

Drummond Reports

(Walter Lippmann is in Europe. Roscoe Drummond reports from Washington in his absence.)

SOVIETS VETO TEST BAN?
Washington—We should be ready for bleak news on test-ban and disarmament negotiations with the Soviets.

I suspect the real state of affairs will soon be out in the open at Geneva.

The Russians are now backing away from any inspection treaty to end the testing of nuclear weapons.

There is yet no solid Soviet agreement to begin the talks on comprehensive disarmament, Aug. 1.

There is an appearance of an agreement, but Moscow has attached a condition. The U. S., Britain, France, Canada, and the others are ready to resume the disarmament conference where they left off last year. Moscow says yes, but only if some additional nations are brought to the conference table. So there is nothing firm about the Aug. 1 date.

SUCH news from Geneva can only mean that the Soviets do not want to negotiate a test-ban agreement which has any element of secure enforcement. Naturally they do not say so. But that would be bad propaganda. That their actions reveal their intentions:

1-The United States and Britain have made seven significant concessions to Soviet views on inspection. The Russians offer nothing in return.

2-Actually the Soviet delegate not only makes no return concessions, but he has withdrawn Russian approval of one of the most important agreements already reached in previous Geneva meetings—that a single neutral administrator be in charge of the test-ban control commission.

3-In place of a single neutral administrator, Moscow now says it will only accept a three-man committee on which, at all points, each would have to agree before any inspection was authorized.

4-This means that the Soviet Union is demanding a total veto over any system of inspection designed to verify the test ban.

This means inspection only at the will and wishes of the Kremlin. This means that the Soviets could stop the control machinery any time, any where.

No wonder Vice President



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Lyndon B. Johnson, after conferring with the American negotiators at Geneva, warned that the U. S. will not be lured into a treaty "just for the sake of a treaty" and will not accept a veto-locked inspection system.

IT IS quite possible that the Soviets have decided that the value of a test-ban is not equal to the amount of inspection needed to make it work. Or, they might have decided that they can get the U. S. to continue the moratorium on testing without any inspection agreement at all.

Whatever their reasons, the Soviet demand for a veto-locked control commission makes the outlook for any kind of disarmament agreement nearly hopeless.

It now seems clear that the Kremlin is insisting upon a veto over any international agency which could affect the Soviet Union. Their demand at Geneva for a "committee secretariat" to run the test-ban control commission is exactly what Premier Khrushchev has been demanding at the U. S.—a committee to run the secretariat of the United Nations with a Soviet veto over any action.

Is there any reason to think that the Soviets will accept a veto-free inspection system for general disarmament when they will not accept a veto-free control commission to verify the test ban?

Thus far the Soviet record at Geneva is a dismal dash of the hopes of the whole world for serious negotiation.

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Company Promotes, Transfers Manager

Gordon E. Boner, officer manager for Swift and company in Medford, has been promoted and transferred by the company. He is now supervisor of Swift's west coast grocery sales accounting in San Francisco.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Boner is a certified public accountant. He arrived in Medford in 1955 with his wife, Joanne, and three children. They lived at 111 Newtown Ave.

While in the valley he has been a member of the Elks lodge, has served twice as chairman of the wholesale meat packers division of the United Medford Crusade and was chairman of the 1959 Jacksonville Centennial dinner committee.

The Boners are members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church. He is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus in Rogue River council and has served as deputy grand knight and grand knight. He is currently council auditor and is a member of the board of trustees. He was recently recognized by the council for his service, being presented a certificate of merit.

Young Woman Dies In Dentist's Chair

Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) — A young woman collapsed and died in a dentist chair Monday and doctors tried two hours to revive her while her husband sat unknowingly in the dentist's waiting room.

Mrs. Joanna Graham, 22, collapsed after Dr. A. H. Balzen gave her gas and novocain and prepared to extract her teeth. Dr. Balzen called in two doctors in the same building, but they were unable to revive Mrs. Graham.

Her husband, William Otis Graham, a sailor stationed at the Naval Air station here, remained in the waiting room, unaware of his wife's death.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What about this John Birch Society?

The papers are full of it. The editorial writers are taking a crack at it. Hubert Humphrey, the ultra-liberal, on one side, and Harry Goldwater, the leader of the ultra-conservatives, on the other side, are squaring off and making passes at each other about it. There is talk in Washington of a congressional investigation.

