

Soviet Union Introduces New Disarmament Plan; West Turns Down Three Other Moscow Proposals

Four-Power Pledge To Refrain From Force Told in Plan

Troop Withdrawal From Germany Rejected

Geneva — (U.P.) — The Soviet Union introduced a new proposal on disarmament today, shortly after the West rejected three other Moscow proposals on a European security treaty and withdrawal of foreign troops from Germany.

The disarmament plan called for a four-power declaration pledging the Big Four to refrain from the use of force. It called also for continued consideration of Soviet and western disarmament proposals, including President Eisenhower's "open sky" plan.

The West rejected the security and troop withdrawal proposals because there still was no Soviet provision for the prior reunification of Germany.

Abandon Hope
The Soviet Union in turn again rejected the western view that a security treaty and German unity must be linked. Russia accused the West of "bad faith."

The United States, Britain and France abandoned their efforts to get Russia to lift the Iron Curtain.

The Western Big Three planned to issue a declaration to the German people tonight or tomorrow, laying the blame for failure of the foreign ministers conference to unify Germany on the Soviet Union.

Thus, today's 14th and 15th plenary sessions of the abortive parley ended as have all the others—in disagreement. A final communiqué will be issued tomorrow, the last day of the conference.

Soviet Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov put forward the proposal in the dying hours of the futile Big Four Conference but the West said his proposal would do little more than lock the Iron Curtain firmly in place.

At the same time Molotov rejected a French proposal for increased contacts between the two sides and for a free flow of news between East and West. The West already had warned that continuance of the Iron Curtain was a threat to peace.

No News Flow
The Molotov proposal provided for exchanges of scientific delegations that would bring western know-how to Russia. But it pointedly ignored all western plans for opening holes in the Iron Curtain for news and ideas.

Molotov spoke first in a morning session that marked the final failure to agree on the last subject of the Big Four Conference. The West also failed to win any promise from Molotov to halt the sale of arms to Egypt despite a warning that, too, increased the threat of war.

Chamber Group Studies Taxation

A study of local taxation and budgeting is being undertaken by the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today.

Frank J. Van Dyke, chairman of the committee, has called the first of a series of breakfast study meetings for 7:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Medford hotel.

Van Dyke said the study will include the county, city and school budgets as well as appraisal, assessment and other taxation procedures in the county. The committee will invite county, city and school district officials to appear at the meetings to give details of their financial operations.

Objective of the study is simply to inform the members of the committee, and any other chamber members interested, of the facts of local taxation, the chairman explained. He said those wishing to attend should inform the chamber office so places can be reserved for them.

Polls Open Until 8 For School Bond Vote

Polls will be open until 8 p.m. today at the Griffing Creek school gymnasium on an election on authorization of a \$45,000 bond issue to construct three new classrooms.

Mrs. Myrna Frink, principal, said present facilities are inadequate because of rapid expansion of population in the district. Present enrollment is 272 pupils, 50 more than last year.

Plans call for construction of three rooms just south of the rooms built several years ago.

Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.) — The main section of an American expedition is steaming toward the Antarctic today to explore the mysteries of the South Pole.



CITY MOD HEAD—Jerry M. Gastineau, above, district manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has been appointed Medford campaign chairman for the March of Dimes. He has been announced. Gastineau, who lives with his family at 1620 East Main st., came here recently from Lincoln county. He formerly was an athletic coach at Ashland high school.

Reconstruction of Hansen Building Gets Under Way

Reconstruction work on the Hansen building, which housed the Medford Furniture store until a fire gutted the building last July 8, began yesterday.

William Hansen owner of the building, obtained a \$55,000 permit from the city to begin the work.

Plan To Move
At the same time it was announced by Robert Rector, majority owner and manager of the furniture store, that it would move back into the building when it is completed, which is hoped for in less than 120 days.

Jack Borchers, a local contractor, is doing the work.

The reconstruction work will be to the specifications of the Medford Furniture store, Rector said. The present walls of the building, which withstood the fire, will be reinforced with steel, and used for the reconstructed and remodeled interior.

