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President Should Have Proposals to Meet Peace Moves

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I trust we shall not have to wait much longer than the President's State of the Union message (Jan. 9) to learn what specific measures are being recommended to support the aims and decisions of the NATO conference.

Roy Green Shifted By State Commission

Salem — In a major re-organization move the State Industrial Accident Commission has named Roy G. Green to the new post of executive secretary with general administrative supervision.

The change, approved by Governor Robert Holmes and the State Civil Service Commission, is designed to relieve the three Commissioners of much of their present burdensome details of administration.

Centralized control of the complex administrative procedures of the Commission is the aim of the new set-up, according to Chairman William Callahan.

In approving the new organizational plan, Governor Holmes said: "This change is in keeping with my hope that the State Departments of the Oregon Government will be able to work to their fullest efficiency."

"I believe the new organizational move will increase substantially both the efficiency of the agency and its service to Oregon industry."

Another personnel change, effective with the new year, will bring Virgil Sexton, for nearly 20 years supervisor of research and statistics for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, into the accident commission in a similar position.

Members Named To Resources Group

Names of the 1958 conservation week state central committee members were announced at the regular meeting of the Committee on Natural Resources held in Salem recently.

Governor Robert D. Holmes appointed the following men: Robert C. Baum representing the State Soil Conservation Committee; Arthur King, OSC Extension Service; Don Lane, Water Resources Board; D. L. Phipps, State Forester; P. W. Schneider, Game Commission; and Richard Bain, Committee on Natural Resources, chairman.

It was announced at the same time the committee would again sponsor the 1958 conservation week, the dates to be May 11 through 18. This will coincide with the nationally observed soil stewardship week.

Governor Holmes indicated that he would make the county chairmen appointments in the near future.

Non-Aggression Pact Proposed With Russians

No Comment Made By U. S. Officials

London — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan Saturday proposed a western non-aggression pact with Russia that might "get the path ready" for a summit conference on East-West issues.

Neither the State department in Washington nor White House spokesmen at Gettysburg, Pa., where President Eisenhower was spending the week end on his farm had any official comment on Macmillan's proposal.

(But officials noted that in the past the United States has taken the position that all United Nations members already are bound by the UN charter not to wage aggression and that a new non-aggression pact with Russia would therefore be useless.)

(Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is known to feel that such a pact would raise false hopes throughout the world without solving basic issues between the West and Russia.)

In a broadcast to the nation on the NATO Chiefs conference in Paris last month, Macmillan emphasized that the West to maintain its defenses but reflected growing Western European sentiment for a meeting with the Russians at the highest level — something Russia long has urged and the United States has opposed.

Macmillan said negotiations with the Russians could have as their object "to clear away the rubble of old controversies and disagreements, perhaps to get the path ready for a meeting of the heads of government."

He said this could be done either through regular diplomatic channels or by a meeting of foreign ministers.

Russia rejected the NATO proposal for a foreign ministers meeting on disarmament and urged again a summit conference.

The Prime Minister said a non-aggression pact "would do no harm. It might do some good." Russia already has approved the idea of such a treaty.

Must Keep Guard Up But Macmillan warned the West must keep up its guard by maintaining its nuclear bomber fleets and preparing for ballistic missiles bases to be provided by the U. S.

His speech contained a new conciliatory tone which may foreshadow his soon-to-be-delivered answer to Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin's "peace plea" letter to Western leaders before the December NATO conference.

Moscow — The Soviet news agency Tass reported British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's radio speech contained "crude anti-Soviet attacks and distortions of reality."

It said the burden of the Premier's statement was "to justify NATO and British foreign policy, praising the latter restrained as well as nuclear weapons as 'notorious deterrent factors.'"

It also accused Macmillan of "ignoring constructive Soviet proposals for speedy lessening of international tensions to eliminate the threat of nuclear war."

Math Wizard Pledges Aid In Missile Competition

Washington — Polish mathematical wizard Dr. Jerzy Leon Nowinski, who defected from Communist laboratories, pledged his high power brain to America Saturday in the great missile race with Russia.

Nowinski, well acquainted with Russian advances in research, is an expert theoretical researcher on thermo-elasticity. This is a science in the stress and strains of metals and other materials when subjected to high speed—a key one for the builders of ocean-spanning ballistic missiles and space ships of the future.

It also deals in the nose cone problem of missile re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. The granting of asylum to Nowinski after his wife and daughter had succeeded in fleeing from behind the Iron Curtain to England was dis-

New Zealanders Hit South Pole

South Pole — The five-man New Zealand expedition under Sir Edmund Hillary hiked into the U. S. Navy South Pole base Saturday to a heroes' welcome, a lunch of hot dogs and navy beans and a chance to thaw their ice-coated beards after their epic Antarctic trek.

All five men were in good shape despite the rigors of the 1,200-mile ice safari. Hillary, the conqueror of Mount Everest, said the trip was "not bad at all."

