

Russian Tactics Again Stall Big 4 Conference

Manor Work Set



PLAQUE DEDICATED—Seth Bullis, Medford (left), and Chris Kinney, Jacksonville, reminisce after dedication of an historical plaque to mark the old Rogue Valley railroad depot in Jacksonville last night. The land for the plaque, a plot five feet square, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kinney. The plaque itself, placed by the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation, is affixed to a granite marker donated by Roger Westerfield of Oregon Granite company.

Tennessee Prison Quiet Following 14-Hour Riot

Fort Pillow, Tenn.—(UPI)—A 14-hour prison riot ended without bloodshed shortly after 9 a. m. today. Two hostage guards were not harmed.

The convicts staged a noisy, window smashing demonstration to back up their demands for "justice." They charged that white prisoners were discriminated against and that the food at the prison was no good.

Not To Press Charges
State Corrections Commissioner Keith Hampton said he would not press charges against the rioters but would transfer the ringleaders to a maximum security prison in Nashville.

"I do not consider what they did here a riot," Hampton said.

He led 11 manacled convicts downstairs to the prison office.

But throughout the night the rioting men screamed to newsmen that they would kill the guards if their demands were not met. At one point they held a guard to a window with a knife at his back. This morning they dangled a noose out a window.

Deal Indicated
The rioters were led in the "surrender" procession by ring-leaders Leonard Thompson, 20, Minneapolis, Minn., and Johnny Roddy, 20, Jacksonville, Tenn.

Hampton said he was not going to take good conduct time away from the 11 "instigators," indicating that he had "made a deal" to settle the riot.

Part of Twining's Left Lung Removed
Washington—(UPI)—Doctors at Walter Reed Army hospital operated on Gen. Nathan F. Twining today and removed the upper lobe of his left lung.

The Defense Department said specimens of the tissue removed are being examined in the laboratory to establish further diagnosis.

Ohio Great-Grandmother Starts Walking to Oregon

Junction City, Kan.—(UPI)—A 71-year-old Gallipolis, Ohio, great-grandmother is walking to Oregon to prove that the spirit that drove pioneer women westward a century ago is not dead.

Read About Caravan
Mrs. Emma Gatewood, her only equipment a 14-pound knapsack, a light blanket and an umbrella, paused here Monday to rest.

"I read a piece in the newspapers about that wagon train going to Oregon, and I thought of all the women who walked behind the wagons when they went to settle the country," Mrs. Gatewood said.

Plans For Plaque At Dardanelle Are Reviewed by Group

Plans to place a plaque in the roadside at the Dardanelle to commemorate the site of the first post office in Jackson county and the donation land claim of Colonel William Green T'Vault, were announced Monday evening at the annual meeting of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation.

The proposed plaque will be the third of such markers placed by the foundation. The meeting followed a public dedication in Jacksonville of a plaque marking the old Rogue Valley railroad depot. A similar plaque was placed in Medford on the Winnetroun building last year to commemorate the Medford station of the old railroad.

Dr. Frank Haines of Southern Oregon college and president of the foundation, told of the proposed plaque. Dr. Haines said the Oregon highway commission had granted the society permission to place the marker in the roadside park. He added that the commission, because of the society's recognition of the area, has stated that it will construct rest room facilities, install drinking water and landscape the park.

An Oregon Pioneer
Colonel T'Vault, in whose memory the plaque will be dedicated, was one of Oregon's pioneers. He was the editor of the first newspaper on the Pacific coast, Oregon's first postmaster general, and founder of Jackson county's first newspaper, the Table Rock Sentinel.

Dr. Haines mentioned that the society had also acquired its first piece of real property, a plot five feet square, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kinney, Jacksonville, where the Jacksonville depot marker stands. The plaque is of Georgia granite and was donated by Roger Westerfield of the Oregon Granite company.

In reviewing the year's work of the society, the president stated that four members had drawn up a list of historic sites in the county, locating them and providing historic descriptions for the Centennial strip map and the placement of markers.

They also provide speakers on the Centennial for service organizations as well as acting consultant for the Jackson County Centennial association.

Directors Elected
Members of the board of directors elected include Jeffrey Shute, Archie Fries, Mrs. Janice Houghton, Dr. Elmo Stevenson, Vern Smith, all three years; John F. Keaveny and Art Wilson, two years; and Bob Keeney, one year.

Officers elected were Dr. Haines, president; Dr. Elmo Stevenson, vice president; Mrs. Houghton, secretary; and Fries, treasurer.