In California, where some of the John Birch Society's principal organizers reside, the attorney general's office is reported to be making an investigation. A committee of the California legislature has begun hearings on the Society.

WHAT'S all the shooting about?

The John Birch, after whom the Society is named, appears to have been a rather vague sort of person who never did anything so very outstanding. The real hero of the play—or the villain—is a Robert Welch, who has written a book that he calls the Blue Book of the John Birch Society.

OF THE book Eric Allen, editor of the Mail Tribune, says:

"With various prefaces, introductions and postscripts, it consists of a series of lectures delivered in December of 1958 by its author (Welch) to a group of 11 men in Indianapolis. The book and the Society had their birth in FEAR—fear of the 'Communist Conspiracy'."

"The book is not only a blueprint for action (against the Communist Conspiracy). It is also a statement of philosophy, rationale and ways and means. Both the book and the Society believe that unless something is done the communist TAKE-OVER is very near."

WHY the controversy? Well, Author (and Society-Founder) Welch appears to believe that ultra-conservatives are more to be depended on than ultra-liberals in the Battle of Armageddon that we must wage against communism if our way of life is to be preserved.

That, not unnaturally, has led the ultra-liberals to look upon Welch and his John Birch Society with extreme suspicion. They tend to hark back to what in its day was known as "McCarthyism" and to look upon Welch as another McCarthy.

That seems to be about the long and the short of the John Birch Society ruckus.

WHAT to do about it? It seems to me it would be a good idea for level-headed, middle-of-the-road people to hold their fire for a while. To get a copy of the Welch book and read it. In a word, to draw THEIR OWN conclusions about it instead of accepting somebody else's possibly prejudiced conclusions.

Before we shoot this man Welch and burn his book, let's get a look at what he's driving at.

YOU may ask: What kind of way to settle things is that? It's called ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

THE classic example of academic freedom is Voltaire's answer to a friend who had written him a letter, with which he disagreed on every point.

Voltaire answered: "I disapprove everything you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

VOLTAIRE was thrown into the Bastille repeatedly for saying (and writing) what he thought about the corrupt and powerful rulers of France in its days of absolute monarchy, but he lived to become the idol of the common people of France and to be regarded generally as one of the world's great champions of freedom of thought and speech.

Polish Immigrant Arrested as Spy

Montreal — (UPI) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police today prepared an espionage case against Tomasz Biernacki, 37, a Polish immigrant arrested on a spy charge with a ticket to Poland in his pocket.

Biernacki, described by his local employer as a "brilliant hydraulics engineer," was arraigned Monday on charges of spying for a foreign power. Sessions Judge Paul Hurler refused bail and set preliminary hearing for April 18.

Although the foreign power was not named, a reliable source said Biernacki was suspected of supplying drawings, plans and documents to Russia between May 18 last year and his arrest Saturday.

RCMP Supt. W. Milligan refused to disclose what kind of secrets Biernacki was accused of obtaining.

Water Storage in Rogue Basin Said To Be Sufficient

Present storage in the Talent division of the Rogue River basin project is sufficient to meet the season's irrigation requirements and still provide a substantial reservoir carryover for future years, according to a report from H. T. Nelson, regional director of the bureau of reclamation.

The 1961 irrigation water supply outlook in southern Oregon has greatly improved due to cool-wet March storms, according to the water supply outlook of Rogue, Umpqua, and Klamath basins made by the soil conservation service and the state engineer.

SNOWPACK INCREASED
Due to the storms there have been unusually heavy increases in the mountain snowpack which is now 20 to 30 per cent greater than last year but still below average, according to the report.

Stored water supplies are still short in Fourmile, Fish Lake and Hyatt reservoirs, but excellent storage in Emigrant and Howard Prairie reservoirs will offset this shortage partially the SCS explained.

Reporting on the local area

House Minority Leader, Duncan In Political Row

Salem — (UPI) — House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery and Speaker Robert B. Duncan got into political squabble Monday over whether House Republicans are dumping the governor's program on mental health.

Montgomery, Eugene Republican, took issue with Duncan who said "Democratic members of the House State and Federal Affairs Committee had 'kept alive' a proposed mental health division while GOP members voted against it."

In "Grave Error" Montgomery issued a statement saying Duncan, Medford Democrat, was in "grave error."

