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U.S. PLEDGES TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR UNITED GERMANY

Big Four Meeting Ends in Failure; Sessions Closed

Dulles Pins Blame Squarely on Russia

Geneva — (U.P.) — The United States pledged itself today to continue working for a united Germany despite failure of the Big Four conference.

In a speech to the closing session of the parley, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles pinned the blame for failure squarely on the Soviet union.

He said Moscow's attitude "will almost certainly impair the development of confidence which the summit meeting sought to foster."

But he reiterated that there can be no "solid peace in Europe" without German reunification.

"The government and the people of the United States," Dulles said, "want to develop better relations with the Soviet union."

He said he would report to President Eisenhower at once when he returned from Geneva.

He said the President then "will evaluate the conference result against the background of his vast knowledge and abhorrence of war, and his dedication to the cause of a just and durable peace."

Dulles addressed the 17th and last plenary session of the parley after the Big Four Foreign Ministers agreed on their final communiqué.

This is a short two-paragraph document, merely recording the fact that the ministers met in Geneva and adding that they were reporting back to their respective governments with the recommendation that a decision on future negotiations should be made through diplomatic channels.

The communiqué did not set any time or place for a new Big Four conference.

At the same time, the United States, Britain and France issued a joint declaration predicting that the result of the conference will be a "bitter disappointment" for the German people.

The declaration charged the Soviets with guilt for blocking German unity and pledged that the three western powers would continue fighting for a reunified Germany.

Before the start of today's session of the conference, the West formally had rejected a last-minute Soviet proposal on European security. The West labeled it a move to wrest a propaganda victory from the conference.

Hundreds Arrested in Argentine Strife

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — President Pedro E. Aramburu's four-day-old government was reported today to have arrested hundreds of strike leaders in a growing walkout of the Peronista-dominated General Confederation of Labor.

Most essential services were running at normal or slightly below normal and no major disturbances were reported though a 100 per cent walkout in some industries dealt a major blow to Argentine economy. But efforts by the strikers to deal a knock-out blow to the new revolutionary government were not successful.

The army ministry in Buenos Aires was under strong guard and the government added eight 40 millimeter howitzers to the defenses ringed the key building.

Central Point Loggers Named in Suit by SP

Portland — (U.P.) — Southern Pacific Company yesterday filed suit in Federal Court here for \$15,827 damages against two Central Point loggers, Arthur James St. Germain and John Paudols, as result of a collision between an SP locomotive and a truck Dec. 3, 1954.

The railroad claimed the truck was driven onto a crossing near Central Point without stopping and that signals were ignored.

Israel Appeals for U.S. Arms Delivery

Washington — (U.P.) — Israel today appealed to the United States for quick delivery of bargain-priced arms to defend itself in what it called a "moment of great national emergency."

The State Department announced that the request would be considered "by the various agencies of the U.S. government" in the light of the 1950 declaration in which this country pledged its opposition to any aggression in the Palestine area. Beyond this, the department made no commitment.

Needed Weapons Listed

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban handed a list of the defense weapons it wants to Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. in an hour-long meeting. He asked the United States to sell the arms on "the

most lenient price and credit" terms.

Eban said Israel also is seeking weapons from other friendly countries to overcome an "alarming vulnerability" created by Egypt's purchase of weapons from Communist Czechoslovakia.

He refused to say exactly what weapons Israel requested or how much they would cost. But under questioning he said Israel prepared its request on the assumption that Egypt is receiving submarines, jet planes, and similar modern weapons.

President Eisenhower appealed anew Tuesday night to Israel and the Arab states to settle their border disputes. He repeated that the United States would be willing to join in a formal treaty to guarantee the disputed borders if the two nations would

agree on a boundary and stop their fighting.

The President's offer to guarantee Israeli-Arab borders was sent to Jewish leader Rabbi Hillel Silver for reading to a mass rally at New York's Madison Square Garden. It was worded almost identically with a similar offer made by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in an Aug. 26 speech. Israel and the Arab nations have not yet accepted the Dulles plan.

Would Suggest Treaties

The President said that if a settlement is worked out, "I would be prepared to recommend that the United States join in formal treaty engagements to prevent or thwart any effort by either side to alter by force the boundaries upon which Israel and its immediate neighbors agree."

Blanchard said such a system would not provide enough timber to keep all the mills operating all the time, but concerns could adjust their operations to an allocated timber policy.

Testimony by E. H. Wood, vice-president of Conifer Wood Products, Medford, generally followed the same ideas as Simpson, VanDyke and Kelloso concerning access roads and allowable cut.

