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Unrestricted Travel, Peaceful Trade Desired

Russians Asked To Remove Iron Curtain

Geneva—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today coupled his dramatic proposal that the United States and Russia swap arms secrets with a new plea to the Soviets to tear down their Iron Curtain against ideas, travel and peaceful trade.

The Big Four summit conference already has been thrown off schedule by apparent Soviet uncertainty on the secrets-trading plan when the President introduced his newest plan.

At Mr. Eisenhower's suggestion, the heads of government scheduled a special, secret session for 11 a.m. tomorrow in an effort to rock the conference off dead center in its waning hours.

Russia May Respond
It was believed possible the Soviets might respond to the President's proposal at that meeting, at which only four members of each delegation will be present.

Officially, the special session will be for the purpose of receiving a twice-delayed report of the Big Four foreign ministers on their recommendations for further, post-conference study of the major problems of German reunification, European security and disarmament.

Presumably the "secrecy" provision covering tomorrow's summit meeting meant there would be no public announcement of decisions and results beyond a brief summary communiqué.

Unofficial sources said one hitch in the foreign ministers' double sessions today developed from Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's polite but firm refusal to agree to either the time or order in which the problems of German unification and European security should be considered in the future.

Final Agenda Item
The Big Four leaders, after agreeing to give the foreign ministers additional time to prepare their report, turned to the fourth and last agenda item: Increasing East-West contacts and trade.

President Eisenhower, presiding, said it was necessary to establish a better flow of ideas, news and peoples to improve contacts. He proposed a three-step plan.

1. "To lower the barriers which now impede the flow of information and ideas between our two peoples."

2. "To lower the barriers which now impede the opportunities of people to travel anywhere in the world for peaceful, friendly purposes so that all will have a chance to know each other face to face."

3. "To create conditions which will encourage nations to increase the exchange of peaceful goods throughout the world."

He noted that in some part of the world there are "extreme" restrictions on travel and information and that they cause mistrust.

In spite of the hitches that developed in the foreign ministers' conferences, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said "progress is being made."
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Peron Party Leader Resigns

Buenos Aires—(U.P.)—The chairman of Argentina's Peronista party announced his resignation today.

Rear Adm. Alberto Teisaire (ret.) who also is president of the party's powerful Supreme Council and vice-president of Argentina, announced his resignation as part of a general party

reorganization which he said would be completed before the end of the month.

Several other party leaders announced their resignations yesterday.

Unrest continued to grip this capital city which went through a bloody but short lived revolution against President Juan D.

Peron June 16 and has gone through recurrent waves of tension since.

A jeffup of Nationalists, a small political group supporting Peron, fired on demonstrators demanding freedom of the press and an end to the state of internal war last night. One man was reported killed.

Reports of Closure Of Deputy Marshal's Office Unconfirmed

Unconfirmed reports current in Medford for several weeks that the department of justice will close the U.S. deputy marshal's office here have reached Portland, it was reported by United Press today.

U.S. Marshal Harold Sexton said in Portland he does not know if the office will be closed in September, "and I don't think anybody else does." Sexton said that if the office should be discontinued, it would be "for reasons of economy and for nothing else."

The office has been in operation for 40 years, and is in charge of Paul Hanlin, deputy marshal for 17 years.

Federal Judge Claude McCul-

loch said in Portland that he has received a letter from James M. Main, assistant secretary of the Southern Oregon Bar association which said the group had heard the office may be closed Sept. 1 and urged that it be kept open. Judge McCulloch said the letter was the first information he had about the reported closure.

A recent inquiry directed to the attorney general of the U.S. was answered by S. A. Andretta, administrative assistant to attorney general, who said:

Not in Near Future
"While the matter of closing the Medford office and conducting all business operations out of the headquarters office at Portland is under consideration, no change is contemplated in the near future. Moreover, such action will not be taken unless clearly to the best interests of the government and the people residing in the district."

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in Klamath Falls also wrote Judge McCulloch, who said he has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Judge McCulloch said that although there has been a large amount of criminal cases processed out of the Medford office, the bulk of the business has been of a civil nature.

Dress Rehearsals At Festival Begin

Ashland—Dress rehearsals, full-scale run-throughs of the plays with costumes, lights and music, begin at the Ashland Shakespearean Festival association's theater today.

The festival opens Aug. 1 for a one-month run. Four plays will be given in rotation, with a fifth being given two performances during the month.