Republican members of the committee "never once" opposed the division, including mental health clinics, Montgomery said.

Montgomery earlier explained that Republican committee members voted no against including five state mental institutions under the division because the feeling was the bill might not pass with them included.

The bill is part of Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization plan and while counter to Hatfield's original proposal, Montgomery said, a new division without the institutions would be better than nothing at all.

Grateful to Speaker
The committee finally decided to go along with Hatfield's original recommendation, and this is when the GOP members voted no—but only on the issue of restoration of the institutions in the bill, he said.

"We are grateful to the speaker for his endorsement of Gov. Hatfield's program," Montgomery said, "and urge him to apply what influence he has in rushing the bill through the ways and means committee."

McCann's Daughters Arrive in Manila

Manila — (UPI) — The daughters of Robert E. McCann, Altadena, Calif., American businessman dying of cancer contracted in Communist captivity, arrived today in a trans-Pacific jet dash to their father's bedside.

Barbara Curtis, 36, Pasadena, Calif., and Mary Dyer, 22, Sherman Oaks, Calif., were met at the airport by their brother, Robert E. McCann Jr., 35, who flew here last week.

The three are the only children of the businessman released from Red China last week. He is near death in the station hospital at Clark Field, 65 miles north of Manila.

Mrs. McCann, who went to Red China to accompany her husband to freedom, remained at his bedside today.

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Hatfield Signs Invitation To Ike With Lipstick

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield made his mark-in lipstick Monday on an invitation to bring ex-President Dwight D. Eisenhower to Oregon in October.

The governor placed his thumb print on a giant leather fishing permit from the Grants Pass Cavemen for Eisenhower to use on a boat trip down the Rogue River.

Sen. E. D. Potts (D-Grants Pass) said Eisenhower has indicated he will make the visit.

The "Caveman Domain Fishing License" was printed on a piece of leather more than a foot square. Potts said Hatfield was supposed to mark it in blood, but lipstick "would do."

Hatfield also is invited on the boat trip, but as honorary governor of the Cavemen, he does not need a license.

Pre-Stressed Concrete To Be Used for First Time In Valley in New Freeway

Morris R. Gibbons, owner of the Builders Supply company, Medford, told a Chamber of Commerce roundtable group Monday that pre-stressed concrete, currently seeing its first use in the valley in construction of the new freeway, is only in its beginnings.

Gibbons said pre-stressed concrete beams are already replacing steel in the construction of bridges and buildings, and predicted that they will be put to even more uses in the future.

But, while this kind of concrete may be replacing steel to some extent, it is also largely dependent on steel for its success. This was pointed out during a movie shown at the roundtable yesterday which was produced by the Calaveras Cement company.

Pre-stressed concrete is made by pouring a concrete mixture around tensioned steel cables. The cables have been stretched to the desired extension and are held in place by moorings at either end of the concrete mold.

Usually the steel cables are curved downward in the concrete molding so that when the concrete has set and the moorings are released the cable exerts an upward pressure. This pressure serves to counteract the pull of gravity and assures that the concrete structure will keep its intended shape.

The advantages of pre-stressed concrete, according to Gibbons, is that it requires less maintenance than other building materials, it is more durable and it eliminates much job-site labor. The concrete forms for a bridge, for instance, can be prepared at a plant and then moved to the construction site and put in place at will.

Gibbons said a 35-story building here recently been erected in Los Angeles, using pre-stressed concrete, and saved its builders \$2½ million over what it would have cost had structural steel been used.

This kind of concrete will be used more and more in spanning long distances without having long supports, according to the film.

Pre-stressed concrete has been in use for a couple of decades in Europe, particularly Germany, Gibbons said, but it has only recently been put into much use in the United States.

The Builders Supply company is currently making pre-stressed concrete beams at its plant at 727 West McAndrews rd., for use in the new freeway. Gibbons said this will be the first time pre-stressed concrete has been used in this area.

Gas now heats more than 19,000,000 United States homes.

NO COINS

New York — (UPI) — Kevin Mosely, 8, was riding to school on a train Monday when he missed some coins. He promptly felt behind the seat cushion and got his hand stuck. Kevin's anguished howls brought

adult commuters on the run and the train to a halt. For 19 minutes a police emergency squad worked, dislodging the seat, before the boy was freed. Then the officers looked under the seat—no coins.

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