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Russian Pact Rejected; Peace Plan Offered

Molotov Comments On Ike's Refusal Of Offered Treaty

Soviet Minister At 'Red NATO' Meeting

Prague, Czechoslovakia — (U.P.) Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov said last night of President Eisenhower's rejection of a Russian-proposed "friendship treaty," "I cannot understand how anyone can refuse a treaty of friendship."

"Any contact between the two countries is likely to improve the situation," Molotov told a group of Western correspondents.

He made the statement at a gala reception given by President Antonin Zatopocky of Czechoslovakia after signing of the joint declaration of the Warsaw treaty powers.

Molotov said he had not read the text of Mr. Eisenhower's letter to Bulganin but appeared to know the gist of it.

Most Communist leaders attending the reception said they had not heard of the American President's letter. But East German Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht said it was "a blow to peace."

"If the Soviet Union and the United States could agree, the entire questions of peace and security in the world would be solved," Ulbricht said. "Nobody — certainly not (West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer) could interfere."

Polish Premier Josef Cyrankiewicz, discussing the general international situation, said "I am certain that we are heading for rapprochement and peace."

Supply Atomic Weapons Earlier Molotov hinted at the closing session of the Warsaw pact nations that satellite armies bolstered by 125,000 East Germans may be supplied with Soviet atomic weapons.

The eight-nation "Red NATO" military alliance under Soviet command voted East Germany into full membership at the consultative committee session.

Emergency Fund Budget Presented

Members of the Jackson County rural district budget board have proposed an operating emergency fund budget of \$53,195 for the rural school district.

Although the amount available for the current year totaled \$68,050, board members decided after review of the budget, cash balances, and emergency requests to date that a reduction in the emergency fund from \$60,000 to \$45,000 would be feasible.

The emergency fund is carried by the rural board to take care of needs which "cannot be reasonably foreseen" when the budget is made, according to Alf Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary of the board.

Operating expenses include part of the superintendent's salary, that of a school supervisor, and various supplies, traveling expenses and other items.

The proposed budget will be posted for 20 days. A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 3 in the courthouse annex. When adopted it will be submitted to the rural school board along with other district budgets.

School Aid Bill Hits Mounting Resistance

Washington — (U.P.) — The \$1,600,000,000 school aid bill ran into mounting resistance in the House Saturday although its backers were confident it will be passed.

Under a revised timetable reflecting the increased controversy, a House vote on the measure has been delayed at least a week. Bitter debate is in prospect.

Although the measure's only purpose is to help states build badly-needed public schools, it is caught up in a cross-fire of pressures on such controversial issues as racial segregation, states rights and "prevailing wages" for construction workmen.

Hold Up Man Leaves Two Without Money

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — A holdup man took \$14 from a service station attendant Chester Fischer, 26, leaving him without even a dime to call police.

Fischer went next door to a liquor store to make the report, but again it was delayed. The same robber was in the process of relieving Clerk Greg Rockett, 36, of all his money — \$106.19.

Abandonment Of Klamath, Calif., Being Considered

Abandonment of Klamath, Calif., apparently is being considered after about 90 per cent of the town at the mouth of the Klamath river was destroyed in the late December flood, according to a letter from a Klamath resident to Medford friends.

The letter states that Klamath Glen, about four miles east of Klamath on the river, was completely washed out during the flood, when water rose to 49 feet in town.

Three Feet Sand The Klamath resident said his house was on "the highest ground in town," and "water was 30 inches deep" in the house. He said there was about "three feet of sand in the yard." The family stayed at Oric, about 20 miles south of Klamath on Highway 101, about 10 days before they could get back to their home.

The letter stated "Klamath is 90 per cent gone, most of the buildings gone down the river, and a lot of them wrecked. Water was 15 feet deep over the top of the highway and very swift. Altogether 192 homes were lost or destroyed here, not to mention business houses."

The writer said his sister-in-law in Klamath Glen lost a store and three houses, and "all that was left was a hole 30 feet deep." The family is now staying in Klamath with the letter writer.

"Some of these poor people were completely wiped out of their entire life savings," the letter added.