Yesterday's hearing at Klamath Falls concerned disposition of timber on Klamath Indian Reservation. Wade Crawford and Lawrence Witt, tribal spokesmen, and Boyd Jackson, tribal council member, testified.

After today's hearing here, the subcommittee moves on to Roseburg Thursday and Eugene Friday. Hearings also are scheduled in Portland, Aberdeen, Wash., and Seattle and Spokane.

Griffin Creek Bonds Approved

Griffin Creek school district residents yesterday passed a \$45,000 bond issue for construction of three classrooms south of rooms built two years ago.

The vote was 96 for and 44 against.

There are 272 children attending the school, an increase of 50 over last year, according to Mrs. Myrna Fink, principal. Ten years ago four teachers taught about 80 students. The school now has 13 teachers.

The school district, because of increased expansion, had two alternatives, according to James Walker, chairman of the board. The district could either build additional classrooms or send seventh and eighth grade pupils to Medford schools if accommodations were available.

Classes presently are being held in the gymnasium and cafeteria at Griffin Creek.

Simplified Contracts

Contracts, Simpson said, could be simplified so they would be more distinct, and regulations should be instituted to govern each sale separately, depending on topography and timber type demands.

Simpson introduced a reply from assistant secretary of the department of agriculture, E. L. Peterson, regarding a speed-up in the reinvestment program.

Glenn L. Jackson, a member of the administrative level concerning reinvestment, and possibilities of speeding up the program.

Frank VanDyke, representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, testified that access road policies could be changed to provide better access to government timber, and stressed changes in administering timber lands. He said government timber should be managed similar to private timber holdings.

Regional Authorities

VanDyke suggested regional authorities, which would utilize funds derived from timber sales to provide access roads without going through details in congress. "We feel the government has a definite responsibility to

manage on a practical basis," VanDyke said. He urged giving regional authorities more "latitude" concerning access roads.

R. E. Kelloso of Southern Oregon Plywood, Inc., said a reinvestment "could increase the allowable annual cut." He noted that present allowable cuts generally are too small to keep all southern Oregon mills operating, and pointed out that 56 per cent of all timber land in this area is government owned.

Bidding Fails

K. W. Blanchard of Lithia Lumber company, Ashland, confined testimony to faults in present competitive bidding, in which, he said, his company never has "assurance we can successfully bid on timber." Blanchard said he favored establish-

City Authorizes Charter Changes For Sewer Project

Action Would Allow District Assessment

The Medford city council last night authorized City Attorney Frank Farrell to initiate proceedings for installation of a sanitary sewer in the Verde Hills subdivision.

Farrell was authorized to proceed with necessary documents to amend the city charter to establish an improvement district so financing trunk line sewers may be assessed against property benefited. If later it is apparent a trunk line sewer will not be started along Barnett rd. by June, 1956, the council agreed to give immediate consideration to construction of a pumping station to serve Verde Hills.

Financing both the pumping station and Barnett rd. trunk line were discussed, and Verde Hills residents agreed that action on either proposal should be delayed until after an annexation election, which probably will be held in January.

Hearing Dec. 6

A public hearing on annexing almost 1,200 acres southwest of the present city limits will be held at the council meeting Dec. 6, at which time an election in the proposed area probably will be called.

Should annexation be approved, a trunk line would be installed as soon as possible along Barnett rd. to serve the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, Verde Hills, the Mont Crest subdivision on Barneburg hill, and other residences in the area.

City Manager Robert Duff reported that the estimated cost of installing a pumping station and pressure line to serve Verde Hills is \$6,735. Cost to Verde Hills area residents for connecting to a trunk line along Barnett rd. is estimated to cost about \$5,010.

A charter amendment will be necessary to provide organization of sewer improvement districts within the city limits so property benefited from a trunk line may be assessed for financing.

UMC Drive Nears \$109,000 Goal

The United Medford Crusade is expected to go over its goal of \$109,000 sometime this week, it was reported this morning by M. M. Huggins, general campaign chairman.

The UMC, which is raising funds for the operation of some two dozen health, welfare, character-building and charitable organizations in Jackson county and the state, last year raised more than \$102,000.

Huggins hopes that this year a total of some \$115,000 will be raised before workers are through, to provide a "backlog" of funds for unforeseen needs.

The total reported this morning was \$109,048.86. Collections still to be made this week should put the total over the top, Huggins stated.

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Russian-made mines have "virtually paralyzed" shipping in the Japan Sea, the Japanese Foreign Office has reported.

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Stevenson Enters Minnesota Primary; Two Professionals Named for Campaign

Chicago — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson today announced he is starting his campaign for the presidency by entering the Minnesota presidential primary.