He planned to fly back to his home base at McMurdo Sound in a U. S. Navy supply plane.

The New Zealanders reached the geographic South Pole Friday but pitched camp two miles from the heated polar base to sleep because they were "very tired."

Saturday morning, they climbed aboard their three Ferguson Sno-Cat tractors and nosed them on their last remaining drum of gasoline to the base established last year.

Half a mile from the base, Navy Lt. Vernon Houk of Firebaugh, Calif., and Danish-born Dr. P. Mogensen, scientific chief, went out to meet them.

The five New Zealanders clambered down from the tractors, their beards frozen in the below-zero cold and shook mittened hands all around. Then they walked to the base.

Hell Bent Race It was the end of a trek that started from the Ross Sea coast Nov. 24 and developed into a "hell-bent" race on Christmas day against a 12-man British expedition headed for the pole from the Weddell Sea on the opposite coast of the continent.

The British expedition under Dr. Vivian Fuchs was reported making slow headway over dangerous crevasses.

(Paul Blum, a radio ham in Syracuse, N.Y., said he received reports that Fuchs was having trouble with his snow-caked motors at a point 70 miles from the pole.)

Reports reaching the Navy polar base said the Fuchs expedition still was 250 miles away and probably wouldn't arrive until Jan. 20.

Hillary, a 38-year-old beekeeper turned mountaineer and explorer, said the last few hundred miles were the easiest for him.

Hillary, Radioman Peter Millgren, Engineer Murray Ellis, Mechanic Jim Bates and Cameraman Derek Wright appeared tired but none the worse for their experience crossing an 11,000-foot high plateau of snow and ice that made breathing difficult.

Reminder Given On Tree Planting

Members of Medford's landscape committee reminded residents today that trees planted along the streets under the city's street tree program are not purchased by the city.

The landscape committee was named to decide which trees would be most suitable for specific streets and areas of the city of residents along those streets or in those areas wished to plant trees to make an "avenue of trees."

Residents must purchase and plant the trees along the streets, but the type tree and spacing are specified by the city for the most effective "avenue of trees" to beautify the city.

The trees and spacing are specified according to a plan developed by the landscape committee, which includes two expert landscape architects, the county horticulture agent, and one member of the Medford Garden Club. Working with the landscape committee is a planning committee which works with residents along streets planning to plant.

Boyer's Successor To Be Named Today

Portland — The Democratic State Central Committee meets here today to name a successor to Robert A. Boyer of Medford as state chairman with three men in the race.

Candidates include Pat Davis, 33, Baker; David Epps, 50, Sweet Home, and State Rep. Richard E. Groener, 40, Milwaukie.

Boyer, who announced some time ago he was stepping down, said he was keeping out of the selection.

Epps said he believed he had enough votes pledged to win. Groener said he had "about 25 votes pledged" but thought he would pick up more. Davis said "if anyone wins on the first ballot, I'll be the one. It may take the second ballot for me."

There are 72 votes.

BASKETBALL SATURDAY SCORES

- COLLEGE California 57, Washington 45 Washington State 64, Stanford 51 Oregon State 68, UCLA 61 San Francisco 64, San Jose State 44 Eastern Washington 65, College of Idaho 53 Portland U. 64, Gonzaga 50 Arizona St. 107, New Mexico Highlands 77 Arizona 71, Texas Western 67 Southern Oregon 69, Eastern Oregon 47 Oregon Tech 64, Portland State 55 Central Washington 62, Lewis and Clark 56 St. Mary's 58, College of Pacific 50 Montana 73, Utah 67

PREPS Ashland 37, Crater 30 Butte Falls 61, Rogue River 30 St. Mary's 59, Illinois Valley 42 Phoenix 47, Eagle Point 38

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Demo Party Plans Effort For Unity

Washington — All political signs point, on the eve of a new session of Congress, to a massive effort by the Democrats to unite on the missile issue and thereby play down their differences on other problems.

However various issues develop, the GOP minority will be bucking the odds in its effort to win the biennial contest next November for control of the next Congress. All 484 House seats and 32 of the 98 Senate seats will be at stake in the elections Nov. 4.

With a Republican administration in power, the 1958 session of Congress will provide the principal forum for the Democrats to define the national issues, as they see them, for the autumn campaign. However, most congressional candidates try to tailor issues to fit their own states and constituencies, particularly in election years when there is no presidential candidate.

Party Gaining Strength Since the start of the Eisenhower administration, the Democrats have shown increased strength in congressional elections so that they even managed to preserve their slender majority in the 1956 Eisenhower landslide.

For the coming session, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, who has become his party's dominant figure in Congress, already has grabbed the ball on the missile issue. As chairman of the Preparedness Subcommittee, he began an investigation soon after the first Soviet Sputnik was launched and had public hearings going by late November.