The rehearsals will be closed to spectators through Tuesday, but on Wednesday they will be open to holders of season memberships. Each begins at 8 p.m., and will be given in the same order as during the regular season.

Season memberships will be available in Medford at the First National bank through July 30, and the Ashland box office through July 31. None will be sold after that date.

Sit-Down Strike Said Due at Walla Walla

Spokane—(U.P.)—Convicts at the state prison at Walla Walla plan a sit-down strike Sunday, State Senator Neil J. Hoff told Spokane Kiwanis members yesterday.

The Tacoma senator said he had learned inmates planned a sit-down unless they get a more sympathetic attitude from him and from the press.

"As chairman of the institutions committee," he said, "I will not dignify this kind of irrational behavior by considering bringing legislators to the institution to hear a reshuffle of complaints."

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Waitresses here will get a wage boost of five cents to 95 cents an hour retroactive to July 1 under terms of a two-year contract agreed to by negotiators here.

Huge Ball of Fire Sighted Over County; Long Train Lasts Minutes After Blast

A huge ball of fire, which may have been an extra-large meteorite, was observed in the skies over Medford and Ashland at about 10:47 or 10:50 p.m. yesterday.

At least six persons in the area saw it, and their descriptions agreed as to what it looked like.

It was big, almost straight overhead, and headed straight west, they reported. It had a long train which was much wider, "20 or 30 times as wide," according to one, as the usual meteor trail. Just before reaching the horizon, it appeared to

explode without sound. One witness said he saw particles flying as it "blew up," and all agreed that the vapor trail remained in the sky for several minutes after the ball of light itself disappeared. One observer thought at first it was an airplane exploding.

Those reporting it included Mrs. E. D. Beery, route 3, box 210, in the Fern Valley area; Paul Gelzeleznik, 706 Victory st., Apartment 4; Paul Hannon, Laurel and 10th sts., who was with Gelzeleznik; and three Ashland girls, Nancee Bissell, Darlene Miller and Judy Johnson.

Some Portland residents also

reported seeing a "ball of fire" shoot across the sky last night heading west, according to United Press. The night before residents in western Washington and British Columbia reported seeing a similar object heading northeast.

They were believed to be meteors.

Residents in Idaho Wednesday reported seeing a white object in the sky, during daylight hours. A similar object was reported seen over La Grande and The Dalles, and later yesterday in Portland.

These were believed to be weather balloons.

Nixon Presides At Cabinet Meet; Report on Geneva

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice-President Richard M. Nixon presided today over a 2 1/2-hour Cabinet meeting which received a report on the Big Four summit conference and on Russian and other reaction to President Eisenhower's mutual military inspection plan.

Nixon told reporters the report on Mr. Eisenhower's dramatic proposal included the reaction of Russia at Geneva and of other countries all around the world as gathered by the U. S. Information Agency.

Declines Comment
Reporters asked Nixon if the Russian reaction, which he did not disclose, indicated any possible Soviet acceptance of the plan. He declined to comment.

At Nixon's request, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson opened the meeting with a prayer for success at the summit talks.

About half the session was devoted to discussion of the Big Four developments and reaction to Mr. Eisenhower's disarmament proposal. The other matters were described as routine.

Alaskan Mountain Continues To Erupt

Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—Observers at Cape Sarichef on Unimak Island today reported Mt. Shishaldin is continuing to blow its top following the largest eruption in the memory of the island's residents.

The entire top of the mountain "seems to have exploded" according to a report received today from the Cape Sarichef Coast Guard station west of the rumbling 2978 foot peak.

Huge bolts of lightning flashed over the volcano's fiery cone following the latest eruption, causing heavy radio interference in the area, a Coast Guard official reported.

Mt. Shishaldin's top has been partially blown away, the commanding officer at Cape Sarichef reported. A new fissure has been ripped into the side of the peak and it is spewing a gusher of lava for a distance of several thousand feet.

Rocks Thrown at Train; Four Children Arrested

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland police said today four children between 10 and 12 years old have been taken into custody for breaking a window on the City of Portland dome car yesterday.

Union Pacific special agents picked up the children shortly after the vandalism. The window was broken by rocks and dirt clouds tossed at the streamliner as it passed through Sullivan gulch.

Several grass fires were also reported in the gulch area yesterday and today. Police say they are apparently the result of juveniles.

