



SEATO Delegates Study Military Crisis in Laos

Bangkok, Thailand — (UPI) — Military advisers of the eight-nation SEATO alliance met in urgent conference on the Laotian crisis here today. A high official said they began a study of military planning to repel Red aggression "in the light of recent developments in the area."

The conference chairman, Thailand's Gen. Surajit Charnsri, said he was confident that "if use of military power becomes inevitable," SEATO will be ready "to do whatever is necessary to assure our mutual security."

Urgency of the three-day meeting that opened today was underscored by reports of Communist military gains in the fighting with Laotian government troops.

Immediate Attention

The Southeast Asia treaty military planners agreed to give the Laotian problem their "immediate attention" in the meeting that is a prelude to next week's Bangkok conference of SEATO foreign ministers.

Gen. Charnsri said the first session of what he called a "very timely" meeting approved conference agenda which included the Laos question and a study of other danger spots in the treaty area.

Attending the session were military advisers from the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Wenner Resigns From Committee

Gerald Wenner, Ashland, submitted a letter of resignation today to Mrs. Thomas Rutter, chairman of the Jackson county home rule committee.

"Due to the wide differences of opinion among members of the home rule committee, plus individuals interviewed as to the type of charter best suited to serve Jackson county, I am convinced that any charter drawn and submitted to the voters would not be approved by them," Wenner wrote.

"If my conclusions are correct, the time spent by the committee and the expense to the county in printing and presenting the charter to the voters could not be justified."

"For the reasons mentioned and because I feel all members of the committee should be enthusiastic about the charter and confident of its success, my resignation is tendered with the hope some individual can be appointed so his efforts could be more valuable," Wenner concluded.

Wenner was appointed to the committee through the county legislative delegation, and the state representatives and senator would have to make another appointment.

Highway Maintenance Office Moved To Medford

The southern Oregon district maintenance headquarters of the Oregon state highway department moved from Grants Pass to Medford this week.

The department moved into the building on North Pacific highway, the former headquarters for the Oregon state police.

In charge of the local headquarters is R. L. Lammert, who was recently transferred to the district from Brookings. Also transferred here from Grants Pass is John M. Isham. The third employee is Mrs. James Farrar who was formerly with the department's construction office here.

The Grants Pass office will be the headquarters for an

New Superintendent Named for Crater Lake National Park

W. Ward Yeager, assistant superintendent of Grand Teton National park, Wyoming, has been appointed superintendent of Crater Lake National park and Oregon Caves National Monument, Oregon, effective April 1, the department of the interior announced today.

Yeager succeeds Otto M. Brown, who is retiring March 31 after more than 33 years of federal service, and about a year and a half at Crater Lake.

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth said Yeager has been in park work almost continuously since 1928, when he was appointed a park ranger in Yellowstone

National park, Wyoming-Montana-Idaho. He has also had tours of duty as park ranger in Lassen Volcanic National park, California; chief ranger at Kings Canyon National park, California; and Mount Rainier National park, Washington; assistant forester and assistant superintendent in Mesa Verde National park, Colorado; assistant superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation area, Arizona-Nevada; and associate forester in the region three office of the National park service in Santa Fe, N.M.

He has been assistant superintendent of Grand Teton National park, Wyoming, since early in 1956.

Yeager is a native of Memphis, Scotland county, Missouri, and has a BS degree in forestry from Colorado State university at Ft. Collins.

Yeager and his wife, Betty, arrived in Medford March 20 for a period of familiarization with his new responsibilities. They will reside at the superintendent's residence, 1317 Queen Anne ave., Medford during the winter months and at Crater Lake National park during the summer.

Brown and his wife, Betty, will leave April 2, for Montana, where they own a mountain ranch. He indicated he plans to return to this area from time to time, and also to remain active in regard to National Parks, though not in a governmental capacity.

Brown, an ardent outdoorsman, plans to keep horses on his ranch and make frequent trips into the wilderness back country of that area. He has served at Yellowstone National park, and this is familiar with the Montana mountain region.

Brown has been superintendent of Crater Lake National park since Oct. 4, 1959.

Association, Medco Discuss Log Road

Representatives of the Jackson County Home Owners Protective association were scheduled to meet Medford Corporation officials this afternoon to discuss the possible conversion of the company's logging railroad to an off-highway truck road.

The association was formed in February to protect property rights along Medco's railroad from Butte Falls to Medford.

Members of the association presented Medco officials with a letter signed by more than 100 residents along the route.

