

# Small Nations of NATO Ratify Summit Talk

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## Foreign Ministers Displeased Over Consultation Lack

**Need for Strong Stand Reaffirmed**

Paris - (UPI) - The foreign ministers of small nations in the NATO council flared up at big power summit strategy today but endorsed the Big Three invitation to Russia for an April summit conference.

The 15-nation council reaffirmed the need for a strong stand by the Big Three of Britain, the United States and France to maintain their rights in Berlin when the leaders of those nations meet in Paris with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

**Complaints Voiced**  
 The NATO foreign ministers called today to "ratify" the policies laid down by President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, and French President Charles de Gaulle in the western summit conference that ended Monday did their duty.

But the bulk of the time was devoted to small power complaints over the threat of being shoved around by the big powers. Informed sources said some small nations were unhappy over being scarcely consulted while working out a round-robin of summit conferences between the West and Russia.

**Finally Smoothed Over**  
 The "little brothers" in NATO also were miffed at what they considered an effort by de Gaulle last week end to set up a big power "directorate" to run NATO. This would effectively make them second class members of the alliance.

Informed sources said the small power rebellion cracked through the secret council meeting for an hour. It was started by Turkish Foreign Minister Fatim Zorlu and the Greek and Belgian delegates immediately hopped into the argument on his side.

The flare-up was finally smoothed over by Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvard Lange, chairman of today's session. Then the delegates went on to give their stamp of approval to the Big Three's summit decisions.

## Attendance Urged For Tree Lighting

Medford Mayor John Snider today urged residents to attend a formal Christmas tree lighting program at the library at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, and "be a part of one community's combined effort to show its respect for peace."

The public lighting program is scheduled to coincide with President Eisenhower's lighting of the national tree on the White House lawn.

Arrangements for about a 20-minute program have been made by Mrs. Marie Bosworth, director of the Oregon United Nations association, through the Medford chapter. The program will include a broadcast of the President's message from the White House lawn.

Mayor Snider, who will light the tree in front of the library, said "In the belief that peace must start in the hearts and minds of people, families of people, and nations of people, we invite all to join with us on Wednesday evening as we dedicate a few holiday moments to peace."

Omar A. Bacon, librarian, will give a welcome address, and the Rev. Escl Hiser, president of the Medford Ministerial association, will speak.

## LIVING COSTS HIT NEW PEAK

Washington - (UPI) - The nation's living costs edged upward last month to another record high, the government reported today.

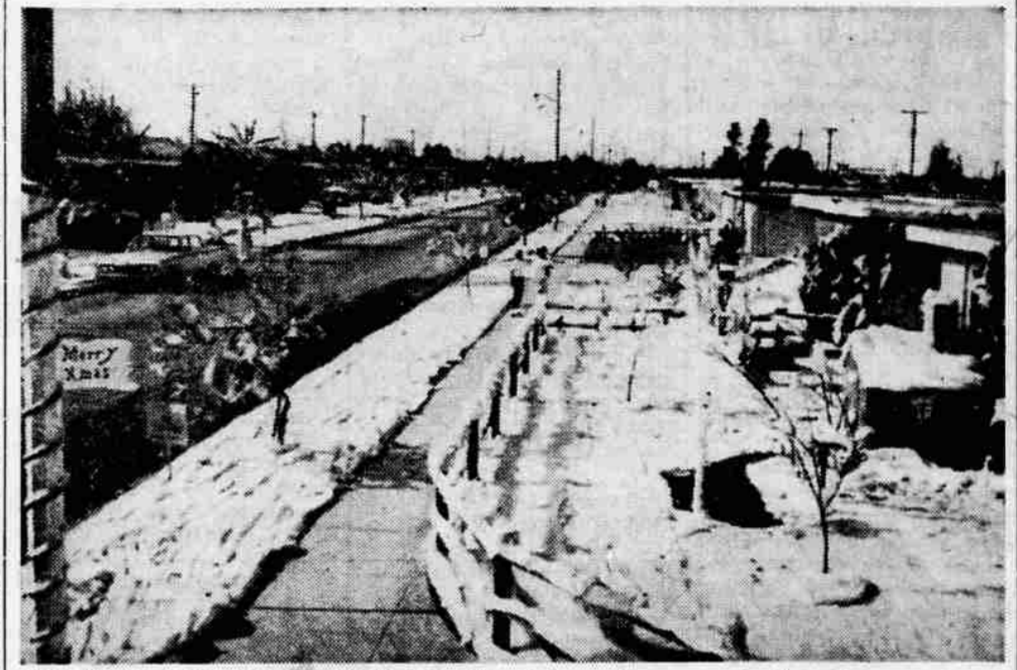
The Labor Department said its consumer price index rose 1-10 of 1 per cent to 125.6 per cent of average 1947-49 prices. It was the sixth time in the last seven months that it climbed to an all-time peak.