Klamath Woman's Suit Against Railroad Ousted

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Klamath County Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg today dismissed a \$100,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Freddie Lee Baker against the OC&E railroad.

Mrs. Baker contended a company freight train failed to sound its whistle at a crossing in July of last year, causing her to receive critical injuries when her automobile collided with the train.

Judge Vandenberg, however, ruled that Mrs. Baker had been negligent in not observing the train's lights.

Need Investigation Continues; Public Hearing Planned

Number of Protests To Action Growing

Salem—(U.P.)—State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said today that the plan of Southern Pacific railroad to abandon passenger service from Portland to Ashland will be suspended pending a public hearing.

Heltzel said he would announce the date of the hearing soon. Southern Pacific, which claims the PUC does not have authority to intervene, has set Aug. 7 as date for the nightly service to end.

Heltzel said he has received a formal protest by three southern Oregon state senators on the railroad proposal.

An investigation of need for the service is in progress by the PUC staff. Loss of revenue on the line was given as reason for eliminating passenger service.

Protests Growing
The number of organizations which have made formal protests against the abandonment of the Southern Pacific passenger service from Portland to Ashland continued to grow today.

Most recent to take formal action in protesting the plan are the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association and the Live Oak Grange, the first Grange unit to report such action.

The subordinate Grange's resolution will be sent to Pomona Grange, to Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel, and the State Senators Philip B. Lowry, Medford; Gene Brown, Grants Pass, and Paul Geddes, Roseburg.

Doing Research
The formal complaint prepared by the senators, who are all lawyers, was filed this week with Heltzel. In addition, Senator Lowry is continuing to do research with regard to the legal obligation of railroads to continue passenger service, and on the authority of state regulatory bodies, such as the PUC, to order service continued.

Protests to the proposed abandonment of the two overnight passenger trains, last surviving remnants of a once-busy passenger route, on Aug. 7, have been prepared and filed by the Ashland and Roseburg city councils, the Jackson County and Roseburg Chambers of Commerce, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Editorial protests have been made by the Ashland Tidings, the Roseburg News-Tribune and the Medford Mail-Tribune.

The Shakespearean Festival association's protest has been sent to Commissioner Heltzel, according to William W. Patton, general manager of the festival.

It said: "The Southern Pacific railroad has created for years a serious condition of bad public relations for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association." Patton's letter said, "With the announcement that rail passenger service to this area will be completely suspended effective Aug. 7, following the start of the festival's 20th anniversary season, the SP seems to have calculated its plans to make an already impossible situation even worse."

Gets Many Complaints
"Each season the festival association has received numerous letters and personal complaints regarding SP service to Ashland. These complaints have generally come from tourists who have travelled great distances in order to see the plays."

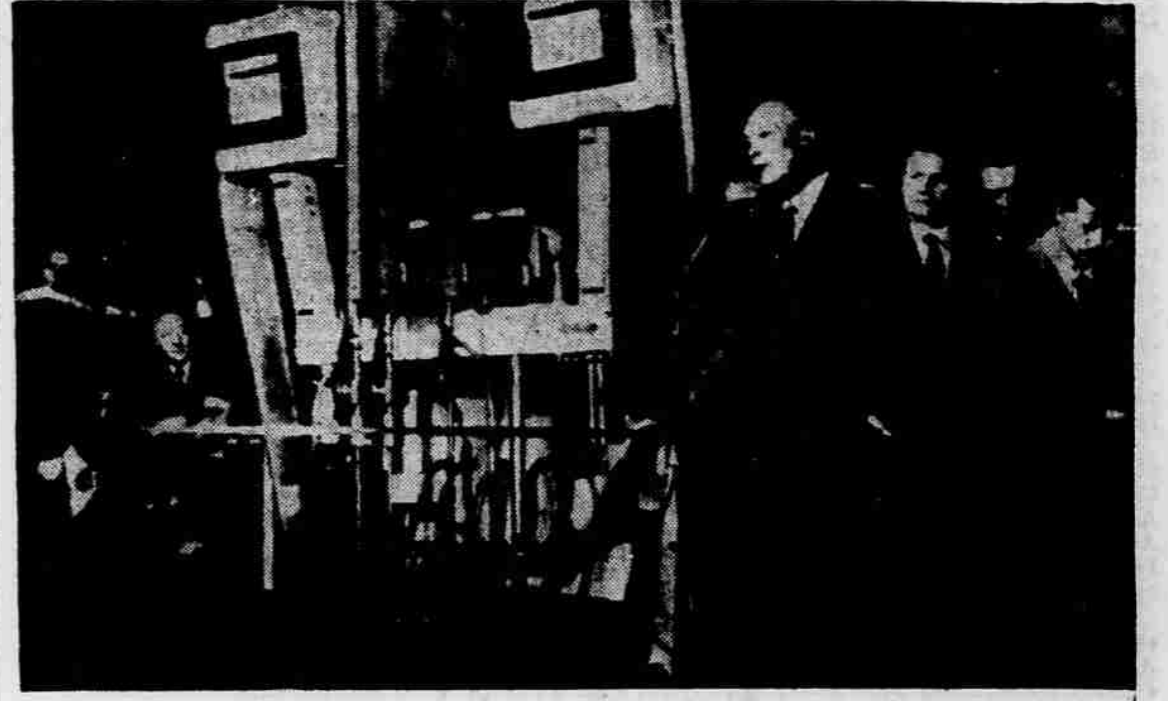
"The Oregon Shakespearean festival is one of the northwest's best known tourist attractions and, as such, helps the tourist trade attain its position of being Oregon's third most important industry. It therefore would seem that the festival's concern with the roughshod policies set forth by the Southern Pacific company should not be shared, not alone by the 200,000 or so inhabitants of the region directly affected in this final curtailment of service, but by the entire state and most of all, by the public utilities commission."