The letter reviews objections voiced to a log truck road, pointing out that the group feels "that a continuously operated truck road would create entirely different problems which would have a serious effect on all future developments for a considerable distance on both sides of the right of way."

Lithia Park Pine Trees Destroyed

Ashland — Western pine beetles have been responsible for destruction of 102 pine trees in Lithia park in the last two months, according to C. E. Corry, park superintendent.

Corry said the principal reason for the infestation was that the Ashland burn area weakened perimeter trees, encouraging growth of the beetles which are normally killed in the larva stage by a strong tree.

Warm winters and dry summers are also contributing factors, Corry said. Any tree infested must be cut and burned immediately, he indicated.

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Russians Offered Look at Inside Of Nuclear Bombs

Proposal Designed To Meet Objections

Geneva — (UPI) — The United States today offered Russian scientists a look at the inside of American nuclear bombs, but the Soviets shrugged off the proposal as meaningless.

Chief Soviet delegate Semyon Tsarapkin retreated behind his best poker face for the formal 275th session of the three-nation nuclear test ban conference.

At the end of the 23-minute meeting at which the American offer was made, Tsarapkin told reporters: "I see little movement in the (United States) position. It is almost the same as the old position."

In announcing the American offer, however, chief U.S. delegate Arthur H. Dean explained it was designed to meet the four objections the Soviets had raised in the past over the use of nuclear devices for research purposes.

The Russians had demanded a look at the inside of all such devices, insisted they must be present when the devices were assembled and exploded, and must be given all information resulting from such explosions.

Dean said that if other aspects of a nuclear weapons test ban treaty could be arranged satisfactorily, President Kennedy would formally ask Congress to let him grant Soviet scientists these rights.

Earlier Condition Dropped — He dropped entirely the earlier condition that the Russians should show one of their nuclear bombs to American scientists for each American bomb the Soviets were permitted to inspect.

Despite this dramatic change in the American position, Tsarapkin sat impassively at the table during the entire session. He nodded once, to assent to a formal communiqué that the delegations had met and agreed to do so again Thursday.

Minor Disaster Plan Is Adopted

The Jackson County Inter-Agency council adopted a minor disaster plan and elected officers at its meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Alvin Fellers, Southern Oregon college, was elected president. Other officers are Jerry Brog of the county extension service, vice president; and Miss Frances Clark of the Jackson county health department, secretary.

Purpose of the new plan is to prevent overlapping of social services in the county, it was explained. Under the plan, relief to individuals or groups suffering from a minor disaster, such as a house fire, would be coordinated through the Red Cross.

Experience has shown that agencies without coordination and working on their own, sometimes duplicate services, while other needs are overlooked.

Participating agencies which are aware of a minor disaster will report the incident by special telephone number to the Red Cross coordinator, who will in turn see that a representative is sent immediately to determine the extent of need and start aid.

The council, a coordinating agency for social services in the county, met at the Red Cross building.

"Well, New Frontier, Here We Are!"



British Spies Receive Stiff Prison Sentences

Alleged Head Of Ring Given Term of 25 Years

Two Americans Among Convicted

London — (UPI) — Five persons including two Americans with ties to a master Soviet spy in the United States, were convicted today of stealing vital naval secrets for Russia. They promptly got stiff prison sentences from the lord chief justice of Britain, Lord Parker, who handed the worst punishment to a man described as a member of the Russian intelligence service.

The two Americans were known in Old Bailey courtroom as Peter John Kroger and his wife, Helen. Actually they are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cohen, formerly of New York and one-time friends of Col. Rudolf Abel, convicted in the United States of being a Soviet agent. They got 20 years each, and the judge called them "professional spies."

Called Soviet Agent

Others convicted: —Gordon Arnold Lonsdale, 37. He got the longest sentence of all—25 years in prison. The judge called him the master mind of the spy ring, and Scotland Yard said it was firmly convinced Lonsdale was a member of the Russian intelligence service.

—Henry F. Houghton, 55, a former employee at the big Portland Naval Base where NATO plans how to counter the Russian's 450 submarines. He got 15 years.

—Miss Ethel Elizabeth Gee, 46, Houghton's fiancée and also a former Portland employee. She got 15 years.

