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Disarmament Pact, Reunified Germany Sought

Indirect Reply To Notes Agreed

Paris—(AP)—The NATO summit conference agreed today to continue pressing Russia for a controlled nuclear disarmament agreement and a free, reunified Germany.

At the same time, it agreed on an "indirect" reply to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's recent flurry of notes to the West in which he combined threats with hints of appeasement.

NATO Secretary-General Paul-Henri Spaak announced that the reply will be contained in the communique to be issued at the end of this week's heads-of-government NATO council meeting.

The decisions were reached at a second working session of the delegation leaders here this afternoon against the background of the successful launching of an Atlas missile by the United States, an event which greatly strengthened President Eisenhower's hand in these talks.

Unanimous Agreement

The summit working meeting lasted for nearly three and a half hours. During it, heads of government reveiwed the draft of papers prepared at a morning session of the 15 NATO foreign ministers. These papers will form parts of a joint declaration to be issued at the end of the historic parley Thursday.

Spaak told a news conference afterwards that the summit leaders:

—Agreed unanimously to continue pressing for a reunified Germany.

—Recorded their unanimous support for the West's latest disarmament proposals which Russia rejected without even studying them.

Agreed on the critical Mid-Eastern situation.

—Began drafting a declaration stating NATO's interest in Africa.

—Agreed on the "indirect" reply to the recent Bulganin letters to include it in their final communique.

Talks With Soviet

Their decisions on all these issues formed part of a two-way program on which the U.S. and its European allies are nearing agreement. High NATO sources said this morning this calls for exploration of new East-West talks with Moscow and simultaneous bolstering of the Atlantic alliance with missiles and other modern weapons.

Spaak said the missile bases question was not discussed by the conference today. He said, however, it will be on the agenda for Wednesday.

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(Herblock Is on Vacation)

New York Transport Strike Comes To End

New York —(AP)— New York City's subway trains were running on time today. An eight-day strike of motormen, longest and costliest transit tie-up in the city's history, was voted to an end at 7:30 p.m. Monday, and the motormen immediately reported back to work.

They had gone on strike at 5 a.m. last Monday, defying a court injunction and the eleventh hour jailing of four top leaders, to protest their forced representation by the giant Transport Workers Union.

Traffic Snarled

The strike cut subway service to less than 50 per cent of normal in its first few days. The search for alternate transportation by five million daily riders snarled the city and its suburbs in a mammoth tangle of surface traffic. And the riders who stayed home caused losses estimated at $25 million to the transit system, the city, and department store Christmas sales.

The striking motormen acknowledged they hadn't beat City Hall but claimed a strike-won victory in public awareness of their problems and the promises of city and state officials for consideration of their two-year-old demand for a chance at craft union representation.

"Winner-Take-All" Election

The TWU won a "winner-take-all" bargaining election for subway and other city transit workers Monday, as had been expected. But Michael J. Quill's big industrial union received less than one-third the eligible vote as compared with about 75 per cent in a similar 1954 election.

A decisive factor in the motormen's back-to-work vote was the promise of Republican State Sen. MacNeil Mitchell of Manhattan New York of legislation that would transfer determination of union representation from the city's Transit Authority to the state labor relations board. The TA is a state-established agency with members appointed by the governor and the mayor, both presently Democrats. The Mitchell legislation seemed as certain of passage in the Republican-controlled legislature as was Quill's election victory over one ballet contender and eight splinter or craft unions which received write-in votes only.

Indonesia Grabs Dutch Cargoes

Jakarta, Indonesia —(AP)— The Indonesian government seized cargoes of Dutch ships today and took action to restore commercial shipping along this nation's many islands.

Prime Minister Djuanada ordered cargoes taken from vessels of the KPM Royal Dutch Insular Shipping company and placed aboard Indonesian National Perlni Line ships for transfer to ports which they were destined.

The Dutch ships have been held in Indonesian ports since the company was placed under government control as part of a reprisal campaign for the refusal of The Netherlands to give West New Guinea to Indonesia.

