

U.S. Suspicious of Offers by Russians in Middle East

Portland Group Considers Building

Portland — (U.P.) — Cosmopolitan corporation, a Portland group backed by Texas property magnate Leo J. Corrigan, revealed yesterday that it was interested in the downtown Pioneer post office as a site for a new convention type hotel.

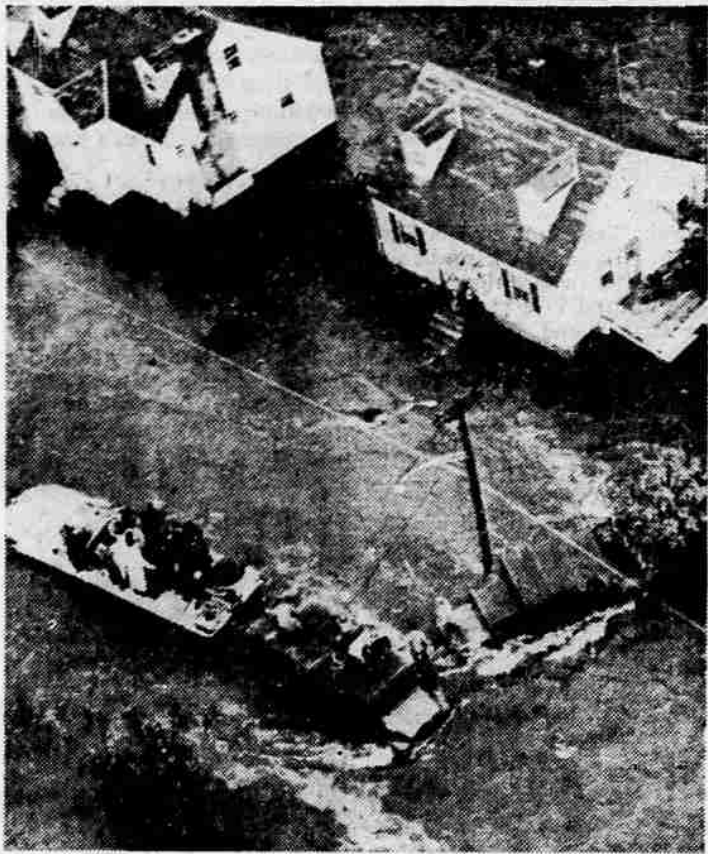
Ward Cook, agent for Cosmopolitan in Portland, said the group was discussing the site with the General Services Administration as an alternate to one already under construction.

O. G. Bradeen, regional director for GSA at Seattle, said that disposition of the old postoffice and the land it stands on would probably take some time, however.

Burmese Premier En Route To Moscow

New Delhi, India — (U.P.) — Burmese Premier U Nu arrived here from Calcutta today on his way to Moscow. Premier Jawaharlal Nehru gave a reception for him tonight and he was to leave on Wednesday.

At Calcutta, U Nu said that he would invite Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin to visit Burma.



EVAQUATE FLOOD REFUGEES—A river of water covers a residential street in Stamford, Conn., as rains and rising flood waters continue to ravage northeastern part of the nation. Here, an amphibious duck evacuates refugees from stalled trucks, while residents of flooded homes wait their turns. At least 26 dead have been counted and damage is reckoned in millions.

Attempt To Get Foothold Viewed With Concern

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States, already suspicious that Russia may be trying to get a foothold in the Middle East, today studied a new Soviet bloc offer of economic aid to Egypt.

The Russian offer was made known officially Monday after Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein held a private meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He said the Soviet Union has told Egypt it is willing to help build a giant \$600,000,000 dam on the Nile river.

Dulles faced questioning on the explosive Middle Eastern situation today at his weekly news conference. The session was expected to be his last with reporters before departing Saturday for the Big Four foreign ministers meeting at Geneva.

To Fly To Denver

The busy secretary of state planned to leave by plane later this afternoon for Denver where he will hold his final pre-Geneva strategy huddle with President Eisenhower.

The new Soviet offer to help Egypt with her dam project appeared to be a move to get a hand in Middle Eastern activities. The Soviet world already has agreed to furnish arms to Egypt and hinted it also is willing to supply weapons to Israel, hated neighbor of Arab nations.

The United States is gravely concerned that Russia may be trying to touch off renewed Israel-Arab fighting so Communists could capitalize on unrest in the region.

International Bank Loan

Since 1952, Egypt has been talking over the possibility of getting a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. But the Arab nation has been unable to obtain a loan yet.