World's Second Atomic Submarine Launched

Groton, Conn.—(U.P.)—The world's second atomic submarine, the USS Seawolf, has been launched at ceremonies here. The principal speaker at the ceremonies, Navy Secretary Charles Thomas, told the crowd of 20,000 that the Navy plans a fleet of atomic subs and sea-planes.

Radio-TV Highlights

Television station KBES and radio station KMED will carry the Sugar Ray Robinson Rocky Castellani boxing bout at 8 p.m. today.



SHOWS AMERICA'S LATEST—At Geneva, President Eisenhower (center right) proudly shows off an American atomic reactor set up on the grounds of the Palace of Nations. Among audience were two Russian correspondents of Tass, official Soviet news agency.

Tex White Sentenced To Life in Prison; May Seek New Trial

Bernice Hampton (Tex) White, convicted this week of second degree murder, was sentenced to life imprisonment at 9:30 a.m. today. His attorney, Robert Duncan, immediately filed a request with the circuit court for an extension of time in which to file a motion for a new trial.

Under Oregon law, a convicted man has 10 days from the time of his sentencing in which to file for a new trial. Duncan asked that this period be extended. No action on the request was taken this morning by Judge H. K. Hanna.

Has No Grudge
Asked if there was anything he wished to say before sentence was passed, White, 37, stated: "I would like to say that I have no grudge or hard feelings against anyone, inside or outside the court, that had anything to do with this case."

White was convicted of second degree murder late Tuesday evening by a unanimous jury which deliberated 11 hours. He was originally indicted for first

degree murder by a grand jury for the slaying of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix.

Died March 2
Birk died March 2 of blows to his head from a piece of two by four timber received while he was working at the Talent mill.

A sentence of life imprisonment in the state penitentiary is mandatory for second degree murder.

In the trial, White admitted killing Birk, but pleaded innocent by reason of temporary insanity.

Tahoe Swimmer Forced To Give Up

Kings Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—Husky Bert Capps of San Francisco was pulled from the frigid waters of Lake Tahoe today after nearly 12 hours in the water and about seven miles from his goal of becoming the first man to swim the lake's 22-mile length.

Capps, suffering intense chest pains and his body colored purple-blue from the cold of the melting-snow fed lake, gave up about 9:45 a.m. after he had churned through the water from State Line, Nev.

He was assisted into a motorboat accompanying him off Long Point near Glenbrook, Nev., after he had swum about 15 miles.

Actually, he was ready to quit before dawn but the rising sun seemed to give him added strength and he remained in the water several more hours.

Capps, 39, president of the South End Rowing Club of San Francisco, walked unassisted to a cabin where he took a warm shower and went to bed.

Murder Charge Due In Bryan Girl's Case

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Authorities believed today they have enough evidence to warrant filing a first degree murder charge against Burton W. Abbott for the kidnap-slaying of 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan.

J. Frank Coakley, Alameda County district attorney, indicated he will file the charges sometime today and present the case to the grand jury for an indictment next Monday or Tuesday.

