

WESTERN TRUCK STRIKE CALLED

Dulles Sees Value In Big Four Talks

New Opportunities To Push Russian Iron Curtain Seen

Austrian Treaty Beacon of Hope

Washington —(U.P.)— Secretary of State John Foster Dulles believes the Big Four top-level talks will open new opportunities to roll back the Russian Iron Curtain now shrouding Eastern Europe.

Officials said today that was one of the most significant points behind Dulles' dramatic foreign policy "chat" with the American people Tuesday night.

Seated in President Eisenhower's private office, the secretary of state told a nationwide radio and television audience that the newly signed Austrian state treaty is a beacon of hope to oppressed peoples everywhere. Dulles said the treaty, which assures withdrawal of occupation troops, is sure to have "tremendous impact" in Soviet-dominated Czechoslovakia, Hungary and other satellites.

Against Over-Optimism

He noted that a Big Four meeting could discuss the Soviet-occupied countries of Eastern Europe and the problem of international Communism — along with German unification, disarmament, and atomic weapons.

But he cautioned against over-optimism. No all-embracing rainbow, he said, will come from the meeting of the Big Four heads of government. The conference will only show "new paths" to peace if the United States sticks to its policy of strength in dealing with Russia.

Meanwhile, officials said the time and place of the proposed meeting of Mr. Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, and French Premier Edgar Faure may be set in about a week. Stockholm, Sweden, or a quiet spot in Switzerland are considered the most likely site. The conference probably will take place in late July or early August.

Democratic and Republican members of the Senate foreign relations committee generally agreed with Dulles' appraisal.

Big Challenge Ahead

Committee Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) said the conference "will not change the world overnight," but "it may point in a direction, which if followed up vigorously, may lead to relaxation of the world tensions now existing."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said "I feel encouraged; yet I also feel we've got a big challenge ahead of us and one that I think we can win."

Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) said he concurred with Dulles' views but thought the secretary was "a little too optimistic."

Sen. George Aiken (R-Vt.) said "it was the most encouraging report we have received for a long time. I think it will do much to give hope to the people of this country that we may really be making progress on the road to peace."

Youngsters Planning Visit Here to View 'Large City'

Eight school-age youngsters, several of whom have never seen an elevator, a stop light or a television set, will visit in Medford Thursday.

They are making a special trip here to see a "large city," and for part of the day will be guests of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

The group will come from Forks of Salmon, Calif., a tiny community in Siskiyou county. The town, an old logging community, is located on the Salmon river, a tributary of the Klamath, and is rather more than half way to the ocean from Dunsmuir, in the coast range.

The Clarence George family of Forks of Salmon is sponsoring the trip, and the group will leave there at 5 a.m. Just what their itinerary will be in Medford is uncertain as yet, but the chamber hopes to insure a pleasant visit for them.

Mrs. George's first letter said, in part: "More than half the 14 school children of the Forks of Salmon school have never seen a large city. . . . We want to bring them on a field trip to Medford. . . . They have never seen stop lights on city streets, nor elevators nor railroads, nor even dial telephones. What do you have of interest for them to see? Any special industries? Not sawmills—we have them. . . . Is the airport close by? Are there large planes there? You gather most anything will do, but in order to make use of our time we'd like to arrange a schedule and what building has an elevator?"

They plan to make the long return trip the evening of the same day.



EUROPEAN REPORT—Secy. of State John Foster Dulles, just returned from Vienna, talks with Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate foreign relations committee, as he arrives at the capitol to report on his trip. Later in the day, Dulles reported on his mission to a nationwide radio and TV audience from the President's office in the White House.

School District 49 Budget Election Set 2 to 8 p.m. Tomorrow

An election for the approval of the 1955-56 budget for School District 49 will be held tomorrow.

A voting poll will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. in the girls' gymnasium on the south side of

the Medford High school. Any person who has lived in the district at least six months and who has been a registered voter for 30 days is eligible to vote.

The election is made necessary by the fact that the expenses of the district have long been higher than the amount of money available under the constitution without an election. New buildings necessary to accommodate more children, and more teachers, more school supplies and many other added expenses over the years have resulted in the increased costs of school operations.

