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Khrushchev May Move West's Berlin Deadline

'Sensible Talks' Declared Key To Date Extension

Not in Hurry, Premier Declares

Leipzig, East Germany—(UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today he may extend his deadline for the West to get out of Berlin beyond May 27 if "sensible negotiations" are going on then.

It could be extended to June 27 or even July 27, Khrushchev declared.

"We have no grounds to hurry but we must solve the Berlin problem," he said.

Confirms Remark

Khrushchev's statement that the Berlin showdown might be postponed confirmed an earlier remark by his deputy prime minister, Anastas I. Mikoyan, after his return from the United States that the May 27 deadline was not final.

Khrushchev reiterated that his demand that the West get out of Berlin by May 27 was not an ultimatum.

"If we negotiate sensibly, then it will not be May 27 but perhaps June 27 or July 27," he said.

Ends Potsdam Agreement

However, the Soviet leader warned that once Russia signs a separate peace treaty with the East German Communists it will end the Potsdam Agreement of 1945 which allowed the West to occupy part of Berlin and guaranteed it free access to the city across 110 miles of East Germany.

"The control functions we exercise will be transferred and the provisions of the Potsdam Agreement will no longer be valid after a peace treaty is signed," Khrushchev said.

Khrushchev is discussing a separate peace treaty with East Germany during his stay here.

38 Apply for Director Position

A total of 38 persons applied for the position of Medford parks and recreation director by the March 1 deadline, according to Gilbert Gutjahr, city administrative assistant.

The applications have been screened, Gutjahr said, and the field has now been narrowed to "about a dozen."

These, he added, included "some with outstanding experience as well as education."

The next step will be to secure additional information on those still under consideration, Gutjahr explained. He said this might eliminate "three or four." After that, those near enough will be asked here for personal interviews, he continued.

He said the applicants are primarily from Oregon, with Washington second and California third. He said other applications have been received from as far away as New Hampshire. All those still in the running are men, he reported.

Algerian Rebels Slay American

Algiers, Algeria—(UPI)—Algerian rebels today shot and killed an American photographer and seriously wounded another American in an ambush near the Moroccan border Wednesday night, it was reported today.

The dead American was identified as Homer Flint Kellems, 65, Siloam Springs, Ark., a retired Air Force Colonel and brother of Connecticut industrialist Vivian Kellems, ardent anti-tax crusader.

His wounded companion was identified as William Hobbs, 27, also of Siloam Springs.

Their interpreter, identified by police as Raymond Airele, 19, a German, also was shot and killed.

Missing Virginia Family Believed Found Murdered

Fredericksburg, Va.—(UPI)—Official confirmation was expected today that finding of two bodies at an abandoned sawdust pit ended a seven-week hunt for a missing family of four.

Police said they were sure the bodies of a man and brightly-dressed little girl vanished during a country drive the night of Jan. 11, touching off the biggest

PROPOSALS FOR BERLIN REMAIN UNACCEPTABLE

Washington—(UPI)—The State Department said today that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's Berlin proposals are still unacceptable to the United States despite his reported willingness to postpone the crisis deadline beyond May 27.

Department Press Officer Lincoln White read reporters a statement rejecting anew Russia's proposed intention to turn her sector in East Berlin over to the German Communists by May 27 and force the allies in West Berlin to deal with the local Reds.

This government's position was spelled out shortly after the White House announced that President Eisenhower had summoned a special meeting of the National Security Council and discussed the Berlin crisis for nearly two hours.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said

the President called the special meeting "to consider the evolving situation in Berlin and the broader question of Germany."

Asked whether the special meeting indicated an emergency, Hagerty said he was not going to elaborate on his statement.

Referring to Russia's proposed intention of turning her sector of Berlin over to East German Reds, White said:

"Whether such a transfer should occur on May 27 or some other date has no effect on its unacceptability."

Public Hearings Set by Council

Three public hearings are scheduled for tonight's meeting of the Medford city council at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

One is a continued hearing on rezoning property at the northeast corner of East Jackson st. and Genessee st. from residential to limited commercial. The matter was discussed at last week's joint meeting of the council and the city planning commission.