Higher costs for transportation, medical care, housing and personal care more than offset declining food prices in November.

The increase means that 170,000 meat packing, aircraft, and other workers will receive pay boosts of from one to three cents an hour. Their wages are tied to changes in the index by escalator clauses.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, predicted the index will stabilize between now and next spring, before climbing again next summer.

The October index figure was 125.5. This means it costs \$12.55 to buy the same goods and services which cost \$10 in 1947-49.



**'SNOW' IN CALIFORNIA**—Motorists driving along 146th st. in Hawthorne, Calif., suddenly run into "snow". In an area where there has been practically no rain for the past several years this can be quite a shock but on closer examination the snow turns out to be spun glass prepared by the residents for Christmas decorations.

## Airport Fog Lifts To Permit Mercy Flight Operation

**Cloud-Seeding Tried As Planes Grounded**

Weather conditions at the Medford airport permitted planes to start flying shortly after noon today.

Whether the change in the weather was "natural," or the result of a cloud-seeding operation to "knock a hole" in the fog, was open to question.

A plane operated by Mercy Flights, Inc., started seeding the fog over the airport with 115 pounds of dry ice at 11:17 a.m., and the cover began breaking up within a half hour.

**Planes Stranded**  
 The seeding operation was conducted in an attempt to clear the airport so that Mercy Flights planes could operate. One plane from here did the seeding, while two others were grounded at Montague, Calif., unable to return here last night because of fog.

One of the grounded planes was to fly to Lakeview this afternoon to bring back a woman seriously injured in an automobile accident. The other was to return here, if the fog lifted sufficiently.

**1,062nd Patient**  
 One of the planes stranded at Montague landed there last night after carrying the air ambulance service's 1,062nd patient, 6-month-old Mike Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis, Port Orford, who was flown to Portland yesterday after he swallowed a nickel which became lodged in his esophagus.

Cloud-seeding operations for the removal of fog have been attempted here before, and have met with success occasionally when done on super-cooled fog, such as that which the valley has had for the past several days.

**Cleared at 12:20**  
 A weather bureau spokesman said runways have been open for landings and take-offs since about 12:20 p.m., an hour after a twin-engine Beechcraft piloted by Mercy Flights, Inc. President George Milligan went aloft with 115 pounds of dry ice.

The weather bureau spokesman said the lifting was due to pressure and wind changes and that the dry ice "may have helped."

**In "Good Shape"**  
 The weather bureau reported at 1:15 p.m. that visibility was about one mile and that wind speed at ground level was five knots and at about 1,000 feet was 110-115 knots per hour. Ground temperature was 30 degrees and the lowest clouds were about 5,000 feet above the airport.

**Round Butte Dam Permit Approved**  
 Salem - (UPI) - The three-member Oregon Hydroelectric Commission, over the objections of its chairman, today voted to issue a preliminary permit to Portland General Electric company for proposed Round Butte dam on the Deschutes river.



**IKE GREET MOROCCANS**—Escorted by Black Guards, President Eisenhower and King Mohammed V wave from a car as they ride in a motorcade at Casablanca today.

## U.S. To Withdraw Forces in Morocco

Casablanca, Morocco - (UPI) - President Eisenhower would up his grueling 11-nation good will tour today with an announcement that all U.S. forces will be withdrawn from Morocco by the end of 1963.

**Behind Schedule**  
 The President was running behind schedule when his jet airliner took off for Washington at 10:08 a.m. (p.s.t.) following talks with Morocco's King Mohammed V and the wildest and most spectacular reception of his historic peace mission that may change the course of the cold war.

In a final communique issued jointly with King Mohammed, the President said that "preliminary preparations for the departure of U.S. forces will begin in the immediate future."

Then it added that all U.S. forces will be out of Morocco in three years.

At present, U.S. forces use four air bases and a naval base at Port Lyauete. There now are an estimated 10,000 American troops in Morocco.

