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Notes Stress Big 4 Talks

Washington—The United States, Britain and France today sent notes to Russia proposing a broad four-power foreign ministers conference on Berlin, Germany and European security.

The notes, delivered in Moscow early today left the time and place of the meeting open for further negotiations. But American officials said the western powers preferred that the conference be held in Geneva or Vienna in late April or early May.

It was proposed that the East and West German advisers set in as consultants.

The U. S. note said that the meeting should "deal with the problem of Germany in all its aspects and implications" as raised in recent exchange notes between the West and Russia.

The western powers again emphasized that "they reserve the right to uphold by all appropriate means" their access to Western Berlin.

They again rejected Russia's proposal that West Berlin be made a free-demilitarized city.

Russia's threat to turn over its occupation responsibilities in West Berlin to East Germany on May 27 was denounced in the western notes.

"The danger to world peace inherent in this Soviet initiative is evident," the United States said.

Without being specific, the Western allies rejected Russia's proposal of Jan. 10 that a 28-nation German peace conference be held in Prague or Warsaw within two months.

The Allied notes were hammered out by representatives of the Big Three and West Germany who met here earlier this month. They followed a broad procedural outline already agreed to by their foreign ministers.

Gale Warnings Flying Off Coast

By United Press International

Gale warnings were flying off the Oregon coast today as strong winds continued to lash the state and slides disrupted traffic in the Coquille area.

An offshore storm front brought gusts of wind up to 50 miles an hour to coastal sections and strong winds whipped through the Willamette valley and into eastern Oregon.

The storm was accompanied by warm temperatures but snow was reported in the Cascades and parts of eastern Oregon.

The State Highway Department said one-way traffic was in force due to slides between Coquille and Bandon on Highway 101 and on Highway 42 between Coquille and Myrtle Point.

Pearson Asks Hatfield To Quit Fairy Stories

Salem—Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) today asked Gov. Mark Hatfield "to stop telling fairy stories to the people."

Pearson, in a statement, defended ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes' matter of presenting his budget to the legislature, saying that at no time during the campaign did Holmes mention the amount of his anticipated budget.

Gov. Holmes told the people the truth about taxes and cost of services," Pearson said. "Unlike Hatfield he did not ride around the state on a white charger... promising the people there would be no new taxes."

Liked Promises Pearson added, "the people liked candidate Hatfield's promises and elected him."

The Portland lawmaker said "Holmes gave the legislature an admittedly tight budget complying with the people's mandate of keeping expenditures within anticipated revenue. Is following the people's wishes to be economical now to be called spiteful?" Pearson asked.

Pearson said he did not bring Holmes into the argument "or do I necessarily endorse his views on what expenditures are needed. But I will certainly defend his political integrity."

He added, "It is time we had some morality in politics, not deliberate deception." Misrepresentations Charged

Travis Cross, news secretary to Hatfield, replied by saying, "Senator Pearson, whose snub of the vice president of the United States was so obvious Saturday, continues his bitterness with complete misrepresentations."

Cross said that Pearson, "as chairman of the Tax Interim Committee knows full well that the director of finance under the previous administration presented a projected budget of \$332 million—\$20 million higher than the Hatfield budget."

He added, "He knows also that the campaign promises of the Holmes camp included \$40 million increase in the basic school fund alone."

Residents Urged To Display Oregon Flag

All Jackson county residents are urged to display the state flag during the Oregon Centennial celebration period, according to a proclamation issued by members of the county court.

"All Jackson county residents are urged to display the state flag in a proper manner during the balance of the Centennial year," the proclamation read.

"Don't Look Now But I Think We're Being Followed"



Irrigation Districts And County Court Oppose House Bill

Passage of House Bill 366 would probably lay off 125 men in the Jackson county roads department, County Engineer Paul Rynning said today.

Jackson county court has written the county legislative delegation stating it opposes the bill. The proposed law provides that state, counties and other districts and public corporations must call for bids on all work estimated to cost more than \$5,000. This would include alterations or wrecking of buildings, construction or repair of bridges, streets and roads. Maintenance projects are excepted.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt said no limit is set now on what the county must put up for bid. This bill would take the county out of the road construction business and make it too costly to operate a roads program, Wendt said.

Own Crews Rynning said today that the county can do a lot of work considerably cheaper than others can since the county is equipped to do it. By using its own crews the county is equipped to do it. By using its own crews the county does not have to put up a bond for contract work, Rynning explained.

Also, crews can be utilized the year around by working on rock work during the winter and dirt in the summer. Passage of such a measure would also mean an increase in staff engineers since every job would have to be under constant inspection, the county engineer added.

Irrigation Districts "Passing such a bill would definitely affect irrigation districts," said Jack Hoffbuhr, manager of the Medford Irrigation district. "Under the terms of the law authorizing rehabilitation appropriations to the districts the district must use its own crews during slack periods."

The irrigation district work is difficult to contract since it must be done during non-irrigation periods when water is not in the ditches, Hoffbuhr explained.