A second public hearing concerns paving East Jackson st. from Bear creek to Genessee. The third is for a zone change from residential to light industrial for property bounded by North Riverside ave., Court st. and Ohio st.

The council is also slated to consider an amendment to the fire code with respect to transporting explosives, a proposed ordinance governing police removal of abandoned vehicles and a proposed ordinance governing operations of merchant patrols and private detective agencies.

Other items slated include developing a new area at Medford airport and granting leases for commercial use in that area, and a report from City Manager Robert A. Duff on the city's planning budget.

The council is expected to call for a public hearing on the proposed Berrydale sanitary sewer to be held March 19 in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Rogue River Water Bill Approved

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate today passed with only one dissenting vote a bill authorizing withdrawal of waters of the Rogue river with certain exemptions.

Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford), in explaining the bill, said the word "industrial" in the list of exemptions to the terms of the bill "had raised the biggest row in the Rogue river area that has occurred since the beginning of time."

"We eliminated this word and now peace and serenity is in the valley," Durno said.

Discoverer Satellite Declared in Orbit

Inglewood, Calif.—(UPI)—The Air Force said today that its Discoverer I satellite is in orbit. The satellite, launched in a north-south polar orbit last Saturday at Vandenberg Air Force base, emitted only irregular signals, apparently because of a malfunctioning radio.

Voluntary Beef Council Approved

Salem—(UPI)—Establishment of a voluntary beef council was approved by the House today in a bill that now goes to the senate.

Pearson Predicts 100-Day Session For Legislature

No New Taxes Seen as Result

Salem—(UPI)—Senate President Walter J. Pearson predicted today the 50th legislative session would end in 100 days or sooner with no new taxes.

Pearson, at a news conference, said a Democratic steering committee headed by himself was determined to wind up the Legislature as quickly as the Joint Ways and Means Committee has completed its work and the tax program has been passed.

Pearson said there would be no new taxes, and while he favored a capital gains tax, he did not think one would pass. Nor did he think that any cigarette or tobacco tax would be passed by this Legislature.

He predicted that the operational budget for the 1959-61 biennium would be in the neighborhood of \$290 million with about \$15 million for buildings, making a total budget of around \$305 million.

"We have decided to pass out a long-range building program financed in part on a pay-as-you-go basis and partly by issuance of bonds," Pearson said.

Pearson admitted that some new taxes might be necessary in two years although he tempered this statement with an observation that Oregon economy is in good shape now and may improve. The state may have a surplus rather than a deficit at the end of the present biennium, he said.

For the first time, Pearson outlined the Democratic organization that is steering this Legislature. First of all, he said there was a policy committee, but the most important group, he said was the steering committee.

This group includes Pearson, Speaker of the House Robert Duncan, Sen. Alfred Corbett and Rep. Kieth Skelton, co-chairman of the Joint Ways and Means Committee; and Sen. Ward Cook and Rep. Clarence Barton, respective chairmen of the Senate and House Taxation committees.

Pearson observed that if education in Oregon is to be kept on its present high level, it will require new taxes, but he did not state that such new taxes would be proposed by the Democrats at this session.

At the conclusion of his tax discussion, Pearson issued a statement replying to some of the comments Wednesday by Hatfield.

"The governor had another 'bad dream' or is again deliberately misleading the public," Pearson said. "His statement yesterday of a legislative leaders' plot to force a sales tax on the people of this state is fantastic."

Pearson said the governor professes to be opposed to a sales tax, but added that Hatfield has recommended to the legislature an increase in the back-end sales tax on tobacco to offset a loss of revenue through enactment of a capital gains provision in our income tax law.

"If he believes in selective sales taxes on a few for the benefit of the wealthy or even for the benefit of the majority of the citizens, then his tax theories are very warped," Pearson declared.

"The Democratic party in this Legislature is dedicated to making Mr. Hatfield live up to his campaign promises of trimming the budget and enacting no new taxes," Pearson said.

