

Corruption Charges Against Hoffa Hinted

East, West Agreed On Control Plans

Nuclear Test Ban Agreement Nearer Reality

Key Issue Still To Be Negotiated

Geneva - (UPI) - The United States, Britain and Soviet Russia agreed today on the composition of an international control organization for the supervision of a nuclear test ban treaty.

The agreement came after a nearly three-hour session of the delegates of the three atomic powers at the Conference on Suspension of Nuclear Weapons Tests.

An official communique announced the acceptance of a "Draft Article III on the composition of the control organization, submitted by the delegation of the United Kingdom."

The agreement moved the six-week-old conference a step further in its laborious efforts to work out effectively a policed nuclear test ban.

It meant that East and West now have set out the lines of the control organization, its structure and its administrative components.

It left the vital functions and powers of the control organ still undefined and unsettled.

This key issue must still be negotiated and final accord will depend on just how the control organization will carry out its task of enforcing the observance of a test ban.

The British plan, backed by the United States, provides that the policing organization will have a control commission as its executive organ and that it will cooperate with a network of control posts which will watch out for signs of violation.

The detailed, practical work plan of the organization, its procedures and powers will be negotiated subsequently.

Final Payment for New Station Made

Final payment on construction of buildings at the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station property on Hanley rd. was authorized today, according to Harold White, station superintendent.

Total cost of construction of the three buildings was \$66,044. White said. This includes the office and laboratory building, a caretaker's home and the implement and storage building. Overall cost including property was \$134,000.

The county court and Architect R. J. Keeney, Medford, accepted the buildings as completed on Tuesday.

In his letter to the contractor, Donald Jacobs, 307 North Peach st., Medford, Keeney commended him "for a fine job."

Consultants Testify In Phone Rate Case

Salem - (UPI) - The Public Utility Commission today started testimony from consultants in the extended hearings on proposed nine per cent rate increases for Pacific Telephone Company.

Holiday Sales Said Ahead of Last Year

It looks like another big Christmas for Medford businesses, with holiday sales running as high as 17 per cent ahead of last year, according to a survey conducted by the Mail Tribune.

Ten more shopping days remain before Christmas and merchants are confidently predicting that this year's sales will far exceed last year's, and in some specialty shops will be the best in many years.

The majority of the money is being spent on smaller items, the survey showed, but women's and men's clothing seem to top the list in sales.

"Terrific," is the way the majority of the store officials described their sales so far. And they added that in all departments, particularly in the department stores, business seems to be booming.

While some of the merchants attribute the lack of serious fog to the increased crowd of shoppers, they had to admit that one of the biggest days, saleswise, was last evening, when there was fog in the valley.

Shoppers are spending their money more freely this year, businessmen stated, and added that credit buying was also rising. People seem to be buying with more confidence than last Christmas, merchants added, and some said that early fall sales promotion programs definitely prompted the shopper to buy early.

Stores that sell both women's and men's clothing reported Christmas shoppers earlier in November this year, and one store reported having to hire their gift wrapper a week earlier "because we were needed."

Several of the stores reported they would have to hire more sales personnel, especially for the evening openings, as they said "we simply can't handle the crowds."

Merchants also reported that more persons are shopping in the mornings, which was said to be usual for this time of the year. Approximately one-third of the business sales at many of the stores were reported between 6 and 9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Several stores reported some stock lines depleted with stock purchases approximately the same as last year. Others reported that sales seemed to improve with the arrival of new spring lines and more colorful fabrics.

Gift certificate purchases were reported to be lagging behind 1957 requests, but shopkeepers explained that the certificates are usually last-minute purchases.

Dulles Prepares For Paris Jaunt

Washington - (UPI) - Secretary of State John Foster Dulles left the hospital "feeling fine" today and prepared to meet with President Eisenhower before flying to Paris for conferences on the Berlin crisis.

The President and Dulles, at their White House session later today, were to put the finishing touches on a U.S. plan of allied strategy to keep West Berlin out of Communist hands.

The secretary will then fly to Paris this afternoon for talks with the foreign ministers of Britain, France, and West Germany, and the North Atlantic Treaty powers.

