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Khrushchev Asks New Constitution For Coexistence

Stalin Document Claimed Outdated

Moscow — (UPI) — Premier Nikita Khrushchev called today for a new "peaceful coexistence" constitution that would suit the Soviet Union's drive toward total communism.

Saying that the 1936 "Stalin constitution" was outdated, Khrushchev said the Soviet Union had achieved complete socialism and now is embarked on the all-out building of communism.

He asked the Supreme Soviet, Russia's parliament, to draft a new constitution that would adequately define foreign relations for "an era of peaceful coexistence." The Supreme Soviet approved his request, and named the premier to head the drafting commission.

Policy, Cabinet Approved

The discussion of the constitution followed the Supreme Soviet's routine approval of Khrushchev's foreign policy and new cabinet. The premier, who was reconfirmed Tuesday as head of the government, kept his Kremlin hierarchy virtually intact. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky and other top officials retained their posts.

Khrushchev said that changes in the Soviet Union over the past 26 years signified that "socialism has won a complete and final victory and the Soviet Union has entered the period of the all-out building of communism."

Talk of War

As reported by the news agency Tass, Khrushchev said the present constitution, which was drafted under the direction of former dictator Josef Stalin, talked only of declaring war and signing peace treaties.

He said a new constitution was needed to clarify the conduct of foreign relations in the world of today.

Acceptance of Khrushchev's policies by the Supreme Soviet came after a number of deputies denounced the United States for its decision to resume nuclear weapons tests.

Hatfield Appoints Coordinating Group

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield today appointed a coordinating council on matters of mutual concern affecting the state Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education.

The group will coordinate such things as community colleges, educational television, statistics, certification of teachers and implementation of the Ford Foundation-sponsored Oregon plan for improving education.

Appointed were: Chancellor Roy E. Lieualen of higher education; Superintendent of Public Instruction Leon P. Minear; Higher Education Chairman William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, and Vice Chairman Charles R. Holloway Jr., Portland; Education Board Chairman Francis I. Smith, Portland, and Vice Chairman S. E. Brogioni, Helix.

A seventh member of the council will be the governor or a member of his staff.

NEWS BRIEFS

WAY CLEARED FOR PURPLE HEART AWARD

Palm Beach, Fla. — President Kennedy by executive order today cleared the way for awarding the Purple Heart to members of the U.S. armed forces killed or wounded in Viet Nam.

His executive order made no specific reference to Viet Nam, but set up a new provision applying to U.S. personnel "serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing force in which the United States is not a belligerent party."

CRISIS GREETED FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Paris — (UPI) — The French government of Premier Georges Pompidou moved swiftly today to cope with its first major domestic crisis—a 24-hour strike on the state-operated railroad system.

POLARIS LAUNCHED FROM SUBMARINE

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — The Navy today launched a Polaris missile in secrecy from a submerged nuclear submarine off the coast of Florida.



PRINCESS—First of the 1962 Rose Festival Princesses is Mary Lee Sievers, 17, above, of Roosevelt High School in Portland. The pretty miss is 5 feet, 5½ inches tall, weighs 123 pounds and has blue eyes and dark brown hair. (UPI)

Pacific Airlines Seeks Suspension Of United Service

Pacific Airlines has petitioned the Civil Aeronautics board in Washington, D.C. for suspension of United Airlines' service to Medford.

The petition was filed with the CAB on March 16 by Pacific Airlines' attorneys. It also seeks the consolidation and realignment of West Coast Airlines' Seattle-Portland-San Francisco flight routes.

Specifically, the petition requests "that the Board (CAB) institute an investigation to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the suspension or deletion of the authority of United to serve Medford."

Seeks Extension

The petition seeks to amend an earlier application by Pacific which called for an extension of its San Francisco-Portland-Medford route to Seattle.

The move, together with petitions filed recently by other airlines serving the northwest, comes as a result of a proposed order by the CAB deleting service to six of the 16 Oregon cities authorized to receive scheduled air transportation.

