

Hammarskjold, Chou Get Men To Business

Overnight Session, Said Attended by Experts on Law

Another Meeting Scheduled Saturday

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjold and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai discussed the fate of U.N. war prisoners in another three and three-quarter hour meeting today.

A message to U.N. headquarters signed by Hammarskjold said he and Chou held their second formal meeting in Peiping between 3 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. (2 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. EST). It said the next meeting was scheduled for Saturday at 3 p.m., Peiping time.

A similar communique was broadcast by Radio Peiping.

Special Dispatch
A dispatch from a special United Press correspondent in Peiping also reported an overnight meeting between the two, but no mention of this session was made in the releases either from U.N. headquarters or as transmitted by Peiping radio.

The U.P. dispatch from Peiping said an extraordinary overnight meeting lasted three and a half hours and Hammarskjold was believed to have done most of the talking.

D. R. Mankekar, an editor of the Times of India who is on special assignment in Peiping for the United Press, said in a cable from the ancient Chinese capital that two experts on international law sat in on the special session.

Down to Business
Mankekar's cables, relayed to New York from Peiping by way of Bombay, said the presence of the experts indicated Chou and Hammarskjold had dispensed with the necessary pleasantries and got down to business on the matter of the fliers.

Mankekar's report was the first concrete information coming out of Red China since brief accounts were given yesterday of the first formal meeting between Chou and Hammarskjold. Radio Peiping and the official New China News agency mentioned neither the special session nor the regular scheduled afternoon meetings in their regular broadcasts today.

Education Group Backing Proposals

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Education Association is backing several proposals, including higher teachers salaries, an OEA official told Multnomah county legislators here last night.

Floyd Light, chairman of the OEA legislative committee, said the association also favors degree-granting status for Portland State College, financial aid for distressed school districts and a reappraisal of equalization money going to various districts.

Most of the OEA's legislative proposals were drafted last December by the group's representative council.

Number of Employed Drops by 1,043,000

Washington—(U.P.)—The number of employed dropped by 1,043,000 in December but the number classified as jobless remained about the same as in November, the government reported today.

The Commerce and Labor departments said that 60,688,000 persons were employed early in December, compared to 61,731,000 for early in November. The Commerce Department said, however, that the drop was due largely to seasonal factors.

Chapter of United Nations Association Organized at Meeting Here Last Night

A Medford chapter of Oregon United Nations' association was formally organized at a meeting held in the YMCA building last evening, and permanent officers were elected.

They are Bruce Manley, Medford attorney, chairman; Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., vice-chairman; Lawrence Solin, treasurer, and Mrs. Jack Moran, secretary.

Bosworth, who has been serving as temporary chairman, presided until after the elections. A permanent meeting time and place will be arranged by the officers.

Some 40 Attend
About 40 persons, including a group of students, attended the meeting, and 33 indicated their intention to become members. This did not include a number who had attended previous sessions and already paid dues. During the program Manley spoke on the international court of justice, which is operated as a part of the United Nations.



BANK OFFICER—C. B. Stephenson, Portland, president of the First National Bank of Portland, will head a delegation of top officers of the statewide banking system who will be here Monday for the official opening of the new Medford branch of the First National, at 1 East Main st. Stephenson also will be the speaker at the weekly round-table meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday at the Jackson hotel, and will be on a television broadcast Sunday evening.

Expected Seasonal Jobless Increase Hits in December

The expected seasonal upswing in the number of men without jobs continued through December, but there are fewer jobless now than at the same time last year, the Medford office of the State Employment Service reported today.

The number of unemployed is about 25 per cent smaller than at the end of December, 1953, the report said, and is 40 per cent higher than at the end of November, 1954.

Weather is Cause
The seasonal increase in unemployment is due, as usual, to weather which curtails lumbering activity. There were no major shutdowns, but some mills have closed temporarily for annual repairs, with part of the crews laid off. Some higher altitude logging has been stopped by snow or soft roads.

Construction continued through December at a higher level than normal for this time of year, the report added.