The letter concluded: "Some of the stores are fixing up temporarily for business, but there is talk of abandoning the town and building elsewhere."

Doubts If Pearson Called To Testify

Washington — (U.P.) — There appeared to be little likelihood Saturday that Columnist Drew Pearson would be called to testify regarding a letter he claimed linked President Eisenhower with the Al Sarena mining claims case.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), acting chairman of the interior subcommittee investigating the case, refused Friday to put the motion of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) to call Pearson to back up his published statements.

Pearson said in his syndicated column that Lew Wallace, Portland insurance man and prominent Oregon Democrat, had written the President in behalf of the Al Sarena claims in southern Oregon. Pearson said the president had forwarded the letter to Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and that the letter was in the subcommittee files.

Wallace said he had "no recollection" of writing the letter and both the White House and the subcommittee staff have denied that such a letter exists.

William H. Stimson Dies Of Heart Attack

William H. Stimson, an employee of California Oregon Power company for many years, died about 7:15 p.m. last night.

Mr. Stimson was at his home in Fall Creek, Calif., when he was stricken by a heart attack, a company official said. He was brought to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Mr. Stimson was formerly Copco division superintendent at Roseburg before he was transferred to Fall Creek following an earlier attack.

Political Rumpus Result Of Letter By Sen. Neuberger

Suggests Use Of Drugs In Election Campaign

Washington — (U.P.) — The Democrats were on notice Saturday that Republicans can get "very bitter" at any renewal of suggestions that "panicky politicians" might use drugs to get President Eisenhower through another election campaign.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, freshman Oregon Democrat, started the rumpus by making the suggestion in a recent weekly newsletter to his constituents.

In angry Senate debate Friday, Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), a possible presidential candidate himself, said Neuberger had "cast reflections" on Mr. Eisenhower's physicians and the White House staff.

"I hope there is no repetition of this type of statement in the heat of the campaign," he said. "Could Get Bitter"

Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign committee, said the Republicans could get "very bitter" if there is.

Neuberger, who is convinced the president will not seek a second term, defended the newsletter as "friendly" in tone, and said he sent Mr. Eisenhower a copy to "express my good wishes regarding his health."

The newsletter said a second-term bid by the president would make his health an over-riding campaign issue, and added:

"There even exists the danger that a panicky politician... might try to have him propped up unwisely with drugs and other such aids so that he could fulfill speaking and TV commitments to the permanent detriment of his well-being, just to get by election day."

Benson Shoulders Blame For Letter

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson's self-confessed "boner" in endorsing a Harper's magazine attack on farmers brought angry demands Saturday for his resignation and some defense of his "manly" action.

It appeared unlikely he would relinquish his post under fire, however. Key Republican lawmakers said privately that they were sure President Eisenhower would not pressure Benson to resign, particularly in view of his apology and frank acceptance of responsibility for the endorsement of the article entitled "The Country Slickers Take Us Again."

Benson shouldered the blame even though he said the letter of endorsement was written by aides and sent out under his name without his knowledge. He also emphasized that the article, which claims farmers want a dole, does not reflect his views.

Benson was not expected to give his aides the axe. Miller Shurtliff, the aide who signed the secretary's name without reading the letter, said he didn't expect to be disciplined.

Washington — (U.P.) — A show-down Senate vote on the controversial natural gas bill is expected next week. Supporters of the measure are hopeful the Senate will pass it in a close vote. The House approved it last year by a six-vote margin.

Crater Lake National Park Had Fewer Visitors Last Year Than in 1954; Reasons Are Listed For Decline

There were 7.2 per cent fewer visitors at Crater Lake National park during 1955 than in the record travel year for the park in 1954, according to Tom Williams, park superintendent.

The total number of cars visiting the park last year was 96,934, and the number of people was 343,839, compared to 102,342 cars and 370,554 people in 1954. The 1954 total showed an increase of 11.3 per cent over 1953.



EVEN LOS ANGELES GETS FLOODED — Traffic is non-existent on Flower st. in Los Angeles after the main thoroughfare is turned into a river by the seven inches of rain that pelted Southern California. Manhole in center bubbles over with more water. Property damage was estimated at over a million dollars.