The Oregon constitution limits to 6 per cent the amount a budget can be increased from year to year. Because of the rapid growth of population here, the Medford school district long ago found this increase inadequate, and each year has had to go to the people for approval of its operating costs outside the 6 per cent limit.

Totals Given
The budget for the coming year totals \$1,758,934.39. Estimated receipts during the year will total some \$632,377.73, leaving \$1,126,556.66 to be raised by taxes. A total of \$37,311.63 in uncollectable taxes is estimated for the year, resulting in a tax levy of \$1.163,868.19. The amount permitted by the 6 per cent limitation is only \$341,418.16, and the election is on the approval of the \$822,449.58 needed.

The budget has been printed in full in The Mail Tribune on three occasions in recent weeks, following its unanimous approval by the school district's citizens budget committee and the school board.

The 1955-56 budget is \$378,133.83 larger than that for the current year. The increase is mostly due to the fact that enrollments are higher and two new schools are being built in the district for use next year.

The marijuana totaled 100 pounds and was in four burlap bags under a load of 250 bags of onions on a trailer truck.

Albert R. Richards, in charge of the Customs Office at Laredo, identified the men as Pedro Gallardo, 31, the truck owner-driver and a produce buyer; and Rudolfo Estrada, 41.

Committee Sets Hearing On Price Support Bill
Washington —(U.P.)— The Senate Agriculture Committee today voted to hold hearings, instead of acting immediately, on the bill passed by the House to restore rigid high price supports on basic crops. The vote was 8 to 7.

This decision dimmed chances of the Senate acting on the bill this year.

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Anti-Polio Shots To Start in State On Monday, May 23

Health Committee Gives Green Light

Portland —(U.P.)— Oregon's Salk polio inoculation program for first and second grade children has the green light at last today and the needle treatment

Administration of polio vaccine to Jackson county first and second graders will begin here next Monday, according to Dr. A. Ervin Merkel, county health officer.

Pretty much the same schedule as arranged before the recent postponement will be used, he said.

Details of how the second series of shots, to be given three to five weeks after the first, will be administered during school vacation period, are being worked out, he said.

was expected to start over most of the state next Monday.

Klamath county was scheduled to start inoculations today.

Vaccine has been in the hands of county authorities for nearly three weeks but delays have held up the program.

Signal Flashed
The public health committee of the State Medical Society met yesterday and flashed the signal for the inoculations to start.

There are about 80,000 first and second grade school children in Oregon. There is enough vaccine for first shots and Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, said he believed deliveries would arrive in time for second shots, which should be spaced two to four weeks after initial inoculation.

The health committee said it would recommend that private physicians give first priority in use of private supplies of vaccine to children between ages of five and nine.

40 Cases in Oregon
Meanwhile, the State Board of Health added four new cases of polio to the four already reported during the past week, bringing the total of Oregon cases for the year to 40.

None of the eight cases reported this week occurred in persons inoculated with Salk vaccine.

A health department spokesman warned that the natural incidence of polio in Oregon should lead to 5 or 6 cases during the first month of the immunization program.

Boss Drowns Trying To Rescue Employee

Umatilla, Ore. —(U.P.)— D. H. Line, owner of the Line paint company here, drowned yesterday evening in the Columbia river while attempting to rescue one of his employees who had fallen from the Umatilla bridge while painting.

The employee, Ruben Wagner, 22, was suspended in a boat-swing chair from the new highway bridge on the Washington side when ropes gave way and plunged him into the stream.

He was rescued about 15 minutes later by an Inland Navigation company tug, but in the meantime, Line had jumped into the river from the Washington side to rescue him.

Witnesses reported that Wagner yelled to Line from the tug that he was all right and that Line turned around and headed for shore. He apparently swam only a few feet and then disappeared under the water.

Baseball

AMERICAN
Kansas City 2 9 2
Washington 7 10 2
Ceccarelli, Paschi (3) Gorman (7) and W. Shantz; Stone and Fitzgerald.

Cleveland 10 19 0
Boston 0 3 2
Score and Folles; Nixon, Kammerer (5), Brodowski (5) and White.

NATIONAL
Pittsburgh 1 6 3
Cincinnati 5 11 1
Littlefield, Friend (5), Low (8) and Shepard; Minarcin and Burgess.