Reports said the Premier's order went out several days ago but workers had refused to carry it out immediately. The reports said the cargoes included foodstuffs and other items essential to outlying islands.

The Indonesia Maritime Board met today to discuss the threatened shipping crisis.

The military administrator for West Borneo was reported to have ordered mobilization of sailing vessels for inter-island commerce.

Autopsy Report Is Received by County

An autopsy report on Leo Jefferson Culley, 62, Medford, has been received from the state crime laboratory in Portland, District Attorney Tom Reeder said today.

Reeder said this morning that he will prepare a complete report on the cause of Culley's death in city jail Nov. 23, tomorrow after he has also received a report from the local pathologist who performed the autopsy.

Culley was lodged in the city jail Friday, Nov. 22, City Police Chief Charles P. Champlin said. He did not appear to be sick at the time. Culley was found dead when police checked him after observing him lying on his bunk in an unusual position later that night.

UAL Plans Jet Use On West Coast Lines

Seattle—(AP)—W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines, said today his firm plans to put 11 Boeing 720 medium-range jet airliners into operation on the West Coast in August, 1960.

Patterson said that in addition to the medium-range Boeing jet, United has purchased 10 long-range Douglas DC-8's. These purchases augment a previous order for 30 DC-8's.

The Boeing 720 has a speed of 600 miles per hour and can carry 100 to 125 passengers, the company said. The new medium-range jet will be capable of landing and taking off at any airport now served by United Air Lines piston-engine planes.

Governor Backs Forestry Board in Tillamook Sale

Salem —(AP)— The State Land Board today thrashed out a sale of forest land in Tillamook county which State Treasurer Sig Unander had charged cost the common school fund some $24,000.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes backed State Forester Dwight Phipps and the State Forestry Board in their handling of the sale.

Legality Questioned

Unander had questioned the legality of a sale of land along the Miami river to William Schmitz, Tillamook. An error of more than a million board feet was discovered and the sale was then cancelled.

At a second sale Schmitz bid $24,000 less and got the land.

Forester Phipps said the lower amount reflected the error in the original cruise. He said steps would be taken in the future to double check cruises before advertising bids.

After extensive questioning of Phipps, Unander said he was "clarified but not satisfied."

Forester Acted Wisely

Gov. Holmes said "in my opinion the State Forester acted wisely. It would have been a dereliction of duty to clip the buyer of this land on the basis of a wrong cruise."

He added further that allegations of any nature against the Forestry Department reflected on him as Governor.

Phipps took the position that the Forestry Department should do all it could to back up the accuracy of its land cruises.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness and showery through Wednesday. Patchy valley fog Wednesday morning. Low tonight 35; high Wednesday 48.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	56
Lowest this Morning	37
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.51

Our Skies Tonight

The Sun rises ..... 7:35 a.m.
sets ..... 4:40 p.m.
and it is one of the shortest days of the year here. In the Southern Hemisphere the opposite is true. At Wellington, New Zealand, for example the Sun rises today at 4:42 a.m. and sets at 7:52 p.m.
The Moon rises Wednesday at ..... 4:50 a.m.

United States Expected To Have ICBM Within Two Years

Ashland District Voters Defeat Bond Issue by 5 to 1

Official Canvass Is Slated Wednesday

Ashland—Patrons of Ashland school district yesterday defeated a $1,263,000 bond issue almost 5 to 1. The unofficial total was 1,087 votes against the proposal and 296 yes.

An official canvass will be made at a school board meeting Wednesday, Dec. 18, according to Howard Balderstone, school superintendent.

The proposal included plans for an addition to the Bellview school, construction of two new elementary schools, two junior high schools, and demolition of the present junior high school except the gymnasium.

Largest in History

The bond issue proposal was the largest in the school district's history. The last bond issue, about five years ago, financed construction of a physical education plant, an extra wing on the high school and one addition to an elementary school.

