

West Moves To Cut Soviet Propaganda Flow From Geneva

HERTER OFFERS TROOP CUTS FOR FREE GERMANY

Geneva—(UP)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today handed Russia a dramatic western offer to trade global troop cuts for quick restoration of freedom for all of Germany—starting with Berlin.

But Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who obviously knew something about the West's plan before it was presented, indicated in a speech at Wednesday's session of the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference that Moscow rejected in advance any western move to link political steps on Berlin and Germany with European security.

Herter, leading off for the West at today's session formally presented a comprehensive "western peace plan" providing for reunification of Germany in four stages.

It would take effect over a period of 2½ years and the U. S. would join the Soviet Union in a dramatic cut of armed forces along the way.

Both East and West Berlin, Herter said, should be given free elections first—"as a first step" towards reunification of the two Germans.

But western troops would remain in West Berlin until the last stage of the Herter plan, which is a final peace treaty with a freely elected all-German government.

If the Soviet Union did not stall too long, Germany thus could become free and united by the end of 1961.

The West had little hope that Gromyko would readily accept any package that would deprive the Communists of a major satellite, such as they have now in East Germany.

In his speech Wednesday, Gromyko said that "such an approach . . . would amount to a complete blocking of our work."

NATO Nations United Behind Plan
But the West—including Britain, France and West Germany, as well as all the NATO nations—was united behind Herter in an all-or-nothing package providing:

—Reunification of Germany through free elections in four stages, starting with a free vote in all Berlin and formation of a joint East German-West German commission of 35 delegates to write an all-German election law.

—Establishment of a system of European security by gradual thinning out of troops and establishment of ground inspection.

—Big power troop cuts around the world, with the U. S. and Russia reducing their forces to 1,700,000 men each at the final stage.

Group to Consider Creek's Potential

A committee to study Bear creek's potential for parks and recreation was appointed at last night's meeting of the Medford parks and recreation commission.

Ned Langford, Medford planning technician, told the commission he understood from a state official that the state highway department would be interested in cooperating with local planners in development of park sites along the creek.

The highway department's present schedule calls for construction of the proposed Highway 99 freeway through Medford to start next year. Purchase of right of way property, most of it alongside the creek, may begin later this year.

Suitable for Development
The purchases, plus re-routing of the creek's channel at certain points, are expected to leave areas beside the creek suitable for development as parks.

Langford's statement followed a comparable report of the state's interest Monday night by Bob Root, Medford fruit grower and member of the state water resources board.

Root, speaking in a panel discussion, urged that local groups indicate to the highway commissioners their interest in improving the creek.

City Manager Robert A. Duff suggested that the parks and recreation commission pass a resolution recommending such improvement. The appointment of the special committee, which includes commission members Verl Walker and Dr. Ernest Duce and City Parks and Recreation Director L. Haworth, is considered a preliminary step toward drawing up such a resolution.

Express Concern
Individual commission members expressed concern for the fate of the proposed Jackson county parks and recreation budget, especially with reference to Bear creek's future.

County Judge Earl Miller Tuesday asked an additional

G. Pass Woman May Stand Trial

Grants Pass—(UP)—District Attorney Max L. McMillin said today he may bring to trial a woman for the slaying of her two children 11 years ago.

Mrs. Frances Irene McCurdy was indicted for first degree murder in 1948 for the knife slayings of her children, Pamela, 11, and Paul, 10. However, a pretrial psychiatric examination resulted in her being sent to the Oregon state hospital in Salem.

Mrs. McCurdy, now 49, was released Monday from the hospital and was taken to the Josephine county jail. Hospital authorities said she told them she wanted to stand trial and that if released she wanted a job in a nursing home to care for elderly patients.

Pearson Blasts Further Expansion Of Intermediate Penal Institution

Salem—(UP)—State President Walter Pearson today blasted further expansion of the new intermediate penal institution here and urged that part of the facility be converted to a women's prison.

Gov. Mark Hatfield promised that a new look would have to be taken at the institution because the 50th Oregon Legislature refused to appropriate enough money for full program there.

To Open Soon
The intermediate penal institution, designed for young offenders, is scheduled to open later this month.

Pearson suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate other uses for the rest of the facility.

The institution will now hold about 300 first offenders. The entire program calls for about 600.

"Magnificent Monstrosity"
Pearson called the institution a "magnificent monstrosity of a jail."

His major point was that Oregon did not need "another prison."

The Legislature refused to appropriate money for a full vocational staff.

"This puts us in a contradictory position," Hatfield said.

Secretary of State Howell Appling said that "now would

Mother, Children Die as Flames Raze Eureka Home

Father Injured; Taken To Hospital

Eureka, Calif.—(UP)—A woman and her three young daughters were killed Wednesday night when a fire raged through their 50-year-old frame house in a matter of minutes.

