

Russia Makes 'acceptable' Arms Proposal

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Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with a few showers Saturday. Cooler tonight. Low tonight near 36. High Saturday 58.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 57
Lowest this Morning 46
Prec. to 4:33 a.m. Today, Trace

'Nuts To Neuberger' Campaign Started; Three Squirrels Trapped

Portland — (U.P.)—A Portland high school social sorority has started a "Nuts to Neuberger" campaign.

The girls of Phi Theta Upsilon at Cleveland High got the idea when one of the members, Nancy Clancy saw Sen. Richard L. Neuberger's picture in the newspaper.

Neuberger had just started a fund to build a fence around President Eisenhower's practice putting green so the deporation of squirrels from the White House lawn could be stopped.

The idea came to Nancy and her sorority sisters to help out Oregon's junior senator. So, with the help of an understanding peanut products company, the girls gathered up 70½ pounds of walnuts and stale peanuts.

"We're going to ship Neuberger the nuts by express today," said Nancy—"for the squirrels."

"Before we heard about the problem Neuberger was having with the squirrels, we were going to collect a barrel of soap for the Koreans," Nancy said.

She said the sorority still planned to collect the soap.

The girls said their principal told them they were supposed to do something for the good of mankind. So the soap will be gathered toward that end. The nuts, one of the girls said, "will be for the good of the squirrels."

Washington — (U.P.)—The White House came clean today

on the trapping of squirrels who had been damaging President Eisenhower's putting green.

Three squirrels were "harmlessly trapped" on the White House grounds and removed. Two were released in Rock Creek Park, which runs through northwest Washington, and the other in Virginia.

"No other squirrels were removed and there has been no other trapping since Thursday of last week," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said.

"There will be none in the future."

The squirrel subject had stirred up protests among squirrel lovers and led Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) to start a fund for erection of a fence which would protect the putting green and make it unnecessary to deport the rodents.

Hagerty admitted the trapping was undertaken after Mr. Eisenhower noticed that squirrels had been digging into the smooth surface of his putting green.



LOAFING ON THE RAILROAD—While the rest of the boys are out on strike at the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Memphis, Tom, the guardian of the yard, takes a little time out from his chores using a picket's placard for a mattress.

Soviet Denounced For Breaking Rule Covering Secrecy

Russia Wants Right To Maintain Big Army

London — (U.P.)—Russia has made an "unacceptable" demand at the London disarmament conference for the right to maintain armed forces twice as big as those of any Western country, France disclosed today.

The disclosure was made after the United States, Britain and France denounced Russia for a "gross" and "shocking" breach of faith in breaking the secrecy rule at the five-power disarmament talks here. They said they would release their own version. France was first.

Regrettable Gesture

French Delegate Jules Moch stripped some of the secrecy from the French proposals because of what he called "a very regrettable gesture" by Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko in giving a lengthy propaganda "interview" on the talks to the Russian Tass News Agency.

Moch told a press conference, however, that Russia wants a 3,500,000-man force even after arms cuts under a formula that would hold the Western powers to ceilings of less than half that number.

Earlier, the British Foreign Office accused Gromyko of giving "distorted" accounts of the conference which were "a gross breach of the rules of secrecy."

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AEC SETS OFF MID-AIR BLAST

Secret Air to Air Missile Exploded Six Miles High

Las Vegas — (U.P.)—A non-atomic explosion, unique in Atomic Energy commission experiments, rent the skies nearly six miles above the Nevada desert today in an apparent Air Force test of a secret air to air missile that would be tipped with a nuclear warhead in actual battle.

A puff of smoke and a wink of light, mere dwarfs in comparison to the mighty atomic blasts that have been shaking the Nevada Proving Grounds for five years, were seen by ground observers.

A high flying B36, America's intercontinental bomber, dropped the high explosive device above 30,000 feet over Yucca Flat and it exploded at 9 a.m. (PST) amidst an intricate pattern of smoke trails, puffs of smoke and smoke grids and some parachutes and balloons.

Vital Smoke Patterns

The significance of the smoke patterns was not announced. The AEC said merely they were "the vital part of the experiment." They were laid down for the most part by six F86 Sabrejets and a B36 bomber just before the burst time.

Veteran observers who have seen all or most of the test detonations in the past speculated the smoke puffs and trails represented simulated "enemy" bombers and fighters measuring the effects of a theoretical nuclear explosion in their midst.

