

Ice of Cold War Believed Beginning To Melt

Diplomats See Faint Chance for Real Negotiations

London (UPI)—A 12-year old cold war ice jam has begun cracking.

For the first time since the Geneva summit conference in 1955 and the abortive Big Four foreign minister's meeting that followed it, Western diplomats saw a faint chance today of genuine cold war negotiations with the Soviets—not simply exchanges of propaganda speeches from prepared positions.

Western diplomats hoped that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' visit to London, Paris and Bonn this week may help break the ice still further.

There is pretty general conviction among diplomats in Europe now that a Big Four foreign ministers' meeting on Germany, Berlin and other cold war issues will take place this spring—probably in Geneva and probably at the end of April.

Experts here warned not to expect a sweeping East-West agreement that will suddenly end the cold war. But they believe chances of real negotiation are better than for some time past.

Diplomats in Europe date the first crack in the East-West deadlock from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum of Nov. 27, 1958. Khrushchev called on the Western allies to get out of isolated West Berlin and turn it into a "free city" under United Nations sponsorship within six months. The deadline was May 27 this year.

The Western reply, delivered by the North Atlantic Council in Paris in December, was a tough and uncompromising "no."

But Western experts believed the Soviet leader was bent not simply on getting the West out of Berlin but also on getting East-West talks started.

Only five weeks after delivering the ultimatum, Khrushchev sent his deputy Anastas Mikoyan, on a "good-will tour" of the United States. Although Mikoyan brought no new proposals, he went out of his way to woo the American public with

First Woman To Fly Across Pacific Dies

Portland—UPI—Mrs. Zetta B. Averill, 79, said to have been the first woman to fly over the Pacific on a commercial airliner, died Monday. She made the flight from the Pacific Coast to Hawaii and the Orient in 1936 on a Pan American Airways Clipper when the airline started passenger service in October of that year.

Oregon Constitution Convention Sought

Salem—UPI—Rep. Winton Hunt (R-Woodburn) Tuesday introduced a resolution calling for a convention which would rewrite Oregon's constitution.

In particular, he repeated constantly that Russia's Berlin note was not really an "ultimatum."

The West also showed signs for the first time in years of abandoning the ironclad demand that free all-German elections must be the first step towards German reunification.

Surprisingly, Dulles himself was the first to hint at this change of position. West Berlin's tough Socialist Lord Mayor Willy Brandt took him up on this on Jan. 24 in a statement declaring he did not think "it is absolutely necessary that free elections should be regarded as a first step."

Dulles' trip to Western Europe was scheduled to be followed at the end of this month by a London visit by France's new Premier, Michel Debre. West Germany's 83-year-old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer also is scheduled to visit London some time soon.

A Western working party was meeting in Washington today to begin work on the West's reply to the Soviet and a Western foreign ministers meeting was expected—possibly in Paris—toward the end of March to put finishing touches to the Western note.

There was little doubt now that this would agree to East-West talks and little doubt that the Russians would accept. Both sides now appear anxious to talk. But there still was nothing to indicate readiness by either side to back down in a major way when the talks get started.

Control Board To OK Lease of Ranch

Salem—UPI—The State Board of Control said Tuesday it would approve on a yearly basis leasing of the Williams and Hart ranch near Woodburn.

The ranch had been purchased by the state several years ago for an Air Force project but construction of the project was later called off.

The Board also approved spending \$9000 for additional fire protection at McLaren school for boys and more drainage at the state correction institution under construction south of here.

The Board proposed a bill which would repeal a current law that only women shall be employed at Hillcrest School for Girls.

Baker Man Opposed For Water Board

Salem—UPI—The appointment by ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes of Byron C. Brinton, Baker, to the State Water Resources Board was opposed Tuesday by a spokesman for the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

R. E. Kerr told the Senate Natural Resources committee he opposed nomination. Others spoke in favor of the appointment. The committee took no immediate action.

Kerr said Brinton had been active for a federal high Hells Canyon dam and is "against private power."