Fire Chief Allan Pettingill described the blaze, which occurred only five blocks from the fire station, as "the worst in Eureka fire department history, in terms of human life."

Eureka is a town of 25,000 located on the north coast of California.

Victims Identified
The victims were identified as Annie Jo Hallmark, in her late 20s, and her three daughters, Jennie, 7, Mary Ann, 4, and Patty, 3. The father, James, also in his late 20s, was taken to Eureka General hospital with second degree burns, a gash on one leg and suffering from shock.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Norman Edwards, 32. Edwards, who wears a brace on one leg, told firemen he heard a woman scream, "my God, my God, someone save me," but was unable to get the brace on his leg in time.

"I never felt so helpless in my life," he said.

Policemen Saw Leap
Shortly after Edwards first heard Mrs. Hallmark's screams, two policemen passing by in a patrol car saw Hallmark leap from a second story window. The three then tried to enter the front door but the entire house had already been turned into an inferno.

The coroner's office said the victims all died of suffocation. Their bodies were found in the rear bedroom, lying near a window.

An adjoining home was partially burned. Firemen estimated total damage at \$10,000. Cause of the blaze was unknown.

Subdivision Bill To Be Considered

The Medford planning commission is expected to consider passage of a city subdivision ordinance after a continued public hearing at its regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock tonight at city hall.

Public hearings on six requested zone changes and a requested setback variance also are slated.

The zone change requests include one from single family to limited commercial for the Knights of Columbus at Barnett rd. and Black Oak dr.; one from single family to multiple family for a Scottish Rite consistory at Highland dr. and Crestbrook rd.; one from single, family to limited commercial for the B and G business properties on East Jackson st. west of Genessee st.; one from single family and limited light industrial to light industrial for Harold Farr's trailer park property on North Pacific highway; one from single family to light industrial for property at the northeast corner of Biddle and McAndrews rds.; and one from multiple family to limited commercial for property at West Main and Jeanette sts.

Transfer of TB Patients Approved
Salem—(UP)—Transfer of 15 to 20 tuberculosis patients at The Dalles TB hospital to the Salem facility was approved by the State Board of Control today.

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Strauss Accused Of Deviousness, Deceit by Solon

New Mexico Demo Balks at Nomination

Washington—(UP)—Sen. Clinton P. Anderson accused Commerce Secretary Lewis L. Strauss today of following a "pattern of deviousness and deceit" at Senate hearings on his confirmation.

He said Strauss would "continue in this manner" if confirmed for the cabinet post.

Anderson, New Mexico Democrat who heads the Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, made the statement in testimony before the Senate Commerce committee.

Anderson, in a previous appearance, accused Strauss of "unqualified falsehood."

Returning as a witness for the second time, he brought along what he called "many things that are tortured and twisted" in Strauss' statements in rebuttal since then.

His testimony ran for 17 pages, plus a 13-page appendix.

Much of Anderson's new testimony dealt with 1956 negotiations which led to an agreement making data on the nuclear submarine Nautilus available to the British.

The senator had charged earlier that Strauss failed to keep the Atomic Energy committee fully and completely informed as required by law.

He said Strauss, in rebuttal, sought to imply that the charge was based on his failure to let the committee know all about the negotiations.

O'Mahoney Opposed
"If he twists what I said then," Anderson said, "you can depend on it that he will twist reports that he presents to you and you can not trust him on any occasion."

Earlier, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney said he would vote against Strauss' nomination.

The Wyoming Democrat said he would vote against Strauss because "I believe that on purely constitutional and public policy qualifications, he should not be allowed to head the Department of Commerce which Congress created."

Director Asks Changes in Budget
Consideration of changes "within the totals" of the Medford parks and recreation department's preliminary budget for 1959-60 has been asked by Robert L. Haworth, the city's new parks and recreation director.

A three-member committee was appointed from the parks and recreation commission at its meeting last night to meet with Haworth next Monday on the matter. Committee members include Glenn Linn, James Zack and Mrs. Owen Kunkel.

Haworth emphasized after the meeting that any allocation changes would be within the totals for personal services, operation and maintenance and capital improvements already presented to the city budget committee by City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Since Haworth did not assume his duties here until last week, the preliminary parks and recreation budget has been drawn up to include certain lump sums for an expanded program, so he would have figures to work with in planning the program.

TO ATTEND MEETING
Glenn Jackson, member of the state highway commission, County Judge Earl Miller, and Commissioners Ralph James and Chester Wendt will attend a state park meeting in Roseburg Friday.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with a few light showers. Low tonight 49. High Friday 76.

