

JURY TO HEAR MURDER EVIDENCE

Disarmament Conference Ends Without Agreement

West Sees Future Agreement Possible

London — (U.P.) — The five-power disarmament conference between the Soviet Union and the West broke up without agreement today. But the Western Powers declared that a future agreement now "is possible."

Six weeks of talks by delegates from the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain, France and Canada who made up a special subcommittee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission ended in failure.

Goes Back To U. N.

The issue now goes back to the U. N. but the four Western Powers issued a joint declaration expressing their conviction that "a reconciliation of the opposing points of view is possible and necessary and they reaffirm their determination to continue their efforts within the United Nations."

The key to the failure lies in the question of inspection and controls of conventional and nuclear weapons and armed forces.

The conference foundered on the Soviet Union's refusal to accept President Eisenhower's "open sky" plan of inspection without filling it with unacceptable qualifications.

The Soviets embraced the "open sky" idea in a disarmament plan of their own which was submitted to the conference. But they refused to let it come into operation until a late stage of disarmament.

The Western Powers said, however, in a joint statement which wound up today's 86th and last session of the current series, that the Soviets must accept this principle of aerial reconnaissance "from the outset" of a disarmament program.

Candidates Night At Hedrick Today

Valley voters will have an opportunity tonight to meet primary election candidates at a meeting sponsored by Medford League of Women Voters.

It will be held at 8 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school. All voters are invited to attend.

Mrs. Irving Thomas, voters' service chairman of the league, states that all candidates for county and legislative offices have indicated that they will attend. The Medford High school band will play, and James Dunlevy will serve as master of ceremonies.

Delivery Box Provides Bird's Nesting Place

Birds can't always be too discriminating about where they build their nests.

Last week it was recorded how one was building in a green light cup of a traffic signal. This week it is reported that another bird, so far unidentified, is building in a Mail Tribune delivery box.

Mrs. Vernon St. George, who lives at Gibson rd., and Wilson lane, called to say the bird had constructed a nest in such a box at the junction of the two roads, and that, moreover, it laid an egg there Thursday.

Delivery of the paper, Mrs. St. George said, has continued without interruption, and apparently without unduly disturbing the bird.

British Frogman Missing; Believed Russian Captive

London — (U.P.) — British newspapers speculated today British frogman—hero Lionel (Buster) Crabbe may have been snatched around the Soviet cruiser Orjoniokidze when he vanished into the murky depths of Portsmouth Harbor last month.

The burden of the speculation is that the Russians killed Crabbe, but the Conservative Daily Sketch said unidentified naval officers in Portsmouth believe they may have captured him and carried him off as a spy.

Mystery Creates Furor

The mystery surrounding Crabbe's disappearance and probable death during the visit of Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev has created a furor here. The question will be brought up in Parliament next week by questioners who want to know what proof the government has that the missing man is dead.



JUSTICE VISITS—Hall S. Lusk, justice of the Oregon supreme court (right) was a Medford visitor yesterday. He spoke at a noon meeting of the Jackson County Bar association, and in the afternoon attended a coffee hour at the Medford hotel, where the picture was taken. Center above is Robert Mautz, a Portland attorney and candidate for Republican national committee, for whom the coffee hour was held. At left is William McAllister, Medford attorney who is local campaign chairman both for Mautz and for Justice Lusk, who is seeking reelection to another six year term on the high court.

Adlai Accuses Nixon Of 'Poisoning' Four Successive Campaigns

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson today accused Vice-President Richard M. Nixon of "poisoning" four successive election campaigns.

At a morning press conference the Democratic presidential hopeful said he had been asked for comment about the President's statement that the vice-president was available to run with him and that Mr. Eisenhower would be "delighted."

Stevenson said he, too, was delighted, and added that he did not think "Nixon enjoys the admiration and confidence of the country as he enjoys the admiration and confidence of the President."

The former Illinois governor read to the conference a speech prepared for delivery later in Ontario, Calif.

30,414 Registered To Vote in Primary

An unofficial count shows a total of 30,414 Jackson county residents have registered to vote in the May 18 primary election, the county clerk reported today.

Republicans totaled 16,253. Democrats 13,608 and miscellaneous 553.

