

# U.S., Britain, Russia Agree On First Ban Treaty Article

Geneva - (UP) - The United States, Britain and Russia yesterday agreed on the first article of a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons test explosions. It was the first major result of five weeks of East-West negotiations.

The agreement came after a 90-minute special week-end session of the three-power nuclear conference.

An official communiqué announced that the conference "accepted the text of a draft Article I of a treaty relating to the prohibition of nuclear weapons test explosions."

The communiqué further announced that the conference discussed "the consideration." Treaties Meshed

This was taken to imply that East and West experts have meshed their treaty drafts into one provisional draft treaty text.

The text of the first article agreed on was not disclosed but was understood to set forth a pledge to discontinue

nuclear test explosions after the entire treaty had been agreed upon and signed.

Both sides welcomed this first sign of tangible results after protracted negotiations.

Conference sources said the first article was the one proposed by the West, with only minor amendments.

**Clear Understanding**

The move followed a clear East-West understanding that any test ban would be firmly linked to the obligation of the three nuclear powers to "co-operate" in the projected international control organization which will police the agreement against possible violations.

Such a firm and definitive provision will be incorporated in the treaty as a special treaty article and it already is under discussion.

The nuclear conference will resume tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the 10-nation surprise-attack conference appeared to be on the verge of

## indefinite adjournment" after four weeks of fruitless negotiations.

### Mt. Hood 'Faster' Placed In Hospital

The Dalles - (UP) - Dudley H. Durbin, 45, Yakima, Wash., who was found in the Mt. Hood National forest with his daughter and the body of his wife Dec. 2, was ordered committed to the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton Friday.

Wasco county deputies found the body of Charlotte Elnora Durbin in a primitive shack in the snow-bound woods after a ranger told them of the campsite.

Durbin and his daughter, Polly Jean, 15, were with the frozen body. Both have been under treatment for malnutrition. Durbin told officers he and his family had gone on a religious fast in the forest.

## Democrats Give Confidence Vote

Washington - (UP) - The Democratic National committee gave chairman Paul M. Butler a ringing vote of confidence yesterday with an explicit endorsement of his no-compromise stand on civil rights.

The action came after the committee refused by a 91 to 15 vote to unseat Camille Gravel as Louisiana national committee chairman in a dispute which also carried overtones of the party split over the racial issue.

A resolution approving Butler's regime as chairman was adopted, 84 to 18, with all the dissenting votes cast by southerners.

It contained a three-line section applauding Butler's "forthright utterances on civil rights and the determination by the Democratic party that the provisions of the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the Supreme Court shall be enforced and made effective."

**Void Down**

Gravel asked the committee to delete the section, but was voted down, 79 to 27.

## Teen-Agers Urge Safe Driving Laws

Pendleton - (UP) - More than 100 teen-agers from Morrow and Umatilla counties came up with recommendations to the 1959 state Legislature Friday as part of the 5th annual Blue Mountain Teen-Age Safe Driving conference.

## Eight IWA Units May Be Merged

Portland - (UP) - The merger of eight western district councils of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA-CIO) was approved Friday at the close of a three day conference here.

The councils include some 36,000 men.

One dissenting vote was cast among the 179 delegates in approving a proposed constitution which will impose a \$1 per month per capita tax to finance organization and administration of the regional authority. A 25-cent per month tax to finance a strike fund was also approved.

The proposed constitution will go before the international executive board of the IWA and then to union members for ratification.

## Safe Driving Laws

The teen-age delegates recommended that bicycle riders be treated as pedestrians, that speed limits be adopted on highways and that night speeds should be less than day speeds.

The group also suggested that a teen-ager should be given a driver's license at 18 instead of the present 16 years under state law.

State legislatures in the past have passed into law two conference proposals, one of them that a licensed driver be at least 18 when riding with a person holding a learner's permit.

## ATTENTION-GETTER

Muskegon, Mich. - (UP) - Deputy sheriff Wesley Schoonfield investigated a report of a "dead man" on the road and found the body was that of a 16-year-old hitchhiker who thought it would be a good way to catch a ride.

## THAT'LL TEACH HIM

Newington, Conn. - (UP) - Apostolis Tolis, co-owner of the Newington Theater, wrote police that he would not pay for the services of an officer at the theater. That night his safe was robbed of \$250.

## NO POOLING

Memphis, Tenn. - (UP) - Mrs. J. G. McCage's sign-painting brother found out the sign meant what it said. As he was tacking the sign reading "Keep Out-Bad Dog," he was bitten from behind.

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