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Lloyd Rumor Stirs Ministers at Geneva

British Prestige At Conference Table Shaken

Replacement Reported in Press

Geneva - (UPI) - The western Big Three opened a new week of secret talks with Russia today, staggered by London reports that British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd may soon be replaced.

The report, published by the authoritative Times of London, shook British prestige at the Foreign Ministers' Conference table and raised fears of new Soviet moves to split the West. It came at a time when a break appeared possible over the East-West stalemate over Berlin.

Officials here and in London denied the Times dispatch. But the newspaper's reputation as a highly respected and generally well-informed publication with solid pipelines into the government gave the report great import here.

As one diplomat put it, it was sufficient to "yank the rug" out from under Lloyd. Some observers feared Russia's Andrei Gromyko would react by toughening still further the already tough Communist line here to see if the Times report indicated a major shift of British policy.

Lloyd himself met with Secretary of State Christian Herter, French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and West German "advisor" William Grewe for an hour this morning to discuss conference strategy.

French circles said, however, that the Times of London report was not discussed at the ministerial level during this previously scheduled western consultation. Then they drove to Gromyko's villa for the first session of their fourth week here - a secret meeting aimed at working out an arrangement on Berlin that would preserve the status quo there and permit a summit meeting.

One Bid Received For City Water Main

W. H. Conrad, Medford contractor, was the only bidder on the proposed city water main from Selang ave. to East Jackson st. on Mary st. and from Mary st. to McAndrews st. on East Jackson, according to Medford Water Superintendent Robert L. Lee.

Lee reported Conrad's bid as \$3,966.05, about 10 per cent above the engineer's estimate of \$3,486.95. Plans call for a 6-inch main.

The Medford city council is expected to consider awarding a contract at its meeting Thursday night.

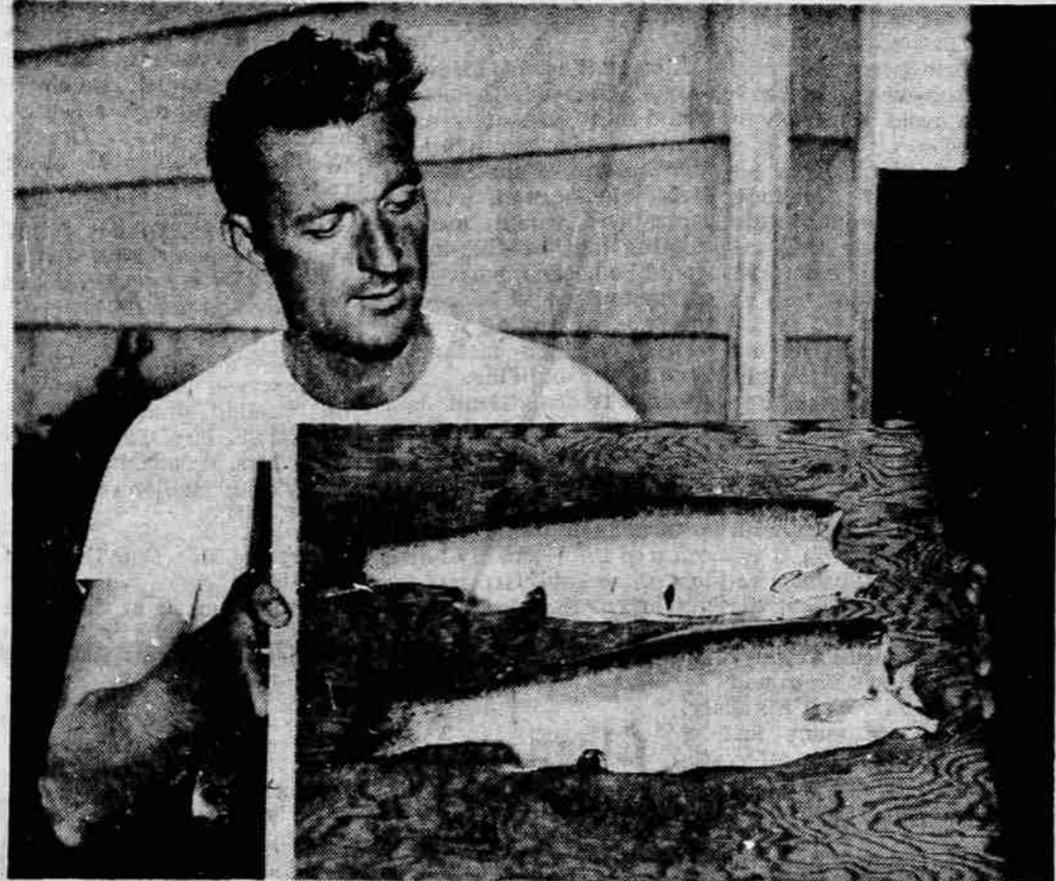
Pasadena, Calif. - (UPI) - The California Institute of Technology's seismograph recorded a brief but sharp earthquake at 8:36 a.m. (PST) today at a distance of about 200 miles.