Records in the elections department showed during the final week of registration, April 10-17, Republican gain was 1,597, Democratic gain 2,135 and miscellaneous gain 27. A total of 3,759 voters registered that week.

The unofficial total is 2,408 less than the total in the 1952 primary, when 32,822 were registered. Republicans totaled 18,174, Democrats 13,985 and miscellaneous 663 in 1952.

The clerk also reported that address stickers for voter pamphlets to be mailed to Jackson county voters have been completed and sent to the secretary of state's office. The pamphlets will be mailed from Salem.

County election officials will present a televised half-hour demonstration of voting procedure, May 7, at 9 p.m. on station KBES-TV. Title of the show will be "So You're Going to Vote."

WEATHER

FORECAST: Decreasing showers tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday with widely scattered showers. Low tonight 42. High Saturday 53.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	66
Lowest This Morning	30
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	75

Police Report Nunn Signs Confession Of Killing Eacret

Suspect Returned to Jackson County Today

Jackson County District Attorney Walter Nunley said today the grand jury would be called to consider charges against Billy Junior Nunn, 27, Klamath Falls, who is being held in connection with the slaying of 14-year-old Alvin William Eacret. Nunn was arrested in Alturas, Calif., late Wednesday night. State police said he has handwritten and signed a detailed confession that he killed Eacret on April 19, the day the boy was reported missing from his Klamath Falls home.

Returned to County

Nunn was being returned to Jackson County today by Sheriff Deputy Joseph Walsh and state police Sgts. Thomas Eaton of Medford and Earle Tichenor of Klamath Falls.

Nunley said the grand jury probably would be called after he has compiled evidence of the case to present to grand jury. Nunn waived extradition from California.

Tichenor said Nunn was seen with the Eacret boy in Klamath Falls before the boy disappeared. Law enforcement officials were alerted to be on the lookout for a man with a short left leg. Nunn wears a build-up shoe on his left foot.

Found Sunday

The body of the boy was found last Sunday at Tub Spring State park on Highway 66 in the Green Springs by two young girls. The boy had been strangling, according to Jackson County Coroner Carlos Morris. A belt was around the boy's neck, and a piece of cloth stuffed in his mouth.

The boy's body was bruised, officials said, and he apparently had been sexually mistreated.

Nunn, an ex-convict, was sentenced from Multnomah county to the Oregon state prison for five years in March, 1951, on a charge of sodomy, his first offense. He served until Nov. 26, 1952, when he was paroled and went to the Klamath Falls area to live, where he was under parole supervision until the time of his prison term was served. This ended on March 23, 1956. He was in no trouble during this period, according to parole and probation records.

Disarmament Subject Of Great Decisions

Great Decisions discussion groups in the valley will deal with the problem, "Can the Bomb Be Curbed?" during the coming seventh week of the Great Decision series.

The questions of disarmament and atomic warfare, with the threat of the hydrogen bomb in the background will be discussed also on radio and TV, as well as in the high school class on Government Problems.

The problem will be aired on radio station KJYC at 7:30 p.m. Saturday; KJED from 9 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday; KWJN, Ashland, from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and KBES-TV from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Firearms Training School Scheduled

Members of all law enforcement agencies in Jackson and Josephine counties will attend a firearms training school Tuesday and Wednesday at the Camp White National Guard pistol range. Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin has announced.

Instructor for the sessions which will start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. both days, will be an FBI agent from Portland. Champlin said the school will cover use of the standard police side arm, the .38 caliber revolver; the riot gun, 12 gauge shot gun; and the .30 caliber rifle.

Champlin said about 45 officers are expected to attend the school, which is being sponsored by the Medford police department.

Two More Polling Places Are Changed

Election officials today announced changes in two more polling places for the May 18 primary election.

Residents of precinct 39, Medford, will vote at the Nye and Naumes refrigeration plant, 625 South Grape st., rather than the Latter Day Saints church. Polling place for precinct 56 has been changed from the First Church of Christ to the James Miller residence, 411 Oakwood dr.

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Test Bomb Fired

Public Hearing on Medford Freeway Route Is Scheduled

Highway Commission Sets May 24 As Date

A public hearing on two proposed alternative routes for a Highway 99 freeway in the Medford area will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24, in the Medford city hall, State Rep. E. A. (Al) Littrell said today. Littrell is a member of the legislative highway interim committee.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer and commission members Ben Chandler, M. K. McIver and Charles Reynolds will conduct the hearing here, Littrell said.