Since he became the Democratic floor leader seven years ago, Johnson's strategy has been keyed to developing issues in a way to unite the Democrats.

When he could not — as in the 1957 battle over a Civil Rights bill — he tried to minimize the differences. Passage of a Civil Rights bill last year was a personal triumph for him but the party split over the issue was soon dramatized again by the uproar in Little Rock, Ark.

Democrats have long found it easier to unite on national defense policy than on Civil Rights. The 1958 session may bring much oratory on the Civil Rights issue but there is little chance that another bill will be pushed this year.

The Democrats also have found it easier to make a show of harmony on farm and economic issues, which may or may not develop legislation this year.

On the Republican side, this will be the last year for Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland, now a candidate for governor of California. In both the state and national areas, he has shown much interest in getting new labor laws.

Like Johnson, Knowland is viewed as a possible candidate for the presidency in 1960. However, neither is now viewed as the front runner in his party.

Two Women Hurt In Auto Crash

Two Ashland women were seriously injured when their car struck the second light pole in the Bear Creek intersection on Highway 99 about 9 p.m. Saturday, according to state police.

Police tentatively identified the women as Etta Irene Phillips, 36, of 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, and LaVerne Barger, 39, of 304 Main St., Ashland. They said the Phillips woman, apparently the driver, was thrown out of the car in the collision. The car traveled about 100 feet after hitting the post.

The Phillips woman was taken to the Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance Service. She was reported in surgery at press time Saturday evening. The Barger woman was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital by the service where she was reported undergoing examination at press time.

State police said the car was apparently traveling at high speed in the fog in the northbound lane when the accident took place.

Dixon, Iowa — This town of 208 residents was without a mayor Saturday because the men who ran for the office decided they didn't want it.

Heavy Schedule Being Laid Out By Eisenhower

Washington — President Eisenhower is laying out a heavy work schedule for congress which reconvenes Tuesday, the White House disclosed Saturday.

In addition to his state-of-the-union, budget and economic messages scheduled this month, he will transmit special messages on labor union safeguards, the farm price situation, science education, and foreign aid.

He will deliver his state of the union message in person Thursday. White House Press Secretary James E. Hagerty also said he may make another personal appearance before the lawmakers later but did not say what it might involve.

Mr. Eisenhower will meet with Republican congressional leaders Tuesday morning to give them a preview of his legislative plans. But once again he will be dealing with a Democratic-controlled congress which will have the final say on how his program fares.

Water users will vote Jan. 14 on a water contract and proposed extension, rehabilitation and betterment project to improve facilities and water supply of both the MID and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts.

A meeting for voters in precinct one will be held at the Roxy Ann Grange hall Tuesday, Jan. 7. Precinct one includes all that portion of the district lying north of Barnett rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 8, there will be a meeting at the Phoenix High school for water user in precinct two, which includes that portion of the district lying south of Barnett rd. and east of Kings Highway.

The third meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Oak Grove school for voters in precinct three, which includes that portion of the district lying north and west of Kings highway.

All three meetings will start at 8 p.m., Hoffbuhr said. Hoffbuhr reminded absentee voters that applications for absentee ballots must be in the office no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, he said.

But politics also will be the order of the day. This is re-election year for all house members and one-third of the senate, so legislative ears will be tuned to the grass roots.

Congress' first order of business, however, will be finding an answer to Russia's supremacy in the missile and satellite fields. It has changed its tune since last year when it gauded the administration to cut expenses in the name of economy. Now it appears ready to vote billions to pass Moscow in the space-rocket race.

Congress probably will give him all or more than he wants for missiles and space satellites. The leadership and rank-and-file alike are alarmed by the administration's failure to win first place in the push-button weapons race.

The administration already has announced it wants two billions more than this year for missiles, to build up the strategic air command; for anti-missile experiments; anti-submarine defenses, and higher pay for military specialists.

For greater vitality and interest in mall area, small open-type movable exhibit shelters would be scattered through the mall. These would house exhibits and also concessions. The report recommends a liberal planting of tree and shrubs to give the entire fairgrounds a park-like appearance.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued fog in the valley through Monday and partial afternoon clearing, fair above 2500 feet, temperature range 18 at night to near 40 in afternoons, high temperature above fog near 50. TEMPERATURE: Highest Yesterday 41, Lowest this Morning 39. PRECIPITATION: To 10 p.m. Yesterday, trace. Our Skies Tonight: Sunrise 7:41 a.m., Sunset 4:53 p.m., Moonrise 3:20 p.m., Full Moon 12:09 p.m. PROMINENT STARS: Sirius, in the south-west 6:58 p.m. VISIBLE PLANETS: Venus, in the southwest at sunset, 6:16 a.m. Mars, low in south-east 6:28 a.m. Saturn, rises 6:36 a.m. Jupiter, due south 6:56 a.m.