

KHRUSHCHEV YIELDS ON TALKS

U. S. Declared Prepared To Back Up Ike on Berlin

Premier Approves Negotiations By Foreign Ministers

Condition Includes Czechs and Poland

Moscow (UPI)—The Soviet Union agreed conditionally today to negotiate with the West before handing over Berlin's lifelines to East German control on May 27.

New Soviet notes to the West urged an April summit conference but accepted proposals for foreign ministers' talks if the West "is not ready yet" for the summit.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev withdrew his rejection of foreign ministers' talks on the Berlin crisis after persistent pleas from British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Russia offered the compromise in new notes handed to the American, British, French and German ambassadors by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today.

The only flat condition imposed by the Russians in the notes was that Czechoslovakia and Poland must be invited to give the East numerical equality with the West at the conference table.

The notes stipulated that the conferences must be limited to "a term of not more than two or three months." Geneva or Vienna.

Geneva or Vienna would be the best sites for the conferences, the Russian notes said, and April would be the best time to start.

The suggestion that talks begin in April was crucial. This meant agreement in principle, at least, to negotiate before the scheduled handover of sovereign rights in Berlin to East Germany, now due May 27.

The notes said that both East and West Germany should be represented at the conference.

The notes warned against any use of force by the West to keep western military supply lines open into Berlin. They referred to a western Big Three statement that said "all appropriate means" would be used to preserve the western position in West Berlin.

"It is hardly necessary to prove to... the United States that the party whom they threaten... have at their disposal everything necessary to stand up for themselves in a worthy manner and to give a rebuff to any aggression," the Soviet note warned.

Russian Threat Repeated Khrushchev's note reiterated the Russian threat to "completely fulfill" the Soviet's duties as an ally of East Germany in the Warsaw Pact.

"How in such a situation must one evaluate the threats voiced in the West to use tanks and aviation for breaking through to Berlin after East Germany as a sovereign state with whom a peace treaty has been signed becomes complete master over the communications between West Berlin and the German Federated Republic?" the notes asked.

"If behind these threats there is really hidden the intention to resort to arms, then anyone who decides on this will have to take on himself a heavy responsibility before mankind for the unleashing of a new war."

Along with his note on the proposed foreign ministers' and summit conferences, Gromyko also delivered to East Germany Ambassador Johannes Koenig a message dealing with Russia's stepped up plans for a peace treaty with East Germany, a treaty the West fears will clinch Germany's permanent division.

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McElroy Answers Questions Before Space Committee

Congress Told Of Preparedness

Washington (UPI)—Congress was told today that the United States is militarily prepared to back up President Eisenhower's pledge that this country will not "yield an inch" on its rights in Berlin.

Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy made the statement in answer to questions before the House Space Committee.

He said the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the State Department, have given "very specific consideration" to plans for any military action that might grow out of the Berlin crisis.

"We are prepared to make good on the President's statement that we will not yield an inch on our rights in Berlin," he said.

McElroy also was questioned about the nation's strictly defensive policy. He said U.S. policy now is not to strike the first blow in a war but "whether that always will be true is another matter."

He said any change in this policy would be made at the very highest levels.

Other congressional news: Nuclear Tests: Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) said this country should make a final proposal to Russia for suspension of above-ground nuclear tests to prevent a breakdown of the Geneva conference.

He advocated a plan that would exclude from any nuclear tests underground, under water or in outer space. Church made the proposal in a Senate speech. He said that if the Russians were not negotiating in good faith, the plan would "expose their game."

Oil: Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said President Eisenhower should "act firmly and decisively" to protect American oil producers from excessive imports. He told the Senate he hoped the President would take adequate action within the 10-day extension of the voluntary import quota program he ordered Saturday.

There have been reports that Eisenhower will order mandatory import quotas.

Foreign Aid: Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Eisenhower should order an immediate investigation of "mismanagement" in the military aid program. Humphrey said he favored foreign aid. But he said he could not vote for the program "when we have maladministration time after time."

He referred to a House subcommittee report that it had found aid funds misused for civilian apartment construction and other evidence of waste.

Man Shot in Leg Checking Rifle Eldred Eugene Monia, 49, of 47 Laurel St., Central Point, shot himself through his left leg Sunday, sheriff's deputies said today.