Fruit Frost Season Officially Ends, One Record Established During April

The fruit frost season officially ends today, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county horticultural agent.

Bill Rogers, meteorologist of the weather bureau's frost warning service, left today to return to his headquarters in Pomona, Calif.

"Orchardists may remove all heaters and housewives can give their houses a final spring cleaning without fear of further frost this season from orchard heating," Cordy said.



BEAUTIES - Roger Roberts, 2076 Roberts rd., Medford, displays two big kamloops trout that he took out of Diamond lake Saturday, opening day, by trolling with a ford fender. The trout, minus heads, have been cleaned and are ready to cut into steaks, fillet or bake whole. The meat of the kamloops, planted at Diamond lake, is a deep red similar to the color of freshly cut beef.

53 Hospitalized by Escaping Gas at McCredie Springs

Eugene, Ore. - (UPI) - Fifty-three persons, most of them children, were hospitalized Sunday when a tank of chlorine gas sprung a leak at a crowded resort swimming pool.

All but 15 were treated and released. Hospital attendants said none of those who remained in the hospital was in serious condition.

The resort, McCredie Springs, is about 54 miles east of here. It includes cabins and the pool, which is fed by mineral springs.

Police said the leak developed in a connection on the bank which feeds chlorine into the swimming pool. The connection broke when an attendant attempted to tighten it.

Chlorine sprayed across the pool and fumes were carried by the wind into adjoining bath houses.

State Police Officer Harold Taylor, off duty at the time, was able to turn off a valve at the top of the tank, stopping the flow of gas.

Four ambulances and a fleet of private cars brought the 53 to the hospital. Attendants said none of those affected was knocked out by the gas.

Haze Covered Area Taylor said he was at the resort office when the man-

ager, Bernie Anderson, burst into the room and told him quickly what happened. The officer ran to the pool about 200 yards away.

"There was a blue-green haze covering the whole area," he said.

Taylor checked the bath house, found everyone had fled, and then found a wrench and shut off the valve.

Taylor was one of those hospitalized, as was Anderson. Most of the victims were Oakridge residents.

The novel identifies both the Festival and Ashland by their actual names, but all of the characters are reported to be fictitious.

Mrs. Offord, who makes her home in Berkeley Calif., has attended several Ashland seasons and reviewed many of the productions for the press. She has written seven books including an earlier novel using the Festival as background.

Central figure in the recent book is a young costume assistant and her roommate.

This year orchardists fired 10 days straight and 14 out of 16 days. In 1947 orchardists lighted heaters seven days in a row and in 1929 six days in a row and 12 out of 14 days.

"We may have had colder weather, worst freezes and more damaging frosts, but that 10-day period is the longest on record," Rogers noted.

Engineers in Tentative Pact With Contractors

Seattle - (UPI) - Tentative agreement has been reached in the Operating Engineers Union strike against the Associated General Contractors, Russell T. Conlon, secretary of Local 302 of the Operating Engineers, announced Sunday.

"We have a proposal to bring back to our members of setting up meetings," said Conlon. "A general meeting has been called for 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the Masonic hall in Seattle. We hope to get the men back to work as soon as possible."

Thousands Idled The strike began May 11 in a dispute over a hiring hall proposal. Thousands of workers were idled by the dispute and several major construction projects in the Pacific Northwest were shut down.

Conlon said the tentative agreement was reached in a week end meeting between the union, contractors and Federal Labor Conciliator Albin L. Peterson.

