

# Khrushchev Boycotts Emergency Session; Threatens To Sign Separate Berlin Treaty

## Alert Said Ordered To Test Communications

Washington—(AP)—The Pentagon has disclosed that Monday's mysterious combat readiness test for all U.S. military commands was ordered by Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. from Paris.

The unannounced exercise gave some civilians the jitters.

The Defense Department said Gates wanted to check high-speed military communications as well as the alert status of America's armed forces.

Although Gates tried not to attract public attention, word of the test spread across the country soon after midnight as some pilots were reported "scrambling" for their interceptor planes.

The circumstances suggested the test was designed to check President Eisenhower's ability to keep instantaneous touch with the Strategic Air Command and other nuclear striking forces when he is out of the country. No one but the President can order these forces into action.

Informed sources said Eisenhower obviously had advanced knowledge of the action taken by Gates, who is in Paris as an adviser during summit talks. Gates called off the test after about seven hours.

When word of the alert spread, Defense Department spokesmen were unable for several hours to give an explanation. They had not been forewarned and were unable to deal with inquiries pouring in from across the country.

Eventually, the Defense Department issued this statement:

"A communications readiness alert affecting all U.S. commands was held and completed Monday night and early this morning. It was conducted at the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

The statement was accurate as it went. It was disclosed later, however, that the Joint Chiefs acted on Gates' orders.



VISITS FORMER HOME—President Eisenhower, right, and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, left, walk in a garden at Marines-la-Coquette, France, after arriving for a short visit. The village is where Eisenhower lived when he was commander of the Allied Forces in Europe in the early 1950s. At center is Maj. John Eisenhower, the President's son. —(UPI Radiotelephoto)

## Premier Going To East Berlin On Wednesday

### Public Apology by Ike Could Save Talks

Paris—(AP)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev boycotted an emergency session of the collapsing Summit Conference today and Communist sources made it known he is preparing drastic new moves against West Berlin.

The Eastern sources revealed Khrushchev is ready to carry out this week his threat to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany, ending four power rights in the approaches to West Berlin.

Khrushchev told a sidewalk new conference today he would fly to East Berlin Wednesday unless President Eisenhower made a public apology for U2 spy plane "aggression" against the Soviet Union. Eisenhower refused and Khrushchev prepared an even bigger Berlin crisis even as the summit talks were dying.

**Face Empty Chair**

President Charles de Gaulle invited the heads of state to the Elysee Palace in a desperate effort to save the conference. But Khrushchev, who had been on a picnic, drove instead to the Soviet Embassy and the three western leaders met with an empty chair facing them.

Eisenhower, de Gaulle and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan called a final meeting tonight to decide whether to write off the Paris summit for good. There were no known plans for Eisenhower to meet Khrushchev.

Within minutes Communist diplomats leaked word that Khrushchev would fly to East Berlin Wednesday to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany—a move that could plunge the world into its gravest crisis since World War II.

Khrushchev has made it clear that such a treaty would end all western rights in West Berlin and he warned in a series of violently anti-American speeches last week any attempt to save Berlin with force would be met by force.

Communist diplomats said this afternoon Khrushchev considered the period of negotiations with the allies on Germany terminated for the time being and that Russia would proceed unilaterally on Berlin.

**Repeats Ultimatum**

The Communists said a draft peace treaty already had been worked out by Communist experts and that Khrushchev brought it to Paris, ready to sign it. They said Khrushchev now felt himself freed from last year's Berlin truce accord with Eisenhower and other western leaders.

And twice today Khrushchev repeated his ultimatum to Eisenhower to apologize publicly for the U2 spy plane incident and condemn the "treacherous incursion" of such planes. Eisenhower refused although he disclosed Monday the flights had been stopped.

First Khrushchev repeated his demands to newsmen before setting out on a country drive. Then, after skipping the four-power session, he issued a formal statement at the embassy announcing an impossible demand—he was ready to return to the summit if the United States publicly condemned its "aggression," punished all those responsible and assured Russia the flights will not be repeated.

**Red Propaganda Starts**

It was clear the United States could go no further than to end the flights. To go further would be public humiliation before the eyes of the world and an admission that the Soviets were the "peace" leaders and the West the "aggressors."