West Coast Cities Recovering From Snow, Rain Storms

By UNITED PRESS

Stormy Pacific Coast weather Saturday left Oregon's biggest city shivered from its worst snow storm in 13 years and both northern and southern California mopping up from heavy rain flood waters.

Cold weather and icy conditions chilled Oregon, indirectly causing at least four deaths, but California's flood dangers appeared after barring the sudden arrival of a new rainstorm.

Deaths blamed on the snow storm included two traffic fatalities, a man who died while trying to start his car which was bogged down in the snow, and a man who suffered a heart attack while shovelling snow at his Portland home.

In northern California, the St. John's river smashed through a weakened levee in farmlands west of Visalia Friday but the water-soaked community was not endangered by new flooding.

Water which rushed through the break was expected to be diverted back into the river. The flooded area extended northwest to the South Pacific railroad right-of-way along Highway 99.

The Tule and Kaweah rivers have receded after rises resulting from Thursday's heavy rains.

Man Goes Berserk; Kills Six In Family

Parsippany-Troy Hills, N. J. — (U.P.) — A New York state road inspector went berserk in his home Saturday and wiped out six members of his family, including his invalid mother, with a .12 gauge pump shotgun. He then committed suicide.

The slayings were discovered by a neighbor, Arthur Sinnenberg who had believed the Bauer family left their seven-room ranch home yesterday for a two-week vacation in Florida and became curious when he noticed their automobile in the driveway.

Parsippany Police Chief Leo D'Orsi said Bauer went berserk "for no apparent reason." The house was strewn with empty shotgun cartridges, he said.

Final Flood Damage Estimate Completed

A final estimate on flood damage in Jackson county, totaling \$914,495, was sent to the state and federal agencies Friday by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense director.

The report, compiled by civil defense and county Red Cross officials, will be used in compiling an over-all damage total for the state, Hicks said.

Damage Listed Damage listed in the report included Shady Cove, where 107 families of about 428 persons were affected and household and personal effects lost and damaged totaled about \$10,500. One business property was destroyed, four sustained major damage and four minor damage, for a total of \$45,000.

Some 12 Shady Cove homes were destroyed, 40 sustained major damage and 46 minor damage. Five farm buildings were destroyed, five received major damage and five minor damage, for a total of \$36,000.

Columbia Utilities reported \$20,000 losses; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, \$1,500; and Shady Cove school, \$500.

Frey Re-elected Head Of News Association

Portland — (U.P.) — M. J. Frey, publisher and general manager of the Oregonian, was re-elected president of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper association Saturday.

Other officers reelected were W. H. Cowles, publisher of the Spokane Chronicle and the Spokesman-Review first vice-president; William W. Knight, publisher of the Journal, treasurer and A. G. Llewellyn, secretary who heads the association's headquarters in Portland. L. B. Tackett, publisher of the Provo, Utah, Herald, was elected to a first term as second vice president.

Newspaper production and labor relations were among the topics discussed by some 50 publishers and top representatives of daily newspapers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana and British Columbia who attended the meeting.

Sports Bulletins

North Bend handed Medford High school's basketball team a 79 to 73 defeat here last night. Medford was leading 73-67, with three minutes left, but North Bend tallied 12 straight points for the win.

Ashland 75, Crater High school 80.

College of Pacific 68, Nevada 59.

Washington 83, Ore. St. 63

Southern Calif. 73, Idaho 59

Paul L. Patterson Announces He Will Seek Senate Seat

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul L. Patterson announced Saturday that he will enter the race to oust Segator Wayne Morse from the United States senate.

Gov. Patterson said he would file his candidacy for the Republican senatorial nomination in the May 18 primary election.

Morse, the incumbent Democrat, had said earlier that he opposed Patterson would be his opponent in November and political observers predicted one of the hottest political campaigns of the year would be the result.

Must Defeat Deetz The governor must defeat State Representative Elmer Deetz in the primaries before going on to meet Morse in the general election.