The patterns of the smoke trails, as observed from the ground, and one other "clue" tended to support their speculation that this was a mock nuclear weapon, perhaps a rocket, fired with killer effect into a flight of "aggressor" bombers.

They saw eight trails of smoke laid down in a straight line, an estimated 1000 feet apart, by the invisible high flying smoke planting planes five minutes before blast time.

Then came the "clue." From above these eight trails another smoke trail appeared, traveling earthward with rocket speed. It ended amidst the smoke trails with the puff of the explosion.

There was no visible effect to the eight trails. An atomic blast would have bent and smashed the trails.

Nuclear fission would have thrown out a two-mile fireball, even bigger depending on the strength of the warhead, in an all-consuming holocaust that would more than encompass those eight smoke trails.

Snafus Responsible In Peress Promotion, Committee Concludes

Washington — (U.P.)—Three Senate investigators said today that Army snafus and not subversion led to the promotion and honorable discharge of former Maj. Irving Peress.

This was their conclusion as the Senate investigating subcommittee neared an end to its two-week inquiry into the Army's handling of Peress, a New York dentist who refused to tell Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) whether he was a Communist.

Zwickler Case Discussed

The subcommittee was called to a closed meeting today to debate making a further check on testimony in the case by one of McCarthy's old foes, Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwickler.

Chairman John L. McClellan said the group would consider summoning C. George Anastos, a former subcommittee staff investigator, for questioning about a disputed telephone call he had with Zwickler about Peress. McClellan said there will be one more public session on the case next week; and then the hearings will end.

Newsmen asked subcommittee members what they now feel is the answer as the result of their new investigation to the question McCarthy posed repeatedly.

175 Local People Get Chest X-Rays Under New Program

A total of 175 Jackson county people received chest x-rays this week, under the cooperative program originated by the Jackson County Public Health Association.

At Sacred Heart hospital yesterday, during the first of weekly outpatient x-ray clinics, 101 persons were x-rayed. A number of them were employees of the Big-Y market.

Employees of Quality market have already been x-rayed, at Community hospital. The Health association is putting emphasis on the importance of food handlers having the chest x-rays for the protection of customers. The management of both markets paid the film cost, \$1.75 per person.

74 at Community

Seventy-four persons were x-rayed at Community hospital Wednesday.

A small group of community and civic leaders were luncheon guests of the Health association at Sacred Heart hospital yesterday, when they were told about the program, and later received x-rays. A recording of their comments will be broadcast over radio station KJYC at 6:15 p.m. today.

The x-ray clinic hours at Sacred Heart are 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, and at Community hospital they are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Three Plead Guilty To Felony Charges In Circuit Court

Three men pleaded guilty to felony charges this morning in Jackson county circuit court before Judge H. K. Hanna.

They were Robert Greene, 35, Sacramento, Calif.; Robert Edward Ross, 22, Eugene, and Peter Allen Key, 32, Bakersfield, Calif. All waived counsel and indictment by the grand jury, and each of the three cases pending receipt of FBI records.

Crimes Listed

Greene pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in a dwelling. The charge involved items taken Feb. 12 from the home of Ira D. Zimmerman, 346 South Holly st. Greene was extradited here from Portales, N. M.

Ross pleaded guilty to taking \$96 from the Greyhound Post House early Wednesday morning. He was returned here from Roseburg to face the charge.

Under questioning by city police, Ross has admitted 17 burglaries in Eugene and Corvallis, a strong arm robbery in Eugene, and approximately 10 car thefts in several states.

Key pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The charge involved a \$15 check given to the Plaza cafe at Ashland.

Three Others Arrested

Three men were arrested and lodged in the county jail yesterday. They were Carl Hogan Blair, 39, who lives in a local hotel; Paul Eugene Peck, 19, Madera, Calif.; and a 17-year-old Ashland boy.

Blair is charged with assault and battery against Wendell Sipes. About two years ago, Blair was the victim of what was described at the time as a stabbing, in a front st. tavern. He has a previous criminal record in Jackson county including a conviction and two-year suspended sentence in December, 1952, on a non-support charge; a one-year probation violation sentence in the county jail in February, 1953 from which he was released on May 11, 1953, on a circuit court order, and a one-year term in the state prison starting in August, 1953, on a larceny charge.

Peck was arrested and jailed by state police on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was suspended.