The furniture store's present location, on North Bartlett st., next to the Greyhound Bus depot, will be retained and used for second hand sales and for warehousing, thus freeing space in the rebuilt location for sales area, Rector said. He stated this will permit the addition of new lines of furniture, as well as the present lines.

New Stairs, Elevator
The ramp which was a feature of the old building, will be retained, but new stairways and a freight-passenger dual-purpose elevator will be installed.

Personnel of the store will be unchanged, Rector said.

County Receives Large Tax Payments

Five large tax payments, totaling more than \$900,000, have been received by the Jackson County Tax Department.

The largest single tax payment to date was made by California Oregon Power company which paid \$403,547.38.

Second largest payment to date was made by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, which paid \$164,390.34. The company's total tax bill for the state, after discount, was \$3,788,222.40, an increase of 12.1 per cent over last year.

A total of \$1,619,969.24 has been paid for Jackson county taxes by Medford Corporation, Timber Products company has paid \$89,148.19.

Southern Pacific has paid \$86,936.66 for 1955 taxes on its property in Jackson county. Total gross taxes on Southern Pacific property in Oregon were \$2,445,322, according to R. H. Holmes, district freight and passenger agent.

Harold Brown Taken To Portland by MF

Harold Brown, Old Stage rd., a well-known Medford insurance man, was flown to Portland yesterday for emergency major surgery.

The flight was made in one of the newly-acquired twin Beechcraft airplanes operated by Mercy Flights, Inc. The patient was accompanied by Mrs. Lois Beech, R.N.

Brown was the 420th patient carried by planes of the non-profit air ambulance corporation since it began service in January, 1950.

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Medford Shivers As Temperature Plummets to 20

Equals Record for Date Set in 1929

Temperatures dropped to about 20 degrees in the Medford area last night, and sub zero readings were reported from most of the surrounding mountain areas. The Medford temperature equalled a record low for Nov. 14 set in 1929.

Frigid 26 below zero temperatures were reported at Diamond

The abrupt change from moderate to cold weather may result in the injury of fruit trees, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticultural agent. It will not be possible to determine whether or not any damage has been done until after the weather moderates again, he said.

The freezing weather will cause the leaves to fall from trees, making extensive pruning possible, Cordy said.

lake and Chemult, east of the Cascades, and Prospect had a reading of 2 below zero. Klamath Falls reported 5 below.

Other temperatures reported in southern Oregon included Bly, 20 below; Lakeview, 8 below; Siskiyou, 14 above; Greensprings, 5 above; Cave Junction, 23 above, and Crater Lake, 7 below.

New snow was reported on the Siskiyou and at Crater Lake.

Cloud Layer Helps
Medford temperatures were expected to drop to about 18 degrees last night, with 15 in the coldest places, but a cloud layer over the Rogue valley kept temperatures slightly higher than expected.

Temperatures here are expected to be higher tonight, with lows of 25 to 28. Light snow is being forecast for tomorrow morning.

Highway reports from around southern Oregon included:

Siskiyou—Packed snow, well sanded, on highway. Two inches of new snow, total of eight inches. Chains not required.

Greensprings—Highway bare in some exposed areas. No new snow, total of four inches.

Chains Needed
East Diamond Lake—Packed snow, plows operating. No new snow, total of eight inches. Carry chains.

Klamath Falls—Packed snow in some areas. No new snow, total of six inches.

Prospect—Packed snow well sanded. No new snow, total of eight inches.

Crater Lake—South and west entrances open to rim. One inch of new snow last 24 hours, total of 14. Chains or abrasive tire treads required, Annie Springs to rim.

Weather
FORECAST: Increasing and thickening cloudiness tonight. Occasional light snow Wednesday. Slightly warmer tonight. Low tonight 25-28; high Wednesday 42-45.

Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest this Morning 20

WARMING 14 File To Appear As Witnesses Here In Timber Hearing

A one-day Congressional hearing on federal timber policies will open at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. The hearing, with at least 14 witnesses, is expected to last until late afternoon.

Tomorrow's hearing is one of a series that opened yesterday in Redding, Calif., and moved to Klamath Falls today.

Congressmen To Appear
Advance information indicates that Congressmen Earl Chudoff (D-Penn.), Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich.), John E. Moss Jr. (D-Calif.) and Possibly Robert H. Mollohan (D-W.Va.) will represent the House of Representatives at the hearings.