Christmas gift packing in the fruit industry was completed before Christmas, and seasonal retail help was laid off, but neither resulted in any unusual amount of unemployment, the report said. Agricultural work at present is pretty well confined to orchard pruning, and the demand is light.

Market Good
As to the job outlook, the report said the lumber market remains strong, and retail firms report business to be exceptionally good for this time of year. However, it added, winter weather will maintain unemployment roughly in proportion to the severity of storms in the area.

This will mean a surplus of qualified workers and skilled craftsmen available for almost any type of job during the rest of the winter, the report concluded.

New Hebrides Islands Hit by Earthquakes

Sydney—(U.P.)—Heavy earthquakes hit the New Hebrides Islands today, knocking down houses and uprooting trees. No casualties were reported.

Reports reaching here said the main damage was caused on Malekula, the biggest island in the group.

Courses of Action Considered If Dag Fails at Peiping

United States Holds Hopes for Success

Tokyo—(U.P.)—United States officials are quietly planning possible courses of action in the event that U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold fails to win the release of the 11 American airmen jailed by Communist China as spies.

These possible courses range all the way from another attempt to effect the release through the U.N. itself to direct action of some sort by the United States alone.

Well informed sources said the United States at this stage still hopes that Hammarskjold will be successful in his mission. Alternative courses are being studied "only as a means of being ready for any eventuality," it was explained.

Failure Might Mean Crisis
It has been emphasized here ever since Hammarskjold decided to go to Peiping that the complete failure of his mission probably would lead to a crisis.

The situation, informants said, is that if Hammarskjold fails, the anti-Communist powers must either bow to the Chinese Reds or take further action.

It is suggested first that the U.N. could not let the issue drop and thus accept a devastating blow to its prestige.

But even if the U.N. failed to act, it is argued, the United States would have to.

American officials in Asia are strongly opposed to any further concessions to the Reds.

Some of them feel that the prestige of the U.N., and the United States as well, already has suffered as the result of a "soft" attitude toward the Communists, including acceptance without action of repeated violations of the Korean armistice.

Several Choices
It was pointed out that if the United States decided on action in the fliers' behalf, it would have the choice of a number of courses.

The United States might impose further economic sanctions against not only Red China but all other Communist countries, informants said.

It could increase aid to the Chinese Nationalists to enable them to tighten their blockade of the Red held mainland. Some quarters have suggested that the Nationalists be given a submarine fleet.

The United States could set up an air and sea blockade itself. Finally, it could resume hostilities in Korea on the ground that Communist truce violations had become intolerable.

Oregon To Be Cold, Foggy on Week End

By UNITED PRESS
Cold weather with fog and no much precipitation is on the weather menu for Oregonians over the week end.

The weather bureau said the temperature wasn't expected to get above 25 degrees today or tomorrow in most of eastern Oregon, while a low of 22 was expected tonight in the southern interior of western Oregon.

Night and morning fog is expected in many areas with some snow flurries east of the Cascades.

The temperature plummeted to near zero levels in eastern Oregon this morning. It was 2 above at Klamath Falls, and 4 at Burns and Baker.

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Television's Jack Webb has announced he will marry former Actress Dorothy Towne next week somewhere in the Midwest.

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DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 395.60 up 3.71; 20 railroads 144.34 up 4.03; 15 utilities 62.10 up 0.34, and 65 stocks 14.86 up 2.10. Sales today were about 4,000,000 shares compared with 3,300,000 shares yesterday.

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Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) predicted that "a large part" of the administration's domestic program would be enacted with the support of both Republicans and Democrats.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), one of the most influential of the conservative southerners, called Mr. Eisenhower's message "constructive" but added:

"It appears that there are quite a few heavy expenditure functions being proposed in addition to increased expenditures for existing functions. I think Congress should carefully scrutinize all of these proposals for new expenditures."

Post Office '54 Take Down Slightly

Receipts at the Medford post office during 1954 were down \$316.37 from 1953's all-time Medford record, according to post office officials.

Receipts last year were \$529,459.86, compared with \$529,776.23 for 1953.