Abbott, 27, a tubercular accounting student and father of a 4-year-old boy, still denied he was the man who strangled and beat Stephanie to death at a remote Trinity County cabin in far northern California on April 28.

He admitted he was at the cabin on the date. He said he went along at nightfall to the Wildwood Inn to have a drink, but Coakley said the bartender, Delbert Cox, denied this and said Abbott was in his place the night of April 29.

Parade Through Town To Open Prospect Event

Prospect—A parade through town at noon Saturday, July 23, will open the fifth annual Hill-Billy Jamboree here. It will last through Sunday.

Saturday afternoon, entertainment will be provided at the Jamboree grounds. In the evening there will be square and ballroom dancing highlighted by the crowning of the queen.

A variety of contests and entertainment, including accordion students of Eve Prentice, will be sponsored Sunday in conjunction with the community-wide old-fashioned "family picnic."

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Yma Sumac, Peruvian singer and actress, became a U.S. citizen today in ceremonies at federal court.

Assessed Valuation of Orchard Trees Set at \$679,520

The assessed valuation of Jackson county's fruit trees totals \$679,520, County Assessor Robert Fowler said today.

Fruit tree assessments, which are 25 per cent of the appraised valuation of \$2,718,080 as determined by state tax commission figures, will be added to an assessed valuation of \$68,552,392 on real and personal property.

The total will be about \$69,231,912, which does not include corporation valuations. Fowler said assessment figures are being checked for errors and corrections, and upon completion of checking, millage rates will be figured.

Figures on corporations within the county are prepared by state assessors.

Acres Not Computed
Fowler said the total number of acres of fruit trees assessed has not been computed.

Assessment were based on figures furnished by the state tax commission, which ordered the board of equalization here to place tree assessments on tax rolls prior to Aug. 15. Appraised values for orchards as determined by commission appraisers are \$300 per acre for Class A and \$225 for Class B.

Orchards less than nine years old were not assessed because commission appraisers believed younger orchards did not have a substantial value.

The new assessed valuation total for the county is expected to lower the millage rate, but Fowler pointed out the decrease will not be known until after millage rates are completed about mid-August.

Oregon Road Share To Be \$329,000,000

Washington—(U.P.)—Oregon would receive \$329,000,000 in federal money under the proposed 12-year, \$48,500,000,000 federal road-building program, a House Public Works Committee member said today.

Oregon would put up \$27,000,000 of the \$356,000,000 total. The committee bill would be financed in part by higher gasoline, tire and other "user" taxes.

Rep. Myron W. George (R-Kan.) said the apportionment breakdown was based on estimated needs submitted by state highway departments. He said that while some estimates may be low or high, costs should average out about to the figures in the breakdown.

Miss Universe Choice Scheduled Tonight

Long Beach, Calif.—(U.P.)—The so-called "Miss Universe" will be chosen tonight from among "Miss United States" and some foreign beauties.

Miss U.S.S., Carlene Johnson of Portland, Vt., and the 14 foreign girls were selected as semifinalists last night out of 33 beauties in competition for the crown.

Five will be selected as finalists tonight. Miss Universe then will be picked from this group.

Carlene Johnson, Rutland, Vt., who was chosen Miss United States at the Long Beach Miss Universe contest, is a niece of Walter W. Johnson, 1702 West Main st., Medford. The Johnsons came to Medford from Lincoln, Neb., where the beauty queen's father is a dentist.

Portland—(U.P.)—The 38th biennial "business session" of the Oregon conference of Seventh-Day Adventists reelected Elder Lloyd E. Biggs as president by unanimous vote.

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Tentative Regulations for Meat Inspection Law Drawn

Salem—(U.P.)—A committee of stockmen and state officials yesterday drafted a set of tentative regulations under Oregon's first compulsory meat inspection law.

Funds appropriated by the 1955 Legislature would permit only a limited, pilot program of meat inspection and the state livestock and meat marketing committee yesterday adopted the regulations that will be given public hearings around the state before they are placed into effect. The program will be directed by the state department of agriculture to determine costs

and procedures that would be required if and when a full scale meat inspection program is authorized and financed by the legislature.

The pilot program will call for two inspection teams to be put into the field. They will consist of a veterinarian and two lay inspectors.

The department contemplates no changes in construction regulations for slaughterhouses under the pilot program.

Hearings on the tentative regulations will begin early in August.