Special City Tax Election Said Impossible This Year

Ike Defends Charge Of 'Incompetency' Against Mrs. Hobby

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower told his news conference today that the supply of Salk polio vaccine is sufficient to complete first shots for first and second graders in the relatively near future.

Mr. Eisenhower at the same time strongly defended Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of health, Education and Welfare, against charges of "gross incompetency" in handling the vaccine. The President said he found Mrs. Hobby's record highly efficient.

The President's statement, however, reflected the tremendous downward revision that has occurred in government estimates of the number of children who can be inoculated.

Before the recheck of the polio vaccine was begun, the government had expected a supply of 32,000,000 cc's of the vaccine, enough for 32,000,000 million shots, by June 1. Now the question was whether even 9,000,000 shots can be administered before schools close.

Special Inoculation Plans Said Set Up

Speaking of the vaccine supply, the President said he was informed this morning that there was enough to complete the first shot for first and second graders.

He said if some children could not be given the vaccine by the end of school, particularly in the South, plans were being set up for special inoculation days after the school season.

Mr. Eisenhower seemed openly resentful toward criticism leveled at Mrs. Hobby yesterday by Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who said she should be removed from office immediately for "gross incompetency."

He said it was a waste of time to discuss such a statement since Mrs. Hobby had proved herself to be highly efficient and a person of great character. He said also she had done a magnificent job in her department.

Husband Ill

He was asked, completely aside from the Morse criticism, about a report that Mrs. Hobby for personal reasons was going to leave the government in a few months. Her husband has been in poor health.

He said the only woman member of the Cabinet had placed him on notice months ago that conditions might arise that might compel her to leave the government.

If she does have to leave, he continued, he would regret it exceedingly because she had done a magnificent job and has proved that women with brains can do just as well as men in handling difficult government jobs.

L. E. Edmonds Motors Firm Incorporates

Articles of incorporation were filed at Salem today for L. E. Edmonds Motors, Inc., of Medford, according to United Press. Signers are L. E. Edmonds, Eleanor Edmonds and Elizabeth Z. Flannery.

The business is located at 1016 North Riverside ave., and formerly was General Truck Sales and Lilenquist Motor company.

Edmonds took over operation of the business Monday, May 16, and except for the signers of the incorporation papers, no other owners are involved in the business, which includes the sales of General Motor trucks and parts and repair department, Mrs. Flannery pointed out today.

Yreka Hotel Robbed Of \$165 by Two Men

Yreka, Calif. —(U.P.)— Two armed men held up the Yreka hotel about 10 p.m. yesterday and escaped with \$165.

California and Oregon police set up roadblocks at the state line and south of the Ashland, Ore., city limits but found no trace of the two, who were believed to have headed north.

The men, described as between 30 and 35 years old, approached Hotel Manager William Hanson and forced him to give them the money from the hotel safe in the lobby.

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Base Change Vote Proposal Delayed At Least to 1956

Council, Budgeters Set Meeting Tuesday

City Attorney Frank Farrell told the city council last night that an election to authorize increased real property taxes in Medford can be held only during a general or primary election.

The council recently authorized Farrell to draw necessary documents for a special election which would ask approval for an increase of \$65,000 in the city's tax base, and to amend the city charter by increasing the limitation on property taxes from 12 to 16 mills.

May, 1956, Next Date

Farrell pointed out that under the charter the city cannot call a special election for a new tax base. The next primary election will be in May, 1956, and a vote on a new tax base could be held at that time.

The citizens' budget committee last month recommended an election be held to provide funds "to continue presently existing services for the people of the city of Medford, and in order to develop programs deemed necessary for the progress" of the city.

The council will meet with the budget committee Tuesday night to make necessary adjustments in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

The council, in other action, adopted an ordinance transferring \$1,000 from city funds to the Jackson County Health department, upon recommendation of the budget committee. The money was deleted from the 1954-55 budget. The department asked that the \$1,000 be included in the 1955-56 budget to bring the amount to \$4,000, as in the past.

The allotment reimburses the county health department for services it renders within the city, among which are milk and food inspections.