It appears unlikely that any of the three senators scheduled to take part in the hearings will be here for the Medford session.

Senator Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has been stricken with a virus infection and will be unable to be here. Senator W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.) is in Columbia, S. C., presiding over a meet-

Freeway Decision Needed by State, Planners Agree

The Medford Planning commission agreed last night it should inform the city council and the Oregon State Highway commission the location it believes most desirable for a Highway 99 freeway and other arterial streets.

Although no official action was taken, Don Root made the suggestion after a discussion of the highway commission's report on the Main-Sixth st. one-way couplet, and possibilities of a Main-Eighth st. one-way couplet.

Answer Requested
The Main-Sixth st. couplet was brought to the commission's attention by a letter from John Crawford in which a definite answer regarding Sixth st. extension was requested. The letter stated that if Sixth st. is not part of the final one-way couplet plan, a motel is planned on Riverside ave., on the Merrick property.

City Manager Robert Duff pointed out that there is before the highway commission now an alternate plan which would utilize Eighth st. as part of the one-way couplet plan. Duff said in both possibilities—Sixth st. or Eighth st.—the city would be required to finance construction of a bridge across Bear creek.

Would Aid Financing
The state highway commission would help finance widening and reconstruction either street west of Riverside ave. because it would be part of the state highway system.

Action on Crawford's letter was delayed until after the alternate plan before the highway commission has been returned.

ing of the senate agriculture committee and will join the hearings later in the week.

Senator George W. Malone (R-Nev.) was in Nevada yesterday and it was not known when he will join the hearings.

Some 14 statements have been filed by prospective witnesses slated to appear at the Medford hearing. Written statements must be filed at least 72 hours in advance of the hearings, but they may be filed by mail, so the total number of local witnesses may not be known until tomorrow.

Those filing statements so far include Southern Oregon Plywood, Inc., Grants Pass; Brown Brothers Lumber Company, Inc., Grants Pass; Magnolia Lumber Company, Rogue River; Brookings Plywood Corporation, Brookings; Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, Medford; Jack A. Crump, Medford; Lithia Lumber company, Ashland; Hunter and Best Sawmills, Inc., Jacksonville; Yellow Fir Lumber company, Happy Camp, Calif.; Double Dee Lumber company, Central Point; the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; and the Brookings Chamber of Commerce.

The brief filed by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce lists information to prove the importance of the lumber industry to this area.

Wood Waste Potential
The brief also points out the value of wood waste as a potential means of increasing southern Oregon payrolls through greater utilization. It suggests that, since changes in policy concerning forest administration would have an immediate effect on the economy of this area, consideration of changes should be based on a complete and detailed study of timber supply, species, marketability and other factors.

After the Medford session, the hearings will move to Roseburg Thursday and Eugene Friday. Nov. 21, 22 and 23, hearings will be held in Portland, and on Nov. 23 in Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 29 and 30 in Seattle, and Dec. 1 in Spokane.

Court Fines Five On Game Violations
Richard Goudie Cash, 29, of 429 1/2 Palm st., Ashland, and Glenn Stephen Mayben, 20, of 79 Baum st., Ashland, were fined \$80 each in district court Monday on charges of killing deer out of season.

Cash and Mayben were charged with killing two doe deer. The deer and two 22 caliber rifles were confiscated and sent to the Oregon State Game commission.

Floyd Ernest Burge, 29, Roseburg, was fined \$30 on a charge of disguising the sex and species of migratory waterfowl.

A 17-year-old boy was fined \$15 and a 15-year-old boy was fined \$6 for hunting on closed land without permission.

Snow and Rain Seen for Oregon By Wednesday

Alaskan Storm Said Heading South

Portland — (U.P.) — The weather bureau today forecast a warning trend for Oregon during the next few days as the state shivered in one of the coldest Novembers on record.

Forecasts said a storm was heading south from Alaska that would bring precipitation of snow and rain to the state by tomorrow.