**To Release Air Field**  
 The communique said that "immediate steps will be taken to release the air field at Ben Slimane" and "this will be achieved not later than March 31, 1960."

Ahead of the President was a refueling stop at Gander, Nfld., and a planned warm welcome home in Washington late tonight and a later report to the nation Wednesday night on the results of his trip.

**Boundary Change Opinion Received**  
 The Jackson county's reorganization committee's consent must be obtained for a boundary board to make a school district boundary change, according to an attorney general's opinion received by the county court today.

The ruling was requested by the county court whose members with the county school superintendent compose the boundary board. Specifically, the opinion was desired on the issue of whether property in the Rocky Point bridge area could be transferred from the Central Point school district to the Rogue River district.

"Boundary changes may not be validly initiated pursuant to state law provisions without a finding by the county reorganization committee on whether or not the change is desirable or whether it conflicts with the reorganization plan," the opinion read.

"There is a serious question as to its validity if the boundary change is ordered without concurrence by the committee," the opinion continued.

The attorney general pointed out that the supreme court in several cases had declined to back up school district boundary changes where state procedure was not followed or when the board acted beyond its jurisdiction.

## Christmas Buying Nears Climax; Two Shopping Days Left

Holiday rush buying neared its climax today, and many downtown Medford merchants are reporting crowds jamming stores, as 2½ shopping days remain before Christmas.

Retail trade's dollar volume is reported to be about the same as last year in some stores, while other merchants report sales as high as 7½ per cent ahead of last year, according to a survey conducted by the Mail Tribune.

## Injunction Case Enters Fifth Day In Circuit Court

A circuit court hearing on an injunction against the Eagle Point Irrigation district involving the California Oregon Power company entered its fifth day today.

Mrs. Ann Todd continued to present her side of the case as Ted Flury, irrigation district manager, resumed testimony this morning in Circuit Judge James M. Main's courtroom.

## Steel Mediators Report No Progress in Talks

Washington - (UPI) - Federal mediators met for an hour today with union and management negotiators in the steel dispute but reported no progress toward a settlement.

**Bargaining Arranged**  
 David J. McDonald, steelworker's president, and union general counsel Arthur J. ... stayed away from morning's talks to arrange individual company bargaining sessions Sunday.

## Brazilian Airliner Crashes Into Homes

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - (UPI) - A Brazilian commercial airliner with 32 persons aboard crashed into private homes in the Ramos suburb today after a collision with a military aircraft.

The air force pilot parachuted to safety but there was no immediate information on how many persons, if any, survived the crash of the airliner.

## Gilda Gray Dies Of Heart Attack

Hollywood - (UPI) - Gilda Gray, the "shimmy" dancer who parlayed her gyrations into a fortune on stage and screen in the roaring twenties, died of a heart attack today. She was 60.

Vancouver, B. C. - (UPI) - Two men missing in northern British Columbia since their light plane crash-landed here Friday were found safe Monday.

## Disagree on Benefits

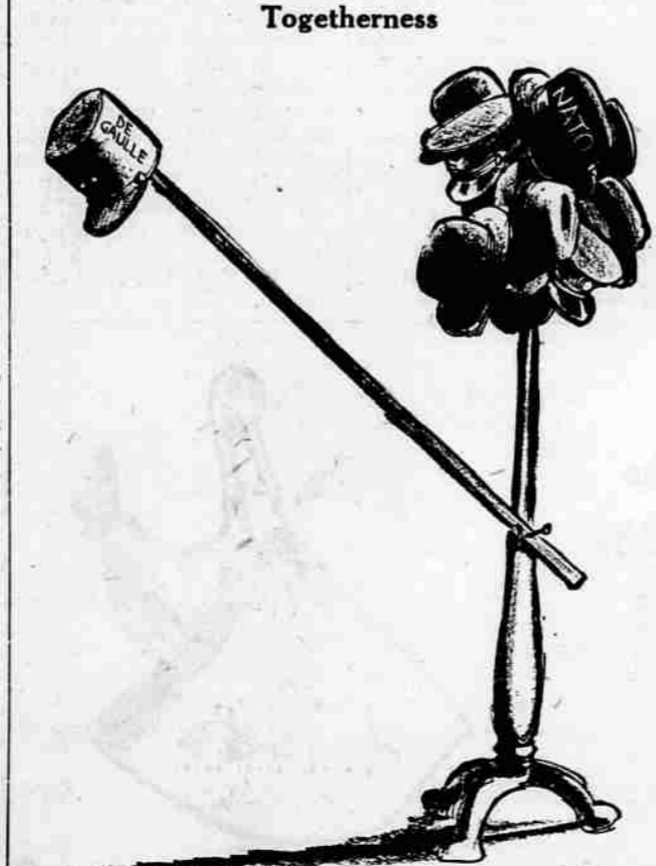
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## Weather Forecast