"Passage of the bill would force us to contract all work done during winter months and pay an extreme premium. Also, we would have to set a time limit on the completion of each project. The contractor would not know if he could fulfill that without fighting bad weather," Hoffbuhr said. "We can lay out the work on certain sections, complete it and move on to another job. The same thing would apply to Talent, Rogue River Valley and Eagle Point Irrigation districts."

Gold Hill Irrigation district has little work except replacement of some structures and would be least affected by this bill, it was pointed out. It has a comparatively short water supply line.

Ike's Claim of False Signals Said 'Fantastic'

Recording Comes in For Share of Raps

Moscow—UPI—Russia today flatly denied that 11 Americans, missing since a U. S. transport plane went down in Soviet Armenia Sept. 2, were in the Soviet Union.

A statement issued by the Soviet news agency Tass also branded as a "fantastic invention" a statement by President Eisenhower last week that false Soviet radio signals may have "lured" U. S. planes over Russian territory.

Claim Repeated The Tass statement also repeated its claim that a tape recording produced by U. S. authorities of a conversation between Soviet pilots shooting down the U. S. transport plane was a "fabrication."

"Even a casual glance at this so-called recording leaves no doubt that it is gross falsification meant for naive people," Tass said.

The statement said the Soviet Foreign Ministry had given U. S. authorities "all the information in the possession of Soviet authorities regarding the fate of the U. S. aircraft and its crew, and that no U. S. airmen from the aforementioned aircraft are in the USSR."

Attempts Rejected "The Soviet government has resolutely rejected all attempts of the U. S. government to place on the USSR the responsibility for the fate of the members of the crew of the crashed aircraft, as well as for its loss," the Tass statement said.

The U. S. air transport with 17 men aboard went down on the Russian side of the Soviet-Turkish border last Sept. 2. The Russians later handed over the bodies of six U. S. airmen killed in the crash, but denied any knowledge of the other 11.

Men Wanted Here Caught in Wyoming

Two Trail men and a 16-year-old Trail boy were arrested in Wyoming Saturday in connection with the forging and cashing of \$2,421.09 worth of payroll checks in this area in December, local law enforcement officers reported today.

Arrested were Jack Joe Dugger, 23, and Wayne Gilbert Cooper, 22, in addition to the youth.

The trio are expected to be returned to Jackson county by sheriff's deputies within the month, it was reported.

The case concerns the passing of 16 payroll checks from a group of blank checks stolen from the Prospect office of Skeeters and Skeeters Logging company, Talent.

Dugger and the boy are being held in Laramie, it was reported, while Cooper was arrested in Cheyenne.

Stores Burn At La Grande

La Grande—UPI—A fire in the heart of the downtown La Grande business district Sunday destroyed four businesses and damaged five others in the space of five hours.

Destroyed were four buildings housing Schoens bakery, the Photo Album photography shop, Fitzgerald's flower shop and the Townhouse music store.

"Considerable" damage was caused to a hardware store and a jewelry store, and damage also was reported at a shoe store, barber shop and a ladies apparel shop.

It was expected that total damage would approximate \$250,000.

The blaze, which covered nearly half a block, broke out in the middle of the block on Adams ave. between Elm and Fir sts. Although cause was not immediately determined, La Grande Fire Chief Ray Snyder said it apparently broke out in basements of either the bakery shop or the photo studio.

The structures that were destroyed were one-story. Fire Walls Credited

A fire wall between the music store and the hardware store helped to protect buildings on the north end of the block and another fire wall protected the ladies clothing shop at the south end of the block.

About 45 firemen from La Grande, Island City and rural fire districts battled the fire. The Baker fire department was alerted on a standby basis.

Although no injuries were reported, Assistant La Grande Fire Chief Don Ewen suffered from exposure to thick smoke but was back on the job after a few minutes.

Park Receives 25 Inches of Snow

Crater Lake National park reported a total snowfall of 25 inches in the 72 hours up to 8 a. m. today. Heaviest fall was 16 inches in the 24 hours prior to 8 a. m. Saturday.

Total snow depth in the park this morning was 92 inches compared to 162 a year ago and 61 on Feb. in 1957.. Snowfall at the lake so far this season has amounted to 249 inches. A total of 416 inches had fallen up to this time last year.

Five inches of snow fell in the 24 hours before 8 a. m. today and snow was still falling. On Saturday morning snow-fall for the previous 24 hours was reported as 4 inches.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and windy with occasional light rain tonight and Tuesday. Snow level lowering to 3,500 feet tonight. Low tonight 42. High Tuesday 48-50. TEMP. Highest Yesterday 55. Lowest This Morning 49. Prec. to 10 a. m. Today Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	5:44 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:06 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	2:35 a.m.
Full Moon	Feb. 23
Aldebaran, seen near the Moon tonight, is one of the 20 brightest stars. The light from it coming to the Earth tonight left Aldebaran about 1891.	

