

# Dag Says Way Cleared for Negotiations on 11 Airmen

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United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—U. N. Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjöld said today that "no deals of any kind" for the release of 11 American prisoners sentenced as spies were suggested.

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States today ruled out any deal with Red China to swap diplomatic recognition or a seat in the United Nations for freedom of jailed Americans.

Officials at the same time, however, did not veto the possibility of letting 35 Chinese students in this country go home to Communism if that alone is the Communist price for freedom of the 11 American fliers and others held by the Reds.

ed by either side in his talks with Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai in Peiping.

He gave a news conference the first public disclosure of details of his mission to free the airmen and all other U.N. command personnel still held by the Chinese Communists as Korean war prisoners.

He refused to discuss the substance of his 13½ hours of secret talks with Chou but replied to a question as to whether his mission was successful:

"If by successful, you mean that I brought the fliers back in the plane, I was not successful. If you mean that I achieved what I hoped to achieve, then I was successful."

Hammarskjöld made it clear, as he did on his arrival at Idlewild Airport last night, that the door "has been opened" for negotiations with Red China and that he hoped to maintain the contact he established with Chou.

But he said he would not be specific on the time or place of the next contact with the Red Chinese. That, he said, would depend upon developments.

Many Items Discussed  
Chou, Hammarskjöld said, gave his views on "other questions pertinent to present international tensions." He did not detail what other questions were discussed, but said "all the questions you could guess" were mentioned.

"This part of our conversation was, however, entirely apart from the question of the prisoners," the secretary-general said.

"No deals of any kind, nor any link between these other questions and the prisoner question, were suggested by either side."

Hammarskjöld gave a full report on his four secret talks with Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai to U. N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. at the secretary-general's Park Avenue apartment Thursday night.

Lodge left the apartment in an optimistic mood and went to Washington to put Hammarskjöld's findings before Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower.

After an hour's briefing by Hammarskjöld, Lodge said he was "confident that progress has been made and that our fliers will be free."

### Central Pt. Man Named To Potato Commission

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson today appointed Harry Dunn of Central Point to the Oregon Potato Commission, representing the state at large. Dunn succeeds Robert W. Miller of Boardman.

## Receipts in District Court Total \$75,115 During Year

Receipts for the Medford district court during 1954 amounted to \$75,115.50, according to figures released today by Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk. Of this total, almost \$52,000 went to Jackson county, while the rest was turned over to the state.

During the past year, the district court handled 2,875 cases, with the monthly case load ranging from 170 in February to 345 in November.

Biggest Month  
November also was the biggest month for the court as far as receipts are concerned, with \$9,228 being turned in.

Jackson county receives all court cost payments, which amount to \$5 with each fine.

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## Russia Tells Plans To Share Atom Industrial Development

Washington—(U.P.)—Russia, claiming to be ahead in the development of atomic industrial power, said today she will share her knowledge with the rest of the world.

A brief announcement issued in Moscow said a report on Soviet operation of atomic-powered industrial plants will be made public before a U. N. sponsored conference on peaceful use of the atom. It is scheduled to be held later this year.

### AEC Remains Silent

The Atomic Energy Commission withheld immediate comment on the Russian offer.

However, it was noted here that the conference to which Russia referred is one proposed by the United States, and that this country more than a year ago offered to help other nations through President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan.

Private atomic sources, meantime, expressed the opinion that the United States is embarked on a bigger scale development

of nuclear power than Russia, although the Soviet claims to have put into operation the first atomic power plants.

Russia's announcement was made at a Foreign Ministry press

## Two Court Cases Delayed by Illness Of Judge, Reporter

Two appearances scheduled for circuit court this morning were postponed due to the illness of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna and Court Reporter Cliff Howard, according to court sources.

Two men had been scheduled to enter pleas to felony charges. They were Fred Warden, 31, of route 1, box 350K, Medford, and Jack Dwight McCoy, 26, of 129 Wightman st., Ashland.

### Manlaughter Charged

Warden has been arraigned on a charge of manslaughter in the Oct. 18, 1954 death of Philip Stephen Minear, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear, route 1, box 331. The youngster was fatally wounded in a hunting accident in the Griffin Creek district.