Service to one Oregon community, Newport, has already been deleted under the CAB's "use it or lose it" policy.

The remaining five cities represent one-third of the cities in Oregon now receiving air service. If the CAB order were put into effect, an area of 48,000 square miles in the state would suffer loss of air service.

United Airlines and West Coast Airlines have registered their opposition to Pacific's proposal.

Discussion on SOC Building Postponed

Portland — (UPI) — A spokesman for the State Board of Higher Education said today discussion of a new physical education building for Southern Oregon College at Ashland has been put over until the June meeting of the board.

Morse Honored at Dinner; Campaign Pace Increases

By United Press International
Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) the man half a dozen Republican candidates would like to unseat this year, was honored at a campaign dinner in Washington, D.C., by his supporters Tuesday.

Approximately 400 persons attended the \$50 per plate dinner. Morse was praised by labor union members, Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, officials of the Washington, D.C., city government and others.

Morse, in a brief talk, called them his "biased" friends and pledged to "follow where the facts lead."

Durno Busy

Back in Oregon, Rep. Edwin Durno, one of the six seeking the GOP senatorial nomination, continued a busy schedule.

Durno's headquarters indicated he may carry his campaign through to the May 18 primary instead of returning to Washington at the end of the Easter recess. Durno had talks in Portland, at Willamette university and at Milwaukie today.

At Beaverton, GOP Senate candidate Harold Livingston called for a Congressional lumber bloc to resolve lumber problems through negotiation with Canada.

The Corvallis professor said Congressmen from all lumber states should ignore political lines to form a power bloc where lumber problems are concerned.

Sen. Maurice Neuberger, speaking in Klamath Falls Tuesday, praised the role of the United Nations in serving this country's national interests as well as interests of humanity. She said the UN's operation in the Congo has averted both Communist penetration of the Congo and the armed confrontation of the major powers.

Youth Alternates Urged

State Rep. Carl Fisher, candidate for the fourth district GOP congressional nomination, recommended that the two major political parties select youth alternates as chairman and vice chairman of state and county central committees. He said this would help develop interest

Searchers Fail To Locate Man's Body

Happy Camp — The level of the Klamath river in the area where George McLane, 55, is presumed to have drowned went down three to four feet Monday, but searchers still were unable to locate either his body or the truck he was driving.

Pacific Power and Light officials cooperated by reducing the flow of water into the river from Iron Gate and Copco Number 1 dams to the minimum allowed.

But despite the lower water level, sheriff's deputies still were unsuccessful in the search. The minimum flow was maintained for 30 hours, after which normal flow was resumed.

The sheriff's department now is attempting to get a large magnet and a mine detector to use in an effort to find the truck. McLane presumably was still at the wheel of the pickup when it went into the river about 20 miles west of Happy Camp April 8. The search is expected to continue next week.

Lebanon Man Dies In Logging Accident

Lyons, Ore. — (UPI) — George Baumgardner, 53, Lebanon, was crushed by a rolling log Tuesday on Thomas Creek southeast of here.

He was bucking a log when another log above him plummeted down a hill.

FACES ARRAIGNMENT

Redding, Calif. — (UPI) — Marvin F. Olsen, 32, a former Pocatello, Idaho, police officer faced arraignment today in connection with a charge of embezzling \$6,000 in Idaho state funds.

U. S. Rejects New Pleas To Halt Nuclear Testing

Indian Envoy Renews Appeal

Geneva — (UPI) — The United States rejected new pleas by India and the Communist bloc in the Disarmament Conference today to halt nuclear testing in the Pacific.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian Zorin accused the United States and Britain of "attempting to wash their hands before the peoples of the world and shrug off their responsibility."

Instructed To Appeal

Indian Ambassador Arthur Lall told the 17-nation conference that he had been instructed by his government to make another appeal to the great powers to "withhold from testing for a short period, perhaps for a few weeks," while another attempt was made to break the deadlock on a test ban.