The Egyptian ambassador said Russia offered to supply equipment for the project in exchange for Egyptian cotton and rice. Egypt would be permitted to repay the Soviet Union with these commodities over a 30-year period.

Despite the offer, Hussein said his nation still hopes to get its financing through the International bank. He was unable to say whether Egypt would accept the Russian offer if the International Bank financing falls through.

Pedestrian Killed When Hit by Bike

Lake Grove, Ore. — (U.P.) — Frank Edward Swope, 73, Lake Grove, was injured fatally last night in a freak bicycle-pedestrian accident.

Swope was struck by a bicycle operated by 12-year-old Joseph Alfred Cik who was on his way to a Boy Scout meeting, according to Deputy Sheriff Ray Bevin. Bevin said the boy told him he did not see the elderly man. The lad then ran to a nearby house for help.

The Oswego volunteer fire department first aid car and a doctor were summoned, but Swope was dead when the doctor arrived.

The Cik boy was treated for a lacerated scalp and bruises.

Court Records

POWERS COURT
William Fred Herman Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Virgil Eugene Stickley, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Charlotte Brennenman, failure to yield right of way, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Harry H. Palmer, overload, \$77.
William Edward Rulmer, violation of the basic rule, \$7.50.
Rex Carson Goble, truck speeding, \$10.
Neil Lewis Chinn, failure to signal, \$8.
Ronald Eugene Nelson, violation of basic rule, \$25.
Merlin W. Fjarli, overweight load, \$15; overload, \$65.
James Edward Shopp, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Sharon Wright, 29, of 2347 Howard ave., and Betty Connell, 23, of 2840 Connell ave.
Robert Kennedy, 21, of 2347 Howard ave., and Rosalie Christine Olsen, 15, of 492 Palm ave., Ashland.
Johnnie Andrew Hood, 23, Lawton, Okla., and Linda Joyce Schafers, 16, of 2020 Stewart ave.

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Nixon Says Big Four Conference Promises To Solve Differences

New York — (U.P.) — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon said last night that the coming Geneva Big Four ministers conference holds more promise for resolving East-West differences than any conference since World War II.

Nixon spoke at the New York Herald Tribune Forum. His speech was non-partisan and even included a quotation from Democratic President Woodrow Wilson.

Nixon said the "chances for peace today are better than at any time since World War II." He cited the "spirit of Geneva" as setting up the peaceful atmosphere but warned that the Geneva spirit "does not mean peace at any price."

Same Position

The vice-president said Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will go to Geneva "on the lookout for the real policies of the Kremlin, not merely professions of good will."

"The United States is willing to accept any proposal leading towards peace," Nixon said, "except one that would mean surrender of our own freedom or the freedom of others."

He said the American position is the same as stated in 1912 by Woodrow Wilson who said: "A patriotic American is never so proud of the great flag under which he lives as when it comes to mean to other people."

Pendleton Resident Killed in Accident

La Grande — (U.P.) — Three persons were in serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital here following a one-car accident that killed Maurice A. Webb, 39, Pendleton, Sunday night.

Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Don Creason of Imbler and 39-year-old Glenn Williams, address unknown.

State police said the car rolled over several times on a gravel road a few miles north of Cove, Ore.

as well as to himself a symbol of hope and liberty."

Aid To India

The vice-president also referred to a "recent, well intended suggestion that the United States should discontinue aid to India because India has not agreed with us in certain aspects of our foreign policy."

Nixon said cutting off aid to India would be more likely to alienate the friendship of India than to frighten the nation to siding with the United States.

Nixon also spoke last night to the International Air Transport Association. He hailed President Eisenhower's proposal for adoption of both the American and Russian arms inspection plans and said there could be "no greater step toward peace."

He said such a plan "does not in the slightest weaken a nation's defensive capacity."

Patterson Criticized For Use of Vehicles

Portland — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson was criticized by the Portland Central Labor council last night for allowing state-owned vehicles to be used as "strike-breaking devices" at three struck Salem auto agencies.

A resolution adopted at the suggestion of the Oregon Machinists council said state cars were going through picket lines at the three struck plants. It declared that protests to Gov. Patterson brought an answer that state business is distributed on basis of bids. Machinists claimed bids had not been asked of all competent repair shops in Salem.

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — A Madison mother asked police today not to feed candy to her three-year-old son when he turns up missing next time because "he thinks it's a reward for running away."

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