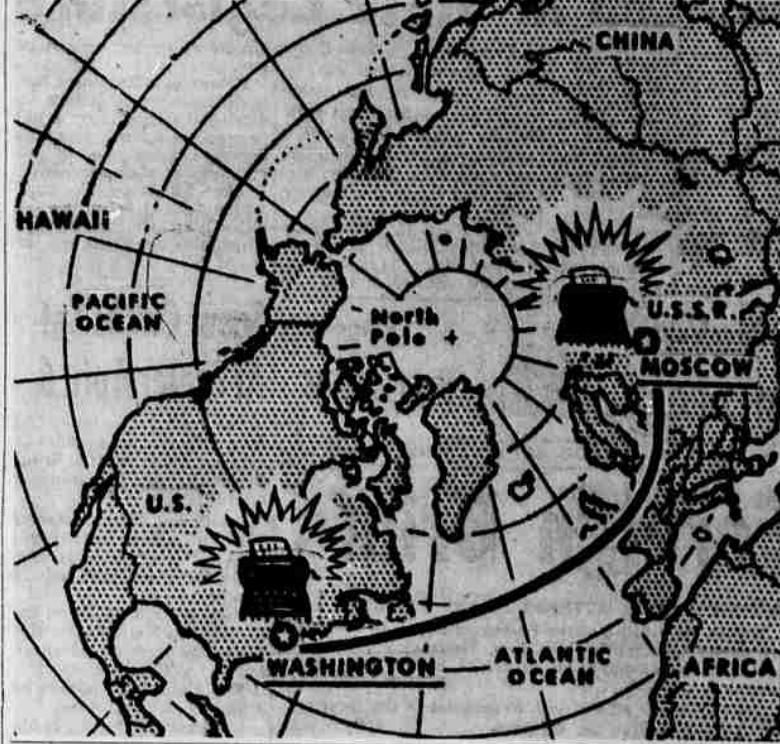


# RUSSIANS ACCEPT 'HOT LINE' PROPOSAL



**SUMMER WHITE HOUSE**—This is to be the new summer White House. It is the home of Louis R. Thun, Reading, Pa., industrialist, and is located at the end of Squaw Island near Hyannis Port, Mass., on Cape Cod. The house is a short distance from the Morton Downey home which President Kennedy rented last summer. (UPI)

## U.S.-Soviet 'Hot Line'



## Informal Talks To Cement Plans Requested by U.S.

**East Germany Offers Disarmament Pact**  
Geneva—(UPI)—The Soviet Union today accepted the American proposal for a "hot line" telegraph or teletype link between Moscow and Washington to ease the threat of a nuclear war starting by accident.  
Soviet chief delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin said the acceptance was the "first practical result" achieved in 13 months of negotiations at the 17-nation Disarmament Conference.  
U. S. delegate Charles C. Stelle "warmly welcomed" the move and called for informal American-Russian discussions to work out details of the communications link over which President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev could confer directly to head off a war through error.  
**First Conciliatory Step**  
Acceptance of the U.S. proposal was the first conciliatory step made by the Soviets here in months.  
"The Soviet Union is ready to accept a direct communication link, either telegram or teletype, between governments," Tsarapkin said.  
His mention of "teletype or telegram" was in line with U. S. State Department thinking. A direct line telephone between Kennedy and Khrushchev was ruled out because of the translation problem, possibilities of misunderstanding in a tension-filled direct conversation, and other technical problems.  
The Soviet move came just after Tsarapkin made the conference a cable from East Germany offering to sign a disarmament agreement with West Germany which it said would "materially contribute" to the cause of world disarmament.  
Neither East nor West Germany is a member of the conference. Furthermore, the West does not recognize the East German government.  
And observers felt that any such East-West German disarmament arrangement could only benefit the Communists. East Germany's army is relatively small, while West Germany's armed forces form a substantial part of NATO's defense in Europe.

## Senate Elects To Put Death Penalty Before Voters

**Murder Would Bring Life Imprisonment**  
Salem—(UPI)—The Senate voted 25 to 3 today to allow voters to decide whether the death penalty should be retained in Oregon.  
The Senate approved a proposed change in the constitution which would make life imprisonment the penalty for first degree murder.  
The measure now goes to the House.  
The Senate resolution on the death penalty calls for the vote on the issue at the next regular general election—in 1964.  
**Opposition Votes**  
Voting against the proposal were Sens. Ward Cook, Eddie Ahrens and Ben Musa. Sens. Harry Boivin and Al Flegel were absent.  
The House passed a bill to encourage hiring of the handicapped by revising the workmen's compensation law to eliminate charges against an employer's experience rating for a disability-related accident.  
The House refused, 40-18, to call the basic school fund bill from committee for a vote on the floor in the next few days. Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) said it should not be left for "left-over" money.  
The House received a bill to create a special committee to look into the spending of public funds for lobbying.  
It also received a bill to appropriate \$2 million to cities in lieu of a share of a cigarette tax, if such a tax is approved.  
**Net Crime Deterrent**  
In arguing for approval of the death penalty measure, Sen. Don Willner (D-Lake Oswego) said the death penalty was not a deterrent to crime. He termed the action "part of a world-wide struggle for the dignity of the human being."  
Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland) reminded senators that the issue was rejected by 12,000 votes the last time it was on the ballot. He pointed out the ballot description at that time was confusing.  
Sen. Walter Pearson (D-Portland) said it was an issue that the people should decide.