Eisenhower took note of the remarks Monday. He said Khrushchev had flown all the way from Moscow to sabotage the summit talk. He did not reply to Khrushchev's withdrawal of his invitation to Eisenhower to visit Russia.

Sun Valley, Idaho—(AP)—E. C. Dwyer, president of the Dwyer Lumber Co. of Portland, has been elected to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees during opening sessions of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

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**SNO-CAT DISCUSSION**—E. M. Tucker, president of the Tucker Sno-Cat Company of Medford, (at right, wearing hat) Sunday discussed his vehicles with Congressman Charles O. Porter, told him of their success on last year's trans-Antarctic expedition, and suggested their use in taking people to Crater lake in the winter. Porter (at right, reading letter) showed interest in the Medford-made product, and promised to look into opportunities for their further use. At left, Mayor John W. Snider of Medford and Park Superintendent Otto Brown (back to camera) look on. Members of the party later rode in the Sno-Cat, driven by Ralph Ash (background, on snow), a veteran Sno-Cat expert. The group met at the parking area at the rim of Crater lake.

## Tornadoes, Hail, Torrential Rains Belt Midwest Area

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A storm system belted the Midwest and plains states with tornadoes, high winds, hail and torrential rains Monday night.

The storm caused widespread damage but no serious injuries.

Winds of 80 miles an hour lashed Keokuk, Iowa. Tornadoes destroyed farm buildings in Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. Flash flood warnings were issued for southwest Wisconsin.

The Keokuk storm uprooted trees, knocked down a radio tower, capsized 75 private boats moored on the Mississippi river, and tore the roof off an industrial plant.

About 20,000 homes in North St. Louis lost electric power for a short time when a thunderstorm swept across the city. Hailstones as big as golf balls fell in St. Louis county.

Strong winds and heavy rain also knocked out electric power temporarily in Edwardsville, Ill. Several power lines were downed, and one fell on a tractor-trailer truck, starting a small fire.

A tornado destroyed farm buildings near Peoria, Ill., and Kirksville, Mo.

Other damage to farm buildings was reported near Chillicothe, Wheeling and Chula, Mo.

Funnel clouds also were sighted near Tulsa, Okla., but they apparently did not touch ground.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell today disputed a statement made earlier this year by James Pullman, Jackson county welfare department administrator, and said his office has collected \$8,953.85 from non-support cases during the first three months of 1960.

Earlier this year before the legislative interim committee on public welfare, Pullman said his office records show only \$800 has been collected in non-support payments. He also said there is "an honest difference of opinion between our two offices over what non-support cases should be prosecuted."

They were referring to cases where fathers fail to support their families. In many of these cases, the families had been forced to turn to the local welfare department for financial help.

Scannell said today that research by the county clerk's office shows \$10,863.87 in non-support payments were collected in 1958, and \$24,451.24 in 1959. He estimated that non-support payments collected by action of his office should total about \$36,000 by the end of 1960.

**Payments to Clerk**

"This year we are attempting to run all payments through the county clerk's office so we will have some record," Scannell explained. "However, unless we have a court order requiring payment to the county clerk's office, the money is usually paid directly to the mother or wife involved."

Scannell noted that last year the district attorney's office was able to collect \$1,500 from a man in Missouri who was not paying his wife in Ashland. A reconciliation was reached later and she went to live with her husband in Missouri. This money was paid directly to the wife so no record was kept.

"When a complaint comes in we have a personal interview with the man involved. Then, he either pays the money directly to his wife, as usually happens, or to the district attorney's office or the county clerk's office," Scannell explained.

"Every case coming into our office has action taken on it. We feel it is our duty to decide what action is the best action to take since it would appear if a man has potential capabilities of making support payments to put him in jail would cause the county to support both him and his family," he said.

Pullman replied today, "I only wished that our clients could realize a proportionate benefit of this amount of money which they claim they are collecting. And if the district attorney's office is interfering that this is being collected on behalf of our recipients, I would like to review the records from which he got the figures."

## Deputy DA Says \$8,953 Collected For Non-Support

Police Investigate Medford Explosion

Medford police are investigating an explosion which shook the General Machine Works building, 322 East Fourth st., near midnight last night.

The blast apparently occurred just outside of the building on the sidewalk and was of such force that it broke 15 windows out of the west side of the structure.

Police said no other damage was done, and it did not appear as if the building had been broken into.

