

# FREE BERLIN DEMANDED

## Geneva Plan Rejected

### Six Months Given For West To Put Plan Into Effect

#### Khrushchev Denies Ultimatum Given

Moscow - (UP) - The Soviet Union demanded today that West Berlin be created a demilitarized free city and said that unless the West agreed to the plan within six months, the Soviets and East Germany would put it into effect on their own.

However, in a separate press conference statement, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denied that the Soviet plan constituted an ultimatum.

Khrushchev likened the situation in Berlin to a "cancerous growth needing a surgical operation."

Whether there would be further negotiations between East and West, he emphasized, depended primarily on the United States.

Khrushchev summoned his first press conference since becoming Premier shortly after the Foreign Office handed details of the Soviet plan to Western ambassadors.

The Soviet notes said the United Nations could participate as an observer if the West wished.

**Six Month Standstill**  
The Soviet notes said it would be most correct and natural for East and West Berlin to be reunited as a part of East Germany.

But the note said the Soviet Union would agree to West Berlin remaining a free city with its own economy, administration and other affairs.

It specified a six-month standstill during which the present procedure governing western traffic into West Berlin would continue in force.

The note to the United States called for removal also of all NATO forces from West Germany, withdrawal of West German troops from NATO and simultaneous withdrawal of East German troops from the Warsaw treaty - in effect demilitarization of the two German states.

Khrushchev, addressing about 200 Soviet and foreign newsmen in the Council of Ministers, said the time had come to solve the Berlin problem to ease international tension.

But he said "we are not deciding this question on the basis of ultimatums."

Asked by a reporter exactly what the Soviet Union would do if the U.S. did not recognize a free city of West Berlin and refused to withdraw from Germany or negotiate with the Communist East Germans, Khrushchev answered:

"We would be extremely sorry, but that will not stop us from executing our plans. There is no other way out. The United States, Britain and France liquidated the Potsdam Agreement and disregarded our protest."

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### Northern States Get Cold Weather

Below freezing temperatures greeted Thanksgiving celebrants today across the northern two-thirds of the nation, leaving only the Southwest and southern Florida as pockets of warm weather.

Icy winds sweeping southward from the Yukon plunged readings to sub-zero levels in most of Montana and the Dakotas and brought near-freezing temperatures as far south as northern Florida and the northern Gulf region.

### 17 Children Rescued as Fire Destroys Nursery

Oklahoma City - (UP) - Fire destroyed a private convalescent nursery in a quiet, suburban neighborhood today. Frantic residents of the area were able to rescue only 17 of the helpless children still abed in the rambling, two-story frame and brick building.

Sixteen children were rescued from the residence and said a sixth youngster was critically burned.

Peace Justice Wendell Foster was awaiting identification of four bodies taken to Mercy hospital, when firemen found another in a charred bed at the rear of the home.

The fire was discovered shortly before 8 a.m. at the

### West's Proposal To End Deadlock On Talks Vetoed

#### Reply Described As 'Regrettable'

Geneva - (UP) - The Soviet Union today turned down the West's entire plan for breaking up the deadlock on the Geneva conference on preventing surprise attacks. The move could signal a breakdown of the talks.

Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov rejected the Western proposals in their entirety during a 20-minute summing up of the East's conference stand.

**Proposals Denounced**  
In harsh terms he denounced the Western proposals on the prevention and detection of surprise attacks as "not constructive, unrealistic and elementary."

Kuznetsov's blast came in reply to U.S. delegation Chief William C. Foster's appeal to the Soviet Wednesday for a concrete response to get the bogged down conference off to a working start.

Western diplomats called the Soviet reply "disappointing and regrettable." Observers said it appeared the surprise attack talks were nearing an end.

**Conferences Bugged**  
Russians tactics have bogged down two separate conferences on a ban on nuclear arms tests and means of avoiding surprise attacks. The West indicated it was getting weary of the Soviet maneuvers.