The contract proposals, terms of which were not announced, will be submitted to union members for their approval.

Columbia Utilities Merger Authorized Salem - (UPI) - Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill announced today he had authorized the merger of Columbia Utilities Company into the Oregon-Washington Telephone Company.

Columbia furnishes service in Lane, Jackson and Klamath counties.

Oregon-Washington provides telephone service in Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Lake, Malheur and Wasco counties and also in four counties in Washington state.

Control Board To Ask Funds To Build Fence Salem - (UPI) - The State Board of Control today decided to ask the Emergency Board for money to construct a second fence around the new Intermediate Correctional Institution. It is contemplated that the fence could be built at a cost of some \$55,000 using labor from the state penitentiary.

Police Report Week End Travel As 'Very Light'

Nine Persons Hurt In Four Accidents

Memorial day week end traffic was "very light" and motorists traveling in Jackson county behaved well, state police reported this morning.

Police reported four accidents occurring over the week end and a total of nine persons injured. One man, Arthur Bellows of Medford, was killed.

Ashland police reported a three-car accident occurred about 5:35 p.m. Sunday on Highway 99 near the Oregon Food store.

Treated at Ashland General hospital and released were Francis G. Hawkins, 50, of Rogue River; Mrs. Hawkins; Edgar Loranze Homer, 47, of 847 West Second st., Medford, and Mrs. Homer.

Ashland police said a car driven by Helen B. Hassell, 842 Clay st., Ashland, apparently had stopped for another car. The other cars driven by Hawkins and Homer collided in rear end collisions.

Near Siskiyou The last accident reported to state police occurred at 5:15 p.m. Sunday on Highway 99 near the Siskiyou mountains.

Albert Elsworth Phillips, 55, of Tacoma, Wash., was northbound on Highway 99 when he apparently pulled out to pass a northbound car, hit the shoulder on the left side of the highway and went over the bank, state police said. He was reported uninjured and only minor damage to his car.

Phillips was lodged in the county jail on charges of being drunk on the public highway, state police said.

Two persons were injured in Medford traffic accidents Saturday and early this morning, city police reported. Ramona Eileen Schroeder, 16, of 3410 North Pacific highway, was reported in fair condition today at Rogue Valley hospital.

Cecil Andrew Etter, 41, of 28 North Orange st., was reported in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital.

Miss Schroeder received a dislocated right elbow, abrasions, and a possible spine injury Saturday evening when the vehicle in which she was riding, operated by Joseph Alvarez, 673 Cedar st., Central Point, missed a turn at Hilton rd. and Corona ave., and skidded into a vacant lot, according to police. Police said Alvarez, uninjured, was cited for violating the basic rule.

Etter was injured when the car he was operating collided at West Fourth and North Holly sts. about 6:20 a.m. today with a van truck operated by John Wesley Overland Jr., 487 Scenic dr., Ashland, according to the report. He was taken to the hospital for possible back injuries, police reported. Overland, police said, was cited for failure to yield the right of way. A parked vehicle at the scene, registered to James Bryant, 240 North Holly st., was also reportedly damaged.

Khushchev May Hold Conference Of Satellites Atom-Free Zone In Balkans Topic

London - (UPI) - Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khushchev may invite Greece, Turkey and Italy to talk with Communist satellites about his plan for an "atom free" zone in the Balkan states, diplomatic sources said today.

Communist leaders from Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary were believed converging on Albania where the Soviet chief has been visiting since the beginning of last week.

Repeated Warnings During the visit Khushchev repeatedly has warned Greece, Turkey and Italy not to permit U. S. rocket bases on their soil. He has indicated Soviet rocket bases would be set up in Albania in retaliation.

During the week end Russia and Albania signed a joint statement calling again for a Balkan zone free of nuclear weapons and proposing closer relations between Albania and its neighbors.

The statement also held out an olive branch to Yugoslavia, which has been feuding with the rest of the Communist world.

Next Likely Step Diplomatic sources said the next likely step would be an invitation to Greek, Turkish and Italian leaders - and perhaps Yugoslavia - to talk about an atom-free Balkan zone.

It was problematical whether any of the states would accept.

The Communists have proposed other nuclear-free zones in the past - in central Europe and in Asia - but have attached conditions to them that made the plans unacceptable to the West.