Balderstone said the school board Wednesday will decide what action should be taken now. He said it is possible a smaller bond issue might be submitted to district voters next spring. Such a bond issue may include only additions for three elementary schools, he added.

He said the school board had planned to complete the Bellview school addition by next Septemebr. If another bond issue is proposed, construction would be delayed a whole school year if a revised issue is approved, he added.

Present Building

The present junior high school building, he said, is classed as a non-standard building by the state department of education. The district must now submit an acceptable plan to the state board each year for improvement of the building, he said.

The junior high building was built in the early 1900s. It is a wood frame structure with a partial basement and two stories. Because of lack of space elsewhere, one sixth grade class was moved into the building this year, he said. Four classes of sixth graders will be moved into it next year, causing overcrowded conditions, he said.

Balderstone said he thought "there probably was a little fear of the future among those who would otherwise have voted favorably." He said there also was some question over whether the district should have one or two junior high school buildings.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(AP)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 425.65, off 7.75; 20 railroads 96.05, off 1.83; 15 utilities 67.30, off 0.87, and 65 stocks 142.84, off 2.48. Sales today were about 2,820,000 shares compared with 2,350,000 shares Monday.

Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyous—Five inches new snow, carrying chains advised; plows operating. Sexton mountain—No snow, clear pavement.

Highway 66, Green Springs—Packed snow; carrying chains advised; three inches new snow.

Highway 230, Diamond Lake highway—Chains required; 10 inches new snow, 30 inches roadside.

Highway 62, Prospect—Chains required; one inch new snow.

Crater Lake National park—Chains required to rim; 5½ inches new snow, 42 inches total depth; skiing wet.

British Nuclear Achievement Told

Stanford, Calif. — (AP) — British scientists have scored a major breakthrough toward their goal of controlling the power of the hydrogen bomb for peacetime use.

This startling disclosure came Monday from Dr. Sterling Colgate, 32, one of this country's top thermonuclear physicists. He spoke at a news conference held during a symposium on magneto-hydrodynamics at the Lockheed research laboratory near here.

First In Series

The symposium was the first in a week-long series of scientific meetings being attended by 700 physicists from all over the world, including Russia.

Colgate's remarks about the British achievements tended to confirm reports in British newspapers last week that scientists in England had succeeded in creating an "artificial sun." This indicated they had achieved staggering heat and energy with controlled thermonuclear fusion.

Neither Colgate nor Dr. Edward Teller, so-called "father of the H-bomb" who also took part in the news conference, would reveal exactly what the British scientists had done. They said it was a secret.

"I can only say here that the British have made a significant contribution to the ultimate attainment of thermonuclear power," Colgate said.

Teller added that the actual control of fusion "may take from 10 to 1,000 years."

Dealing With Fusion

Scientists made it clear that they are dealing here with fusion and not fission. Atomic fission is already being harnessed as a source of power.

But atomic fission has two disadvantages. One is that it depends on uranium, a fuel in limited supply. The other is that fission produces radioactive wastes, the disposal of which is growing ever more difficult.

In fusion, the basic fuel is deuterium which can be found in water. It produces no appreciable amount of radioactive waste.

Colgate said that one gallon of seawater contains heavy hydrogen equivalent to 260 gallons of gasoline.

14 Puppies Available To Deserving Children

The Southern Oregon Humane Society has 14 puppies to give to deserving children for Christmas, the Society announced today.

The puppies include shepherd, beagle, cocker and terrier strains. strains. The Society has absorbed expenses invloved, and is able to offer them free, it said.

Children viewing the puppies must be accompanied by their parents and call at the Humane Society shelter, 2910 Table Rock rd., between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, Dec. 21.

Open House Scheduled To Display Remade Toys

Open house to display finished toys and dolls will be held by the Medford fire department and the Medford Lady Lions, Friday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Franklin Transfer and Storage company, 340 North Fir st.

Fire Chief Gordon Barker and Mrs. Alan Jewett, chairman of the Christmas project for the lady Lions, have invited the public to attend. Refreshments will be served.

