

# U.S., Great Britain To Reject Russia's Test Ban Proposal

Geneva—(UP)—The United States and Great Britain will reject Russia's demand for a permanent nuclear test ban as too full of pitfalls but will offer a counter-proposal to keep the three-power Geneva talks going, it was learned yesterday.

Sources said U. S. Delegate James J. Wadsworth and British Delegate David Ormsby-Gore cabled Washington and London for new instructions to present at the next session of the conference with Soviet Delegate Semyon Tsarapkin on Monday.

The American and British delegates conferred for two hours in private yesterday morning and then held an unscheduled 45-minute session with Tsarapkin. When the nuclear test talks opened in the Palais Des Nations Friday they agreed not to meet formally again until Monday.

Sources said the Russians surprised the West with their opening-day proposal for a draft treaty that would ban all nuclear weapons tests immediately and for all time.

The West, which wants a year-to-year ban on testing geared to a foolproof detection system and progress in the overall field of disarmament, held there were several stumbling blocks in the Russian proposal.

Sources said the Soviets did not link the ban with general disarmament. They did not mention "cut-off" of the manufacture of fissionable material which the West insists is a basic part of any agreement. And they apparently did not refer to the possibility of nuclear test explosions for peaceful purposes.

The Western delegates were reported agreed that while they must reject the Soviet plan they must also come up with a Western proposal on Monday to replace the Soviet program.

It was understood that Wadsworth and Ormsby-Gore would meet today in private and again on Monday morning before the session with Tsarapkin.

The Soviet proposal, sources said, was a two-part document consisting of a treaty banning test explosions for evermore and a plan for a system of inspection and control along lines proposed by an East-West meeting of nuclear scientists in Geneva last summer.

## Chrysanthemum Group Elects Head

Portland—(UP)—Robert L. Brown of Portland was elected president Friday of the National Chrysanthemum society which conducted its 15th annual flower show here this weekend.

Other new officers included Robert H. Clark, Richmond, Va., first vice president; Dana Vincent, Pittsburgh, Pa., second vice president; Miss Dorothy Tuthill, Rye, N. Y., secretary, and Thomas J. B. Spencer, Flushing, N. Y., treasurer.

It was the first time in the history of the society that the group met here for its annual show.

## Crow's Index Shows Decrease

Portland—(UP)—Crow's Lumber Price Index moved down a notch last week due to price weakness and slack demand during the past two weeks but the service reported that an improved trend was indicated with mill prices on Standard and better green Douglas fir dimension moving up slightly.

The index said the major reason for the drop was the price decline in kiln-dried fir dimension. Plywood sheathing was also continuing on the weak side with sanded stock clinging to its \$80 price for quarter inch AD grade, the index said.

## Rep. Ullman, Weatherford Speak At Forum

La Grande—(UP)—Rep. Al Ullman, Democratic incumbent in the 2nd Oregon Congressional district, and Marion Weatherford, his GOP opponent, traded political views in a forum Friday night at Central grade school here that included three Eastern Oregon college educators.

Ullman told a crowd of about 70 persons that he thought federal aid would help education "without opening the Pandora's box of educational support to the crowded cities, and not to the 2nd Congressional District."

Weatherford, when asked by Dr. Carlos Easley of EOC about his stand on the Formosa issue, said that the United States should not "back down one inch" in Asia. Ullman urged withdrawal from Quemoy and Matsu and the drawing of a defense line at Formosa proper.

The two other members of the EOC faculty who participated in the forum were Dr. Douglas Speer, professor of political science, and Bill Merrill, Dr. Easley's assistant. Dr. Easley was moderator.

## Soviet News Agency Reports Pasternak Admits His 'Errors'

Moscow—(UP)—Boris Pasternak, Nobel prize-winner, admitted his "errors" and pleaded with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to save him from exile, the official Tass news agency reported yesterday.

Tass said the noted poet and novelist was free to leave the Soviet Union forever if he wanted.

(Officials in Washington said the United States probably would offer Pasternak asylum if he were expelled by the Soviet authorities and expressed a desire to live in America.)

Pasternak, 67, has been under heavy fire since he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature by the Swedish academy in Stockholm. The award, which was believed here to be based on his novel "Dr. Zhivago," was denounced as a "political" maneuver designed to embarrass the Soviet authorities.

The book, which criticizes some aspects of life under Communism, is banned in the Soviet Union. Pasternak has been expelled from the Soviet writers union and denounced as a "traitor." There

also have been demands he be stripped of his citizenship and expelled.

Tass said Pasternak sent a letter to Khrushchev Friday, admitting "mistakes and errors" in his writings and making clear he had no desire to leave the Soviet Union. He noted also that he had rejected the award which he originally accepted.

"Whatever my mistakes and errors may have been, I could not imagine that I would find myself in the midst of such a political campaign which has been fanned under my name in the west," Pasternak wrote.

"To go beyond the frontiers of my motherland is equal to death and therefore I beg you not to take this extreme measure towards me."