The West was pressing for: - A firm Soviet answer on whether Russia was prepared to establish here and now an effective international control system to police a nuclear test ban.

- A Soviet response to its request for concrete moves that would let technical talks at the surprise attacks conference get underway.

The Russians here so far have sidestepped both Western demands.

But the West was determined to go on "probing" as long as there is the slightest chance of success.

### Los Angeles Smog Said Worst in Years

Los Angeles - (UP) - Smog in the Los Angeles basin area has been worse this year than any year since 1955 - despite some \$70 million spent on control devices, according to Dr. A. J. Haagen-Smit.

Haagen-Smit, professor of bio-organic chemistry at California Institute of Technology at Pasadena and consultant to the county Air Pollution Control District, Wednesday said climate conditions were mostly to blame for this year's dense smog which has brought outcries from citizens.

"One effect of unusually high temperatures is a heavy loss of gasoline vapors from carburetors and automobile gas tank vents because gasoline starts boiling at about 92 degrees Fahrenheit."

He said another weather phenomenon causing intensity of smog in the area was low inversion levels - bands of hot air hovering near the earth that act like lids over the basin, preventing air pollutants from escaping.

The polls will be open from 2 until 8 p.m. Monday in the Shady Cove-Trail fire station.

Latest returns gave Bartlett 22,146 votes to 4,428 for R. E. Robertson. Gruening, 71, and a former territorial governor, led Mike Steppovich, his 39-year-old rival, 17,022 to 16,022. Rivers led Henry A. Benson, 15,167 to 11,507. Egan had 16,618 votes to 11,039 for John Butrovich Jr.

**60 Precincts To Count**  
There remained only 60 scattered precincts to be counted in the contest between Gruening and Steppovich. Observers doubted the remaining votes would offset the trend.

Gruening's strength took the Republicans by surprise. Steppovich, the incumbent governor, outpolled him by a 4 to 3 margin in the primary, and Republican leaders such as Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton had campaigned in his behalf.

**25 Years of Experience**  
Egan, the new governor, is a 44-year-old merchant from Valdez who served in the territorial Legislature. Rivers, 55, a Fairbanks attorney, will take 25 years of governmental experience with him to Congress. Bartlett has spent 14 voteless years in Congress as a territorial delegate.

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### Thanksgiving Proclamation

Washington - (UP) - Text of President Eisenhower's Thanksgiving proclamation:

At this season of the year we are reminded that the course of nature has brought us once again from the time of planting to the time of harvest, and we turn to almighty God with heartfelt thanksgiving for His enduring providence.

We are grateful for the plentiful yield of our soil and for the blessings of food and clothing and shelter that have succeeded us throughout the year. We rejoice in the beauty of our land; in every brave and generous act of our fellow man; and in the counsel and comfort of our friends. We deeply appreciate the preservation of those ideals of liberty and justice which form the basis of our national life and the hope of international peace. For these and all the many spiritual and temporal benefactions bestowing God's goodness, we offer up our prayers of gratitude.

Let us be especially grateful for the religious heritage bequeathed us by our forebears as exemplified by the Pilgrims, who, after the gathering of their harvest, set apart a special day for rendering thanks to God of the bounties vouchsafed to them.

Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, designating the fourth Thursday of November of each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27, 1958, as a day of national thanksgiving. On that day let us, in our homes and in our accustomed places of worship, give due expression of our thanks for the blessings which have signaled our lot as a nation, and let us ask for guidance in our striving for a better world for all men.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.  
Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### East Germany Describes Soviet Note as Ultimatum

#### Little Room Seen Left for Negotiation

Berlin - (UP) - East German Communist sources today described Russia's note on Berlin as a virtual ultimatum to the West, but West Germans said it gave them a six months respite to meet the threat of a new blockade.

Russia, in a note delivered to the West Big Three and to East and West Germany, asked the Western powers to end the occupation status of Berlin within six months and turn it into a free and demilitarized city.