UN Committee Considers Plight Of Hungary Heroes

United Nations, N. Y.—(AP)—A committee of five nations assembled here today to consider the plight of three heroes of the Hungarian freedom uprising on trial for their lives in Budapest.

The committee also had before it the case of its deputy secretary, Povl Bang-Jensen of Denmark, who was suspended from his job by the U.N. secretariat for refusing to surrender the names of secret witnesses who testified about the abortive 1956 Hungarian revolution.

Alsing Andersen of Denmark, chairman of the five-nation committee that last May returned a scathing indictment of Russia's brutal suppression of the revolution, called the meeting for this afternoon.

Three Brought To Trial

Hungarian revolutionary sources in Vienna and New York have reported Maj. Gen. Pal Maleter, Maj. Gen. Istvan Kovacs and Col. Sandor Kopacsy have been brought to trial by the Moscow-supported puppet regime of Janos Kadar.

All three held important government posts prior to the uprising in the fall of 1956. When the revolution broke out, they openly joined the freedom fighters and the short-lived government of Imre Nagy.

Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold told a news conference that Bang-Jensen "at a much earlier stage, presented certain allegations" and he assigned Undersecretary Dr. Ralph Bunche to hear him. He said Bang-Jensen, to his knowledge did not present any evidence.

Intermediate Range Missile Due Within Year

Secretary of Air Says Warning Lacking

Washington — (AP) — Secretary of Air James H. Douglas said today the Air Force expects to have an operational intercontinental ballistic missile within two years.

Douglas said the Air Force will have an operational unit of intermediate range missiles by December, 1958.

"I hope it will not be a year after that date," when the ICBM will be in operation, Douglas told the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee.

Earlier, Douglas said he expected an operational ICBM in the "not too far distant future."

Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force chief of staff, said "we hope to have an ICBM very soon" and "are working very hard on it." He said the 5,000-mile range missile has the "No. 1 priority" in the Air Force.

No Warning System

Earlier, Douglas testified that the United States, as of now, would have no warning if Russia launched a ballistic missile against this nation today.

However, he said, "we are moving with utmost urgency to secure" an adequate warning system against ballistic missiles that would enable the Strategic Air Force to wheel into retaliatory action.

Douglas also said the U. S. has a rocket engine, supplemented by a second stage booster, strong enough to put a 1,000-pound earth satellite into orbit. However, he admitted under questioning, the only tests so far have not been successful.

Douglas also said the Air Force is developing a plane which will be "a step towards a manned satellite." He said it would fly at a speed of more than a mile a second (more than 3,600 miles an hour) at an altitude of more than 100 miles.

Seattle —(AP)— Mrs. Vearl Ingram of Pocatello, Ida., said doctors who performed open heart surgery on her 6-year-old daughter, Sandra, "all seem very pleased" with her recovery.

Missile Travels 'Several Hundred' Miles To Target

Pentagon Announces Successful Firing

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (AP) — The United States successfully launched an Atlas intercontinental ballistics missile today, a war weapon capable of dropping hydrogen fury on an enemy target oceans away and a peace-time prospect for orbiting an American satellite.

The Pentagon announced the Atlas had been fired successfully —in the third attempt to send up the "Big A"—and said it traveled several hundred miles to land in the prescribed target area.

"This was a limited range test of several hundred miles," a spokesman said of the missile which has a range of up to 5,000 miles.

There was no elaboration on the distance of "several hundred miles."

Visible To Observers

It was noted, however, that in testing big military missible it is not unusual for short range flights to be conducted before the missile is put through all of its paces.

After emerging from heavy clouds the Atlas, a thing of impressive beauty, zoomed into the blue high in the sun-kissed skies.

The 90-foot Atlas, trailing a tail of orange flame, was clearly visible to beach observers long after it broke from its earthly confines, seemingly with reluctance in its slow departure, and departed on its course down the Atlantic tracking range.

There was no earth satellite in this missile, which still is being tested purely as a military move.