Routes to be considered are the Hillcrest and Genesee routes. The freeway will be a four-lane, limited access highway.

Four other routes have virtually been eliminated from consideration, according to information received from the highway commission by city officials. The other four routes were an elevated route parallel to Bear creek, along the east bank; a depressed route along the Bear creek channel; an elevated viaduct over the Southern Pacific tracks; and a route west of the city, either paralleling Lozier lane or the Old Stage rd.

Officers said the estimated cost of the Hillcrest and Genesee routes are about the same.

Interchanges for access to the proposed highway will be at North Medford and Crater Lake highway, and Barnett rd. in the Medford vicinity. In the Ashland area, interchanges will be at South Ashland, Green Springs, Oak st., and North Ashland. One interchange is planned at Seven Oaks north of Central Point.

Interchanges also are planned at Phoenix and Talent if the freeway follows the Genesee route and at Fern Valley rd. on the Hillcrest route.

The highway commission proposes to use federal funds in construction, and under federal law a hearing is necessary when the proposed freeway bypasses any city or town.

Kefauver Willing To Share Platform

Portland — (U.P.) — William J. Josselin of Portland, co-chairman of Sen. Estes Kefauver's Oregon primary write-in campaign, said today he has been informed by the Democratic presidential hopeful's national campaign chairman that the senator would be "happy to appear on any platform" with Adlai Stevenson.

Josselin said he received a telephone call from F. Joseph Donahue in reply to a request from Lane county Democrats that the two leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination meet on the same platform when they both are in Eugene May 15.

Kefauver's Oregon co-manager said it now was up to Stevenson whether the two will meet face-to-face on their visit to Eugene.

Baseball

AMERICAN
Kansas City 6 10 1
New York 10 9 2
Keller, Crimian (5), Lasorda (8), Gorman (8) and Ginsberg; Turley, Grim (5) and Berra. Home runs: Berra, New York. Detroit 4 15 1
Boston 6 10 1
Foytack, Marlowe (7) and Wilson; Parnell, Sisler (9) and White. Homerun — Zauchin. Boston: Tuttle, Detroit.

NATIONAL
Philadelphia 1 7 1
Chicago 2 5 0
Roberts and Seminick; Rush and Landrith. Home run: Banks, Chicago.

Moscow — (U.P.) — Violinist Isaac Stern, first U.S. soloist to perform in Russia in 10 years, scored a resounding success at the Moscow Conservatory Thursday night.

Eisenhower Warns Influence Peddlers Will Be Thrown Out

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower angrily warned influence peddlers today to steer clear of his administration.

He said government officials are under long-standing orders from him to throw out of their offices instantly anybody who tries to claim political influence or privilege in dealings with the government.

The President also served notice at his new conference that if it ever comes to his attention that anyone within his administration is trying to exercise influence, such a person will be fired immediately.

Mr. Eisenhower's spirited denunciation of persons claiming influence in dealing with units of his administration was produced by questions involving Murray Chotiner. Chotiner was 1952 campaign manager for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Chotiner testified yesterday before the Senate Investigations subcommittee that in representing clients with federal agencies, he had never traded on Nixon's influence.

The President said he was not conversant with all of Chotiner's testimony, but he wanted reporters to know that early in his administration he had issued two specific orders:

Treated with Courtesy

1. Any person having business with the government should be treated with courtesy. The President said he would not stand for arrogance on the part of any public official.

2. If anyone ever claimed political influence or privilege because he is a friend of the President or someone in his official family, the person making such a claim is to be thrown out immediately.

Other highlights of Mr. Eisenhower's meeting with reporters, which had been postponed from Wednesday:

1. The chief executive said it was disappointing that 37 B52 intercontinental bombers had to be rejected by the Air Force because of mechanical defect. But he said it was not proper to use the strength of the Air Force as a single measuring standard against the air power of Russia. He pointed out that the United States has the most powerful navy in the world and this power currently features naval air strength which has not yet been outlined for the Senate Armed Forces subcommittee on air power.