School Theft Charged

The Ashland youth has been charged with theft of \$61 from the Ashland high school gymnasium. His case has been turned over to juvenile authorities.

In a case which has been pending in local courts for about two weeks, Charles Wesley Eggert, 22, whose home is in Nebraska, and a teenage Spring Valley, girl, were arraigned in district court yesterday on Illinois fugitive warrants charging car theft.

Eggert waived counsel and hearing and is being held for Illinois authorities. The girl has been given until tomorrow morning to obtain counsel and is being held under \$2,000 bond.

Forum on Taxes Set Here Next Thursday; Senator Will Speak

State Sen. Lee Ohmart, Salem, will be the speaker at a public tax forum to be conducted here the evening of Thursday, March 31, it was announced today.

The forum, non-partisan in nature and sponsored "with no axes to grind," is being planned by the forum committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber voted to conduct the meeting in the hope of getting information and ideas on the state's tax problem spread as widely as possible.

Senator Ohmart is vice-chairman of the Senate committee on taxation, and is widely recognized as one of the best-informed members of the legislature on tax problems. As planned, the forum will start out by a brief talk by the senator, to outline the situation being faced by the lawmakers.

After his talk, Senator Ohmart will answer questions, "no holds barred," committee members said.

The forum will be held in the auditorium of the Medford High school, starting at 8 p.m. A moderator will be announced soon. Members of the committee on arrangements include Ray Johnson, chairman, and Frank J. Van Dyke, Elwood Hedberg and Bob Root.

Senator Ohmart will describe the legislature's attempts to solve a tax problem which arises out of the fact that the state is facing a deficit of somewhere between \$43,000,000 and \$68,000,000, and must either find new tax revenues or cut state services.

Proposals for raising funds include a number of minor changes in taxation, but the principal ones are for increases in income and property taxes, and a sales tax.

Sponsors of the forum said today they hope that all viewpoints will be represented at the meeting so that a many-sided discussion can result.

Vaccine Report Due on April 12

Results of the Francis Evaluation Report on the Salk antipolio vaccine will be announced on April 12, it has been learned by personnel of the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Just how good the vaccine is to prevent paralytic polio will be disclosed by Dr. Thomas F. Francis Jr., of the University of Michigan, at a conference in Ann Arbor. Dr. Francis has headed the team analyzing the results of vaccine trials involving nearly 2,000,000 children.

Date of the eagerly-awaited verdict coincides with the 10th anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, founder of the National Foundation who for many years was a leader in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Dr. A. Erwin Merkel, chairman of the local chapter's medical advisory committee, said plans have been completed to inoculate more than 3,000 first and second grade school children in the county, with parental consent, if the evaluation report is favorable.

Multiple Sclerosis Cure Hope of VA

Washington — (U.P.)—The Veterans administration says it is working on what it hopes will prove to be an effective and inexpensive treatment for multiple sclerosis.

VA medical experts reported the development in recent testimony before a House Appropriations subcommittee. It was one of a dozen "accomplishments" of VA's medical research program listed for the subcommittee.

The agency later supplied the committee with a summary of the 12 research developments. It included this statement:

"In one of the VA hospitals, a new drug (Isoniazid) was used to treat patients with an incurable nervous disease, multiple sclerosis. The earliest effects seemed to be most dramatic, and it appeared that a wonderful new cure had been found."

Many Flee Homes In Path of Ice Jam

By UNITED PRESS

Families fled from their homes today before an immense ice jam on the Niagara river and rising flood waters in Mississippi.

The pounding Niagara ice jam, the worst in 46 years, and the flood crest on Mississippi's Tombigbee river were both products of a series of spring storms which have killed 49 persons across the country.

The young season also hit the West and Midwest with a new blowing snow storm. The snow combined with desert salt flats to lay a weird layer of salty mud over parts of Utah and Wyoming.

Applegate Girl Lone Woman in Air Force

Spokane — (U.P.)—The first woman in the Air Force in more than a year and half was on duty at Geiger Air Force Base today. She is Maj. Lorna C. Kubli, Honolulu, daughter of Chester C. Kubli, of Applegate, Ore. She is the second WAF assigned to Geiger since World War II.

Maj. Kubli is the personnel officer for the 530th air defense group. But she won't remain the lone woman in the Air Force among all those airmen for long. Sixty enlisted WAFs are scheduled for assignment at Geiger beginning next month.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stocks averages: 30 industrial 41.77 up 0.28; 20 railroads 150.26 up 0.58; 15 utilities 64.21 off 0.06, and 65 stocks 154.43 up 0.20. Sales today were about 2,540,000 shares compared with 3,170,000 shares yesterday.