Monia was checking a .22 caliber pump action rifle at his home Sunday and accidentally pulled the trigger, officers said. His wife, who heard the shot, applied a tourniquet above Monia's knee and called a Medford ambulance.

Monia, who was first reported in serious condition from loss of blood, is said to be in fair condition today at Rogue Valley hospital.

Klamath Man Given Honor by Pope Klamath Falls (UPI)—Edward J. Murray, who was owner and editor of the newspaper which was the predecessor to the Klamath Falls Herald & News, has been awarded the Pontifical honor, Knight of St. Gregory, by Pope John XXIII.

The honor is bestowed on persons who have been outstanding in service to the church.

Blaze Damages House in Trail

Shady Cove—A wood frame house behind the Trail store was damaged beyond repair by fire about 10 a.m. today.

The Shady Cove fire department was at the fire within 5 minutes after the call came in and managed to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings.

The house is owned by Carl Scott, Trail, and was rented to Glenn Albert and family. Neighbors and loggers managed to remove all the furniture. However, the house was severely damaged by fire and water, a witness said. The house was partly insured, it was reported.

The fire apparently started from a heating stove in the living room and quickly spread throughout the house. Mrs. Albert was the only one in the house at the time. The children were at school. Albert, a logger, was working at the time.

This was the first run for the new fire engine which was delivered to the local fire department about 1½ months ago. Two California Oregon Power company trucks and their crews were also at the fire.

Brooks Man Dies From Electric Jolt Salem (UPI)—A 26-year-old Brooks man was electrocuted while working on a mushroom farm east of here Saturday.

Victim of the accident was Leslie Seadore, 26. Police said he was killed when the conveyor machine he was operating touched a high voltage power line.

Oregon Traffic Accidents Take Lives of Four

Head-on Collision Leaves Two Dead

By United Press International Three traffic accidents claimed four lives in Oregon Sunday, raising the state's week end toll to five.

Killed Saturday when his car was struck by a freight train in downtown Independence was Carl Ramsayer, 28, Siletz.

A two-car collision about 10 miles north of Salem on Highway 99E resulted in death Sunday to Charles William Thew, 31, Canby, and Joan Horneffer, 21, Salem. Thelma Ariene Frawley, 26, Salem, suffered a broken leg, multiple contusions and scalp lacerations.

Thrown From Car Olive Helen McKinney, 44, Portland, was injured fatally Sunday evening in a two-car crash in southeast Portland. Police said she was thrown from the car after a collision with one driven by Mrs. Gladys Gotchell, 59, Milwaukie.

Albert W. Ross, 58, Beaverton, was killed Sunday in a collision between his car and a pickup truck driven by Allen Larivee, Beaverton, on Canyon road in southwest Portland. Ross' wife, May, 55, suffered a broken nose.

Public Hearing Date Announced

A public hearing is scheduled for the proposed subdivision ordinance at 8 p.m., Mar. 11, in the county courthouse auditorium, according to Gerald Latham, member of the county planning commission.

Depending on whether public opinion is favorable or unfavorable, the proposed ordinance may or may not be referred to the county court for enactment. The planning commission may decide to recommend that the county court put the proposal up for public election, a planning commission spokesman pointed out.

A zoning ordinance, according to law, must be put up for election while a subdivision ordinance does not.

The subdivision ordinance is not a zoning ordinance. It merely sets up an orderly plan for division of property not less than 5 acres which would be sold for building purposes. It also established standards and regulations to protect property from becoming a part of a "blighted area" in the future, Latham said.

Worden Man's Body Discovered on Farm Worden, Ore. (UPI)—Police Saturday found the body of William Arthur Cross, 59, on his small farm about 3 miles southwest of here.

Police said he was killed when a log apparently fell on him while he was sawing wood.

Montague Boy Dies As Auto Misses Curve Montague, Calif. (UPI)—Jere Lee Taylor, 15, was killed Saturday night when the car he was driving failed to negotiate a curve on the Dwinell Lake road about three miles east of Highway 99.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor of Big Springs.