But American Ambassador Arthur H. Dean replied that the United States, once lured by Soviet acceptance of a testing moratorium which it then broke without warning last fall, intends to renounce testing this time only when there is an effective treaty agreement.

Then, turning towards Lall, Dean said: "With the greatest respect, but with the greatest regret, I must say that my government cannot undertake another unprompted, uninitiated moratorium. But the United States wants and will continue its efforts to reach an effective test ban agreement."

Most of today's meeting was devoted to a lengthy discussion of various parts of the preliminary wording of an eventual disarmament treaty.

Two Seriously Hurt In California Crash

Happy Camp — Two Happy Camp men were seriously injured Tuesday morning in a one-car accident about eight miles east of here on the Klamath River rd. near Thompson Creek.

Taken to Siskiyou General hospital, Yreka, by Happy Camp ambulance and private car were Harold Peters and Raymond Conrad.

Conrad was reported in serious condition this morning and there was a possibility he might be transferred to a Medford hospital for further treatment of head injuries.

Peters suffered a shoulder injury and was reported to be doing fairly well.

The accident is still under investigation. California Highway Patrolman Everett Colford reported that the cause of the mishap is unknown, as neither man has been in condition to tell what happened.

Salem Plumbers Reject Offer

Salem — (UPI) — The Salem local of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union today rejected a "final" offer by employers as a strike in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Salem and Newport continued in its second week.

The union's negotiating committee turned down a three-pronged offer from the Willamette Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors. An employer spokesman said earlier this week that this was the final offer.

A regular meeting of the union's membership is to be held here at 8 p.m. Friday and Reed said the employer offer might or might not come up at that time.

Key issues in the dispute include higher wages and status of an apprenticeship fund into which employers pay.

Western Europe Defends Decision On Nuclear Tests

Japan Expresses 'Disappointment'

By United Press International
Western Europe today generally defended the U.S. decision to resume nuclear testing but Japan expressed "deep disappointment" and Russians put on a show of outrage.

A snake-dancing mob of about 100 leftist Zengakuran students staged a protest demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy in Japan, scuffling with 500 police.

Japan Can't Agree

A Japanese Foreign Office statement expressed "deep regrets" and said the government "cannot agree with the American plans to resume tests for whatever reasons."

The Times of London suggested that the Russians might privately be welcoming the U.S. decision "as an excuse for a further round of their own."

The first outright government support came from Nationalist China where the Foreign Ministry called it the only way for America to maintain its nuclear lead over the Soviet Union.

Welfare Group Criticizes Request

The Jackson county public welfare commission has sharply criticized the requested budget allocation for a teacher at the juvenile detention home.

In a letter, reported by County Judge Earl Miller today, the commission stated, "We cannot join in the recommendation for approval of \$7,000 allocation for educational program at the detention home." It was addressed to the county court, and copies sent to the county budget committee, the juvenile detention home, and Circuit Court Judges James M. Main and Edward C. Kelly.

"We believe the problem of educating children in the detention home falls more accurately with various school districts of Jackson county," the commission wrote.

It suggested a cooperative plan be worked out with the school districts.

It was signed by H. D. Christensen, Mrs. Henry Padgham, Mrs. Robert Keeney, and Mrs. Edward Bolt.

Land Board Meeting Dates May Be Changed

Salem — (UPI) — The Legislative Interim Committee on Natural Resources said Tuesday it is preparing legislation to do away with that part of the law which says the Oregon Land Board has to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

The board can meet any other time it chooses but by law it must convene on those two Tuesdays.

The legislation would require the land board to meet at least once a month, but on any day the board chooses.



ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE—Today is the 27th anniversary of the fire which ruined the Oregon state capitol building in Salem on April 25, 1935. The photo above, from the Oregon State Archives, shows the building at the height of the fire. The story is on page 13 A. (UPI)

Budget Increases Sought by Library, Health Department

"You can't get it with box tops!" Richard Travis, a member of the board of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county, told the Jackson county budget committee yesterday afternoon.