Western officials said six months of negotiations - including some sort of Big Four meeting with Russia - might avert the Soviet move but a Soviet spokesman in East Berlin indicated the plan left little room for negotiations.

The Soviet spokesman indicated the status of Berlin must be regulated on the basis of the Soviet proposals or the Russians will put them into force unilaterally.

**Fight If Necessary**  
End of the occupation status of Berlin could place Western Allied military air, rail and road links to the West at the mercy of the East German Communists. The West has said it would fight if necessary to keep West Berlin free.

But the city was swept by a wave of alarm and despondency by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' statement that the West might treat the East German Communists as Soviet agents. The American command was moving to end the alarm but already it was widespread.

The political section of the U. S. Berlin command rushed official radioed transcripts of Dulles' press conference remarks on Berlin to all newspaper offices shortly after midnight, but it was too late to head off bitter editorials in some morning newspapers.

Dulles' differentiation between dealing with the East German Communists as the "agents for the Russians" and dealing with them as representatives of the East German government was lost on the anxious West Berliners. They thought it amounted to the same thing anyway.

**West Mayor Angry**  
Berlin's plain-speaking Social Democrat Lord Mayor Willy Brandt flatly refused to accept Dulles' suggestion that the federal German leaders have agreed with the Western Big Three that in certain circumstances they might deal with the East German Communists over Berlin.

Brandt announced he was formally asking West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano whether this was in fact the case.

Any suggestion that the West might deal with the East German Communists posed a direct threat to Brandt in the Dec. 7 municipal elections in West Berlin and could lead to substantial Communist gains.

**Camp White Man Hurt In Car Accident**  
Clarence Andrew Hagglund, 62, of Camp White, was hospitalized Wednesday evening following a one-vehicle accident on Highway 62 near the city limits. Hagglund's sedan, traveling north, started around a curve, state police reported, and went into the ditch.

Hagglund, who was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance, was reported to have suffered a broken right collar bone, possible broken ribs, and cuts and bruises. The car was reported to have been badly damaged.

Hospital officials reported that he was released from the hospital this morning and taken to Camp White.

### Holiday Traffic Heavy; Officials Fear Many To Die

By United Press International  
Millions of Americans embarked on holiday trips today despite inclement weather in the north and two airlines strikes which tied up one-third of the nation's domestic airlines.

Travel was reported heavy on the nation's highways and safety officials feared hundreds never would get home.

The traffic death toll mounted slowly for the 102-hour holiday week end which began at 6 p.m., local time, Wednesday and ends at midnight Sunday.

A United Press International count at 2 a.m., (p.s.t.), showed at least 11 persons killed in traffic accidents. Miscellaneous accidents claimed one life for an overall death total of 12.

**No Estimate Made**  
Tennessee led the states with five dead in traffic. Michigan and New York recorded two victims each.

The National Safety Council did not issue an estimate of holiday traffic deaths, but noted that an average of 470 persons are killed in traffic during non-holiday periods of the same length at this time of year.

Last year, United Press International counted 554 traffic deaths, or 84 per cent above the average, for the four-day Thanksgiving holiday.

**Snow Adds To Hazard**  
Cold, snowy weather in the northern plains and upper Midwest added to the traffic hazards. Frigid temperatures blanketed much of the nation.

**\$1,000 Worth of Tools Reported Stolen**  
Approximately \$1,000 worth of tools was stolen from the McDonald Logging company, Trail, sometime between Sunday evening and Tuesday morning, according to Jackson county sheriff's deputies.

A door to the building was forced to gain entrance, deputies said. The burglary was reported Wednesday afternoon.

**Movie Agent Dies of Cerebral Hemorrhage**  
Hollywood - (UP) - Movie agent Bert Allenberg, 59, whose clientele included many top stars in Hollywood, died today in Cedars of Lebanon hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 59.