Receipts during the first three quarters of 1954 were more than for a similar period in the previous year. The fire late in the year at Pinnacle Packing plant, which does a big business in Christmas gift packages, was responsible for at least part of the drop in post office receipts, officials believe.

The Medford post office operated at a considerable saving from 1953 costs, it was indicated. Post office officials said that use of "local delivery" and "out of town delivery" slips at Christmas time was responsible for part of this saving, plus a considerable help in expediting the handling of mail.

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PIENING PLEADS GUILTY

Russians Believed Scanning US Coasts

Washington—(U.P.)—A high-ranking Navy officer said today there is good reason to believe Russian submarines make occasional surveys of United States coastal areas.

He based his estimate on a steady stream of reported sightings received by the Navy from military and commercial aircraft, merchant ships and from observers on shore.

Sightings Average Two a Week
The officer, who may not be identified, said reported sightings average two a week and have shown no recent change.

He acknowledged to a reporter that the Navy's far-flung anti-submarine apparatus has not positively identified a Russian sub off either the Atlantic or Pacific coast.

But with the number of possible sightings reported and the known capabilities of Russia's submarine fleet, the officer said, anti-sub experts

are convinced there is "some surveillance." According to U.S. and British intelligence estimates, Russia now has the largest fleet of undersea craft ever assembled.

The number of all types is estimated as 350 to 375, twice as many as the United States has and seven times as many as Germany had at the start of World War II. New construction could amount to one a week. How many may be on-going, long-range craft is not publicly known.

90 Estimated in Far Pacific
But the U.S. Navy estimates that some 90 Russian subs operate in the Far Pacific, conducting war games and fleet maneuvers with other growing Russian naval forces.

Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas has said on more than one occasion that this country can deal if necessary with the submarine "anywhere and everywhere" from the factory to the base to the high seas.

Action Requested in Hearing To Stop 3-Cent Mail Airlift

Two Fires Damage Drug Store, Home Here This Morning

Medford city firemen were called to a storefront fire in the Trade Fair (Pennywise) Drug store, East Main st., this morning, and to an earlier residence fire at 111 Jeanette st.

The drug store fire was confined to a rear storeroom on the alley. Considerable off-season stock was ruined on the second floor, and there was water damage to gift items on the first floor. The fire started from materials ignited from an overheated furnace pipe, firemen said.

Smoke Causes Damage
There was some smoke damage in the front of the store, mostly near the ceiling. Considerable smoke damage resulted to the Rex hotel above the store. Fire Marshal Truman Nelson reported. Fire Chief Gordon Barker said that some smoke even seeped through the mortar and brick into the adjacent Hubbard's hardware.

Nelson said there was insurance coverage on stock and fixtures in the drug store, owned by Wayne Mack, and on the building, owned by John Barnum, Oakland, Calif. The hotel furnishings were not covered, he added.

The store is also a post office substation, and Postmaster Moore Hamilton said that all post office materials were removed without damage, and would be returned as soon as possible. There was no fire damage in the postal area.

Three trucks answered the call, one from each of the city's three stations.

Residence Damaged
Considerable fire damage resulted to the kitchen, living room and closet walls and floors in the blaze at the residence of Donald E. Smith, 111 Jeanette st. Firemen also reported smoke damage throughout the house. They said the fire apparently started from an overheated flue and had gained much headway before Smith, his wife and child awakened.

The alarm was received about 2:25 a.m. Two trucks, one each from main and west side fire stations, were dispatched.

Alcohol from a radiator in a car registered to Walter King, 718 West Main st., ignited after boiling over on Sixth st. near the YMCA, last night, according to firemen. They were called at 5:30 p.m. There was some damage to the motor.

Yesterday firemen investigated heavy black smoke reported coming from Department of Interior property on Barnett rd. They found department employees were burning a large accumulation of refuse, including old tires.

Sheppard's Mother Takes Life With Gun

Cleveland—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ethel Sheppard, 64, mother of convicted wife-killer Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, committed suicide today by shooting herself.

Police in Rocky River, where the shooting occurred, said a suicide note explained she "can't carry on without father." Her husband, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, is a patient at Bay View hospital which he and his osteopath sons operate.