Stevenson appointed two professional political figures to take charge of his effort to win the Democratic nomination at the Chicago convention next summer.

Children Consulted

At a news conference Stevenson said his decision, announced yesterday, to run again for President was made without any consideration of the effect of President Eisenhower's illness.

"It was largely made in the early part of this past summer after getting evidence of inter-

est in my candidacy, and the decision was confirmed around Sept. 1 after conferring with my children," Stevenson said.

Appointed as Stevenson's pre-convention campaign manager was James A. Finnegan, secretary of state in Pennsylvania. As executive director for Finnegan, Stevenson named Hyman B. Raskin, of Chicago, a former member of the Democratic National committee and a law partner of former National Democratic Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell.

Two Carry-Overs

Stevenson also said that two leaders in his 1952 campaign would be active this time. He named Wilson Wyatt of Louisville, Ky., who was his personal

manager in 1952, and Mitchell. The decision to enter the Minnesota primary was made to meet the time requirements of Minnesota laws, Stevenson said.

"The only firm decision I have made with respect to primaries is in Minnesota," Stevenson said. "The others we will consider as we come to them."

Interest Surprises

In reaching his decision to run again, Stevenson said, "During my travels in 1954 raising money for the Democratic National Committee and speaking coast to coast in the congressional campaign, I discovered a surprising interest in my being a candidate again."

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The snow, which started to fall early in the evening yesterday, had piled up about 6 inches in Medford this morning, breaking a record set just three days ago.

A 4.7-inch snowfall Sunday had broken a 24-hour November record of 2 inches set Nov. 10, 1911. The heaviest snowfall in any 24-hour period was 11 inches on Dec. 11, 1919.

On All Highways

Chains are required on all highways through southern Oregon and northern California, and state police said this morning that road conditions are "very hazardous" as far north as Portland.

The Medford weather bureau forecast for today was for more snow, possibly mixed with rain this afternoon. The weather bureau expects snow, at least intermittently, during the night.

At least seven Jackson county schools were closed because of the snow storm. Phoenix high school and grade schools were closed, as was Lone Pine school, Shady Cove, and Kenwood. Kenwood high school buses did not run. Jacksonville schools closed at 11:30 a.m.

No information was available from the Prospect districts.

State police reported it was snowing hard and continually at Siskiyou summit at midmorning today. Snow depth there was 20 inches at roadside, including 14 inches of new snow.

Eight inches of new snow was reported on the Greensprings, between Ashland and Klamath Falls, and there too, it was snowing hard and continuously. The weather bureau reported 6 inches of new snow at Klamath Falls, and 12 inches total depth on the ground.

Snow at Klamath Pass

North from Medford on the Highway 99 route, chains were required on Sexton mountain north of Grants Pass, and state police said it was snowing "from lightly to hard" throughout the route. Grants Pass had 3 inches of snow this morning, and it was still falling.

Prospect has 7 inches of new snow, for a total of 11, and chains are required beyond McLeod. Crater Lake National park officials reported this morning that overnight snowfall at the park amounted to 7 inches, bringing the total on the ground to 19 inches.

The park road from Annie Springs to the rim is temporarily closed, but the south and west entrances to the park are open.

On Oregon mountain, between Grants Pass and Crescent City, Calif., trucks were stalled until 4:30 a.m. today, blocking traffic. However, state police said traffic was going through at mid-morning, but chains are required.

The California highway patrol has posted "chains required" signs on Highway 99 north of Yreka.

Request Caution

Radio stations cooperated with the Medford fire department today in broadcasting a plea to residents of rural areas to be particularly careful with fire while the snow conditions exist. Central Point Rural Fire Protection district issued a similar appeal to its patrons.

Both departments pointed out that response to alarms would necessarily be slowed by the snow and that some locations may be impossible to reach with heavy equipment.

Medford firemen placed snow chains on all first line fire fighting vehicles, and Central Point rural firemen reported most of their trucks are carrying chains. Medford rural fire trucks are equipped with snow grip tires.

Efforts to remove snow from city streets began last night. Two graders worked until midnight clearing streets and crews all night sanding hills and the slipperiest intersections.

Today, two graders are working; two trucks are spreading sand and gravel; men with scoop shovels are cleaning snow from crosswalks; and a tractor with a blade is pushing snow and leaves away from the gutters so that the melting snow can drain off without plugging catch basins.

The graders push snow to the middle of the street rather than to the gutters so that gutters won't be plugged when warmer weather causes rapid dispersal of the snow.

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mayor Charles McCormack has announced appointment of J. J. Salvoara of Pottsville, Pa., as city manager.

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