McCoy was arraigned on a charge of attempted rape. Both are being held in the county jail under \$7,500 bail each.

In other cases in Medford courts, a 19-year-old St. Helens, Ore., youth is being returned here to face criminal charges, and charges against another 19-year-old were dismissed in district court.

Deputy Sheriff Guy Hughes is returning Donald Biggers, 19, of St. Helens, here to face charges that he was involved in a burglary at Rogue River High school several months ago. A Jackson county warrant charges Biggers with burglary not in a dwelling.

Charges against Richard Lee Booth, 19, of 148 Ohio st., Ashland, were dismissed in district court yesterday on a motion by District Attorney Walter Nunley. Booth had been charged with burglary not in a dwelling at the Varsity theater in Ashland. A 16-year-old Ashland boy arrested on the same charge has been turned over to the juvenile department of circuit court.

## Laos Charges Attack By Communist Forces

Vientiane, Laos—(U.P.)—The government of Laos charged today that Communist led forces have attacked and captured two small posts in Northern Laos, in direct violation of the Indochina truce.

The International Armistice Control Commission immediately dispatched a mobile investigating team to the spot near Sam Neua, 187 miles northeast of Vientiane.

The government said the attacks took place last night. Word was received in Hainpong of a bloody battle between Communist forces in North Viet Nam and Catholic refugees who attempted to flee to freedom from their Red-run homeland two weeks ago.

## Cardinal Says Asia Is Like 'Volcano'

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Francis Cardinal Spellman said today the Asian mainland is a volcano threatening to erupt into war and he fears for the future of the world.

The cardinal, en route to his home in New York after a 29-day tour of U. S. military bases in the Pacific and Far East, said he has "grave fears for the future."

"It is my personal opinion that the Asian mainland is a volcano and may erupt at any time," he said. "How, when or where I cannot say, but unless through God in His mercy, through our prayer and penance, we can have an enlightened and strong leadership, cooperation, goodwill and understanding, I have grave fears for the future."

## State Legislators Homeward Bound For 'Long Holiday'

Salem—(U.P.)—House and Senate completed their first week of work in quick order this morning and the legislators were homeward bound for what was expected to be their last "long week end" of the 1955 session.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie introduced a bill today to require privately-owned utilities in Oregon to pay taxes on the same property valuation upon which they charge their rates.

### Set By Commission

Under the present law, the valuation of utility properties for tax purposes is announced by the State Tax Commission, and the valuation upon which rates are set are determined by the public utility commissioner. Under Sen. Sweetland's bill, the State Tax Commission would determine the valuation for both purposes.

One of the bills introduced in the House today would establish Portland State College as an autonomous institution within the state system of higher learning.

Another House bill would set up a board for control and administration of water resources in Oregon.

### Fifty Bills in Senate

Fifty bills were introduced in the Senate this first week of the session compared with 32 for the first week of the 1953 session. House bills for the first week totaled 42.

The water resources bill would set up a board for control and administration of water resources in the state and would abolish the Willamette River Basin Commission, the Upper Columbia Basin Commission, the State Reclamation Commission and the State Irrigation Board. A second bill would repeal the Eastern Oregon ground water code and replace it with statutes for water use applicable to the whole state.

### Taxation Measures

Twelve bills introduced by the taxation committee include one which would authorize the State Tax Commission to appraise principal industrial properties in the counties. Another provided for the review by the State Tax Commission of actions taken by county assessors.

The first week's work in the lower chamber resulted in 42 pieces of legislation offered for consideration. One bill was passed, four resolutions were adopted, and one memorial was approved. Every member had introduced at least one piece of legislation or had been listed as a co-sponsor of one. Ten of the 22 House committees were all ready at work on bills with most of the legislation so far being referred to the state and federal affairs committee and the taxation committee.

Some of the major portions of the governor's recommendation had been implemented by bills now before committees, including parts of his taxation program.

## The Dalles Salesman Victim of Gunshot

The Dalles—(U.P.)—Henry Shelton Stephens, 33-year-old The Dalles salesman, was shot through the stomach in a local cafe last night and was unconscious and in critical condition in a local hospital today.