Neuberger Bears No Malice Toward Senator Morse Because of Remarks

Portland - (UPI) - Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon said today that he bears his Democratic colleague, Sen. Wayne Morse, "no malice or ill will" because of statements Morse made in his version of how two Oregon Democrats splint apart. They formerly had been friends and political allies.

Morse suggested this week that a cancer suffered by Neuberger might account - at least in part - for the souring of their close personal friendship.

Neuberger, back at his Portland home after presiding at Senate Public Works Committee hearing in Kalispell, Mont., stated: "I believe my record will show that I am willing to go 51 per cent of the way to cooperate with anybody, be they Democrat

West Berlin Mayor Labeled As 'Quisling'

Veiled Threat of Vengeance Given

Berlin - (UPI) - East Germany's official newspaper attacked West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt today as a "Quisling." It was a veiled threat of personal vengeance should the outspoken free Berlin leader ever fall into Communist hands.

The Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland lauded Brandt with the claim that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles would be unable or unwilling to protect him.

Reminded of Fate It reminded "what the Norwegian people did to Vidkun Quisling," the Nazi traitor in Norway who was shot by a firing squad after the liberation.

Brandt was an anti-Nazi who escaped to Norway, adopted Norwegian citizenship and fought in the anti-Nazi underground in Norway. He came back after the war to become the symbol of freedom to West Berliners who gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence in the recent municipal elections.

Neues Deutschland threw his temporary Norwegian nationality back at him in an editorial suggesting the Communists would like to capture him.

Neues Deutschland's blistering threats followed the new hard line set down by Russia Thursday night. In an official communique the Soviet government had warned that any Western move to break through a new Berlin blockade would be considered an act of war by the Soviet Union and its allies.

Condemnation Suit Payment Approved

The state highway commission has authorized payment of \$47,500 to Myron Root and Company, Inc., Medford, for a right of way through their property one block south of Main st. off Fir st.

The right-of-way is for widening, construction, improvement and maintenance of the Eighth st. section of the Medford-Pravot highway between Fir st. and the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

The Myron Root company had been renting a warehouse on the property. It was torn down last spring.

The condemnation suit against the property was settled out of court and payment was authorized in a letter from attorneys representing the state highway commission Dec. 9.

Crow's Lumber Price Index Up 29 Cents

Portland - Crow's Lumber Price Index rose 29 cents this week. It reflected somewhat greater strength in green Douglas Fir and Western Pine region dimension. Studs are up several dollars in price, leading the parade.

Prices on green Fir and Hemlock dimension for water shipment have risen about two dollars, for February loading. While Fir board prices have not risen, demand is somewhat better.

End To Hungarian Oppression Demanded

United Nations, N. Y. - (UPI) - The U. N. General Assembly today approved by a 54 to 10 vote a resolution again demanding that Russia end its Hungarian repression. It appointed Sir Leslie Munro of New Zealand as the United Nations "watchdog" on the situation.

"I Don't Think They Want Me in There"



Construction Work On Theater Starts

Angus Bowmer, founder and producing director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland, said this week the festival association is "sticking its neck out."

The association, he said, has "started construction of a new theater. We had to start in order to have it ready for June rehearsals. There is enough money to pay for the foundations, but unless the entire amount is raised, construction will stop at that point."

Bowmer spoke at a meeting of volunteer workers soliciting funds in the Festival's

campaign to raise \$275,000 by Christmas. A total of \$171,029.93 has been collected since the campaign started Nov. 12.

Accept Applications Bowmer said "We're accepting applications for next year's company and we're already filling 1959 ticket orders. So you see, he added, "we're counting on you to successfully finish the job."

The new theater will replace a structure condemned by the state fire marshal because of hazardous conditions. The structure was torn down following last season's productions.

In addition to major campaign efforts in Medford and Ashland, special campaigns have been organized for the Festival building fund in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Grants Pass, the San Francisco bay area, and southern California. Contributions also are being received from other Festival patrons throughout the country.