Two other boys were injured. Brian McPeters, 15, was in Siskiyou county hospital in Yreka with a fractured leg and Phillip Zediker, also 15, was treated for minor bruises.

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

Vandenberg 'Shot' Believed in Orbit

"What—No Calls From The Supreme Court Asking Me To Serve As Counsel?"



Radar Equipment Checked as Result Of Ship Collision

New York (UPI)—Coast Guard investigators checked the radar equipment of the luxury liner Constitution and the Norwegian tanker Jalanta today to find out why it failed to prevent collision of the ships in a heavy fog.

The 30,500-ton American Export liner sheared the bow off the 12,228-ton tanker Sunday at a busy shipping crossroads in the Atlantic 22 miles from the tip of Manhattan Island. There were no deaths or injuries and both ships made the Bethlehem Steel company yards in Brooklyn Sunday night under their own steam.

Cmdr. Meyer Stockham, Coast Guard officer in charge of the New York marine inspection office, sent investigators to board both vessels when they docked for repairs. They questioned the captains and crews and began a check of the ships' navigational aids. A formal hearing will be held later.

The Constitution was en route to New York with a skeleton crew of 110 from a \$3 million alteration job at a Virginia shipyard. The ship suffered a 40-foot gash on its port side eight feet above the

water line, but it was expected to be repaired in time for a scheduled March 9 sailing.

The cargo-less Jalanta was bound for Las Piedras, Venezuela, with a crew of 42. Its bow was cleanly shaved off at a cross-sectional bulkhead and broke away from the main part of the tanker 15 minutes after impact. The bow did not sink and was towed to the Bethlehem yards.

Annexation Vote Today in C.P. Central Point (UPI)—A poll for the special election to annex an area to the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district will be open until 8 o'clock today at the Central Point fire station.

The area to be voted on is approximately a block wide and a half mile long, in the Camp White industrial area. The election is necessary to correct an error in the description of the property which was approved for annexation at an election last December, according to board members.

The board of directors recommends that the voters approve the annexation, since it will add materially to the assessed valuation of the district at no expense to the operation of the fire district.

Members explained that fires in the section of land proposed to be annexed would be fought by the department to protect property presently within the district.

Measure To Expand Parole Board Offered Salem (UPI)—A bill increasing the State Board of Parole and Probation from three to five members was introduced in the House today by the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill would reduce the term of each member from six to five years.

Radio Failure Apparently Ends Tracking Effort

Air Force Gives Guarded Statement

Inglewood, Calif. (UPI)—The Air Force in a cautiously worded statement has announced that the "lost" 1,300-pound satellite Discoverer I is apparently circling the earth today every 96 minutes in a polar orbit.

Preliminary studies indicated the 19-foot-long satellite's life would be in excess of one month, the Air Force said.

The satellite was blasted into the heavens Saturday afternoon at Vandenberg Air Force Base to become the first satellite launched on the West Coast.

Its fate remained in doubt for nearly 32 hours because of an apparent radio failure before the Air Force's Ballistic Missile Division (BMD) here broke the suspense by releasing a guarded statement Sunday night reporting the reception of "random" radio signals.

A BMD spokesman explained the difficulty the Air Force was having in determining whether the Discoverer I actually achieved orbit.

"We are not saying that it definitely is in orbit, neither can we say that it is not, at this point," the spokesman said. "We don't feel that we will definitely know an orbit has been achieved until we have tracked it by radar, obtained a visual sighting or received more definite radio signals."

"Until that time, we can say only that information 'tends' to confirm, not definitely confirm, an orbit."

The Discoverer shot was the initial launching in "Project Discoverer," a program designed to lead eventually the way into space for man. Another shot in the project already was being readied for 30 days hence.

The Air Force announcement said preliminary plotting of Discoverer I indicated it came within 146 miles at its closest to the earth and looped out as far as 558 miles into the sky.

No other satellite has ever been fired so that it would achieve an orbit across the poles. All other satellites circle roughly around the equator.

'Pledge of the 59ers' Pins Distributed in Area More than 200 Medford area residents received "Pledge of the 59ers" pins Saturday during a membership drive in the downtown area, Dick Woodcock, chairman of the membership drive for the Jackson County Centennial association, reported today.