He was referring to increased library service which is needed to meet increased public library use and population growth. Librarian Omar Bacon said the library system netted 2,100 new users in the last nine months.

The library representatives are asking for an overall total increase of \$21,184 or a new fiscal year total of \$139,711. Of this total, Jackson county is being asked to contribute \$81,735, for an increase in its share of \$17,991. The rest of the requested budget consists of \$36,666 from the Medford transfer, \$7,760 from the Medford tax levy, \$6,500 from library fees, \$1,850 from the county curriculum materials center, \$1,000 from the Ashland Public library and \$4,000 from the Josephine county library.

Salary Requests

Over half of the requested increase of \$21,184, or \$13,176, consists of salaries. The remainder is \$2,831 for compensation, retirement, social security, insurance, \$4,472 for operation and maintenance, and \$705 for capital improvements.

The budget committee took no action on the library budget pending further study and discussion.

The Jackson county budget committee is expected to make a decision Friday on requested matching funds for a \$91,432 public health clinic building and increased mental health service.

According to the request by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer, federal Hill-Burton funds would provide one-third of the clinic building costs or approximately \$30,144.

He is also requesting \$19,098 to meet the 50 per cent state grants-in-aid funds for the county mental health program. Total budget for the new fiscal year's increased mental health service would be \$38,176, an increase of \$13,918. This would include a Family and Child Guidance clinic, which the county has now, plus expansion in alcohol education and rehabilitation, continuation of treatment of patients returning from state mental hospitals, and other mental health services recommended by the state department of mental health.

A tentative budget for the county's mental health service and application form for the state matching funds must be sent to Salem by

Explosion Marks Start of Pacific Testing Series

Device Dropped From Airplane

Washington — (UPI) — A high-flying airplane dropped a nuclear bomb in the vicinity of Christmas Island today to kick off America's eighth and perhaps most critical Pacific test series.

The explosion came almost 18 hours after President Kennedy gave the Atomic Energy Commission and Defense Department final authority to trigger the vital new test program.

In a brief announcement

A nuclear test detonation took place at about 7:45 a.m. (PST) today in the vicinity of Christmas Island. The detonation was in the intermediate yield range. The device was dropped from an airplane. The test was the first detonation in Operation Dominic, now under way in the Pacific.

Under Megaton

A commission spokesman said the device was equal in power to something under a megaton (one million tons) of TNT and something over 20 kilotons (20,000 tons).

In the past, "intermediate" has usually meant a blast in the 100 kiloton range.

The spokesman went on to say that the new test series would produce considerably less radioactive fallout than the 1961 Soviet test series because the total energy release of the American shots will be less than the Russian total.

Christmas Island, borrowed from the British for Operation Dominic, is about 140 miles above the equator and 1,300 miles south of Honolulu.

Other shots, probably missile detonations high in space, will be held at Johnston Island, a U.S. possession 800 miles west and southwest of Honolulu.

The AEC has made it clear all atmospheric tests in the Dominic series will be exploded so high that they will deposit little fallout in the test areas.

It said 98 to 99 per cent of the radioactive debris will be dispersed high above the earth's equatorial regions. It said "these diluted bands of low level radio-activity" will "gradually descend to earth over a period of years."

Lumber Unions To Reopen Contracts

Portland — (UPI) — Two major Northwest lumber unions have notified employers about reopening of contracts for wages, an employer spokesman said today.

Contracts between employers and the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers (LSW) open June 1 for wages only.

The spokesman said letters from the Western States Regional Council of the IWA had been sent to members of Timber Operators' Council (TOC) requesting employer representatives to be present at a meeting here next Monday. No meeting has been requested by the LSW, he said.

"Would You Want Your Daughter To Marry A Russian?"