2. Regarding his physical ability to continue in the presidency, he said his doctors told him that he could continue on his present schedule indefinitely. He said that if he is reelected, he plans to resume some of the ceremonial, social duties which he dropped after his heart attack.

3. Stormily he rejected the Democratic charge that he was delegating his powers. He said no President can delegate constitutional authority and he never had any intention of doing so. Mr. Eisenhower said someone else in his administration might make a decision, but he is the one who has to take the final responsibility.

4. He advised caution in congressional consideration of any constitutional amendment for a 25 per cent limit on income taxes. Mr. Eisenhower said the common sense of America ought to find some proper limitation on taxes to avoid concentration of tax authority in federal hands to the detriment of state and local governments. But he was concerned about what a constitutional limitation might do to federal finances in event of a national emergency.

5. He did not like the form of the new farm bill passed yesterday by the House, but said he would have to base his final judgment on the measure as it leaves Congress after final passage.

6. He said he was pleased that the weather bureau reported this morning.

The bureau said that flood danger would result only from a prolonged rain. Forecast is for decreasing showers tonight and widely scattered showers on Saturday.

A total of .69 of an inch of rain fell from midnight until 10 a.m. today at the weather station. Rainfall yesterday was .06, making .75 from the current storm. A total of 1.24 was reported for Butte Falls.

Precipitation generally has been welcomed by farmers in this area, county extension agents said.

County Agent Ben Tucker commented that weather is excellent for germination of seeds and recently planted corn is now

growing up. He said rain has been general enough that no soil erosion or run-off problems have occurred. He added that the rainfall will considerably relieve the irrigation situation since farmers are not having to draw on irrigation supplies.

Cliff Cordy, county agent for horticulture, said fruit growers as well as general farmers are grateful for the moisture. Some reports of scab have come in, he said, but no serious pest problem has occurred.

Cordy also pointed out there is a strong possibility orchard heating will be necessary after the rainy period ends. He said records in past years have shown frost frequently follows periods of rain at this time of year. The frost season will officially end on June 1, but he said unexpected frosts could still occur after that date. Such an incident was noted in 1952 when there was frost on June 12.

Small Warhead Detonated on Island Surface

Pre-Dawn Darkness Lighted by Explosion

Eniwetok, Saturday — (U.P.) — The United States kicked off a vital new test series today with a nuclear flash that drove pre-dawn dark from Pacific skies at 6:25 a.m. Eniwetok time (10:25 a.m. PST) Friday.

The blast was the curtain raiser for the biggest nuclear test program ever held in the Pacific Proving ground.

Small Warhead

It was a "small" atomic warhead packed concentrated fury of "a few thousand tons of TNT."

Some 15 newsmen, plus civil defense observers, witnessed the shot aboard the Mt. McKinley about 15 miles at sea from the burst.

The explosion was detonated on the surface of Runit Island, a mile long atoll on the east side of Eniwetok.

The distance the Mt. McKinley, the communications nerve center for the test series including the mammoth H-bomb explosion scheduled for next Tuesday (Monday U.S. time), was from this morning's blast indicated the "small" explosion was larger than the average weapon tested at the Nevada Proving Ground.

At the Las Vegas site, observers watch in the open as close as seven miles.

Of Vast Importance

Although the shot was relatively small in comparison with some of the later scheduled blasts, it could be of vast importance to the United States' expanding arsenal of atomic weapons.

There was no official word given as the atomic size of the weapon, but observers who previously witnessed the Nevada tests said it was the equivalent of "five to 10 thousand tons of TNT."

The warhead obviously was a device fashioned for a variety of military uses in limited war rather than as a strategic "city killer" for all out war.

Official Atomic Energy Commission reports before the tests stressed the defensive nature of this new Pacific series. This presumably was part of an effort to perfect anti-aircraft missile warheads and other tactical weapons.

This early morning blast came as a brief flash followed immediately by a fireball, topped in a couple of seconds by a glowing pink cloud which mushroomed upward in the typical atomic blast fashion.

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Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) said today he believed President Eisenhower would veto in its present form the new price-boosting farm bill approved by the House Thursday.

Rains Benefit Crops Here; No Flood Damage Seen Yet

Rogue river is rising at Grants Pass as the result of rains in the area yesterday and today but there is no flood danger, the Medford station of the U. S. weather bureau reported this morning.

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