Highest Yesterday 70
Lowest this Morning 48
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today .08

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:25 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 4:51 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 12:41 a.m.
First Quarter May 15

PROMINENT STARS
Capella, low in north-west 9:00 p.m.
Deneb, low in north-east 10:06 p.m.
High above them in the Big Dipper; the Handle of the Dipper is on the right, the Bowl on the left.

Naval Blimp Crashes In New Jersey Fog

Member Resigns From SS Board; Another Expected

Action Follows Carter's Appointment

One member of the Jackson county selective service board has resigned and a second plans to resign today.

The action resulted from the appointment of Sprague Carter, Pendleton, as state director of selective service.

Geary E. Garrett, route 3, Medford, resigned from the board as of Tuesday. Fred R. Brennan, Medford, said he plans to submit his resignation today. Two other members, Fred W. Lester, Gold Hill, and Alonzo L. Siebenlist, Ashland, said they are still undecided as to what action they would take.

Chairman James R. W. Gregg, Central Point, stated that he would remain on the board at the present time. He explained that he never quit when there was an emergency and he considered the present situation an emergency.

Board members said earlier they would resign if Gov. Mark Hatfield's nomination of Carter was approved by Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, federal director.

Appointment Approved
General Hershey approved Carter's appointment yesterday in Washington.

In speaking of the status of the local board, Gregg explained that he would continue working until new appointments were made, and then possibly resign at a later date. He said that vacancies on the local board would be filled by appointments from state headquarters, usually on the recommendation of the local chairman.

Gregg said that members of the board work without compensation.

Garrett referred to Carter as a "politician" in giving his reason for resigning. He explained that politics is not supposed to enter into the selective service board's activities.

Brennan declined to comment.

Carter Approved For Appointment
Salem—(UP)—Sprague Carter, Pendleton, has been approved as Oregon director of selective service, Gov. Mark Hatfield said today.

The appointment, made by National Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey, was effective May 11.

There had been considerable legislative criticism of Hatfield's nomination of Carter for the job with some senators and representatives alleging that Carter did not have sufficient experience for the job.

However, Hatfield said Carter had passed "the most rigid security and integrity tests."

"Carter has survived the partisan attacks made upon him by the legislature," the Republican governor said.

Twining's Lung Contained Cancer
Washington—(UP)—A cancerous tumor was found in the lung of Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Department announced today.

The department said the entire diseased portion of the left lung was removed in an operation Tuesday, and there was no evidence of involvement in any other areas of the chest.

Defense officials said they expected Twining to be out of the hospital in three or four weeks and to be back on the job a couple of weeks after that.

"Some Of You Still Seem To Have The Old-Fashioned Idea That We're Supposed To Deliver The Mail"



Plans for New Pool Expected in June

Plans for Medford's proposed west side municipal swimming pool are expected "before the last week in June" from Stevens and Thompson, consulting engineers.

Duff and Haworth both stated they did not believe the noise from the pool would prove disturbing to nearby residents. Haworth noted that the pool would be set back "a reasonable distance" from the corner, and that it would be screened by landscaping along its north and east sides.

A sum estimated at \$75,000 plus a sizeable tract of land have been promised the city by the Jackson county housing authority last night that constructing a pool facility for this sum would involve sacrifices.

Duff said Thompson told him the pool would have to be of minimum size. He said Thompson stated his firm would endeavor to plan it with a length of 25 yards, or larger if possible.

Haworth commented that a pool smaller than this length by 42 feet wide "wouldn't be serviceable."

Duff said economics would be effected primarily in the bathroom facilities. He said dressing rooms would have no overhead cover, but would be designed so roofing could be added at a later date.

He said the possibility of using facilities at Jackson school for a bathroom was discussed at Tuesday's meeting, but was dismissed because no adequate facilities for this use existed.

Duff explained that the pool's depth was planned to run from three and a half to five feet. He said it was hoped a separate wading pool could be included in the immediate construction. Otherwise, he explained, a wading pool and a separate diving pool could be added later on.

W. H. Conrad, Medford contractor, was apparent low bidder on the South Riverside ave. sanitary sewer project when bids were opened at Medford city hall this morning.

Conrad's bid of \$21,790.75 was below the engineer's estimate of \$23,630.25. Other bidders include R. A. Heintz Construction company, Portland, \$27,773.50 and M. C. Lininger and Sons, Medford, \$31,878.50.

Award of the contract may be considered by the Medford city council at its regular meeting a week from tonight. The sewer is planned to serve an area bounded generally by Earhart st. on the north, Bear creek on the east, South Riverside ave. on the west and Stewart ave. and Barnett rd. on the south. It would also serve the Jackson county shops on the south side of Barnett rd.