Grave View of Case

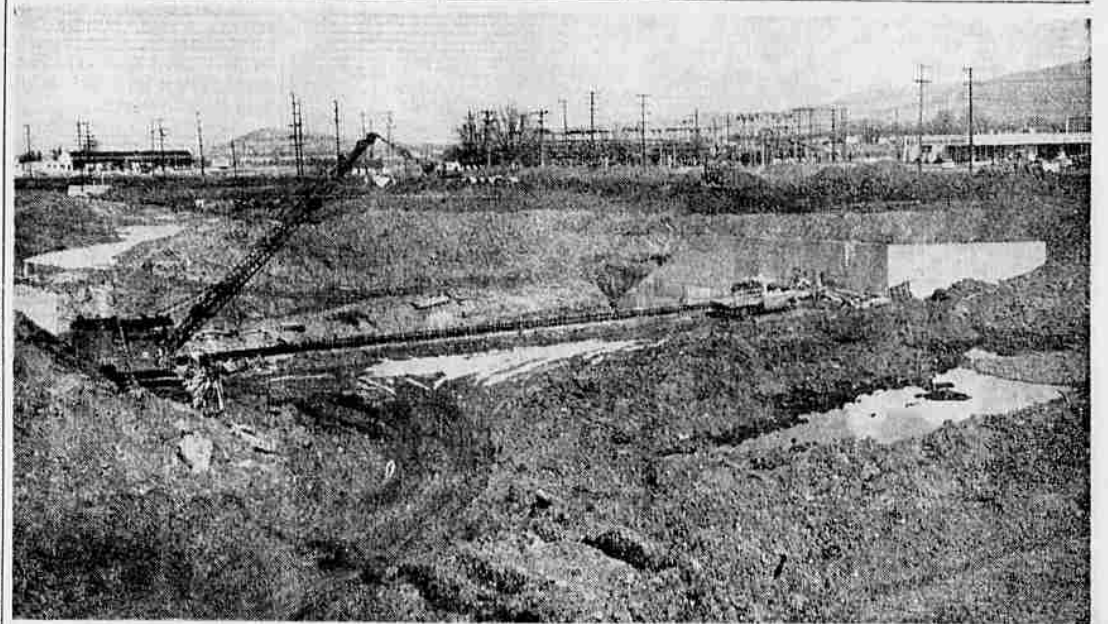
The grave view which Lord Parker took of the spies' activities can be measured by the fact that all of them got longer sentences than did scientist Klaus Fuchs who was convicted in 1950 of giving secrets of the atom bomb to Russia. He received 14 years, the maximum sentence under the British Official Secrets Act unless there is a conspiracy as there was in today's case.

Kennedy Requests Foreign Aid Funds

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy today asked Congress for a five-year, "fresh approach" foreign aid program, with emphasis on helping countries which help themselves.

He called for major changes in method—a new central aid agency, authority to commit funds years ahead, a shift from military to economic aid, new terms of repayment, and emphasis on social progress.

But for the first year of the program the fiscal year beginning July 1—he asked for the same \$4 billion which the Eisenhower administration proposed just before it went out of office.



WORK PROGRESSING—Work is progressing on a diversion dam on Bear creek for the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district shown above. The diversion dam is being relocated upstream from the present dam because of the Highway 99 freeway construction. The dam is just north of the Jackson st. bridge. Clearing for the freeway and the start of an elevated fill section are visible in the background. —(Knackstedt Photo)

Diplomats Laud Stevenson Speech In UN Assembly

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — United Nations diplomats said today that U.S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson had scored heavily against Russia in the opening round of the General Assembly's Congo debate.

It was generally conceded that Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko had hurt his own cause Tuesday by launching a new attack on Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and demanding an end to the U.N. operation in the Congo within a month.

There was some hope among the neutralists that Gromyko now would soften his line and let the assembly get down to serious study of the recommendations of a conciliation commission report on the Congo.

The 99-member world parliament resumes debate this afternoon with Ethiopia, Mali and Albania listed as speakers.

Stevenson's strong denunciation of Gromyko's opening attacks Tuesday showed clearly the U.S. delegate is prepared to meet the Soviets on any terms.

He reminded the delegates he had sought to avoid cold war recriminations so that some constructive solutions could be found to the Congo situation.

Gromyko's speech, he said, showed that "the Soviet Union does not regard our organization as a means of international cooperation but simply an instrument of international discord."

Brown Asks Report On Birch Society

Sacramento — (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown said Tuesday he has asked California Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk to make a report on the John Birch society, an ultra right wing group.

Brown told his news conference that "unless they violate a law they have a right to speak."

"I intend to ask Mosk to look into it to see if they have violated any law although I can't imagine what it would be," he said.

Fascism, Brown added, is just as dangerous to this country as Communism.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with occasional showers to night. Clearing periods with a few showers mainly over mountains Thursday. Low tonight 35-38. High Thursday 55.