Telling of the society's future plans, Dr. Haines explained that Jacksonville did not need just surface restoration. In restoring the town, he said, the society proposed to start with the old fire station and continue on both sides of that street through to the railroad station then to the old church and along Main st.

The plans would be to restore all buildings that are in good enough condition.

Las Vegas, Nev.—(UPI)—Eddie Fisher won an uncontested divorce from Debbie Reynolds today and then hurried to the marriage license bureau with beautiful Elizabeth Taylor to complete Nevada's "quickie" legal requirements for making her his immediate bride.

Three Contracts Awarded by Board After Bids Viewed

Winning Bids
Total \$4,667,616

Contracts totaling \$4,667,616 were awarded for construction of the Rogue Valley Manor yesterday, assuring an immediate start on the \$5½ million retirement home in Medford.

Donald M. Drake Co., Portland, was awarded the construction contract on a bid of \$3,131,000. The contract calls for work to start within three days, or Thursday of this week.

The contract for the mechanical and plumbing portions of the construction was awarded to Harder Plumbing and Heating Co., Portland, on a bid of \$1,264,550. The electrical contract went to Trowbridge and Flynn, Medford, on a bid of \$272,066.

Manor Opening Date
The opening date for the manor was set as Dec. 1, 1960, or before, by the board of trustees, which met to award the contracts late yesterday afternoon.

All the bids were the lowest received, taking into consideration various alternates contained in the bids, and approved by the building committee, and recommended to the board of trustees.

The original low bid on construction, submitted by the firm of Graff and James, Medford, was withdrawn without penalty after an error in figuring was discovered.

N. N. Hogan, president of the board of trustees of the non-profit, church-affiliated organization, said the total of the bids is some \$60,000 below the estimates of the architect, John W. Maloney, A.I.A., of Seattle, made last July 1. He said the board is particularly pleased that the bids are well within the amounts allocated for construction.

The time limit on construction is 550 days.

Two of the bids, those for basic construction, and those for the electrical work, were closely contested, Hogan said.

Here is how the bidding, including various alternates, went:

Basic construction: Drake Construction Co., \$3,131,000; Hoffman Construction Co., Portland, \$3,133,680. Mechanical: Harder Plumbing and Heating Co., Portland \$1,264,550. (No other bidder came close enough to this bid to compete.) Electrical: Trowbridge and Flynn, \$272,066; Christensen Electric Co., Portland, \$273,709.

The trustees emphasized, in their report on the winning bidders, their excellent reputation as contractors. The Drake firm is now working on buildings in the new Loyd center in Portland, it was reported, as is the Harder firm. Trowbridge and Flynn is well known in the Medford area.

Desire Complete Work
Hogan said all bidders have evidenced a desire to complete work before the deadline, leaving open the possibility that the Manor may open before the target date.

Total cost of the manor, to be built on top of Barneburg hill in southwest Medford, will run to more than \$5½ million, according to estimates. Furnishings alone will cost in excess of a quarter of a million dollars, Hogan reported.

The Manor organization started here some three years ago. Its trustees includes business, civic and church leaders of this area and throughout the state.

Financing of the Manor is assured, Hogan reported. Funds will come principally from membership fees from those who have already, or soon will, purchase life occupancy rights in the Manor, and from "life care assurance fund" deposits already made or to be made as life occupancy rights are acquired, he said.

Interim financing is already assured through a loan from the First National Bank of Oregon, Hogan said.

The retirement home is one of a number now going up, or already in operation, throughout the nation.

Southern Pacific Wins Curb in Shasta Service

Washington—(UPI)—The Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the Southern Pacific Railroad today to operate its two Shasta Daylight passenger trains between San Francisco and Portland, on a tri-weekly basis during the off-season.

It said daily operations could be continued during the summer months and the Christmas holidays.

The railroad was authorized to operate trains No. 9 and 10 three times a week from Jan. 15 to May 28, and from Sept. 16 to Dec. 14.

Passengers and the California and Oregon state commissions had vigorously opposed the move.

The railroad contended during recent ICC hearings that it suffered out of pocket losses from operations of \$1,748,000 last year. It presented a cost study to show the losses could be reduced with a tri-weekly schedule in the off-season.

The California Public Utilities Commission countered that the loss figures were grossly inflated.

The ICC held, however, that "two are convinced that under any method of computation, these trains have been operated at a substantial loss and that considerable savings can be made by their discontinuance during the slack periods of the year."

The new schedule will begin Saturday when a southbound train will leave Portland. The schedule provides for southbound trains to operate Thursdays, Saturdays and Mondays, with northbound trains operating Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Miller Proposes Funds Be Added To Parks Budget

Proceedings of the Jackson county budget committee temporarily bogged down this morning over argument on a requested \$20,000 for county parks and recreation for the new fiscal year's budget.