Tass circulated the Pasternak letter with an accompanying statement which said he was free to leave the Soviet Union to accept the prize in Stockholm or to stay away forever.

Tass said that "no obstacles will be placed by Soviet state authorities if Pasternak expresses his wish to abroad to receive the prize awarded to him."

## Douglas McKay Returns To Work

Salem—(UP)—Douglas McKay, chairman of the United States section of the International Joint commission, will return to Washington, D.C., Wednesday after spending nearly a month at his home here recovering from a heart attack in September.

The former secretary of the interior and Oregon governor said although doctors gave him clearance to travel they recommended that he not resume a full work schedule.

The commission which he heads is studying problems regarding stream flows originating in Canada and flowing into this country. Principal river involved in the survey is the Columbia.

McKay was hospitalized in Salem Sept. 30 when he complained of chest pains. Doctors said he also suffered from hypertension.

The Tass dispatch was the first indication to Russians at home that Pasternak had rejected the award and the \$41,250 prize which goes with it. (The rejection was cabled by Pasternak to the Nobel Foundation early last week.)

It was also the first time that the Soviet government had become involved in the controversy.

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## Charges, Violence Encumbering Cuba As Election Nears

Havana—(UP)—The Fidel Castro rebels yesterday accused the government of seizing "hundreds" of hostages and threatening to "assassinate" them in the event of rebel violence in Havana during Monday's presidential election.

Rebel sources said the rebels had appealed to the International Red Cross, the United Nations and the Organization of American States to use their good offices to assure the safety of the hostages.

In the midst of a flareup of fighting in Oriente and Camaguey provinces, police were reported to have assigned 1,000 prowl cars to the greater Havana area to head off any rebel attacks and sabotage.

The bloody battle that raged Friday between government forces and Castro rebels on the outskirts of Santiago De Cuba, the country's second largest city, slackened off yesterday after 33 men were reported killed and a number of others wounded.

Army troops dug into heavily-fortified positions. Sources in Santiago, capital of rebellious Oriente province, said the rebels were deploying in the hills surrounding the city for another attack.

Fighting was reported in Bayamo in southwestern Oriente and at Holguin in the

northeast. Holguin lost radio contact with Havana. Both are major cities linked by a central highway.

A rebel radio broadcast said a Castro lieutenant was killed in a 90-minute clash in the Jiguana-Bayamo area.

Castro forces in Oriente province and Camaguey province near Francisco were waiting for reinforcements, the rebel radio said in a broadcast that was heavily jammed by government stations.

In Santiago, a tense quiet prevailed. Havana, 600 miles to the west, also was quiet.

The Supreme Electoral Tribunal rejected a petition by opposition presidential candidate Carlos Marquez Sterling that Monday's election be "suspended" in 10 cities in Oriente province and 5 others in Las Villas province because of "disorders."

The government of President Fulgencio Batista expected a large turnout of some three million eligible voters.

Batista himself is not a candidate for reelection. The four parties which supported him handicapped as their candidate, scholarly Andres Rivero Aguerro, 53, who has pledged to continue Batista's policies.

## Benson Supports Right To Work Ballot Measures

Fresno—(UP)—Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson has issued personal support for right to work measures and predicted farmers will favor the proposals in Tuesday's general election.

Benson announced his stand late Friday in press conferences here and in San Francisco after an address at Fresno Memorial Auditorium.

"It is my firm conviction that a person should get and keep a job on the basis of his ability and performance," declared Benson. "This is fair. It is the American way."

"As one who has associated closely all my life with farmers and people in rural areas, I think farm people overwhelmingly would vote in favor of right to work."

Right to work measures are on the ballot in six states, including California and Idaho where Benson was a resident at one time. His current home state of Utah already has enacted a right to work measure.

## Dr. Urie Moving Into New Office

New offices of Dr. Robert J. Urie, optometrist, will open tomorrow at 820 East Main st. Dr. Urie's office has been at 28 South Central ave. for the past six years.

Dr. and Mrs. Urie recently purchased the Earl York property and they have completely remodeled the interior. The walls are all birch paneling with acoustic ceilings and plastic tile floors. There is a large reception room and business office, a refracting and visual training room and an optical laboratory. The dispensing and frame selection room has a specially designed frame bar to display the latest in eyewear fashions.

The exterior appearance of the building has been retained with the exception of a paved parking area on the west end of the lot. The parking lot is entered from Corning court.

## Smoking on Buses Denied by Morgan

Salem—(UP)—Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said Friday he has denied a proposal to allow smoking on the three rear seats of buses in Oregon.

Morgan said that since a public hearing on the matter and publication of the petition for a change in the present rule "an overwhelming response was received from the public in opposition to any relaxation of the rule."

The PUC chief added that the only voices in favor of the change were those of company representatives and their employees. "Not a single member of the traveling public testified in behalf of relaxing the rule."

Thus the present rule of no smoking on regularly scheduled inter-city buses will continue.

## Governor Proclaims Month For Religion

Salem—(UP)—Gov. Robert D. Holmes has proclaimed the month of November as Religion in American Life month for Oregon to mark the 10th annual observance of the event.

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