Officer Killed, 17 Others Saved By Rescue Crews

Advised by Radio To Regain Altitude

Lakehurst, N.J.—(UP)—A huge Navy blimp crashed into its hanger while attempting an instrument landing in heavy fog early today at the Naval Air Station here.

One officer died while rescuers, using acetylene torches and heavy cutting equipment, worked for more than six hours to reach him in the blimp's shattered gondola. He was identified as Lt. (jg) David Malcolm Loyd, Vega, Tex.

The other 17 crew members were injured. Six were hospitalized, one in critical condition. The others were treated for minor injuries, mostly cuts and bruises.

Advised To Climb
Capt. Van Evers, commander of the air station, said it was "miraculous" that there was not a heavier casualty toll.

A Navy spokesman said the blimp, valued at between \$4 and \$5 million, had just been advised by radio to regain altitude and try a new approach when the gondola slammed into the side of the hanger, about 20 feet from the roof.

Rescuers using aerial ladders braved the danger of a possible explosion and fire to rescue crew members from the gondola, which dangled precariously over the edge of the hanger roof, 125 feet above ground.

One Westerner Hurt
Fire trucks stood alongside as fuel leaking from the damaged blimp poured into the hanger roof.

Ironically, the fog lifted minutes after the crash.

After the crash, the 343-foot balloon's helium-filled bag collapsed and folded over the wreckage, hampering the efforts of rescuers. The bag contained more than one million cubic feet of helium.

Reported in satisfactory condition at Fort Dix was Lt. Robert D. Ecoff, Camas, Wash. He was the only resident of the Far West hospitalized.

Roof Penetrated
One engine of the blimp penetrated the hanger roof. The gondola, which houses the crew, smashed a hole 25 by 15 feet, in the roof.

The crash scene was only a short distance from where the German Zeppelin Hindenburg burst into flames May 6, 1937, and was destroyed with a loss of 36 lives.

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BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago 14 19 0
Boston 6 11 2
Wynn, Lown (8) and Lollar; Hoef, Monbouquette (1), Bowsfield (6), Fornieles (9) and White.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 2 5 0
Chicago 0 3 0
Nuxhall and Bailey; Hillman, Henry (9), Elston (9) and Averill.

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'Oscars' Handed Out by Tax Research Group for State Legislation Efforts
Portland—(UP)—The manager of Oregon Tax Research, Inc., today handed out "Oscars" for various pieces of legislation acted upon at the recent session in Salem. The awards ranged from "best legislation" to "most humorous."

The "most vicious" award went to a bill, which failed to pass, that would have amended the corrupt practices act to ban businessmen from contributing to support or defeat of ballot measures.

"Most controversial" award went to the public power authority bill, which was defeated. "Most dangerous" was la-

beled as the bill to eliminate requirements that local governments publish budgets. This also was defeated.

"Most humorous" Two bills fell under the "most humorous" heading. One was a bill to permit singing in taverns, which was vetoed, and the other was a bill to create special "vector control districts." Bade said the latter almost passed with "almost no one" knowing or admitting ignorance, that a vector pertains to disease or germ carriers in this instance.

Secret Meetings Would Be Test Of Sincerity

Gromyko Not Yet Committed To Idea

Geneva—(UP)—The West moved today to determine once and for all Russia's sincerity by pressing for secret meetings that would cut off the Soviet propaganda flow from the four-power talks here.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has not yet committed himself on the Western proposal. But observers said acceptance of secrecy in the talks would indicate strongly Moscow wants genuine negotiations.

They said a rejection would be tantamount to admission that the Soviet government looks upon the meeting mainly as a propaganda forum.

Suggested By Herter
The suggestion to negotiate behind closed doors came Wednesday from U.S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter. It was firmly endorsed by Britain and France.

The western nations believe secret talks will allow serious negotiations and reduce any temptation to talk to the grandstands.

Closed-door negotiations would also free the conference of the possibility of unwarranted interference from East German "advisers" sitting in at Geneva.

The East German Communists anxious to make their presence felt at the conference, may offer strong opposition to secret talks.

The West Germans would have no objections since they are being fully informed by the Western Allies on every major move.

The opening policy statement made by Gromyko Wednesday gave the West slight encouragement.

Must Produce
In effect, the Soviet foreign minister conceded for the first time that the ministers must produce some results before a summit meeting is called.

Moscow has hitherto considered the Geneva parley a necessary evil with no more purpose than to arrange the agenda, time and place for a summit conference.

Gromyko showed no inclination to make concessions on any of the major cold war issues. But his mild tone indicated strongly Premier Nikita Khrushchev's desire to avoid an early clash with the West which might jeopardize his hoped-for face-to-face meeting with President Eisenhower.

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