The only evidence found at the scene of the explosion was a small piece of blasting fuse.

Two youths who were sleeping in a home some distance from the building told police they heard the blast and when they looked they saw a cloud of smoke coming from the corner of the building. They said they observed a man run from the blast area and climb into an awaiting car just before police arrived.

## Phoenix School Budget Approved

Phoenix—The budget for the new Phoenix administrative school district passed yesterday, with 232 district parents voting yes and 101 voting no, according to Phoenix School District Clerk Florence Drake.

The 333 vote total is approximately half of the total of 630 votes cast last week for school board members in the district, she commented.

Total estimated tax levy for the 1960-61 school year is \$500,895.82, including both general fund and bond interest and redemption fund. This is a decrease of \$6,973.96 compared to the total of the Phoenix and Talent levies' total of \$507,869.78 last year before the two districts were consolidated, according to Superintendent Ernest James.

The amount exceeding the 6 per cent limitation in the proposed budget is \$369,276.43. This is \$75,672 less than the amount exceeding the 6 per cent limitation in the total current Phoenix and Talent districts' budgets passed last year.

The \$35 per cent child allowed recently by the Jackson county court will provide an additional revenue of \$26,775 for the combined district, the superintendent pointed out, and will further offset the district's tax levy.

## 50 Per Cent Voter Turnout Expected

Salem—(AP)—State Elections Director Jack Thompson predicted today that not more than half of the registered voters in Oregon will turn out for Friday's primary.

"The maximum that I expect is 65 per cent," he said.

Oregon has 797,036 persons eligible to vote in the primary. If Thompson's prediction comes true, less than 400,000 registered voters will go to the polls to nominate candidates in the two major parties for the general election in November.

## McLoughlin Chorus Sings at FDR Dinner

The 70-member McLoughlin Junior High school chorus, under the direction of Ray Lewis, participated in the program at the Roosevelt Memorial dinner Saturday.

Previously it was reported that the Hedrick Junior High chorus provided entertainment, a report which was incorrect.

## Wildlife Service Studies of Rogue Well Advanced

U.S. fish and wildlife service studies of fishery problems associated with the Rogue river project are well advanced, the service informed Representative Charles O. Porter recently.

The service said it expects to complete field operations, which will be concerned chiefly with temperature and flow correlations, by Nov. 1.

Design criteria will be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers starting Jan. 1, 1961, the service said, for the engineers to incorporate in project planning. "We expect to finish our report in July, 1961, and the Corps of Engineers expects to complete its report in July, 1961, and the Corps of Engineers expects to complete its report in September, 1961," the service added. (This means the proposal cannot be presented to Congress before 1962, or the second session of the 87th Congress.)

The service said fishery problems associated with tributary development at Elk creek dam, Meadows dam on Evans creek, and Copper dam on Applegate river have been worked out.

## Masons Take Over Plaza Cafe Area

Ashland—Space which formerly house the Plaza cafe, damaged in a fire last fall, will be opened by Ashland's Masonic lodge sometime this fall as an office and large banquet room.

Frank H. Barnhouse, recorder for Ashland's Masonic lodge, said today the new banquet room also will include space for dancing.

The lodge owns the building, and previously had leased the downstairs as the Plaza cafe. The lodge office, now on the second floor, will be moved to the cafe area. The banquet room will be in the space formerly used as a dining room.

Barnhouse said renovation of the downstairs is now being done. There is no deadline for completion, but he said the spaces should be in use "sometime this fall."

The lodge will continue to operate its third floor dining room and kitchen for smaller groups.

## La Grande Counts 8,887 in Census

La Grande—The 1960 population of La Grande has been set at 8,997 in the preliminary report of the Bend district office of the Oregon census.

This compares with 8,635 listed in the 1950 census. However the figure is under the 9,100 population estimate in the Oregon Blue Book.

## Parks Commission Asks Action on Youth Camp Area

The Jackson county parks and recreation commission has requested immediate action from the county court on recommendations to establish a youth camp area on the Howard Prairie reservoir.

In a letter to the county court, Ed Strother, Shady Cove, commission chairman, asked that the county court, with "concurrence of the bureau of land management and the bureau of reclamation," work with all interested parties in selection of an area and approve preparation of plans and specifications for the youth camp.

