairman of its Investigating Subcommittee, he became an official representative of the Senate, "We had vouched for him."

Therefore, he said the Senate must decide whether it approves of McCarthy's conduct.

"This doesn't touch topside or bottom on the question of Communism in our government," he said. "That issue has nothing to do with the issue before the Senate."

Question of Conduct
"It is purely a question of political morality and senatorial conduct."

He said the fact that McCarthy was fighting Communism did not give him special privilege.

Earlier Sen. George W. Malone (R-Nev.) charged that the censure move against McCarthy is actually a "move to destroy the investigative power of this body." He said McCarthy was being made a "whipping boy" in the effort.

Ike's Promise To Run Again Said Nonsense

Toledo, O. — (U.P.) — White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said today a report that President Eisenhower has promised Republican leaders to run again in 1956 is "a lot of nonsense."

Hagerty made the comment when told a story of that nature was appearing today in the Akron, O., Beacon-Journal.

At the same time, Hagerty described as "a lot of nonsense" another report that retiring Gov. John David Lodge of Connecticut is slated to replace Sherman Adams as top assistant to the President in the near future.

Hagerty met with reporters while President Eisenhower was secluded at a private club as a duck hunting guest of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey about 14 miles from downtown Toledo.

Secret Huddle Story Brings Denial
The Akron story was to the effect that Mr. Eisenhower had promised high Republican leaders in a secret huddle that he will run for reelection in 1956.

It also said he promised to "reshuffle" the White House staff to bring in men with more political savvy.

"It's a lot of nonsense," Hagerty said with finality.

The story that Adams will be replaced by Lodge in the key White House post was attributed to Rep. Joseph L. Carrig (R-Pa.) who believes that the former New Hampshire governor hasn't given politics enough consideration.

"The President has complete faith and trust in Sherman Adams," Hagerty said.

Dressler Innocent of Assault Charge; Jury Deliberates 5 1/2 Hours

Jesse Floyd Dressler, 52, of route 2, box 465, Medford, has been exonerated of charges of assault with a dangerous weapon. A circuit court jury brought in the not guilty verdict after 5 1/2 hours of deliberation.

The charge involved an alleged attack July 2, 1954, on Mrs. Nate Smith, who lives about a quarter of a mile from Dressler's home in the Jacksonville area.

State Witnesses
Witnesses for the state contended that Dressler threatened Mrs. Smith with a claw hammer and used abusive language to her. State witnesses included Mrs. Smith, her stepson, Gary Smith, 14, and her two sons, Eldon Dodson, 15, and Danny Dodson, 11, who were with her at the time of the alleged attack.

Dressler testified in his own defense. Other defense witnesses were Sheriff Howard Gault, former deputy district attorney Thomas Reeder, Mrs. Caroline Seeger, a court reporter from Grants Pass, and Art Dressler, brother of the defendant, who was in the vicinity at the time of the event.

Jury Selected Tuesday
Selection of the jury was completed Tuesday morning. Jurors' counsel for the state and for the defense, and Presiding Judge Lowell Mundorff viewed the scene of the alleged crime Tuesday.

G. W. Kellington, Medford attorney, was appointed by the court to represent Dressler, and District Attorney Walter Nunley represented the state. Dressler was free on \$2,500 bail prior to and during the trial.

In other major cases pending in circuit court, Nunley and Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna indicated this morning that a date for the trial of Donald Chesley, 19, Coos Bay, second defendant in the Fern Hill murder trial, will be set tomorrow.

Answer Slated
James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif., first defendant tried in the Hile case, has been sentenced to die Jan. 7 in the state gas chamber in Salem. Jensen's attorneys, Edward Kelley and Bernard Kelly, have filed a motion for a new trial, and Nunley said this morning that he expects to file a brief in answer to the motion not later than Wednesday.

In the case of Leroy (Bud) Weather

Weather
FORECAST: Fair tonight. Increasing high cloudiness Saturday. Considerable valley fog in the morning. Low tonight 34; high Saturday 68. Temp. Highest Yesterday 51. Lowest this Morning 39. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .35

US, Allies Plan To Test Malenkov's Views on Cold War

Wide Range of Tests Planned by Officials

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and its allies planned early moves today to test Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov's professed view that the East-West cold war has gone too far.

The tests will range all the way from watching the treatment of Western diplomats and their families in Moscow to probing Soviet policy on plane incidents in the Far East and Red strategy on Germany and Austria.

Officials Interested
American officials from President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on down are interested in Malenkov's expressed desire to prevent war and work toward normal relations through diplomatic channels. But officials said the Russian leader's warm words will have to be matched by Russian deeds.

In both actions and words, Mr. Eisenhower has shown his intense desire to do everything possible to avoid any steps toward a possible H-bomb war with the East. If sincere, Malenkov's views, as expressed to Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen in Moscow Sunday, are assured of a thorough but guarded consideration at the White House.

New Note To Moscow
The first American test will be a new note to Moscow on the destruction six days ago of a U.S. B-29 plane by the Russians. The note will make the usual claims for compensation and reject Moscow charges the United States was at fault and, in addition, take a new step by acknowledging a seeming Russian offer of take measures to prevent further incidents.