Coldest official reading today was 16 below at Baker. But the State Highway department re-

Baker, Ore.—It was 14 degrees colder in Baker at 4:30 a.m. today than it was in Nome, Alaska, at the same time. Baker had 16 below zero, Nome two below.

ported an unofficial low of 26 below at Chemult and East Diamond lake. Austin had 24 below zero, Meacham 22 below and Lapine and Bly each 20 below, according to the highway department.

14 Below at Bend
Bend had 14 below, according to the weather bureau, while it was 12 below at Redmond and 11 below at Burns, where an all-time record low for this early was set for the second day in a row.

Portland and Pendleton also had record lows again for this early. Portland had 13 above and Pendleton six below. Eugene had 13 above and Salem 10 above.

The freeze had ruined remaining truck crops. The East Side Farmers' market in Portland was closed early today because of a lack of fresh produce.

Storm Moving Southward
The weather man said another storm system from the Gulf of Alaska was moving southward. This was described as more potent than the past two which threatened heavy snows but which veered to southwest Oregon and California.

The new storm was taking a more easterly path and eventually will replace the cold mass of air over the Northwest, the weather bureau said. This was expected to mean snow starting Wednesday but also rising temperatures for the next several days with snow changing to rain.

Other low temperatures included 17 at Astoria, 29 at Brookings, 11 below at Burns, four below at Klamath Falls, three below at Lakeview, 22 at Medford, 23 at Newport, 25 at North Bend, two above at The Dalles. The high in Oregon yesterday was 43 at Brookings.

But there were worse places than Oregon. The high temperature in Helena, Mont., yesterday was seven below zero.

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Salem — (U.P.) — Walter F. Sargent, rehabilitation forester in the northwest Oregon district, has been promoted to district warden at Forest Grove.



ADLAI STEVENSON
Now Officially a Candidate

Stevenson Reveals Intention To Seek Demo Nomination

Chicago — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson today announced he will run for the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination.

"I shall be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President next year," Stevenson said.

He gave three reasons for seeking the nomination:

1. He believes it "important" for the Democratic Party to take over the national administration.

2. He has been "assured" of support from "representative people in and out of my party throughout the country."

3. He believes all citizens should contribute what they can "to the search for a safer, saner world."

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"I shall do all I can to persuade my party to entrust that immense responsibility to me again, because:

"First, I believe it important for the Democratic Party to resume the executive direction of our national affairs;

"Second, I am assured that my

candidacy would be welcomed by representative people in and out of my party throughout the country;

"Third, I believe any citizen should make whatever contribution he can to the search for a safer, saner world."

"It is of first importance to return the executive branch of our government to the Democratic Party because it is apparent that wisdom and responsibility began to reappear in the conduct of our affairs only with the return of Congress to Democratic leadership in the 1954 election."

"Seldom before has the United States faced a period of greater opportunity — and greater danger."

"Our great opportunity lies in the fact that our prosperity and wealth can now be used to give all our people the higher standards and wider opportunities which are mankind's universal dream. These are now within our reach, not simply for a favored few, but for every family in America."

Communist Danger
"Our danger lies in the ambition of a new tyranny for mastery of the world, and in Communist exploitation of the hope and discontents of the two-thirds of mankind who now demand a share in the good things of life. In partnership with our friends and allies, with confidence born of strength and influence born of magnanimity, we must work to uproot the deep causes of conflict and tension and to outlaw the very means of war in this atomic age."

"The task of the Democratic party is to make prosperity and peace not a political slogan but an active search for a better America and a better world."

"I am ready to do what I can to that end either as a worker in the ranks or at the top of the ticket if my party sees fit to so honor me."

Headquarters Ready
The statement was handed to newsmen in a three-room suite already engaged as his political headquarters, a short distance from his LaSalle st. law offices.

Stevenson was not on hand when the statement was issued at his offices, but planned to read the statement later before a television camera.

Frank Cripe Home Damaged by Blaze
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cripe, route 2, box 393, Medford, was almost totally destroyed by fire last night.

The Central Point rural fire department dispatched four units to the fire at 8:10 p.m. The house was located on the Thomas Whittle ranch, on the Jacksonville-Central Point hwy. south of Beale lane.