Possibility of Satellite

But the possibility arose that the Atlas may be converted for carrying a U. S. moon should other missile prove incapable of orbiting a satellite.

J. R. Dempsey, manager of the Astronautics Division of Convair, makers of the Atlas, said in Washington he believes the missile could put a half ton satellite into orbit in a year after getting a government go-ahead.

Dempsey said he expects Convair to get a satellite order soon.

The Atlas was gleaming white just before it was triggered. It stood on its launching pad with its blunt nose skyward, waiting for the firing button to be pressed in a thick concrete blockhouse nearby.

When the button was pushed, a huge cloud of gray smoke rose up around the slim, blunt-nosed giant and it looked for a few seconds as if the "bird" had exploded on its pad. But the missile rose slowly skyward.

Minor Difficulty

There apparently had been a delay due to some minor difficulty during the long count-down.

On previous attempts to fire the intercontinental missile in June and September, The Atlas was detonated by remote control from the ground after rising only a few thousand feet.

London —(AP)—Moscow Radio said Sputnik I had circled the earth 1,113 times at 10 p.m. Monday. At that time Sputnik II had made 616 revolutions.

Seven Elementary Schools in Medford District To Present Holiday Programs

The seven elementary schools in the Medford district will present Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 19.

Jefferson school students will present a program "The Shoemaker's Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jefferson auditorium, all children in the first, second, and third grades. The second and third grade children will be chorus, dancers, elves and dancing candy canes. A choral speaking group will be included in the playlet which is under the direction of Mrs. Ann Stoughton. The school band and orchestra will play.

"Christmas Is Remembering" is the theme for the program for Washington school auditorium also at 7:30 p.m. The program will include the band, orchestra, and members of the first through third grade students under the direction of Mrs. Alpha Jane Butler. Included in the story of Christmas will be the characterization of "The Night Before Christmas" complete with mice, reindeer, and Santa Claus. Several vocal numbers will be featured as well as choral speaking selections.

Jackson School

The Jackson school children will present an operetta, "The Capture of Santa Claus," Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Jackson auditorium. The primary department will give the program under the direction of Mrs. Sara Watson. Choral speaking and choirs will be represented by selected students directed by Mrs. Lillian Bohrer and Mrs. Myrna Dean with Mrs. Louella Schneider directing the vocal selections. The school band and orchestra will play.

"Children's Dream of Christmas," a story written by Lincoln School Principal Roy Gilbertson, will be presented by primary grades at Lincoln school gymnasium at 1:15 p.m. Thursday. A special third grade chorus will sing and the band and orchestra will play Christmas music during the program. The vocal music for the production was written and arranged by Gilbertson.

An all-school production is scheduled at Oak Grove school starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Entitled "The Little Fir Tree," it will feature Dena Taylor as vocal soloist in the selection "Fairest Lord Jesus." General chairman of the program, which will include the band and orchestra, is Mrs. Lois Seitz. A 45-voice chorus will sing.

West Side School

Each room will present a Christmas play of its own at West Side school starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The programs, presented by the entire student body including kindergarten, will play Christmas selections and the program will close with the entire student body taking part in a musical scene from the life of Christ.

More than 300 students at Roosevelt annex will participate in the choral activities at their Christmas program Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Band and orchestra selections will open the program which will be followed by Christmas music sung by the vocal department of the fifth and sixth grades. Also included in the music will be solo and ensemble numbers. The production is under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton and Mrs. Marjorie Blaar.

Wednesday the first combined Christmas program by secondary schools in Medford will be held starting at 8 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium.

The production will include a cast of more than 800 students including 150 piece orchestra and a chorus of 680 voices from the Medford High and Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools.

Directing the production is Jerry L. Dyrud, vocal music supervisor of the Medford public schools. He will be assisted by Lynn Sjolund, high school vocal music director; Ray Lewis, McLoughlin vocal music department, Bob Anderson also of McLoughlin; Carroll Graber, Hedrick vocal music department; and John Drysdale, orchestra director.