Highest Yesterday 62
Lowest this Morning 48
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .49

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 6:26 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:10 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 12:54 a.m.
First Quarter
PROBABLE STARS: March 23
The Big Dipper, in the northeast at sunset, will be high in north at midnight.
Betelgeuse, high in south at sunset, will be low in west 11:38 p.m.

Oregon Senate Passes Three-Way Compensation Bill

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Senate, voting 16-14, today approved the controversial three-way workmen's compensation bill.

It went to the House where it also faces rough going. Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D-Portland) said SB334 would give Oregon the "best workmen's compensation law in the United States."

At present the State Industrial Accident commission has a virtual monopoly in this type of insurance. Three-way would allow an employer to choose between the state, private insurance or self-insurance.

Pearson said competition is healthy and Oregon's present law written in 1913 is "outmoded."

Industry favors SB334 and organized labor is opposed. Those voting no were Sens. Chapman, Cook, Alfred Corbett, Alice Corbett, Flegel, Francis, Grenfell, Groener, Hopkins, Lewis, Mahoney, Polts, Straub and Sweetland.

Pearson, an insurance man, denied that he has a "special interest" in the bill. He said his firm, the Walter J. Pearson Co., is not interested in this type of business.

Pearson said the state commission has a "terrific loss ratio" and if something isn't done, the state fund will go broke. This would mean "bailing out" the commission from general fund revenues.

Sen. Alfred Corbett described it as a "big company bill" and said it would not mean more benefits, better safety and other improvements claimed by supporters.

He said it would also raise costs of insurance to employers. Labor says this means the worker will get fewer benefits.

Boardman Approval Expected — The House opened debate on the bills allowing Oregon

to establish an industrial park at Boardman and lease the 100,000 acre site to Boeing Airplane Co. Approval is expected.

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), said the Boardman legislation will have "the most profound influence on the future of Oregon" of any action before the 1961 session.

The House passed, 48-12, a controversial bill to let counties operate work relief projects for welfare recipients.

Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) called the projects good for morale. But Rep. Ed Benedict (D-Portland) protested they would permit counties to "deny general assistance to some people because of work rules."

It would be an expansion of a program already begun by some counties.

Bids Called for Medford Hotel Motel

Bids for the construction of a 44-unit motel adjacent to the Medford hotel are tentatively scheduled to be opened April 4.

The Medford Hotel will be four stories high and include parking for 50 vehicles, banquet room facilities for 400, a patio and a swimming pool. It will be adjacent to the hotel and extend west along Main st.

Architects are Dougan and Helms, Portland.

DONATION MADE

Ashland — Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Ashland hospital board, said yesterday the Jackson county chapter of the American Heart association had donated \$100 to the Community hospital for purchase of heart equipment.

Eighteen Shares of Stock Issued by Crater Lake National Park Firm Sought

Have some old shares of stock around your house? Hang on to them—they may be worth something.

A number of persons in the Medford area have found recently that it pays to keep track of seemingly worthless stock. These persons were holders of stock issued in 1921 by the Crater Lake National Park company.

The Crater Lake Lodge company, successor to the original company, recently announced that it would redeem these outstanding shares at 6 cents on the dollar. Some 400 shares of the stock were issued in 1921, and all but 18 have now been recovered.

The company is searching for these 18.

This unexpected wealth was the Medford Mail Tribune which turned over a \$100 share for a \$50 check.

The 1921 stock issue was done as a promotional scheme to develop the Crater Lake National park area. The company then ran the lodge and other park facilities.

Most of the shares of stock were purchased by businessmen in the Medford area. No dividends were ever paid on the stock, since no profit was ever made.

No reason for redeeming the old stock has been given, but it is presumed that the Crater Lake Lodge company merely wants to clear the old corporation off the books.

Of the 18 unaccounted-for shares, many of the original

purchasers are now deceased or moved from this area. Heirs of these persons, or someone knowing of their whereabouts are advised to contact Joe P. Price, assistant secretary of the Crater Lake Lodge company, 308 Pacific building, Portland 4.

The names to which the missing 18 shares of stock were issued are:

Hutchison and Lumsden, Medford Furniture and Hardware company; L. B. Haskins, W. F. Isaacs, E. Binns, W. A. Folger, F. L. Heath, L. A. Carpenter, S. T. Richardson, H. E. Marsh, Medford Service station, A. C. Fichtner, Rogue Valley Milling company, T. W. Miles, Vernon H. Vawter and Gates and Lydiard (founders of the Groceria supermarket).