State Forestry Has 3 Lookouts Manned Southwest district of the state department of forestry posted its Anderson butte lookout today.

The district office said that other lookouts in the area would be manned the latter part of this week and next week if the warm, dry weather continues.

Mrs. Ida Mae Stone was assigned to the Anderson station south of Talent this morning. It is the third lookout to be manned. John Groner was placed on Tallow B o x south of Ruch, and Mrs. Katie Ash on Burnt peak north of Trail, late last week.

Khushchev Visit To United States Urged by Truman The Foreign Ministers meeting at Geneva and a possible summit conference have given some faint hope of setting points of conflict between the West and Russia.

Now former President Harry S. Truman, while stressing past Soviet betrayals, says that Khushchev should be invited for a visit to the United States - to let him see for himself how determined Americans are to preserve their freedom.

Mr. Truman states his views on this and other controversial questions in an exclusive article which will appear in the Mail Tribune Tuesday.

Hatfield Lauds Traffic Control Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield said today that the stepped up Memorial Day traffic control program involving airplanes was so successful that it may be repeated on an unannounced basis.

The governor said Oregon's three traffic fatalities were "much to be regretted" but thought the week end program had held the death toll down.

After a conference with State Police Superintendent H. G. Maison, Motor Vehicle Director Vern L. Hill and Acting Adjutant General Robert Irving, the governor said "the role played by the air patrols give us reason to believe they should be pressed into service more frequently."

Oregon Lists Three Dead On Highways

At Least 300 Persons Killed, Check Reveals California Leads With 27 Deaths

By United Press International Oregon counted at least three dead in traffic, two drownings and two other accidental deaths during the Memorial Day holiday week end for a total of seven victims - three fewer than last year.

Memorial Day week end deaths in Oregon last year included seven drownings and three in traffic.

Traffic claimed two young lives Sunday, Robert Leroy Steward, three-year-old son of the James K. Stewards of Salem, was killed when his tricycle was struck by a car. Gary Edward Streeter, 16, Hood River, was killed in a single car accident on highway 30 east of Hood River. Two others were injured, driver Marvin Muma, 17, Hood River, and Bill H. Smith, Odell.

Arthur Bellows, 74, of Medford died Sunday in an Ashland hospital from injuries suffered in a one-car accident when his car apparently went out of control on a city street and smashed into a stone wall. His wife, Sarah, and two others were injured in the accident.

Missing and presumed drowned were John Clark, 47, and his brother Kenneth, 50, both of Albany. They vanished while fishing Saturday on the coast south of the south jetty of Yaquina Bay. A Coast Guard and beach patrol search was fruitless. Their 15-foot outboard skiff was found capsized.

A Springfield man, William O. Farmer, 57, died Saturday while hiking up Rosary lake trail in the Willamette Park area during a family fishing trip. He was hiking with his wife when he complained of feeling ill and they stopped. The Lane county coroner's office said he apparently fell unconscious and died about 6:30 a.m. of undetermined causes.

Burns Fatal A retired printer, Elmer R. Wickham, 65, died of burns suffered in a fire in his South-west Portland apartment early Saturday. He was burned over 75 per cent of his body and died in a Portland hospital about eight hours after the fire.

Arthur Bellows Dies in Ashland After Car Mishap Ashland - Arthur Bellows, 74, of 429 North Holly st., Medford, died in Ashland General hospital Sunday two hours after a one-car auto accident in Ashland.

Also injured were three passengers, Mrs. Bellows, 66, with a head injury; Alex Vestal, 75, of 546 Maple st., Central Point, minor injuries; and Miss Elizabeth Jack, 73, also of 546 Maple st., Central Point, broken arm. All are reported in fair condition in Ashland General hospital.

The car driven by Bellows, about 5:20 p.m. Sunday, was traveling an estimated 55 miles an hour down steep Fork st., above the Shakespearean theater in Ashland, apparently out of control, a witness told Ashland police. The car jumped the curb and smashed against the curving Shakespearean theater concrete wall. Bellows may have had a heart attack when the car started down the hill, Ashland police said.

Ashland firemen had to turn the car around to open the doors on the station wagon. Both Bellows and his wife were unconscious when found.

Mrs. Bellows and Miss Jack were wedged between the front and back seats, police said.