**WEATHER FORECAST:** Considerable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with patchy valley fog tonight and chance of showers Wednesday. Low tonight 25-28. High tomorrow 45.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
 Sunset today 4:42 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:38 a.m.  
 Moonrise tomorrow 12:24 a.m.  
 Last Quarter tonight 7:28 p.m.  
**VISIBLE PLANET**  
 Venus, in the south-east 6:18 a.m.  
 The combination of the movements of the Earth and Venus on their orbits around the Sun is now carrying these two planets further apart. The gap between them is now 93 million miles.



**Togetherness**

## Much Hard Bargaining Remains For Columbia Water Pact

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(Editor's note: This is the first of two articles in which our Washington correspondent discloses the specific terms of the agreement reached last week by the International Joint Commission for power and flood control development of the upper Columbia river by Canada and the United States. The agreement, not yet formally made public, will soon be turned over to the governments of both countries.)

Washington - The much-heralded agreement finally reached by the International Joint Commission for a network of dams and transmission lines crossing the international border along the upper Columbia leaves much of the hard bargaining for the future.

It is a 30-page document containing 16 principles, most of them very general, several rather specific.

**Diversion Not Included**  
 One point the document does not contain is the possible diversion of the Columbia into the Fraser river system - a threat the Canadians continue to hold over United States officials. But U.S. officials express confidence that if terms of the agreement are fulfilled, Canada is not likely to provoke the Americans by siphoning off any of the Columbia away from the United States.

The most specific principles are that there should be 50-50 sharing of the power output added to downstream American dams because of Canadian storage projects; and the United States should pay cash to Canada for one-half the flood control benefits realized in the United States because of the new Canadian dams.

No dollar amount was agreed upon for flood control payments, contrary to the reports leaked by Canadian officials that they had been assured of getting some \$150 million over a 50-year period. U.S. officials say this is higher than they believe these benefits are worth.

**Formula Watered Down**  
 Nor was any formula worked out by which the benefits of Libby dam would be shared. An earlier draft of principles contained such a formula, but this was watered down to a general agreement to share the power from this project whose reservoir would cross the border into Canada.

Here are the terms of the agreement:

**General Principle No. 1** - "Cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia... requires that the storage facilities and downstream power production facilities... be added in the order of the most favorable benefit-cost ratio..."

**General Principle No. 2** - "Cooperative development... should result in advantages in power supply, flood controls, or other benefits, or savings in costs to each country as compared with alternatives available in that country."

## Ex-Medford Man Killed in Accident

Clarence Nelson, 37, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Medford, was killed in an automobile accident near Holbrook, Ariz., recently, according to word received by relatives here.

The accident occurred Dec. 13 when Nelson and two friends were returning to Mesa from Denver, Colo. The car and occupants were not found by Arizona highway patrolmen until Sunday morning, Dec. 20, according to the reports.

Nelson, a graduate of Medford High school, was associated with his father, Julius Nelson, and his brothers in the contracting business here before the family moved a few years ago.

He is survived by his parents, who live in San Diego, Calif., four brothers, Ibsen Nelson, Seattle, Wash., Kermit Nelson, Hebron, Neb., Leo Nelson, Mesa, Ariz., all of whom lived in Medford, and Juel Nelson, San Diego, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. H. V. Martin and Mrs. Owen Kunkel both of Medford.

Private funeral services were held today in Holbrook, Ariz.

## Local Architect Dies at His Home

Ben H. Todd, 63, well-known local architect, died at his home in the Plaza apartments yesterday.

Mr. Todd was known in Medford mostly as the architect for the courthouse annex, the Christian Science church, the Jacksonville grade school, Weeks and Orr furniture store, Weisfield's jewelers, and many other new and remodeled business buildings.

The Todds came to Medford 10 years ago from Bakersfield, Calif., where there are also a number of buildings for which he was the architect.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Chapel Mortuary.

## Mail Volume at Medford Post Office 20 Per Cent Greater Than Last Year

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