WIMMER Scouts To Take Course

By MARJORIE BAKER
Wimmer—Evans Valley Boy Scout Troop 84 will be taking a course of first aid instruction beginning Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Evans Valley school.

Instructor for the course will be Ferd Moreno of the State Industrial Accident Commission. Sessions will be held once a week for four weeks.

While the course is primarily for the benefit of the Scouts, a minimum of eight adults must take part to comply with regulations. Parents of Scouts are particularly urged to attend, but any interested adults will be welcome, Moreno said.



VIRGINIA RACE BARRIER COLLAPSES—Negro students quietly and without trouble entered public schools in Norfolk and Arlington, Va., after the last of the state's segregation laws were declared unconstitutional. Here Alveraz Gonsolond, 16-year-old Negro boy, is shown at his desk in Norview High School, Norfolk, among white classmates. He is one of seven Negroes admitted to the previously all-white school.

Committeemen Inspect Three Institutions

Salem—UPI—Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee Tuesday inspected the Oregon State Hospital, Fairview home and the Dammasch Mental hospital site. The committee is investigating budgets for these institutions.

Ike Raps Russian Retention of U.S. Servicemen, Trucks

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In other highlights of his news conference, the President:

—Said Russia's detention of five U. S. servicemen and four trucks on a check point west of Berlin is a violation of implied and explicit four-power agreements. He said this country is lodging a vigorous protest with the Soviet Union.

—Made clear that he strongly opposes any extreme civil rights legislation. He said it would be wicker to set up a federal police force to see that citizens carry out their responsibilities as to school integration and other civil rights.

—Praised Virginia officials, parents and white students for the orderly manner in which school integration was started Monday in Arlington and Norfolk.

—Expressed skepticism at new Russian boasts of possessing intercontinental missiles with hydrogen warheads that can pinpoint targets in this country and which make U. S. weapons obsolete. He recalled that the Russians in the past have bragged falsely that they invented the flying machine, automobile and telephone. He asked why their boasts on weapons should be believed in light of their unfulfilled claims about the other inventions. He called it propaganda.

—Praised U. S. defenses. —Noted that there was an absolutely successful firing of a U. S. Atlas ISBM earlier today. He said it went a long way in a very good performance.

—With an over-all reference to U. S. and Russian relative military strength, he said this country has a much more balanced defense organization than the Russians. U. S. retaliatory power is good and cannot be knocked out by any single Russian surprise assault, no matter how massive.

The President held his news conference shortly before leaving for a week end vacation at the Thomasville, Ga., estate of former treasury secretary George M. Humphrey. The President appeared in good spirits, but raised his voice into firm clipped tones to drive home his opposition

to the Democratic housing and airport bills and his skepticism of the Russian boast on long range missiles.

The President emphasized that the main purpose of the administration's airport legislation was to improve flying safety. He cited the crash of an airliner at New York Tuesday night but quickly added there was no evidence that this involved any failure in the federal airways control system.

Local Responsibility
Eisenhower pointed out that the increased spending in the Democratic airport bill would be for terminal and other such facilities. He said they were not necessary, no matter how desirable, and should be a local responsibility. He also noted that the government had not built terminals for the railroads and buses.

He also said the federal government's share in costs of slum clearance and urban renewal should be only 35 per cent instead of 65 per cent.

He promised to do everything he possibly could to help keep federal spending within the limits of the balanced budget he sent to Congress.

Actress Hedy Lamarr Sued for Divorce

Houston, Tex. —UPI—Wealthy oilman W. Howard Lee sued Hedy Lamarr for divorce late Tuesday, claiming the sultry actress endangered his health by cruel treatment.

Lee, who could not be located for comment today, said there was no community estate accumulated during the five years they were married because of "extremely large" living expenses.

Civil Service Reform Measure Introduced

Salem—UPI—The Ways and Means Committee introduced a bill Tuesday which would tighten administration of the state civil service law. The new probationary period of an employee would be 18 months instead of six months. Vacation credit for an employee working less than a year would be prohibited. Appeal procedures also would be revised.