House Speaker Robert Duncan added:

"For many years the Republican party has been seeking a sales tax upon the state of Oregon. When direct attempts to do so were beaten down time after time by the people, numerous indirect attempts have been used.

"The governor knows this, and his attempts at this late date to slip a sales tax label on the Democratic party will not succeed," Duncan said.

Democrats have traditionally relied upon a progressive income tax as being the fairest means of supporting public services.

Salem—(UPI)—Most Oregon routes were free of snow today.

Section of Howard Transferred to 6C

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The transfer was made following the petition request of voters in the two districts.

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plans to seek a legal opinion from the district attorney.

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Ballots will be available on three choices. They are (1) to keep the district as it is until forced to reorganize; (2) to attempt consolidation with the Phoenix district; and (3) to be reorganized with the Ashland school district.

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Friday. Low tonight 30. High Friday 60. Temp.

Highest Yesterday 63
Lowest This Morning 32

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:40 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 4:54 a.m.
New Moon March 9

PROMINENT STARS
Regulus, high in south-east 9:36 p.m.
Aldebaran, in the west 10:33 p.m.

MORNING PLANETS
Saturn, low in south-east 4:27 a.m.
Jupiter, due south 5:17 a.m.

YEAR-AROUND POOL TALKED FOR MEDFORD

The possibility of providing year-around swimming at the proposed West Jackson st. pool site was discussed last night at a meeting of Medford's parks and recreation commission.

Such a facility would entail construction of an indoor-outdoor pool, to be covered in winter and open on at least one side during the summer months.

Recommending it strongly were Dr. Lynn Rodney, chairman of the University of Oregon's recreation and outdoor education curriculum, and Don Van Rossen, head of the university's swimming program.

Look Over Site

They visited Medford yesterday at the commission's invitation to look over the West Jackson st. site and other municipal park projects. Late in the afternoon they were driven up Roxy Ann butte.

The two men estimated the cost of an indoor-outdoor pool here at between \$200,000 and \$250,000. The Jackson County Housing authority has agreed to donate the land and about \$75,000, its remaining cash assets, to the pool project.

Van Rossen expressed doubt after the meeting as to whether an outdoor pool alone, of standard size and with adequate accessories including a bathhouse, could be built for \$75,000 "without cutting corners."

Go Ahead With Plans

Dr. Rodney while recommending the more ambitious indoor-outdoor pool, told the commission it should go ahead with plans for an outdoor pool in any case even though "it is not the best thing you could do."

"Whatever you do," he added, "do something quite unique."

City Manager Robert A.

Duff reminded the commission that the city has committed itself to providing some sort of pool at the West Jackson st. site by this summer.

"We're going to have to move quite rapidly from now on," he said.

The commission members agreed they still lack facts, especially with regard to costs. Duff said he would write various sources for further information.

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Senator Kennedy To Arrive Here Late Tomorrow

Sen. and Mrs. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts are expected to arrive at the Medford airport between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. tomorrow.

Senator Kennedy, who has been mentioned as a possible Democratic presidential candidate in 1960, will speak at the ninth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner at McLoughlin Junior High school at 6 p.m. Friday.

Introducing Senator Kennedy will be Robert B. Duncan, Medford, speaker of the state house of representatives. Master of ceremonies will be Ex-Governor Robert D. Holmes.

Also expected to attend are several prominent state, legislative and Democratic party officials, according to James A. Redden, general chairman.

Arrive at Airport

Senator Kennedy will be met at the airport by a delegation from the Jackson County Centennial committee in costume, and will be presented a 59er pin. Also meeting the senator will be local governmental officials and Democratic representatives.

A press conference is scheduled at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Medford hotel. The Kennedy party is expected to leave Medford about 10 a.m. Saturday on its return trip to Washington, D.C.

Senator Kennedy is one of several nationally-known figures to speak at the annual dinner here. Others include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Michigan's Governor G. Mennen Williams, Democratic National Chairman Stephen Mitchell and Congressman James Roosevelt.