County Judge Earl Miller asked that \$8,000 be added to the \$12,000 originally requested for county parks. The original request of \$12,000 is the same as in the current year's budget.

An estimated \$5,000 of the added amount would be paid to the Talent Irrigation district during the year for water to raise the stream flow of Bear creek, Miller said. The water is needed to help rid the creek of pollution and possibly make it a good fishing stream, Miller said he had learned at a meeting last night on the Bear creek pollution problem.

Supply Conditions
However, Lyn Newbry, Ashland, county budget committee member, said under current water supply conditions that water would not be available until 1961. Bob Root, Medford, member of the state water resources board, told Newbry that a token fund of approximately \$500 would be the only need for Bear creek this year, Newbry said. The money could be used to clean creek banks of all debris, Root suggested.

"Whether it wants to be or not, because of the Talent project, Jackson county is now in the parks business," Miller said. "Douglas county is spending \$69,000 for parks. Lane county \$64,000, Josephine county \$40,000 and I think Klamath has allocated \$28,000."

"We have let a lot of good recreation sites get away from us," remarked Arnold Bohner, budget committee chairman.

County Commissioner Ralph James said the county is now considering a recreation site above McKee bridge on the Applegate. This park site would take in both sides of the river he said.

The highway department might construct small park areas along Bear creek while it has equipment here working on the new limited access highway, Miller said.

Not Sold on Idea
Newbry said he is not sold on the county getting into the parks business. Maintenance alone could cost \$50,000 a year, he said.

The county judge suggested county prisoners could be used for maintenance of parks and recreation sites, and possible crews from the county roads department. Tourist traffic alone, especially from nearby California, would make expenditure of additional money on parks development and maintenance worthwhile, he argued.

James noted that only \$349 of the total allocation of \$12,000 for parks has been spent during the current year.

Caution Notices on Plastic Bags Seen
Indianapolis, Ind.—(UPI)—A cleaner concerned over a total of four infant suffocations in filmy plastic garment bags here said today he was told that "all" manufacturers of such bags may be planning to print caution notices on them.

"Welcome To Geneva"



No Single Solution To Creek Pollution Noted at Hearing

Bear creek's pollution problem stems from countless sources, requires careful study to be appreciated, and admits of no single solution.

Alleviating the problem should be sought through education and voluntary cooperation, rather than through court action.

These were recurring themes in last night's panel discussion sponsored by the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

An audience estimated at 85 persons, including County Judge Earl Miller and Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff, heard the panel moderator, Game Commissioner Ken Denman, Medford, sound

a keynote by stating the creek in its present condition is a "disgrace."

Robert Root, Medford orchardist and member of the state water resources board, offered a positive program for action. Urging haste, he outlined a two-point program:

First, citizens should indicate to the state highway commission their interest in improving the creek's appearance. As the proposed Highway 99 freeway is constructed alongside, he said, highway officials would do what they could to make the creek more attractive. He said small parks and approach areas could be developed by the state on extra land acquired for right of way.

Second, Root continued, Bear creek's minimum flow should be returned to something between 10 and 25 cubic feet per second, by acquiring available water from the Talent irrigation district. He said sale of pumping rights to water-users in the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district could assure a sufficient flow down to that area. As an alternative, he said, the county could purchase enough water from the Talent district to guarantee a minimum flow of 10 cubic feet per second or more, during the dry summer months.

Discusses State Law
Ted Gerow, Grants Pass, engineer with the state sanitary authority, discussed state laws relating to pollution and emphasized that the authority prefers "to foster and encourage voluntary cooperation" in abatement.

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Steel Parley Hears Arguments To Spread Work

No Retreating Signs Shown

New York—(UPI)—Steel wage negotiators met again today to hear further union arguments for a spread-the-work program in the industry.

David J. McDonald, president and chief negotiator of the United Steel Workers, indicated a sharp decline in unemployment announced Monday by the federal government would have no effect on the union's plans for increasing the number of jobs in the mills.

Many Unemployed
"All I know, McDonald said before entering the meeting, "is that there are a number of steel workers out of work."

The eight negotiators entered their second day of joint bargaining talks with neither side showing any signs of retreating from the positions taken last week in talks between the union and 12 steel companies during separate meetings.

The negotiators, four from each side, are racing the clock in an effort to reach a new agreement before the July 1 strike deadline. The solid wall of disagreement that exists between them indicates they face a tedious and growing task.

Job Security Aim
The union has made it plain that in the early sessions it will hammer away at the need for increasing the job security of steel workers and reducing the unemployment which now plagues the steel towns.