The camp would be established this summer, Strother said. "When ready for use it would be controlled for purposes of administration, operation and maintenance by the Jackson County Parks and Recreation organization."

"It is understood by the commission that funds, materials and labor have been committed without charge to the county toward the purpose of establishing the camp," the commission chairman wrote.

Strother pointed out that technical help is available from the national park service and plans for a youth camp would be subject to review by the service before work is started.

Representatives of various church and youth organizations appeared before the county parks and recreation commission recently to request a youth camp area be created at Howard Prairie reservoir. The request had been tabled until a special meeting May 12 because of lack of a quorum.

**Possible Park Sites**

Meanwhile, the commission is planning a trip Monday, May 23, along Bear creek from Medford to Ashland to look at possible park sites on the creek as suggested by Mark Astrup, Salem, landscape engineer for the state highway commission.

"We need to submit a plan immediately to the state highway commission for proposed park development," Robert Haworth, Medford recreation director, said today. Haworth has been hired by the county to work with its parks and recreation commission.

The plan is possibly to have the new freeway contractors' crews stub out the park sites as the new highway is constructed through this area.

Russell W. DeForest, Medford lawyer, and chairman of the Bear creek anti-pollution committee, said yesterday the group has completed its studies on the pollution problem, and is now starting to draw up a report which will be ready in a month.

## County Treasurer Receives Boat Money

County Treasurer Karl Janouch reported today that he has received a check for \$4,085 as the county's share of boating licenses and permits.

Janouch said another check is expected in July from the state marine board. The county court said recently that it does not plan to earmark the funds for marine recreation area development or enforcement of the new boating regulations. The money will go into the general fund, it was reported.

## Nixon Says Hatfield Can Have Government Role if GOP Wins

Portland—(AP)—Vice President Richard Nixon believes Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield is one of the "top leaders in the Republican party" and says that if the GOP continues in the White House after November "he will have a part to play to the extent that he wants to participate in the administration."

Nixon's remarks were made in a filmed interview. The questions were submitted to Nixon by newsmen George Sanders and Wallace Turner and his answers filmed in Washington, D.C.

Nixon said that any attempt to specify the Republican vice-presidential nominee before the convention would be "premature." He described the new concept of a vice president and said ideological or geographical considerations should not be dominating factors in the selection of a running mate.

"The vice presidency under President Eisenhower has acquired a different position in our national life than it had previously," Nixon said, "and it is important in selecting a vice presidential nominee to do it on the basis of whether he can work with the presidential nominee and whether he will be able to contribute more to the position than any of the other candidates."

The vice president said in the interview that the chief issues in the forthcoming campaign would be peace, economic security and progress. Nixon said he did not come

## Case Withdrawn by Irrigation District

The Eagle Point Irrigation district voluntarily withdrew its suit in Jackson county circuit court yesterday afternoon which sought an injunction against Mrs. Ann Stone Todd and her husband, Howard F. Todd, two Eagle Point Irrigation district water users.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly granted permission for the district to enter a motion for voluntary non-suit. The district, as represented by Medford lawyer Ben Day, earlier had sought an injunction asking that the Todds be permanently enjoined with interfering with, meddling in and harassing regular and special meetings of the Eagle Point Irrigation district.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Todd also presented a motion to dismiss the case for want of prosecution.

## Humphrey Write-in Campaign Launched

Portland—(AP)—A write-in campaign for Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) for vice president opened today for Oregon's primary election Friday.

Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner and head of the Humphrey movement in Oregon, said he was advised from Washington, D.C. that Humphrey is "entertaining the idea" of becoming a candidate for vice president. He said the senator's administrative assistant brought up the possibility.

Humphrey's supporters here met Monday night and voted unanimously to recommend that his friends and backers write him in as a vice presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket.

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**WEATHER**

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness tonight and Wednesday. Scattered light showers. Low tonight 34-40. High Wednesday 60-62.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	43
Prec. to 10 a.m. today	Trace

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunset today	7:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:47 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	1:22 a.m.
Last Quarter today	11:35 a.m.

**PROMINENT STAR**

Arcturus, high in south—10:41 p.m.

**VISIBLE PLANETS**

Jupiter, low in south—11:21 p.m.

Mars, low in south—12:21 a.m.

Stars, low in east—3:11 a.m.