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Fog and low cloudiness with occasional drizzle in valley through Friday. Fair above the fog. Low tonight 35. High Friday 38.  
Highest Yesterday 42  
Lowest This Morning 36  
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today 5:42 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:17 a.m.  
The Moon rises 6:00 p.m. tonight and rides high.  
Last Quarter Dec. 3  
Betelgeuse rises 7:34 p.m. below the Moon. Second brightest star of the constellation, Orion. Betelgeuse is now estimated to be about 320 light years away.



**THANKSGIVING FARE** - It is a good bet that any pilgrim would have traded his musket straight across for a plump turkey like the one above being held by Morris Boughner, manager of Groceteria meat market, Medford. Valley butchers have been busy for the past 10 days taking and filling orders and it is estimated that more than 6,000 turkeys have been marketed in this area this Thanksgiving. R. J. Savage, of Savage Turkey farm, said this is his biggest year yet. In spite of the heavy Thanksgiving sales, Savage said he expects even bigger turkey sales at Christmas time.

### Directors Will Be Elected in Eight Districts Dec. 1

Five water districts and three rural fire protection districts will hold elections Monday, Dec. 1. In each district one or more directors will be elected.

The Charlotte Anne Water district will elect one director for a four-year term. Candidate is Fred Marchbanks, who is running for the post now held by John W. Stewart, who is leaving the district.

Polling place will be Camp U-Res, South Pacific highway, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Seeks Re-election**  
B. Sam Taylor is running for re-election as director for a three-year term in the Elk City water district. Voting will be held in the El Rancho motel, 3838 North Pacific highway, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Also running for re-election is Charles Hoppe, in the Jacksonville Highway Water district. The term will be for three years. Water district voters will cast their ballots in the Oak Grove school between 2 and 8 p.m.

In the Maple Park Water district, Mrs. Geraldine Graham is seeking a five-year term as director. She was appointed to the position in 1957.

Eligible voters in the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district will vote for two directors and decide on annexation of a piece of property in the White City area.

**Director Candidates**  
Candidates for director are Claude Thompson, present chairman of the board who is seeking re-election for a five-year term, and Charles Bateman, who is seeking the unexpired term of four years of the late Harold Gebhard. Bateman was appointed to serve the term until the next district election.

The election will be held between 2 and 8 p.m. at the main fire hall on Highway 99 just south of Central Point.

Two directors also will be elected Monday in Medford Rural Fire district. Asher Neff, current chairman of the board who is seeking re-election for a five-year term, and Glen V. Allen, who is seeking the unexpired term of four years of H. Chandler Drew who recently moved from the district.

Polling place will be the Oak Grove school between 2 and 8 p.m.

**Shady Cove-Trail District**  
Voters in the Shady Cove-Trail Fire Protection district will elect two directors, one is for five years while the other is the unexpired term of Cecil Kee who resigned earlier this year. The term, which will end Dec. 31, 1959, is currently filled by Bill Logan, who is a candidate for the five-year position. Also a post is Walter Sattler. The current director, Robert Bush, is not running for re-election.

Candidates for the one-year term are Bert Conner and George Mason.

The polls will be open from 2 until 8 p.m. Monday in the Shady Cove-Trail fire station.

### Democrats Sweep All Major Offices In Alaska's History-Making Election

Anchorage, Alaska - (UP) - Democrats, swept into every major office in Tuesday's history-making election had the job today of guiding the giant territory of Alaska on the path to statehood.

**Control of Legislature**  
The Democrats won the governorship, two Senate seats and the lone seat in the House of Representatives. They also won control of both houses of the Legislature.

Democratic victors were William A. Egan, the 49th state's first governor; E. L. Bartlett, U.S. senator; Ernest Gruening, U.S. senator; and Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. repre-

sentative. Latest returns gave Bartlett 22,146 votes to 4,428 for R. E. Robertson. Gruening, 71, and a former territorial governor, led Mike Steppovich, his 39-year-old rival, 17,022 to 16,022. Rivers led Henry A. Benson, 15,167 to 11,507. Egan had 16,618 votes to 11,039 for John Butrovich Jr.