The note made no mention of Dr. Sam, police said, who on Dec. 21 was convicted of second-degree murder for the July 4 bludgeoning of his pregnant wife, Marilyn, 31.

Vessel Picketed on San Francisco Arrival

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The cruise ship Trade Winds docked at Pier 16 today and promptly was picketed by the AFL Marine Cooks and Stewards Union protesting the vessel's changed flag and German crew.

Astoria—(U.P.)—Annual convention of the Northwest City Managers association will be held here Feb. 26-28.

Railroads Oppose Further Delay in Federal Court

Washington—(U.P.)—Five West Coast railroads moved in federal district court yesterday to oppose further delay in their action to stop the hauling of three-cent mail by air.

The court was expected to rule on the move within a week. Attorney Francis M. Shea, acting on behalf of the Santa Fe, Great Northern, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific, said the action was taken to hasten a hearing on a motion for preliminary judgment, filed Dec. 30.

Delay Sought on Judgment
The Post Office sought a delay in the hearing on the preliminary judgment in order to prepare its case, contending it had until Jan. 21 to get ready, rather than the customary 10 days.

The five railroads had sought and failed to obtain a temporary injunction Dec. 13 to block the practice, on the grounds it was costing the five carriers more than \$2000 a day. The railroads also contend that postal regulations require air mail postage rates to be charged for mail carried by airplanes.

Asia Policy Review Declared Possible
Washington—(U.P.)—Two Senate leaders agreed today that hearings on the Southeast Asia and Formosa defense treaties may lead to a full-scale airing of diplomatic and defense policies in the Far East.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), who recently called for a review of all U. S. foreign policy, said hearings on the two pacts may develop into a review of Asian policy, at least informally, by the Senate.

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), who is slated to head the Foreign Relations Committee, agreed such a review is "very likely."

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Weather
FORECAST: Little temperature change. Low tonight 23, High Friday 47.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 40
Lowest this Morning 28

Admits Connection With Cornell Death; Others Indicted

Manlaughter Charged In Shooting Death

Marion Franklin Piening, 50, of 425 South Grape st., this morning pleaded guilty in circuit court to manslaughter charges arising out of the death on April 19, 1949, of Margaret Ann Cornell.

Piening was one of three men indicted earlier this week by the grand jury. The other two were arrested yesterday and appeared in circuit court for arraignment this morning.

One of those arraigned this morning was Fred Warden, 31, of route 1, box 350K, Medford, who was charged with manslaughter in the Oct. 16, 1954 death of 12-year-old Philip Stephen Minear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear, route 1, box 331.

Boy Killed, Girl Hurt
The boy died of a gunshot wound. The same bullet which struck him, hit Sharon Ruth O'Connell, 12, of route 1, box 369K, and pierced her arm.

Police said Warden was deer hunting when he thought he "saw a deer including the horns." He fired a shot and heard a shout. Warden found the two children wounded and took them to a Medford hospital in his car. He was hunting with a 30-30 Savage rifle.

The second man arraigned this morning was Jack Dwight McCoy, 26, of 129 Wightman st., Ashland, who was charged with attempted rape. Bail for both Warden and McCoy was set at \$7,500 each.

Will Grant Time
In another major Jackson county case, Attorney Edward Kelly said this morning that Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna has indicated he will grant a motion for more time to prepare records needed in the appeal of the death sentence for James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif.

Jensen was sentenced to die in the state gas chamber at Salem for the 1954 hatchet murder of Mrs. Fern Hile. Jensen originally was scheduled to die today, but the notice of appeal filed Dec. 11 acted as a stay of execution.

Another criminal case involves two Ashland teenagers who were arrested yesterday by Ashland police and sheriff's deputies and were booked into the county jail on larceny charges.

The youths are Richard Lee Booth, 19, of 148 Ohio st., Ashland, and a 16-year-old boy.

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Brown, who said he was not physically injured by the men but instead, was "mentally tortured" and told officers his abductors piled him back in the car Wednesday and then dropped him off in the outskirts of Fresno.