Of the \$171,029.93 already raised, Ashland has raised \$51,430.84, more than 100 per cent of the \$50,000 goal, and Medford has raised \$54,515.50 of its \$100,000 goal. Ashland workers are now hoping to raise \$70,000 toward the campaign. An anonymous donor is matching each Ashland dollar.

Building Permits Below October

Medford building permits for November totaled \$349,750 in valuation, well below October's figure but exceeding November totals in the two previous years according to the monthly building department report.

Among the 80 permits issued were 14 new units family residences totaling \$186,600, 1 new church at \$100,000, 1 new business at \$5,500, 3 business remodeled or repaired totaling \$18,350.

There also was a new \$3,000 building at Medford airport. Total fees collected were \$1,288.25 and building inspectors paid \$76 visits to construction locations.

In October, 148 permits were issued with a total valuation of \$1,129,821. These included permits for construction of the new Sears Roebuck and Safeway stores in the East Jackson st. shopping center.

In November, 1957, 53 permits were issued with a valuation of \$257,805. In 1956, the same number of permits were issued with a valuation of \$331,212.

Children May Call Christmas Orders In To Santa Claus Youngsters of the Medford vicinity who wish to telephone their orders to Santa Claus will have that opportunity four evenings next week.

They may reach Santa by dialing SPring 3-7353 between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Arrangements for the telephone service have been made by the Medford Kiwanis club with the cooperation of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. D. J. Bolton heads the committee which made the arrangements.

SP REFUSES EXTENSION IN RATE CASE

Portland - (UPI) - Southern Pacific railroad was reported today to have refused to grant an extension in a reduction of railroad freight rates. The reduction is scheduled Dec. 21.

The railroad had proposed a reduction averaging 25 per cent into the major California market. This was delayed by an Interstate Commerce commission suspension order last May. The suspension expires Dec. 20 and the ICC notified the railroad it will need three more months to reach a decision.

The railroad was reported to have refused to grant a requested ICC extension.

The rate reduction would restore a previous long-time parity between southern Oregon and northern California mills into one of their largest lumber markets. It was opposed by trucking interests.

Barring a court injunction, the new rates will place Redding, Calif., and Medford on the same rate, eliminating the present 13-cent extra cost from Medford on a minimum new rate of 50 cents per hundred pounds. From Redding or Medford to San Francisco the present 10-cent advantage held by Redding will be reduced to four cents.

Oregon lumber operators have said rate reductions would mean substantial market increase and employment gains.

East, South Feeling Grip Of Winter

By United Press International

A hit-and-run snow storm churned northward along the Eastern Seaboard today, unloading falls of up to 15 inches in sections of the Carolinas and Virginia.

The Atlantic storm dropped temperatures below freezing as far south as northern Florida and dumped a snow cover across parts of Alabama and Georgia.

As the storm whipped northward, powered by gale winds of 40 to 50 miles per hour, weathermen issued heavy snow warnings for the mid-Atlantic region into New England. Up to six inches of snow was expected in the Northeast.

At Oswego, N.Y., a fleet of 40 snow plows and two Sno-Cats made progress in freeing the city of its six and one-half foot snow blanket, despite a fresh four-inch snowfall Thursday. No snow was expected today.

Weather Kills 54 The week long series of wintry storms, which have ranged from the continental divide to the Atlantic, have been blamed for at least 54 deaths, 19 of them Thursday.

Cold weather fires and fumes overheated stoves took a tragic toll with most of the victims children. Ohio counted 12 fire deaths, six of them Thursday, and five persons died Thursday in two fires near Norfolk, Va. There were four such deaths in Illinois, two each in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota and one in Nebraska.

Traffic accidents on snow and ice slicked highways also claimed a mounting toll, including a woman killed Thursday at Atlanta, Ga., in a collision blamed on icy roads. Other traffic deaths included nine in Illinois, three in Indiana, two in New Jersey and one each in Iowa, Michigan and New York. Three men froze to death in Chicago, Ex-

Everett Youth Held On Car Theft Charge

A 16-year-old Everett, Wash., youth was questioned here today in connection with the theft of a car from a used car lot in that city.

