

Nikita Expected to Demand Yanks Quit Overseas Bases

By CHARLES CORDDRY
Washington—UPI—Nikita S. Khrushchev can be counted on to go to the summit demanding that Americans go home from their overseas military bases.

Getting the bases dismantled has been a long-time, consuming aim of Kremlin policy.

Prime Goal

It is a prime goal of all Soviet disarmament proposals. It underlies political maneuvering to divide America and its Allies. Country after country has been threatened with dire consequences for having U.S. bases on its soil.

U.S. overseas bases encircle the Communist empire. Their mission is to deter aggression and to have U.S. forces in advantageous positions to wage war if necessary.

The bases are anchor points for a ring of men and missiles, aircraft and ships that confront Russian military planners no matter what direction they look. They are vital links holding together global alliances. They mean that Americans will be present or can arrive quickly at any point of aggression.

More than 730,000 American military men, from rifle men on the "front lines" to crews of hydrogen bombers poised on runways, are based outside the United States. Another 65,000 are afloat with

the Navy's 6th and 7th fleets.

The United States has taken the position at the Geneva disarmament conference that the overseas bases are for defense of America and its Allies, were welcomed by the nations where they were established, and would be abandoned promptly if the time ever came when they were not needed for defense.

The Russians, obviously, see the bases as frustrating their aggressive aims which would be reason enough for their persistent effort to get them dismantled. They also, illogical as it may seem to Americans, consider the bases as springboards for attack on the Soviet Union.

Crane Hits Line; Man Electrocuted

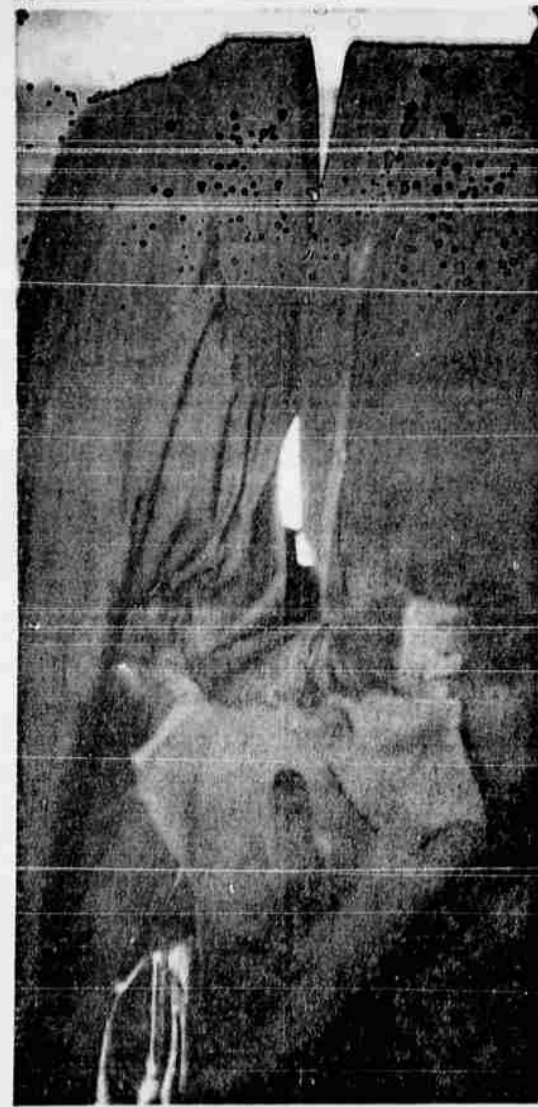
Portland—UPI—A superintendent of a Portland construction crew was electrocuted Thursday when the boom of the crane he was operating struck a high-voltage power line.

Killed was William Raymond Wilson, 42.

Carl E. Rudell, 32, Gresham, suffered severe foot burns and body abrasions from the accident. He was treated and released from Portland Sanitarium.

The two were operating a crane that was lifting pre-fabricated walls for a building on the Powell-Villa shopping center project here.

Salem—UPI—The annual spring conference of Oregon county school superintendents opens here Monday and lasts through Wednesday.



HAPPY MEETING — In an unusual photo, two sister in family and in church, met after 40 years apart at the San Francisco airport as Sister Kevin, right, embraces Sister Kieran. Sister Kevin left Ireland in 1900 for the Sisters of Mercy in Dallas, Tex. Sister Kieran has been with the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland, New Zealand. After spending several days in San Francisco, the nuns will fly to Ireland to spend some time with their brother, Pat, wealthy Drogheda cattleman who is financing the reunion. (UPI Telephoto)

Business Census Reports on Retail Trade Available

Business census reports on retail trade, wholesale trade, and selected services are available through the U. S. department of commerce, according to Lon McNeil, manager of Medford Chamber of Commerce.

"Many business firms are still unaware that these publications by the United States department of commerce may be purchased at nominal cost as important tools in determining future courses of business action," he said.

For example, he continued, wholesale trade in Jackson county has continued to expand at a rate consistent with general population increase in southern Oregon and northern California during the last four years.

Compare Figures

A review of the 1954 business census figures compared with those of 1958 indicates an 11 per cent increase in the number of wholesale establishments for Jackson county. The 128 firms doing business today account for a total volume of \$83,093,000, he said.

According to these figures, Jackson county continues third in the state for wholesale volume. Multnomah is first with \$2,263,877,000; Lane county next with \$203,254,000; followed by Jackson county's \$83 million. Marion county is fourth with \$77,163,000.

Another report is the 1958 census of manufacturers giving general statistics by manufacture. These results may be compared with the 1954 business census which may be of interest to local firms considering expansion possibilities.

Cooperative Office

The Medford chamber has served for five years as a cooperative office with the United States department of commerce field service, 520 Southwest Morrison st., Portland 4.

A file is maintained in the chamber office with a complete record of statistical reviews and reports available for study by local business firms. Those interested in useful information may stop by the chamber office to study the kinds of data available or may write the United States field office in Portland for a catalog of reports and nominal charges.

"The business census," McNeil said, "should in no way be confused with the current population census now in progress." The latter is taken once every 10 years. Business census reports are often based upon information from selected business categories.

Reserve Officers to Meet on May 16

The Rogue River chapter of the Reserve Officers association will hold a meeting at the USAR Reserve center, 33 North Riverside ave., Monday, May 16, at 8 p.m. Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks will speak on the aspects of civil defense. All officers and former officers of all branches of service are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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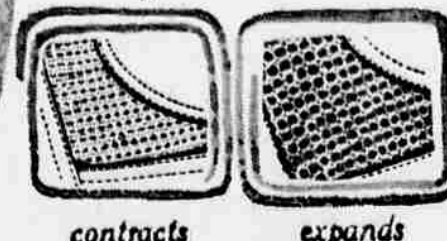
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