Senate Bill Permits Schools To Disburse Defense Act Funds

Salem—UPI—A bill read for the first time in the Oregon Senate yesterday would authorize the State Board of Education and the Board of Higher Education jointly to create a state plan which will enable institutions under their control to apply and disburse benefits provided under the national defense act of 1958.

Senate bill 169, introduced by the Senate Committee on Labor and Industries, would bring employers of one or more employees instead of two or more under the unemployment compensation act.

Another bill would include nurses, nurses aides, laboratory technicians, social welfare workers, office workers or administrative personnel, custodians and maintenance workers.

Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and Rep. George Anala (R-Hood River) said they were preparing a bill to tighten up payments out of the unemployment compensation fund.

They said the measure was aimed at situations in which a husband and wife are working and one is laid off and applies for unemployment compensation. It would provide that in such instances that if one is gainfully employed the other would not be eligible for compensation.

Sen. Carl Francis and John D. Hare, both Republicans, introduced a bill prohibiting solicitation of funds from legislative employees by any political party. Violation of the law, if passed, would be a misdemeanor punishable by a

fine or jail sentence or both.

An increase of \$1 in the motor vehicle registration fee to go into a fund for use by sheriffs of the state in combating traffic violations, is set up in Senate bill 168 introduced at the request of the Oregon Sheriff's Association.

The Senate passed with a unanimous vote a bill granting tax exemptions to corporations organized to hold title to property operated for the exclusive purpose of furnishing living quarters to students of institutions of higher learning.

The exemption was extended to property used by fraternities, sororities, student housing cooperatives or student living organizations. The exemption would be retroactive to Dec. 31, 1954, at which time this exemption was ruled illegal by the courts.

Assistance to the Columbia Gorge Commission is provided for in a bill introduced by Sens. Alfred H. Corbett (D-Portland) and Alice Corbett (D-Portland) and Rep. Pat Lonergan (R-Portland).

Corbett said this was a continuation of an appropriation of \$8,000 for the next biennium to allow the Gorge Commission to employ an executive secretary to concentrate on land acquisition in the gorge.

Two years ago the State Highway Department allocated \$50,000 for land acquisition in the gorge at the request of Corbett and Lonergan.

A bill providing a five-day week for Oregon state police was returned to the committee on state and federal af-

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Ground Breaking Starts E-R Construction Job

Portland—UPI—Ground breaking ceremonies today signaled start of work on Portland's long-awaited Exposition-Recreation center. A contract was signed Tuesday under which the center will be built by Hoffman Construction Company for \$5,297,000.

The Senate unanimously ratified the 15th amendment to the U. S. constitution, about 88 years behind most of the nation. The amendment guarantees the right of every American citizen to vote, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Oregon failed to ratify this amendment in 1870 although it had previously been given an affirmative vote by three-fourths of the states.

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Neuberger Favors Proposal for YCC

Portland—UPI—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today establishment of a Youth Conservation Corps would help "conserve both human and outdoor resources for the benefit of the nation."

Neuberger is cosponsor of a bill to create such an organization which he said would discourage juvenile delinquency by supplying constructive work chances for young men and boys. The measure provides for enrollment of youth between 16 and 22 for work on public lands under supervision of soil conservationists, forest rangers and wild life specialists.

Kaiser Reports Net Earnings Drop

Oakland, Calif. —UPI—Kaiser Steel Corporation Tuesday reported a drop of almost 75 per cent in net earnings last year as compared with 1957.

Net earnings for 1958 totaled \$5,422,000 compared to \$21,439,000 for the previous year, the company said. Earnings per share dropped to 76 cents from \$5.91 in 1957.

Jack L. Ashby, Kaiser vice president and general manager, attributed the drop in earnings to lower sales volume generally prevailing in the steel industry, and delays in production at the firm's Fontana, Calif., mills due to Kaiser's expansion program.

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