The governor's statement said "the issues in this campaign are clear. There are fundamental differences between my political philosophy and that of Senator Wayne Morse."

Sen. Morse, upon hearing of Patterson's entry into the race, said that he is confident he will be re-elected because a majority of Oregon voters want a senator of "honest independence — free from partisan dictates."

Morse said if he is nominated by the Democrats — and he said he is sure that he will be — he will be "delighted" to campaign against "Gov. Patterson or any other Republican."

Unknown War Dead Arrive In Hawaii

Pearl Harbor, T.H. — (U.P.) — The first of America's unknown dead of the Korean war came home Saturday.

On the after deck of the cruiser U.S.S. Manchester four flag draped caskets represented the first 50 coffins returned from Korean burial grounds.

Some 850 unknown soldiers in all will eventually come to rest on the slopes of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl Crater.

Final homage was paid to the unknown soldiers a quarter of a mile from where the rusted hull of the battleship Arizona lay. The most solemn moment of the ceremony was the half-masting of the flag above the sunken hull which is the grave of 1,102 war dead killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chasm Threatens Houses In Arcadia

Arcadia, Calif. — (U.P.) — Two property owners stared helplessly Saturday at a crumbling 65-foot chasm which threatened to drop their houses and garages into its depths.

Proposal Advanced In Bulganin Letter Delivered Earlier

Four-Point 'Hand Of Friendship' Presented

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower Saturday offered Russia a four-point "hand of friendship" peace plan in turning down a Red offer of a 20-year U. S.-Russian pact.

In friendly but unmistakable language, the president said Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's treaty proposal "might indeed work against the cause of peace."

Bulganin advanced his proposal in a letter delivered to Mr. Eisenhower Wednesday.

Mr. Eisenhower told Bulganin that the Soviet premier's treaty proposal might create "the illusion that a stroke of a pen had achieved a result which in fact can be obtained only by a change of spirit."

While avoiding acceptance of Bulganin's plan, Mr. Eisenhower said a "vast change would be effected not only in our relations but throughout the entire world" if there were: 1. Prompt measures to reunify Germany in freedom within the framework of security...

2. Carried through "our wartime pledge to respect the right of peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live..."

3. Mutual opening of Russia and the United States to inspection so that the possibilities "of surprise attack would vanish" and release of productive power for betterment of mankind "if reductions of armament were made practical."

4. Free exchange of news, information, visits and ideas between the two countries would clear up "the mountain of distrust and misunderstanding" between the two.

Bulganin in his long letter to the president proposed that the two powers sign a "treaty of friendship and cooperation" which would last for at least 20 years after it came into force.

Bulganin's proposed four-article treaty would pledge both sides to develop friendly relations on the basis of equal rights, mutual respect for state sovereignty, and non-interference in internal affairs.

Mr. Eisenhower pegged the heart of his reply delivered to the Kremlin today on the fact that such a treaty was really not necessary because both nations had undertaken such principles in the United Nations charter.

Mr. Eisenhower wrote Bulganin that the present state of international tension, however, was not prevented by the words of the UN charter.

"How can we hope that the present situation would be cured merely by repeating those words in a bilateral form?" Mr. Eisenhower asked.

"I wonder if again going through a treaty-making procedure, and this time on a bilateral basis only, might indeed work against the cause of peace by creating the illusion that a stroke of a pen had achieved a result which in fact can be obtained only by a change of spirit."

"Friendly collaboration between states depends not solely upon treaty promises but upon the spirit that animates the governments of the states concerned and upon actual performance."

Hand Of Friendship After stating this nation's conviction that American-Soviet relations must be "urgently" improved the president said:

"This nation holds out the hand of friendship to all who would grasp it in sincerity. I have often said, and I now repeat, that there is nothing I would not do to promote peace with justice for the world. But we know that it is deeds, and not words alone which count."

The White House said that this country's allies "know of the tone" of the correspondence between Bulganin and the president.

Mr. Eisenhower's reply came only three days after Bulganin's letter was delivered personally to the president by Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin at an extraordinary White House meeting.