Patrolman Accused Of Damaging Screen

Raymond Leon Wiles, 422 Chestnut st., accused a Medford patrolman this morning of damaging a window screen at Encyclopedia Americana Corp., 1512 1/2 North Riverside ave., according to police records.

The patrolman, Glen S. Bundy, stated that the screen had been damaged previously and that he had left messages to the proprietor to this effect. He said that while the screen was damaged he had made a habit of entering the building by way of that window in order to check the interior.

Wiles denied receiving any messages, according to the report, but another patrolman confirmed Bundy's statement.

Oregon Farm Income Drops Seven Per Cent

Washington—(UPI)—The Agriculture Department reported today that farm income was down 7 per cent in Oregon last year. The average net income per farm was \$2477.

Radio Transmission Distance Mark Broken

Washington—(UPI)—America's Pioneer IV space robot, sweeping toward a permanent orbit around the sun, today broke the long-distance radio transmission record claimed by Russia for its Lunik.

Officials at the Jodrell Bank radio-telescope tracking station reported they received radio signals from the U.S. space vehicle at a distance of 305,000 miles.

The Pioneer signal later was picked up by the Goldstone tracking facility in California's Mojave Desert. Goldstone reported the vehicle

Dormitory at Negro Industrial School Destroyed

Doors Locked, Faubus Informed

Little Rock, Ark.—(UPI)—Twenty-one Negro boys burned to death early today when fire swept through their dormitory at the Arkansas Negro Boys Industrial school, 12 miles south of here.

The figure was established by Bill Struening, a lieutenant in the fire marshals' section of the Arkansas State police.

Gov. Orval E. Faubus, who went immediately to the scene, said he was told that the doors to the one-story brick veneer building were locked, and there was no caretaker in the building.

Faubus said he would begin an immediate investigation. The fire broke out in the room of the caretaker, who was ill and not at the school.

Blaze Out of Control

One pumper truck from Little Rock went to the scene, but the blaze was out of control when it arrived. The firemen pumped water out of a swimming pool to cool the gutted building.

L. R. Gaines, the Negro superintendent, said the building, erected as a WPA project in 1938, went up "like matchsticks."

He said 69 boys were asleep in the barracks-like room of the building when the fire was discovered. Many kicked the glass and screens out of windows in their mad scramble to escape.

One of the boys who escaped said the screams of other boys awakened him.

"The room was so filled with smoke I could hardly see," said Nolan Fortner, 16. "Everybody was trying to get out through the windows. I pushed one boy aside and crawled out."

Another said he kicked out a screen and crawled out a window.

Robert Ramon, 15, said he awoke and found the room filled with smoke.

Heard Boys Screaming

"I heard boys screaming," he said. "The only thing I could think of was how to get out of there. I ran toward the window nearest my bed and kicked out the screen and left."

Faubus said he inspected the school about a year ago, and at that time "everything was fine."

The governor said a caretaker was supposed to be on duty in each building to warn the boys in case of emergency.

The superintendent said P. R. Banks, the caretaker for the L-shaped building, had been ill for a week and was not in his quarters.

"There is supposed to be a man in each building to warn the boys of any such disaster as this," Faubus said.

The governor was visibly shaken by what he saw.

"From the information I have gathered, the boys were locked in," he said. "This is something that should not have been."

New Deputy Hired By County Sheriff

William C. Rice Jr., has been hired as a new deputy in the Jackson county sheriff's office, Sheriff Joe Walsh announced Wednesday.

Rice will serve in the criminal division. He is a graduate of Medford High school. The new deputy served in the Multnomah county sheriff's office for seven months.

Rice fills the vacancy created by Walsh's election to sheriff and the subsequent promotion of other staff members. Walsh had served as chief deputy before his election.



BACK ON HER FEET—Audrey Hepburn cautiously leaves her home in Beverly Hills, Calif., for the first time since being injured in a fall from a horse on location at Durango, Mexico. Assisted by her husband, Mel Ferrer, Miss Hepburn is on her way to a hospital for an X-ray checkup.