

Disarmament Planning Viewed As Top Good News During Week

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The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

The Good

1. The United States submitted two important news proposals to Soviet Russia in an attempt to get the great powers started toward an agreement on disarmament. First it suggested that the United States and Russia each open up an area of 20,000 to 30,000 square miles of their respective territories for a test of arms control survey. Secondly, it proposed that the United States and Russia cut their military man power to 2,500,000 men each. The proposals were made at a meeting of a United Nations Disarmament Subcommittee in London. The second, more sweeping one, would involve a corresponding cut in arms and arms spending.

2. It became increasingly apparent that the job of debunking Josef Stalin as a Communist saint would incline the Kremlin for quite a while to devote more attention to its own problems, and in proportion to put less emphasis on its meddling in those of other countries. Tens of thousands of Communist agitators ranged throughout the Soviet Union explaining the "why" of the debunking to the people. But Moscow dispatches told of confusion in Russian minds. One question the people asked — a question to which the Kremlin leaders had no answer — was: Where were you while the man was committing all his crimes?

3. France, long beset by internal crises, received a heartening assist from the United States. Ambassador C. Douglas Dillon astonished his hearers when he said in a speech in Paris that the United States stood solidly behind France in its attempt to solve its North African problems by carrying out a liberal independence policy in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. Premier Guy Mollet warmly expressed his government's thanks.

The Bad

1. The fear that any chance spark might set off an explosion between the Arab nations and Israel intensified steadily. President Eisenhower warned that a major war in the Middle East would be "a catastrophe to the world." The United States asked the United Nations to authorize Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to try to negotiate a settlement of the Palestine dispute which is the cause of the tension. It was reported that Great Britain had prepared a plan for instant military action by the Allied powers against any country which made the first attack. There was another report, from Washington, that President Eisenhower might ask Congress for "stand-by" authority to use American troops in any emergency.

2. The violence in Cyprus by extremists who demand that Britain grant them "self-determination" as a step toward union with Greece assumed the proportions of an open revolt. Islanders who opposed violence were cowed by threats of death. The extremist answer to a Brit-

ish crack-down was to plant a time bomb in the bed of Gen. Sir John Harding, governor and commander-in-chief.

3. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India let loose a blast against United States policies which made it plain there was almost no hope at present of

improving relations between this country and India. Nehru had nothing but condemnation for American defense policies, and implied approval of the policies of Communist China. He wants the Reds to be given the offshore islands held by the Nationalists.

APPLEGATE-JACKSONVILLE Three-Purpose Party Held

By HELGA MITCHELL
Applegate-Jacksonville—There was one big party with a three-fold purpose held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell of Palmer Creek rd. last Saturday night. It was a wedding party for Mr. and Mrs. Don Moody, who were married on March 14; a birthday party for George Mitchell, whose birthday was on March 17; and a going away party for Miss Deanna Mitchell, who is going to Hollywood, where she will attend the California Air college. Miss Mitchell, who graduated from the Jacksonville High school in 1954, is hoping to become an air hostess.

Approximately 80 people attended. Music was furnished by Crazy Curly playing the guitar. Al Bird the drums, Johnny Eek the guitar, Loran Cooper the banjo, and Bill Bird led the singing. Refreshments included potato salad, macaroni salad, turkey sandwiches, and coffee. "We ran out of food, at the last," Miss Mitchell stated.

Local residents are pleased with the recent road work being done in the Mule hill vicinity by the county.

The Lance Offenbacher's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Offenbacher of Klamath Falls, are spending their spring vacation with their parents. Wesley is a student in diesel mechanics at O.T.I.

Recent visitors in Applegate are Mr. and Mrs. Al Bird and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mathews of Los Angeles.

The last two workshops on lampshade making were held at the homes of Mrs. Charles Williams and Mrs. Gail Buffington of Upper Applegate. An extra workshop day is to be decided upon later.

The 4-H Sewing Ruchettes met at the home of Nancy Lou Redhead. There was a discussion on the style show, which is to be held at Central Point, with Shirley Dunlap and Nancy Lou participating. The next meeting will be held on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sherron Snopl.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beck of Forest Creek left by car on Jan. 24 for their Mexico trip. En route, they stopped at San Francisco and Los Angeles, arriving at Phoenix, Ariz., on Jan. 26. They left Phoenix by bus for an 18-day tour south of the border. Stops were made at Juarez, Chihuahua, Parral, Durango, Leon, and three days were spent in Mexico City, where they visited the leather, glass and basket factories. They made a trip to the pyramids; took a boat ride on the Floating Gardens, and attended a bull fight.

The Becks had a pleasant surprise when they met Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrell of Medford in the hotel where they were staying. Other stops were made at Acapulco, Taxco, Morelia, Guadalahara, Culiacan, and Hermosillo. The Becks also visited in Phoenix, Yuma, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and arrived home on Feb. 24.

