

Foreign Desk: U.S.-British Offer, Russ.-Franco Accord Seen

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Notes from the foreign editor's desk:

Washington-London Axis
London observers expect Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's hurry-up trip to Washington to result in a new western offer designed to keep the nuclear weapons talks in Geneva going at least until the summit meeting in May. These observers say the Western proposal will be a compromise suggestion, countering a Soviet Union plan banning all above-ground nuclear tests providing at the same time the West agrees to a long-time moratorium on underground tests as well. No final agreement is expected in the Geneva talks but they might progress to the point where agreement could be reached at the summit. If this were true, the British think the good-will thus engendered might be enough to tide the big powers over until the next summit.

Franco-Russian Accord?
Experts on the sidelines of the main Khrushchev-De Gaulle talks in Paris have been conducting separate negotiations in a number of different fields where closer Franco-Russian relations may be expected. These include expanded scientific exchanges in specialized fields, including cancer, and in cultural affairs. French and Russian atomic energy experts also have been talking but little

is expected in this delicate field immediately. There is said to be no likelihood of a renewal of the Franco-Soviet "friendship" treaty renounced by the Russians in 1955.

Iraq Tense After Clashes

Baghdad, Iraq—UPI—A week of bloody battling between nationalists and Communists brought tension in Iraq today to its highest pitch since the attempted assassination of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem five months ago.

Reports of the clashes came from as far north as Mosul, where nationalists tried to start a revolution a year ago, and from as far south as the port city of Basra. Baghdad itself was quiet today but its garrison was put on the alert and leaves were canceled.

The outbreaks appeared to be reprisals by nationalists against Communists who caused hundreds of deaths in violence last year. Tension was increased by the fact that a three-day nationwide holiday began today, marking the end of Iraq's observance of the Moslem month of Ramadan.

Observers were puzzled by what seemed either the authorities' unwillingness or inability to maintain order. The fatal shooting of a youth in a Baghdad barber shop Monday touched off the violent anti-Communist demonstrations. Police rushed to quell the outbursts and were pelted with stones pitched from rooftops.

The Vatican
Speculation is mounting that Pope John XXIII will announce a successor to Domenico Cardinal Tardini as Vatican secretary of state during the coming consistory ceremonies. Tardini caused a sensation in the Vatican recently when he apparently went over the Pope's head to tell newsmen he wanted to retire because of illness. The 72-year-old Tardini hinted he already had asked the pontiff to let him go but the Pope would not. "No one is irreplaceable," said Tardini of his own job. Best bet is that Tardini will get his wish sooner or later.

Infiltration
East Germany has been assigned a major role in the Soviet bloc's campaign to win over Africa and Asia. Agitators will be trained at a special Asian-African school at Leipzig's Karl Marx University.

Eisenhower to Korea?
Despite evidence to the contrary, reports persist in Tokyo that President Eisenhower will expand his Far Western itinerary this spring to visit Korea.

Republicans Seek Medical Care Plan

Washington—UPI—Republicans worked today from two angles on substitutes for a Democratic medical care for the aged program under pressure of criticism by Democratic presidential hopefuls.

Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming said Sunday he would call in experts to help the administration draft a program. He said he was confident that the administration would come up with a voluntary medical insurance plan for the needy aged.

Flemming declined to estimate when the new plan would be ready for Congress but he scoffed at Democratic charges he planned to wait until late in the congressional session in an attempt to embarrass Democratic leaders if a bill failed to pass.



JUNIOR MISS—A jubilant Irish lass, Miss Maureen Sullivan, 17, of West Haven, Conn., was chosen as America's Junior Miss of 1960. She stands at five feet, six inches, weighs 128 pounds and measures 35-24-36. Miss Sullivan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of West Haven. At left placing the crown on Miss Sullivan is Judi Humphrey, Lewis Town, Pa., last year's winner. —(UPI Telephoto)

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Sewing Susans
The Applegate Sewing Susans decided to have square dancing as their share in the Red Cross benefit program to be given at the Upper Applegate Grange hall April 2.

More wells were to be tested this Sunday as part of our community service program. A demonstration was given by Marian Hamlin and Judy Miller on how to turn a corner. The meeting was held at the home of Adrienne Brion with 11 guests. Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Head, Reporter

Federal Agencies Have Job Openings

Positions in various federal agencies for physical science aid, health physicist and engineering technicians are now open according to the regional civil service office in Seattle.

There is also an immediate need for qualified instrument men, computers, and laboratory testers, it was reported. Positions also are open in the four northwestern states for mechanical equipment inspectors. It was announced.

Interested persons should contact the Civil Service office, federal office building, Seattle.

Winners Told for Speech Contest

Central Point—A high school district speech contest was held recently at Crater High school.

Don Lacy, speech instructor at Crater and district director this year, announced that all district first and second place winners are eligible to attend the state contest at the University of Oregon, April 8 and 9.

First and second place winners and alternates in the various divisions include: Debate A, Betty Duffy and Bill Lawrence, both Ashland; Debate B, Rod Fowler, Jack Hoffbuhr, Kay Dahers and Joyce Stockstill, all Phoenix; panel discussion, Doug Kliever, Medford, first; Karen Nelson, Grants Pass, second; and Betty Duffy, Ashland, alternate; humorous reading, Nancy Duncan, Medford; Jim Lewis, Ashland, and Doyle Nesheim, Crater; oratory, Darlane Hunt, Medford; Linda Lewis, Ashland, and Glen Tabor, Ashland.

Others included radio, Glen Tabor, Ashland; Richard Licht, Crater, and Eldon Mitchell, Phoenix; impromptu, Pete Kreisman, Ashland; Betty Duffy, Ashland, and Jack Hoffbuhr, Phoenix; serious reading, Dean Goddard, Medford; Lana McGraw, Eagle Point, and Karen Shoph, Ashland; after-dinner speaking, Jim Frake, Medford; Steve Peterson, Ashland, and Eldon Mitchell, Phoenix; extemporaneous speaking, Jim Frake, Medford; Jack Hoffbuhr, Phoenix; and Karen Nelson, Grants Pass; and poetry, Darlane Hunt, Medford; Linda Lewis, Ashland, and Alan Miller, Grants Pass.

Dardanelles Is Reported for Sale

The Dardanelles restaurant on Old Stage rd., is for sale, the Mail Tribune learned this week.

The restaurant, situated on four acres of property approximately 12 miles northwest of Medford, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bucklin. They have operated the restaurant for about five years. Price asked is reported to be in excess of \$100,000.

The blue violet of viola cuculata, abundant in spring, is the provincial flower of New Brunswick.

Iguassu Falls, higher and wider than Niagara, is on the Iguassu river separating Brazil and Argentina.



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