Firemen, who were hampered by cold weather, saved some articles of clothing and furniture from the house and prevented the fire from spreading to nearby machine sheds.

Origin of the blaze was not known.

At 6:42 a.m., today, one unit was dispatched by the rural fire department to put out a small fire around a flue in the home of Mrs. Floyd Hedgpeth, on the Upton rd., north of Central Point.

Public Hearings On Council Agenda

Two public hearings and several ordinances are on the agenda for the city council at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

Hearings will be held on installation of water mains in the recently annexed Laurelhurst addition, and vacation of an alley in the Crowell addition. Continued hearings on annexation of California Pacific Utilities property on Groveland ave., and on property owned by Benton Smith and Odell Larson on Murray st. also are scheduled.

Ordinances authorizing construction and calling for bids for the Laurelhurst addition water mains, annexation of property on Murray st., vacating the Crowell addition alley, and accepting work done recently by J. C. Compton company will be considered.

The council also will consider an ordinance permitting installation of bicycle racks and bicycle parking in city street parking strips.

City Manager Robert Duff will report on the Verde Hills sanitary sewer system. Residents recently asked the council to consider installing a sewer as soon as possible. Comparative costs on trunk line installation and construction of a pump house and pressure line will be available.

William B. Tucker Gets 30-Year Service Award
Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation today honored 30 men and women for service to Oregon agriculture over the past 30 years. Honors were bestowed at the 24th annual convention of the federation being held here.

Among those receiving 30-year service pins was William B. Tucker, Medford, Jackson county agent, for his work in extension service.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 487.07, up 2.19; 20 railroads 161.09, off 0.72; 15 utilities 64.75, off 0.08; 65 stocks 172.06, up 0.16.

80 Attend Hospital Fund Drive Kick-Off

Some 80 men last night attended a dinner "kick-off" meeting in the drive to raise \$714,000 toward the construction of a new hospital in the Medford area.

Chief feature of the evening was a description of methods to be used in the campaign, given by Louis Barr, consultant to the drive, who has headed similar successful drives in other localities.

Area Has Advantages
He pointed out that Medford has the wealth and the capacity to raise the sum needed, and enjoys considerable advantages over other areas due to the fact that only \$714,000 needs to be raised from the public, with the rest of the \$1,900,000 cost to be furnished by a federal grant, and by several substantial contributions already made.

As to the need for the Rogue Valley Municipal hospital, Barr pointed out that virtually every

family needs hospitalization at one time or another over a period of a few years; that the number of standard hospital beds in Jackson county is below the demand, and that due to medical skills in the community and to Medford's location, it is a medical center with the potential of becoming a greater and more important one.

He indicated that one of the things which volunteers who are giving their time to raise the money will encounter will be rumors of all kinds about the hospital and the campaign, and he said the rumors should be reported and corrected.

Values of Cooperation
The theme of the evening was set in a brief talk by Dr. D. Kirkland West, minister of the First Presbyterian church here, who pointed to the values of community cooperation in what is essentially a spiritual endeavor — caring for the sick and diseased now and in the years to come.

Otto Frohnmayer, campaign chairman, presided, and Gene Thorndike, chairman of the advanced gifts committee, introduced team managers who in turn introduced members of their solicitation teams, and other leaders in the hospital campaign.

Among others who were introduced were Mrs. William Fluhrer and Mrs. Chester Guches, of the hospital board, Miss B. J. Larson, administrator of the Rogue Valley (Community) Memorial hospital, John R. Tomlin, and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter.

The meeting concluded with the distribution of campaign materials to the men attending, which will be used in the solicitation work. Men in the cam-

paign will meet for breakfast each day during the drive.

Organization of the general campaign started today. Walter G. Garner, chairman, announced, which will be divided into four divisions with three groups of workers in each division.

Robert Dames, John Graff, Dwight Houghton and Vic Milnes are managers of divisions. James J. Dunlevy is associate chairman.

Garner pointed out the campaign "is a voluntary organization. Any man who can spend several hours a day or in the evening and attend daily report breakfasts is invited to volunteer his service."

The general campaign organization and the advance gifts group will combine forces when the latter reaches an objective of about \$400,000. Both organizations will solicit subscriptions in the general campaign.