He turned himself in to Medford police yesterday, saying he had no money and the car was nearly out of gas. In a signed statement, he told police he had taken the car early yesterday morning.

"I wanted to get away from home and get a job," he stated, "so my mother would not have to work so hard." He also stated his father was divorced and his mother was divorcing his step-father.

He is in the Jackson County Juvenile Detention home.

Permit Issued For Century Building

A Medford building permit was issued yesterday for \$25,000 in remodeling of the newly-named Century building, 843 East Main st.

The permit was issued to Charles Estelstrom, Roseburg, who with his brother recently purchased the building for office use. It formerly housed the Community hospital.

Court-Appointed Monitors Appear Likely To Move

Boss Not Afraid Of Losing Job

Washington - (UPI) - Court-appointed monitors of the Teamsters Union may bring corruption charges soon against teamsters boss James R. Hoffa, it was learned today.

The monitor majority appeared likely to move against Hoffa personally in the wake of Thursday's court order giving them sweeping clean-up powers.

Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts, who issued the order, made it plain he felt he could remove Hoffa from office or punish him for contempt of court if he balked at the reform proposals.

In Miami Beach, Fla., Hoffa said the informal report of the teamster-named Bender Commission indicated the corruption charges leveled at the teamsters are "exaggerated." Status in Doubt

Hoffa said he could not comment further on the work of the commission because its status was left in doubt by Lett's ruling. The three-member commission, headed by former Ohio Sen. George Bender, was hired by the teamsters, at \$250 a day each to investigate charges of corruption against the union and recommend changes.

Asked if he were afraid of losing his job, Hoffa shot back: "I never was afraid of nothing, let alone losing my job."

Teamsters' attorneys were certain to appeal Lett's ruling. It apparently will take several days before an appeal can be made because of delays in preparing legal papers.

So far, monitor chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue and his colleague Godfrey P. Schmidt, who form an anti-Hoffa majority, have aimed their fire at Hoffa's lieutenants.

Rebel at Monitor Demands The teamsters rebelled at monitor demands to bring charges against one of Hoffa's Detroit associates, Owen Bert Brennan, based on testimony that Brennan misused union welfare funds.

Lett's ruling that the union must comply with that and nine other orders of recommendation the monitors say have not been obeyed.

Rank-and-file teamsters, who originally challenged Hoffa's election on grounds it was rigged in advance, have compiled a list of 75 separate charges against Hoffa. They are mainly based on testimony before the Senate Rackets committee.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 562.27, off 0.80; 20 Railroads 154.70, off 0.50; 15 Utilities 87.95, up 0.09; and 65 Stocks 195.91, off 0.25. Sales today were about 3,140,000 shares compared with 4,250,000 shares Thursday.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Valley fog tonight and Saturday morning. Partial clearing Saturday afternoon. Above fog variable high cloudiness. Low tonight 35. High Saturday 42-45.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:32 a.m.
Moonset tonight 7:18 p.m.
First Quarter 12:17 p.m.
VISIBILITIES
Mars, high in south-east 8:15 p.m.
is now nearly stationary among the stars in the constellation, Aries.
Jupiter, rises 5:24 a.m. and is now in Libra.

Hatfield Says GOP Sees Need To Correct Errors

Portland - (UPI) - Gov-elect Mark Hatfield of Oregon said today a Republican leaders agreed in Honolulu that the party must take action to correct some of its past mistakes. Attend Conference

Hatfield arrived here by plane from the Hawaiian islands where he attended the opening session of the Western Republican conference.

"It was generally agreed that we had not been good salesmen within the party or with the public at large," Hatfield said. He said he was convinced a new party policy would be adopted with appeal to the voters.

Hatfield and National Chairman Meade Alcorn called Thursday for a Republican party house cleaning to rid the GOP of its non-working "honorary" members.

Hatfield ascribed his victory in the face of a Democratic landslide to what he called a "continuity of leadership—an organization which is functioning 365 days and not composed just of honorary title holders."

Too Many Prima Donnas "We've had too many people in the Republican party who were prima donnas and did no work. In Oregon they have been replaced and it can be done and should be done nationally too," Hatfield said.