This is the 10th county traffic fatality for 1959 compared to six the same time last year.

Slot Machine Found Sunday Near Pond Jackson County Sheriff Joe Walsh applied for an order today to destroy a slot machine found in the Central Point area Sunday.

Deputies picked up a slot machine Sunday from where it was dumped alongside the road near the Medford Lumber company log pond. Guy Hughes, state brand inspector, observed the machine and reported it to deputies.

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder remarked that the machine was discarded probably because of raids by city and state police Tuesday during which 39 slot machines were confiscated.

Wagons Head Westward After Two-Day Layover Register Cliff, Wyo. - (UPI) - Seven wagons retracing the Oregon trail set out westward today for Douglas, Wyo. after a two-day layover at this historic campsite 14 miles west of Old Fort Laramie.

The train was scheduled to arrive in Casper - which will be as it was 100 years ago - the jumping off place for the caravan, on Saturday. From Casper, the wagon train will set off next week end over the red desert for Kemmerer, a 15-day trip.

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By United Press International Speeding, careless motorists turned a carefree week end into the blackest two-day Memorial holiday in history.

Slaughter on the nation's highways mounted far above the previous record of 251 persons killed in a 54-hour Memorial Day holiday in 1953.

Over Estimate The death toll also climbed far over the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate that 280 would die in traffic fatalities.

A United Press International count at 8:30 a.m. (PST) showed at least 300 killed in highway accidents. An additional 101 drowned and 63 others died in miscellaneous accidents for an over-all total of 464.

California recorded the heaviest toll on the highways with 27 dead. Ohio counted 22 killed, New York 20, and Tennessee 14.

The National Safety Council blamed the record slaughter on "extremely heavy travel and a rash of multiple death accidents."

"Tragic, Shocking" The council, which had hoped one of the most intensive police crackdowns in history would hold down the toll, called the figures "tragic and shocking."

Almost six persons were killed in traffic every hour on the average during the holiday period from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

"There's a whole upward trend in highway deaths that's been going on since the first of the year," the council said. "For some reason the toll just started going up again."

Only five states and the District of Columbia escaped death on the highways this holiday. The states were Delaware, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington.

Five Die in Crash Indiana's holiday toll was boosted by two high fatality traffic crashes. A young mother and four of her children were killed at Crown Point, Ind., Sunday when their car was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train at a crossing obscured by high weeds.

Near New Bedford, Ind., three men were killed when their car traveling at high speed skidded into the path of an oncoming car.

Four persons were killed and three others injured in a two-car head-on collision at Northampton, N.Y.

Poisonous Fumes Kill Four Miners Iron River, Mich. - (UPI) - Four men died from poisonous sulphur fumes today when trapped by a cave-in and fire at the bottom of the Sherwood iron mine of the Inland Steel Co., one mile south of here.

Thirty one other miners made their way to safety, although two were in critical condition at Stambaugh General hospital.

The dead were Rudy Carl Anderson, 41, Iron River, father of six children; Elmer Johnson, 59, Crystal Falls; Ingver Wester, 31, Iron River; and August Zuckoff, 41, Crystal Falls.

Portland - (UPI) - A. G. Fegles has been named general superintendent of the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau.

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

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century ago carved in rock. The caravan, a feature of the Oregon Centennial, left Independence, Mo., April 19. The caravan made only 14 miles Saturday - the shortest distance it has covered in one day since the trip began.

The 27 members of the party, the men bearded and all in historical dress, made camp in a grove of cottonwoods about 300 yards from the cliff, on the banks of the North Platte river.

Under heavy clouds, the wind blew sporadic bursts of rain against the wagons' flapping sides as the party pulled into the camp site about 10:30 a.m.

WEATHER FORECAST - Increasing high cloudiness tonight. Considerable cloudiness Tuesday. Low tonight 50. Cooler Tuesday with high near 80. TEMP. Highest Yesterday - 89. Lowest This Morning - 49.

Our Skies Tonight Sunset today - 7:41 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow - 4:37 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow - 2:40 a.m. New Moon - June 2. Three planets and three stars will be prominent in the evening sky in June. The three planets are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn. The three stars, seen higher in the eastern sky each night are Vega, Deneb and Altair, the summer triangle of navigation.

