

Russia, Eastern European Satellites Agree To Single Military Command

Decision Reached At Conference of Communist Heads

Warsaw — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union and seven East European Communist nations agreed today to unite their massive armed forces under a single military command.

A communique announcing the decision was issued after this morning's session under the chairmanship of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin at the Polish Council of Ministers.

The conference was convened to strengthen Communist countries through mutual aid and unified defense as a result of the rearming of West Germany.

Nations taking part were the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

Communist China was represented by an observer.

Red China has pledged to support the eight signatory nations in any European war.

In addition to setting up the unified military command, the eight conferring nations also agreed to sign a treaty of friendship and mutual assistance to-morrow morning.

Youngster Confesses Portland Bomb Threat

Portland — (U.P.) — A sixth-grader at Edwin Markham school admitted he made the bomb threat phone call which caused the school to be evacuated shortly before classes began yesterday, county police reported.

The 12-year-old boy confessed to county police after being identified by a service station operator where the call was placed. After making the call the boy continued on to school, arriving in time to participate in the evacuation.

He was turned over to county juvenile authorities.

UNUSUAL SIGHT

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.) — A Milwaukee mechanic gave a few people something to think about the other day as he rode through the city in a Cadillac hearse. The impression he made wouldn't have been quite so startling if he hadn't been lying on the casket table listening to a squeak in the rear of the hearse.

Hearing Aid Authority to Hold Free Consultations in Medford — May 14th

LEONARD HARTMAN, a recognized hearing aid authority will hold free consultations to help the hard of hearing with their hearing problems. Mr. Hartman will explain why hearing losses are as different as fingerprints, and as an added service, Mr. Hartman will rate your hearing on Belton's exclusive audio-selector, the electronic instrument that determines the pattern of hearing losses and shows how a correctly fitted Triple Transistor Belton Hearing Aid will improve one's hearing ability.

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If you are suffering from defective hearing, or if the hearing aid you now own isn't giving you the satisfaction you think it should, Mr. Hartman would like very much to talk to you. The few moments you spend with him may be the means of proving to yourself that to hear again is to live again. Paid adv.

Chicago's Famed Skid-Row Lawyer 'Falls From Wagon'; Another Chance To Make Good Left Up To Psychiatrist

Chicago — (U.P.) — It was up to a court psychiatrist today to decide whether William G. Wood, the "Skid Row lawyer" who fell off the wagon, should get another chance to sober up his life.

Judge Hyman Feldman, the man who lifted Bill Wood off Chicago's wine-soaked Skid Row said he would go to bat for the 63-year-old law professor again if the psychiatrist says it's worth it.

"If a man slips 10 times and he's saved the 11th, it's good, isn't it," Feldman said.

Bill really slipped Tuesday night. Ironically, he had just addressed a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

On the way home, the man who had become a symbol to other Skid Row "winos" got his old craving for alcohol.

He bought a 47-cent bottle of muscatel and a 25-cent bottle. Then he drank himself to sleep. Thursday morning he finished off the bottle and wandered down to Skid Row to drink some more.

"Just habit, I guess," he said. Wood called the state's attorney's office, where Feldman had got him a job as librarian, and said he would be in at noon. But at 11 o'clock he was arrested, hopelessly drunk.

A few hours later he was standing before Feldman, the judge who had picked him from a batch of Skid Row delinquents last January and made him a court assistant.

Restored Other Men

Wood had made good on that job and, up until Thursday, hadn't missed a day's work in the eight weeks he had been employed in the state's attorney's office. His fight to get off Skid Row had aroused national attention and Feldman credits his example with bringing 156 other men "back" from Skid Row.

Now Wood stood quietly and heard Feldman order him held for examination by the court psychiatrist.

Feldman was later to decide he might try to restore Wood to his job with the state's attorney. Now he told the shamefaced man, "There isn't anything I wouldn't give not to have you here."

Wood, near tears when he heard Feldman's ruling, said "Your honor is the boss."

"I'm not the boss, Bill, I'm your friend," Feldman said.



SWING YOUR PARTNER!—Princess Margaret dances with escort Peter Kennedy, son of director of English Folk Song and Dance Society, at festival in London. Statement by the queen's chaplain, Rev. Charles Earle Raven, that he was "not very happy" about the Church of England's attitude toward divorce brought Princess Margaret's reported romance back to England's front pages.

Chamber Board Votes Study of Tucker Plan For Medford Freeway

A suggestion made by E. M. Tucker, president of the Tucker Sno-Cat company, that the proposed new freeway through Medford be constructed as a partial subway along the route of Bear creek, will receive study by the highway committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Tucker described his proposal yesterday noon to the board of the chamber, which then referred the matter to the highway group for additional study.

Plan Described

Tucker's plan, first publicized in the communications column of The Mail Tribune, calls for a four-lane highway lowered to approximately the present level of the bed of Bear creek, with a concrete channel for Bear creek waters constructed beneath. The highway would thus pass beneath the existing Jackson and Main st. bridges, Tucker said.