Dog's Lung Used To Keep Boy Alive During Surgery

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.)—A dog's lung kept a 13-year-old boy alive while a University of Minnesota surgeon closed three small holes in his heart.

For 15 minutes the surgeon worked on the boy's "dry heart" while the dog's lungs kept his blood supplied with life-giving oxygen.

The dramatic new technique, another "first" by university doctors in this type of operation, was revealed at a news conference Thursday night.

The boy, Calvin Richmond of Pine Bluff, Ark., was reported in "good condition" early today. Injured in a truck accident

Parking Expert Arrives To Discuss City Problem With Local Group; Others Slated

Prof. Norman Kennedy, of the University of California, Berkeley, arrived in Medford today to discuss problems of off-street parking with city officials and members of a parking committee appointed by Mayor Earl Miller and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Kennedy met this morning with City Manager Robert Duff and Vern Thorpe, city director of public works.

Later in the day, he was scheduled to meet with the parking committee. Members of the group Jack Crawford, chairman, and Otto Ewaldsen and Tony Manno, appointed by the chamber, and Dwight Houghton, John Snider, and D. L. Flynn, named by Mayor Miller.

Kennedy was scheduled to spend the day studying the city's parking situation. The committee is seeking information concerning development, operation and financing of off-street parking from Kennedy, who is a research engineer for the University of California Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering.

Another parking authority, Ralph Kaddery, Portland, who operates garages there, is expected here next week to give a different aspect to the study being conducted on the problem here.

A third man recognized as an expert on the problem may visit here later in the spring.

Committee representatives have indicated that the biggest problem in making plans for off-street parking development has been in the field of finance. The discussions with these authorities are being held to determine how other communities of similar size have solved the problem, and how their resolutions are working out.

Macomber Renews Bid for Freedom

Klamath Falls — (U.P.)—Gerald T. Macomber, who is serving a life term in the Oregon state penitentiary for the wounding of a state policeman near Medford, has made another bid for freedom.

Macomber, who acts as his own attorney, filed a petition with Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg of Klamath Falls asking that judgment against him in a habeas corpus action be set aside. Judge Vandenberg had ruled that Macomber was being legally held in prison.

Macomber claimed the decision should be set aside since the state Supreme Court recently ruled the change of judge law was unconstitutional. Judge Vandenberg had taken the case under the law which allowed judges to move from one Circuit Court to another.

Macomber was originally convicted of assault following a gun battle in the outskirts of Medford. He later escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary and was the object of a widespread hunt in the Applegate and Illinois valley areas before being recaptured after a gun battle in which he was seriously wounded.

He has made a number of legal attempts to free himself from prison, none of which have been successful.

Bulletin

Washington — (U.P.)—The Senate today approved a 10 per cent salary increase for 50,000 postal workers despite the threat of a presidential veto.

The legislation was approved by a vote of 72 to 21. It goes to the House which also appears bent on approving an increase beyond the 7.6 per cent limit set by President Eisenhower.

Plight of Farmers Said Steadily Worsening

Washington — (U.P.)—The House Appropriations Committee said today the plight of the farmer is getting steadily worse. It blasted Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson for doing too little to help.

The committee assailed Benson "and others about him" in a report to the House accompanying a recommended appropriation of \$878,625,391 to run the Agriculture Department not including its price support program in the 12 months starting July 1.

Compromise Sought In Viet Nam Strife

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.)—Emperor Bao Dai threw his support today behind pro-American Premier Ngo Dinh Diem whose control of free Viet Nam is threatened by three rebellious religious sects and their private armies.

The Viet Nam chief of state, under a visit to the French Riviera, sent urgent cables to both sides requesting moderation and compromise. But he indicated clearly his preferences in cable to the devout Catholic Premier.

"I am in perfect agreement with you about the need to apply a program of national union,"

Morse May Attend Hells Canyon Hearing

Lewistown, Ida. — (U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) may attend a hearing by a Senate subcommittee on the proposed Hells Canyon dam here April 4. Herb Howe, Lieston Orchards, was informed today by the National Hells Canyon Association in Washington, D.C.

Bend — (U.P.)—The Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., has approved construction plans for the air filter station here, clearing the way for the start of the project.