Police said Harley Eugene Adams, 48, who lives at a nearby trailer court, was being held in connection with the shooting. No formal charges had been filed, and police said they still were seeking a motive.

## Jack London's Widow Dies in California

Sonoma, Calif.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Charmian Kittridge London, widow of famed novelist Jack London, died at her ranch home in the Valley of the Moon near here last night. She was 84.

## Weather

FORECAST: Considerable high cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight. Mostly cloudy Saturday with showers or snow flurries by afternoon. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 42.

Highest Yesterday	45
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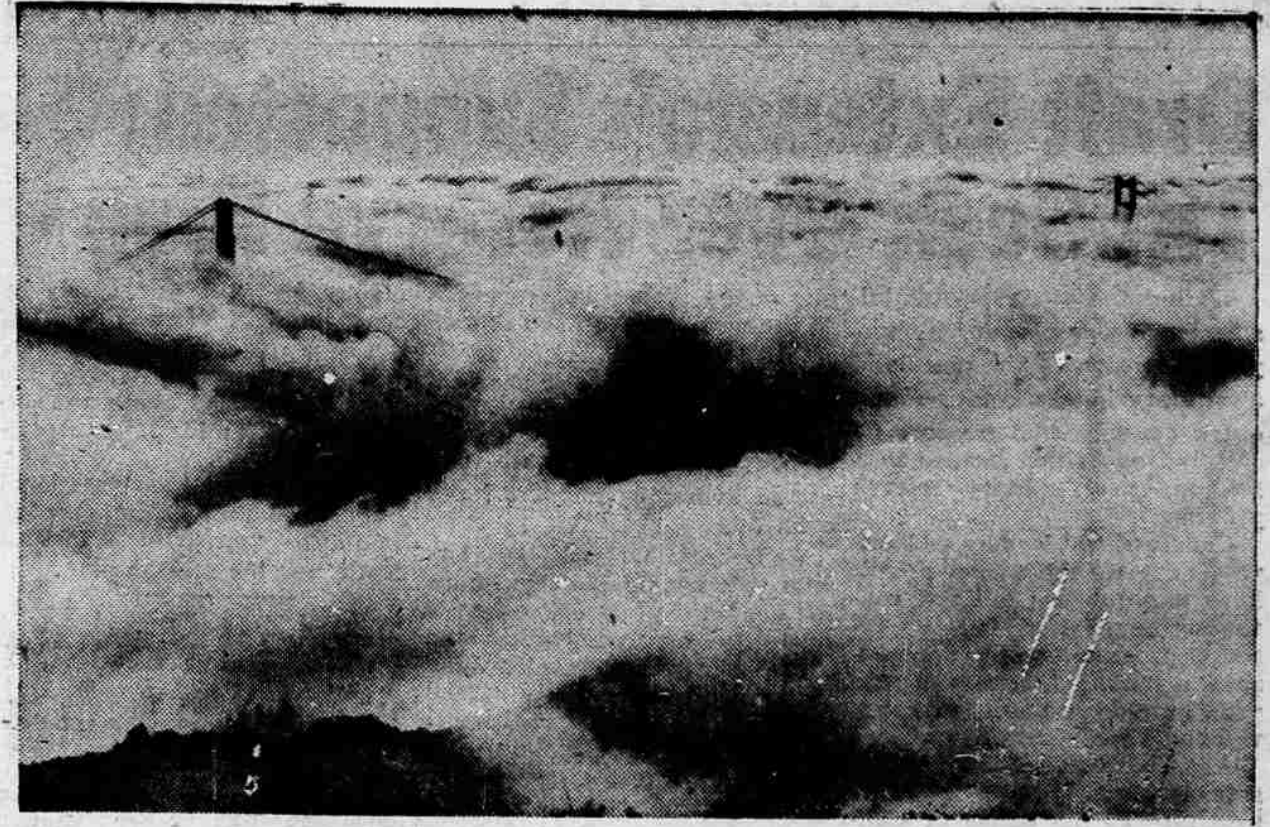
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