He claimed that the route could be provided at a fraction of the cost of other proposals, that it would not destroy the esthetic values of Hawthorne park (which has been one of the main points mentioned against a proposal for an elevated freeway on the same route), that it would increase, rather than decrease, property values in adjacent areas, and that it would provide considerable parking space nearby.

Use in Floods

The concrete channel for Bear creek waters, Tucker said, would be ample for ordinary high-water flows, and in case of extraordinarily high flood waters, the highway itself would serve as a channel to carry the water safely through Medford, with traffic being shifted to existing routes with no delay or trouble.

He termed Bear creek, as it now exists, an "unsightly menace," mentioning mosquitoes and other health hazards, and said that his plan would improve the over-all appearance of the city.

The chamber's directors also voted a proposal, which will be voted on later, that election of officers and directors of the chamber be changed to permit newly elected officials to make plans for their terms before taking office; referred to committee for study and action a proposal by W. R. Mitchell, of the National Business and Property Exchange, to publicize Jackson county through his firm's national publication, and heard a report by Jack Crawford, chairman of the off-street parking committee, in which he urged chamber members to seek action by the city council on a \$800,000, 10-year plan for providing parking in downtown Medford through an assessment district organization.

Don McNeil, secretary and manager of the chamber, was authorized to attend the Western Institute for chamber officers July 17 to 23.

John Pletsch, president of the chamber, was in charge of the meeting at the Medford hotel.

Frankfort, Ky. — (U.P.) — Assets of state-chartered building and loan associations in Kentucky increased more than \$15,000,000 during 1954 and totaled \$123,945,022.64, the state banking department said.

Lerwick, Shetland Islands

(U.P.) — U.S. scientist who arrived here last June to watch a solar eclipse have presented the Shetland Islands navigation school with a small planetarium.

Columbium Metal Found in Grant County

Prairie City — (U.P.) — A local miner said today he had discovered ore samples in Grant county containing columbium, a metal used in high temperature alloys.

Dick Martin said a government assay report showed samples which he first thought might contain uranium to contain two per cent columbium. He said the government would send a geologist to study the area.

There have been reports of the metal being found in eastern Oregon before but not enough to make mining pay off commercially.

Juan de Fuca Swim Again Postponed

Victoria, B. C. — (U.P.) — Heavy seas and high winds last night forced distance swimmer Bert Thomas for the third straight night to call off his attempted swim of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Thomas will attempt the swim tonight beginning at 10 p.m., weather permitting.

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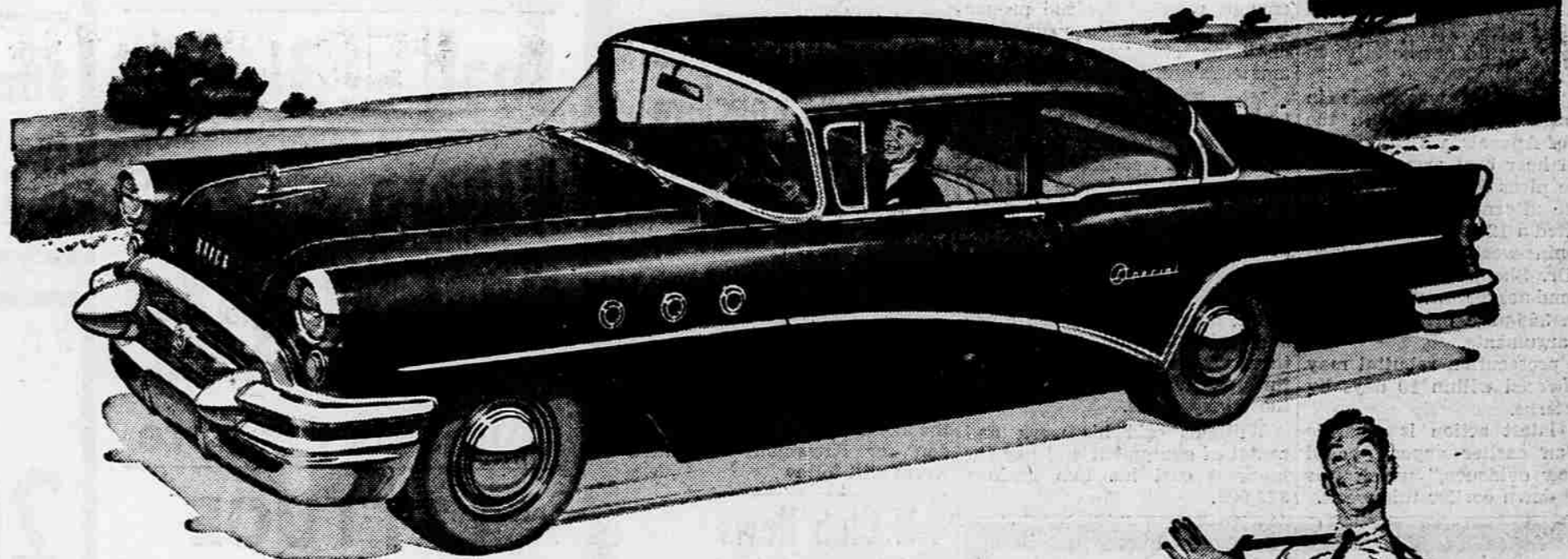
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