Reports from other areas of the county have not yet been received by the local office, he said.

The pins are still available at the Centennial headquarters, adjacent to Maple Park grove near the fairgrounds; the Jackson County and Ashland Chambers of Commerce,

Foster's Pharmacy in Jacksonville, El Rogue Cafe in Gold Hill, at the Prospect post office and Postal Drug, Central Point.

Funds received from the membership drive will go to man and maintain the welcome booth to be constructed on the Siskiyou, it was reported.

Organizations and individuals who have scheduled Centennial events and wish the "Pledge of the 59ers" pins to sell at events are asked to contact Hal Gardner at the California Oregon Power company, Spring 2-6171, for pins and supplies.



BROKEN MAIN—A 50-foot geyser of water burst from a broken fire hydrant on West Main st. at Jeanette st. at 9:20 a.m. today and spewed water and gravel for 20 minutes before the main serving it was shut down. Medford Water Superintendent Robert L. Lee said the hydrant was sheared off by a California Oregon Power company service truck maneuvering for some drill-

ing work. The water gushed from the break at over 3,000 gallons a minute, Lee said. Much of it cascaded onto the roof of a nearby commercial building. Neighborhood water was shut off for 15 minutes while a city water crew closed a valve below the break. Lee reported that the hydrant would be replaced today. (Knackstedt photo)

Rural Station Status Suggested For Applegate

A recommendation that the Applegate post office become a rural station of the Jacksonville post office has been made to the post office department by Congressman Walter Norblad.

Approximately \$1,524 could be saved annually in operating costs by such a change, Norblad said. He added that the patrons of the Applegate post office would receive satisfactory service.

An average of 174 pieces of mail is received daily and 62 pieces dispatched, at the Applegate post office, Norblad said. The yearly cost of operation of the post office is about \$3,024 with annual receipts approximately \$1,085.

The congressman added that an agreement could be made for the operation of a rural station at Applegate for \$1,500 a year.

"Inasmuch as I have been assured that satisfactory service will be maintained and because of the savings that will result, establishment of a rural station at Applegate is fully warranted," Norblad stated.

Dulles Reported Making Progress Washington (UPI)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported making satisfactory progress today under massive radiation treatment for abdominal cancer.

Carolyn Mencke Elected State Secretary of IRL Carolyn Mencke, junior at Medford High school, was elected state secretary of the Oregon High School International Relations League at its 12th annual conference at the University of Oregon last week end.

Miss Mencke was one of ten delegates from the local high school to attend.

The problem under discussion at the meeting was "The United States and Economic Development—A Reappraisal of Our Policies in Underdeveloped Lands."

The conference, sponsored by the Oregon Education association and the University of Oregon, had Dr. John S.

Senate Approves Bill To Authorize Job Commissioner

Salem (UPI)—The Senate today passed and sent to the House a bill creating a department of employment and authorizing appointment of one employment commissioner to replace the three man state unemployment compensation commission.

There was only one dissenting vote.

It was cast by Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) who did not approve of some sections of the bill.

The bill was presented by Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) chairman of the Labor and Industries committee.

Dimick said there was no opposition to the name change of the agency, adding that he felt the new department name gave the agency a positive approach.

Dimick declared that administration of this agency and the Industrial Accident Commission by the same three commissioners has become too large a job for the three persons.

Under terms of the bill the new employment commissioner would be appointed by the governor, subject to ratification by two-thirds vote of the Senate.

An appeals board composed of the commissioner and two members appointed by the governor also is provided.

Favored by Governors Separation of the Unemployment Compensation Commission and the Industrial Ac-

Gange, director of Asia Foundation, San Francisco, as keynote speaker.

Other Medford students attending were Jim Frohnmayer, Medford president of IRL; Molly Barker, Marcia Minshall, Judy Lambert, Diane Lewis, De Ann Taylor, Nancy Becken, Barbara Budget, and Henry Harbert. Advisor for the group was Mrs. Jo Anne Smith, local high school teacher.

Thirty-five Oregon schools attended the meeting. Miss Mencke was elected at the annual IRL banquet held Friday evening. The conference closed Saturday following reports from each of the forum discussion groups.