Hatfield's Choice Of State Director Given as Reason

Other Boards Said Joining in Protest

The Jackson county selective service board today said it would resign if Gov. Mark Hatfield persists in his nomination of Sprague Carter, Pendleton, as state director of selective service.

The governor announced the nomination last week. The post, a federal job paying \$10,000 annually, was held by Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Rilea, Oregon adjutant general, although he did not draw the federal salary for it. Col. Francis Mason, Portland, is deputy director and handled most of the details for Rilea.

The Jackson county board, No. 17, following a meeting this morning, sent a telegram of protest to Governor Hatfield, with a copy to Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, federal director of selective service.

Nominations for the post are made by the governor, but the appointment is made by General Hershey.

Joined in Protest A spokesman for the board said it is being joined in this protest by at least 17 of the 31 local boards in the state, including the one in Carter's home city of Pendleton, with several of them threatening to resign en masse if the nomination is not withdrawn.

The board's wire to Hatfield said:

"The full membership of local board No. 17, Selective Service System, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, protests your announced nomination of a politician to state director for Oregon. No state job should be further removed from politics. Any member of a local board or of the military presently associated with selective service would be acceptable. If you go through with present plan of appointment, then this board will resign. Sorry. Local Board 17."

Members of the board are James R. W. Gregg, Central Point, chairman; Gary E. Garrett, route 3, Medford, secretary, and Fred R. Brennan, Medford; Fred W. Lester, Gold Hill; and Alonzo L. Siebenlist, Ashland.

One spokesman associated with the selective service system reported today that more than 100 telegrams of protest, from all parts of the state, have been sent to Governor Hatfield regarding the appointment.

Basis for the opposition to Carter was not made known by the local board, other than its description of him as "a politician" in its wire. But it is understood that personal objections to Carter on the part of residents of eastern Oregon have a part in the protests, and that the overriding interest of local board members is to keep the selective service system completely divorced from politics. They interpret Carter's nomination as a purely political one.

Carter was head of Hatfield's gubernatorial campaign in Umatilla county last fall.

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower will hold a news conference Wednesday.

Large Crowds At Centennial Activities Here

Large crowds were reported at Centennial events during the week end as Jackson county celebrated the state's birthday.

Two breakfasts were scheduled Sunday morning, one in Talent and one in Jacksonville, and enthusiastic crowds were reported at both events.

The Lumberjack breakfast at the Talent city hall was attended by more than 450 adults. Prizes were awarded



for the most authentic costumes to Mrs. Fred F. Milledge, Medford, and Mrs. Ray Burnett, Talent. For the men Bob Lowe, Medford, and Jim Williams, Ashland, were judged to have the best beards and dresses.

Nearly 300 persons were reported at the Jacksonville Community hall for the Buckaroo breakfast. The two events were sponsored by the Lions clubs and auxiliaries in the two towns.

More than 100 persons attended the "whiskerino contest" Saturday afternoon at Phelps' Coffee house in Central Point. Prizes were given to beards in 28 categories it was reported. Entries were from throughout Jackson county and Grants Pass.

Nearly 300 attended the dance Saturday evening in Ashland at the Ashland Armory.

Dulles' Treatment Starts This Week

Washington—UPI—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was able to sit up in a chair for about 30 minutes today and will start getting radiation treatment for his cancer later this week.

State Department Spokesman Lincoln White, reporting that the stricken secretary's condition "continues satisfactory," said the radiation was delayed until Dulles has had "a reasonable post-operative convalescence."



CENTENNIAL PAGEANT—More than 450 persons attending the Central Point Grange Centennial celebration Saturday night watched a pageant depicting the early-day settlement of Oregon. The pageant, entitled "An Old Oregon Trail," was written and produced by Mrs. Scott Hamilton, Central Point, and was narrated by Mrs. Walter Jensen, Medford. Above, Lee Hamilton, left, and Nikki Hammond do an old-fashioned quadrille to the music of a banjo while other members of the cast watch from around the campfire. The production was put on twice during the evening. A pioneer-type dinner meal, with such food as ham, baked beans, cornbread and honey was served and tables were decorated with old-fashioned condiment sets and kerosene lamps.



EARLY-DAY CLOTHING—Many guests at the Central Point Grange Centennial celebration Saturday evening came in clothing born in Willamette valley, are natives of Jackson county. A collection of pioneer relics, owned by Marshal Weidman, Lester Carl Hoover, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barneburg who are looking at an old cap and ball pistol of the Civil war days, owned by Hoover. All except Mrs. Hoover, who was born in Willamette valley, are natives of Jackson county.



REDWING—Square dancing was part of the evening's entertainment at Central Point Grange hall Saturday. Above, Roy Colpitts and his daughter, Lillian, 11, "step lively" to the tune of Redwing. The crowd was the largest ever to be served at the Grange hall, according to ticket chairman Delmar Smith. Mrs. Gaston Floux was general chairman of the affair.