In about two weeks, the United States, Britain and France will give Malenkov's words a bigger test. An Allied note under preparation London will leave the door open for four-power talks on Germany and remind the Russians that their approval of an Austrian treaty would be a major boost for peace.

Fred Snite Jr., Famed Polio Victim, Succumbs
Palm Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Fred B. Snite Jr., 44, the cheerful "boiler kid" who lived more than 18 years in an iron lung, died in his sleep today while resting from a bridge game in the annual Florida state championship tournament.

Snite, who was stricken with polio while traveling in China in 1936, was an avid bridge fan. He played cards by looking in a mirror placed over his head in the iron lung he occupied at least 20 hours a day.

His health had been gradually waning in recent years because of his long life in the mechanical respirator.

Two Men Start Terms In Oregon State Prison
Two men were taken to Salem yesterday by sheriff's deputies to start terms in Oregon state prison. They were John Merrill Carter, 51, Martinez, Calif., and Charles Mattson Fender, 40, Grants Pass.

Both were sentenced to three years in state prison on charges of violation of probation. Both Carter and Fender were arrested on bad check charges.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 377.10 up 2.19; 20 railroads 127.65 up 0.25; 15 utilities 60.60 up 0.02; 65 stocks 138.85 up 0.50. Sales today were about 3,720,000 shares compared with 2,690,000 shares yesterday.

Issues Referred To Committeemen For Further Study

Disagreement May Upset Time Table

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's coalition Cabinet refused today to approve the German rearmament agreements negotiated recently in Paris.

The deadlocked Cabinet referred the measures, including the highly controversial agreement on the coal-rich Saar border area, to a five-man Cabinet commission for further study. The deadlock developed unexpectedly.

Called To Approve Bills
Adenauer had called his Cabinet together to approve bills which were to have been submitted to the West German parliament for ratification of the measures which would restore German sovereignty, make her a member of a new West European union, and rearm 500,000 West Germans for the west's defense against Communist aggression.

Disagreement on the measures were feared likely to upset Adenauer's time table for ratification which had called for the measures to be placed before the Bundestag (lower house) for first reading and debate Dec. 16.

Adviser Sent To Paris
Only yesterday Adenauer sent his foreign policy adviser, Herbert Blankenhorn, to Paris for conferences with Premier Pierre Mendes-France's Cabinet chief, Jean-Marie Soutou, on the Saar agreement. That feature of the Paris accords has been particularly unpalatable in Germany.

Opposition by some of Adenauer's own coalition party leaders has bridled his provisions for permanently divorcing the rich border areas from Germany and internationalizing it.

Cut Tree Slides, Killing Workman

James William Shields, 54, resident of the Trail district, was fatally injured yesterday in a logging accident near Drew in Douglas county, state police reported.

They said that Shields was struck by a tree about 90 feet long and 30 inches in diameter at the butt. The tree, cut on a hillside, slid downhill about one-fourth mile and hit him. The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. Shields died about an hour later.

Shields, whose home was four miles north of Trail on Highway 227, was a checker-stoker for the Johnston-Plumley, Inc. Scene of the accident was near Tison rd., five miles east of Highway 227.

Peri Ambulancemen, accompanied by a Medford doctor, were called to the scene. The body was removed on authority of L. L. Powers, Douglas county coroner, and brought to Medford. Peri Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Medford Unit of UN Association Planned; Speaker Tells Advantages, Needs, of UN

First steps toward formation of a Medford unit of the Oregon United Nations association were taken here last night.

The action followed an address by Dr. Karlin Capper-Johnson at the YMCA. The speaker, president of the state UN association, was brought to Medford by the YMCA and the Medford Council of Church Women.

Chairman Named
Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., was named chairman of the new group. Lawrence Solin is treasurer and Mrs. Jack Moran is secretary. A meeting will be held Nov. 26 at the Bosworth home to complete organization. A membership of 25 is required for affiliation with the state and national UN groups, and about 20 names were listed here last night.

Dr. Capper-Johnson told his audience that citizens should "stand up and be counted" as favoring UN, and added, "you are in fact the advance agents for peace." If the UN fails and another war comes, democracy will suffer a tremendous reversal, he stressed. UN association units provide a means of education, he said, and "train our own minds to what it really means."

'Peace Not Constant'
The speaker, an authority on international relations and a professor at Lewis and Clark college, Portland, said "peace is not a constant thing" and that the United Nations is a "piece of machinery," like the Congress of the United States, where nations of the world "talk problems out instead of shooting them out."

To those who complain that there is too much disagreement among UN members, the speaker said this is as it should be.

"The UN should not be a mutual admiration society, but a place where people get together because they don't agree," he said. Discussing who should be members, Dr. Capper-Johnson said, "The UN ought to be a place where states are required to come and where they cannot go away," and that it should be a "compulsory talking society."

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Mrs. Bosworth, president of the church women's council, presided, and the speaker was introduced by Robert Jones of the YMCA.