It has been estimated that the union's demands for higher wages, reduced hours of work, and fringe improvements would increase employment costs in the industry by approximately 50 cents an hour if granted in full.

Duncan to Speak At Convention

Rep. Robert Duncan, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, will speak at the annual dinner meeting during the Oregon Optometric association convention here Saturday, May 16, according to Dr. August M. Glutsch, general chairman.

The dinner program will include installation of officers. It will be held in the Rogue Valley Country club, where other activities during the three-day convention also are scheduled.

The convention starts Friday morning, and ends Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Louis Jaques, Los Angeles, Calif., will conduct workshops Saturday and Sunday on talks, workshops and education sessions. Dr. Toie Greenstein, Portland, will conduct a workshop on visual training Saturday, Dr. Glutsch said.

Portland Considers Motel, Hotel Tax

Portland—(UPI)—A five per cent tax on users of Portland hotel and motel rooms was considered by the Portland city council today. The council agreed to hold a hearing on the proposal May 27.

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean estimated such a tax would bring in more than \$400,000 a year. Both Bean and Commissioner Buck Grayson said such a tax should wait until after the Centennial Exposition is over.

Ministers Argue Gromyko Demand For Satellites

West Rejects Move For Equal Seating

Geneva—(UPI)—Soviet delaying tactics snarled the East-West Foreign Ministers conference again today.

The ministers argued for 90 minutes over Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's demand that Communists Poland and Czechoslovakia be seated at the conference table. They adjourned without agreement, as far away as ever from the main question, reunification of Germany.

Gromyko demanded that the two Communist satellites be seated as "full and equal" partners. The West rejected the move.

Ask Equal Opportunity
Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and his western colleagues, however, offered to hear the Communist satellites if Italy and other free nations concerned are given an equal opportunity.

No decision was reached on the issue and it will have to go over into Wednesday's third session.

A U. S. spokesman quoted Herter as urging Gromyko not "to delay us getting to the job for which we came here."

The session opened at the Palais des Nations here shortly after 3:30 p. m. (6:30 a. m. PST).

But Gromyko did not wait until the formal get-together to plunge the conference into another day of chaos and wrangling.

Instead, spurning normal diplomatic niceties, he had his press spokesman announce it at a specially summoned news conference four hours before the Big Four meeting began.

The Soviet spokesman announced that Gromyko was demanding a demonstration of Czechoslovakia and Poland as "full and equal members" of the conference.

Second Soviet Demand
The western foreign ministers, meeting shortly afterwards in a pre-conference strategy session, agreed at once to turn down the bid for the Soviet satellites to be seated as their equals at the parley table.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, who lunched with Gromyko at the Soviet delegation villa, took the opportunity to tell him that the West would not buy this latest Soviet maneuver.

It came only 24 hours after a Soviet attempt to get the East German Communists admitted to the conference, also as equals.

'Time Bomb' Detected
Russia's newest procedural time bomb was detected shortly after Gromyko backed down on his demand for full conference status for the East Germans and agreed that East and West Germans should attend as "advisers."

He won out on his demand for a round conference table but the West won out by insisting that the Germans occupy separate tables a few inches away from the main conference table.

Thunderbirds Slated At Portland Festival
Washington—(UPI)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said today the Air Force "Thunderbirds" its aerial demonstration team will perform at this year's Portland, Ore., Rose Festival on June 13-14.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Chance of afternoon thundershowers. Low tonight 59. High Wednesday 82-85.

Highest Yesterday 88
Lowest This Morning 45

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:23 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 4:52 a.m.
Moonset tonight 11:25 p.m.
First Quarter May 15
The Moon tonight is moving between the planet Mars, and the star Procyon. Procyon, on the left, is much brighter than Mars and is one of the nearest stars, being only 11 light years from the Earth.

Oregon Labor President Gives Praise To Recent State Legislature Session

Portland—(UPI)—The president of the Oregon AFL-CIO says organized labor fared "pretty well" at the recent session of the Oregon Legislature.

J. D. McDonald told the Central Labor Council Monday night that "in spite of what you have read in the newspapers from time to time, it was a good session."

He called repeal of the so-called anti-picketing law the major victory for organized labor in the session. But he said there were other new statutes which represent improvements for the working man.

Gains for the worker came in enactment of labor-sup-

ported bills in the fields of education, migratory workers, workmen's compensation and civil rights, he said.

He described the new income tax bill, which eliminates federal deductions from state returns, as a "pretty fair bill." He said defeat of sales tax and tobacco tax bills was a victory for labor.