Recent visitors at the Beck home were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Note and their baby, Mary Melinda, of Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Wilfred Pearson of Upper Applegate, recently revealed that she too, was a former news correspondent, for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat in California.

The Applegate-Jacksonville column is not only read locally, but also in Colusa, Calif., by Mrs. M. R. Buck and her son Vern. Mrs. Buck's other son is Otis Buck of Little Applegate.

Visitors at the Leon Offenbacher residence are their niece and nephew, Miss Nancy Howard and Charles Howard of Portland.

Last Friday night, several hundred feet were seen tapping in time with the music furnished by the Minstrel Show musicians, in the Applegate gymnasium. People arriving at the school were greeted by several pickaninies, who spoke with a southern drawl. The third annual show was presented by the 4-H Club of Applegate, and proceeds are used to send the 4-H members to summer training schools. Enthusiastic applause was given to many local people who displayed their talents on this occasion. Al Bird, who came up from Los Angeles for this event, played an encore on his drums. The highlight of the evening was when Bill Bird, one of the entertainers, was searching for his kitty in the audience. Shrieks of surprise emanated from the audience when Bill found his black and white kitty on the lap of one of the spectators. The kitty was a skunk. A musical jam session followed the show.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie McKinney, left for Oakland, Calif., last week. Jackie will remain there until he leaves for Barbors Point, Hawaii, on April 1.

An Adult Bible class sponsored by the American Union Sunday school will be held on Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harley Hall on the Little Applegate. Allen Hill, an American Union Missionary, will be the teacher. These classes will continue on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. The Hall residence is located a half mile past

Local Guard Unit To Hold Outdoor Training Period

Headquarters company, first battalion, 186th infantry, Oregon National Guard, will hold an outdoor training period this weekend at Camp White.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, personnel will fire for qualification on the Camp White rifle range. Saturday night one platoon will attack a defensive position established by the other platoon.

The maneuver will be planned as realistic as possible and blank ammunition will be used to simulate actual combat. Men will bivouac in the area over night. Sunday, men who failed to qualify on the rifle range Saturday will fire. Meals will be prepared and served in the field by unit cooks.

Present Strength
Capt. S. J. Fagone, commanding officer, said the unit at present has 90 enlisted men and has vacancies for nine men to bring the company to full strength.

At a staff meeting earlier this month in Canyonville commanding officers reported the strength of units as follows:

Headquarters company, 90 enlisted men, 10 officers; Company A, 120 enlisted men, 4 officers; Company B, 86 enlisted men, 5 officers; Company C, 128 enlisted men, 3 officers; and Company D, 120 enlisted men, 4 officers.

The battalion expects to go to summer camp in June with 600 enlisted men. It will be the largest contingent of men ever to leave from southern Oregon.

Tryouts for Comedy Set by Footlighters

Footlighters will resume their activities with a comedy, "Good Housekeeping," by William McCleery, with tryouts scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28, at the Fairgrounds theater, according to Lavetus Wimmer of the little theater organization.

Anyone interested is invited to take part in the tryouts which will be at 8 p.m. both nights. Rudi Vest, a senior at Southern Oregon college, will direct the play. Production is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of April.

Buncom, up the Little Applegate. Anyone interested in these classes is welcome.

The Little Applegate Sewing club will have its annual family dinner at the Ruch school cafeteria on Saturday, March 31, at 7 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner.

Twenty-two local women attended the belated third birthday party of the Little Applegate Knitting club at the home of Mrs. Otis Buck. Cakes baked for this occasion were made by Mrs. Harry Davis, Mrs. Roland Smith, and the hostess. The meeting was opened by prayer and a hymn was sung in honor of Miss Molly Ray and Mrs. Lee Port, who are club members but were absent due to illness. Several familiar telephone voices were transformed into human forms as this correspondent met many friends for the first time. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilfred Pearson of Upper Applegate, on April 17.

Mrs. V. E. Taylor's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hooper of Portland, and their three children came for a week's visit at the Taylor residence. The Taylor's daughter, Miss Barbara Taylor, came for a week end visit from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Wingham and their three children, John, Jerry, and Dianne, took a trip south during the spring vacation week, visiting Shasta Dam, Mojave desert, petrified forest, Painted Desert, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley and Death Valley Scotty's Castle. From Nevada, the Winghamams traveled to California, via Donner Pass.

Mrs. Wingham remarked how the roadside snow on Donner Pass realistically brought to mind the early pioneers' predicament when they were snow blocked, and their food supplies ran out. They also stopped at Timbuctoo, Calif., and then on home. The trip ended with Mrs. Wingham contracting the measles.

When asked why she didn't go hunting, Mrs. Bert Harr, who has the Squaw Lake fishing resort, replied, "When men are mistaken for deer, it's time to quit hunting. At least men have never been mistaken for fish."

On second thought, Mrs. Harr retracted her last statement, and told of an incident at the lake when a man, who apparently had his mouth open, was accidentally hooked on his lower lip by another fisherman who was fly fishing.

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