Ordinances also were adopted for sanitary sewers on East Jackson st. from an alley between Effie and Bessie sts. to Barneburg ave., and in the Eastwood Capital Hill area.

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Ike Would Welcome Zhukov at Meeting

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower said today that some value might result if his old World War II friend, Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov, attends the Big Four conference and he gets a chance to talk to him personally.

The President told his news conference that Zhukov's presence at the forthcoming top level talks would give him a chance to talk personally with Zhukov on events since 1945 when they last saw each other.

And, Mr. Eisenhower said, we just might get some value out of such a meeting.

But the President told a reporter who asked if he "would like to have Zhukov present" that he had not considered the suggestion.

Council Committee Suggests Planning for Off-Street Parking Be Done by Chamber

The city council's off-street parking committee last night recommended that a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce committee should decide on expenses and locations of off-street parking in Medford and make recommendations to the council.

Councilman Donald Hansen, chairman of the council committee, said action to organize the plan would be a council responsibility, but he recommended that the chamber committee make suggestions on sites, expenses and rates for property assessment in districts benefited.

The council referred action until a later meeting after hearing Hansen's report.

A citizens' off-street parking committee has recommended a program costing \$800,000 over a 10-year period. Half the amount would come from property assessments based on benefits received, and the other half would come from parking meter revenue.

Councilman Harold Frye reported on the alley cleanup problem, and the council authorized City Manager Robert Duff to use city crews to clean up the

Action May Force General Walkout Of All Truckers

Estimated 100,000 Men Will Be Idle

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— The AFL Teamsters Union today called a strike against three major long-haul trucking companies serving 11 Western states after last ditch negotiations over a wage contract broke down.

Union officials said the strike will begin after midnight tonight. Picket lines were to be established tomorrow morning.

Spokesmen estimated the walkout will idle some 100,000 persons in the trucking and allied industries and may force a general lockout of all contract truckers in the West.

Essential Items To Move

Essential food and drugs, including milk and Salk vaccine, will be hauled, the union said.

The dispute centered over a union demand for an immediate 10-cent hourly boost in pay with an additional eight-cent hike in 1956 and 1957.

Frank Brewster, Seattle, Wash., president of the Western Conference of Teamsters, officially announced three trucking firms would be struck tomorrow if settlement of a wage dispute is not reached.

But a high-ranking spokesman for the teamsters, who asked that his identity be withheld, said all contract truck drivers in the 11 Western states would walk out and refuse to haul anything other than essential items.

Between 15,000 and 25,000 contract truckers would be affected, and the spokesman said the union will attempt to force independent truckers to suspend operations also.

The three firms the teamsters announced they would strike first were the consolidated Freight Lines, Pacific Motor Transport and Inter - Mountain Express, with 2500 workers immediately affected.

Among the vital materials which would be affected by such a strike was newspaper, much of which moves to the West's newspapers by truck.

The situation recalled the 1934 Minneapolis trucking strike, during which bloodshed occurred when striking drivers attempted to halt independent operators from hauling goods.

A spokesman for the employers said even if only three firms are struck, other members of the association will shut down also. Union Demands Told

The union has asked a 10 cent hourly increase immediately, with further eight cent boosts for each of the next two years, plus extended pension benefits.

The truckers have offered three separate settlements, the last of which called for nine cents now, with five cent boosts each year for the next five, plus a pension plan. The union maintains the company offer contains other contract changes which would reduce the cost to employers to virtually nothing.

Bulletins

Salem, Ore. —(U.P.)— Plans to file a referendum petition against a state cigarette tax were learned here today where representatives of the tobacco industry were waiting to file a preliminary petition.

Gov. Paul Patterson has not yet signed the cigarette tax bill passed by the 1955 legislature and R. A. Bradley, a representative of the tobacco industry, cannot file the petition until the Governor acts.

Washington —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower's compulsory military reserve bill won a major test today when the House killed a plan to let high school and college students avoid the draft by taking military training during summer vacation.

Frye said his committee and the fire department studied alleys and found that several of them are fire hazards where grass is not kept cut.

Frye said the committee "feels there should be stricter enforcement of ordinances" governing trash and weeds in alleys, and said the city should not have to pay expenses of cleaning alleys when it is an individual property owner's responsibility.

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