## Committee Denies Public Works, Shelter Stocks

Washington—(UPI)—In a double economy move, the House Appropriations Committee today denied extra funds for stocking fallout shelters and refused President Kennedy's request for \$500 million in new emergency public works.  
The committee, handing the Republicans the biggest victory to date in their current economy drive, decided that:  
—Civil Defense boss Stewart L. Pittman could get along without \$61.9 million in supplemental appropriations. He said the money was urgently needed to complete a fallout shelter program with space and supplies for 70 million persons.  
—It would not grant one cent of the \$300 million in emergency public works requested by Kennedy to help head off a possible recession.  
The government now has almost \$1.5 billion in applications from communities around the country seeking federal funds to help finance local projects. But the government has run out of money voted by the previous Congress for the program.  
A House appropriations subcommittee, headed by Rep. Albert Thomas (D-Tex.) had drafted a bill containing \$450 million of the \$500 million sought by the President. But the entire committee, on a 22-19 vote, knocked out all of the funds.

## Highway Relocation Opposed by People Of Jacksonville

Jacksonville—Sentiment expressed at a formal public hearing here yesterday ran about 2 to 1 against the state highway department's proposed route for relocation of the Medford-Pravot highway through Jacksonville.  
A total of 12 persons spoke in opposition to the proposed route at the hearing, held to record the opinions of Jacksonville residents and others interested in the project. Four persons spoke in favor of the relocation route, while letters were read from two others favoring it.  
All statements were tape recorded and will be transcribed and made available to the state highway commission for study. Persons who did not make a statement at the hearing yesterday were encouraged to write letters to the commission, in Salem, Ore.  
**Agreed On Principle**  
As at an informal meeting the night before, most persons at yesterday's formal hearing agreed that some kind of a bypass, taking heavy traffic off Jacksonville's main streets, would be desirable.  
But those attending disagreed over where the road should go. Some felt it should be run along the north side of Jackson creek, instead of alongside the south side as proposed by the highway department. Others felt that it should run around the north side of the Jacksonville cemetery and bypass the city entirely.  
E. O. Graham, mayor of Jacksonville, said he had not yet made up his mind on the question. He indicated that the city council plans to study the matter further and probably will issue a statement after due consideration.  
John Keaveny, president of the Jacksonville planning commission, opposed the route on the grounds that it would rob the city of too much assessed valuation. Others thought it would destroy Jacksonville's historical atmosphere.  
Many persons expressed surprise at the Wednesday night meeting that the project had been conceived and surveyed so quickly. Yesterday it was learned that the reason for the hurry reportedly was that a large timber sale is scheduled to take place in the Applegate valley this summer, as a result of which numerous logging trucks will be traveling the Medford-Pravot highway.  
**Leave Present Highway**  
The highway department's proposed route would leave the present highway at Blackstone alley and run along the south side of Jackson creek, crossing E. St. between Third and Fourth sts. and Oregon st. between C and D sts., rejoining the present road at the west end of the city's business district.  
Enough right-of-way for a four-lane highway would be purchased, although only two lanes are scheduled to be constructed initially. The new road would be built at ground level, with access at Oregon and E sts.  
Victor Wolfe, administrative assistant to the state highway engineer, conducted the hearing. He announced that the department has relocation advisory assistance available for residents displaced by a new highway. Between 14 and 16 houses would have to be removed if the proposed route through Jacksonville is adopted.  
At present it is not legal for the highway department to pay moving expenses of persons forced to relocate, but a bill to permit such payments has passed the Oregon senate and is now pending before a house committee.

## Powell Hit by Libel Judgment For \$211,500

New York—(UPI)—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (D-N. Y.), the "bad boy" of Congress but the darling of his Harlem constituents, was hit by a Supreme Court jury Thursday with a \$211,500 libel judgment.  
Mrs. Esther James, 66, who sued the Negro lawmaker for \$1 million after he referred to her on a television program as a "bag woman" (graft collector) for the police department, received the verdict with tears of joy.  
"The king is dead. A d d m Clayton Powell is dead. Now he will just have to keep his mouth shut," she said.  
**Will Appeal Verdict**  
Powell, often a congressional absentee, was in Washington for "the lifeline" four days of the trial, though a courtroom appearance had been promised by his lawyer. A spokesman said only that Powell would appeal the verdict.  
The heavy judgment included \$11,500 in compensatory damages—for loss of income and damage to reputation—and \$200,000 in punitive damages—for wanton, malicious and reckless defamation.  
The all-white jury of seven men and five women handed down its verdict after four hours of deliberation.  
The settlement came as the newest in a spate of personal and political setbacks for the debonair congressman. As a 19-year veteran of Congress and chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, he has weathered many crises, including income tax scandals.  
**Returns Each Term**  
But the 400,000 constituents of his 16th Congressional District in Manhattan, where he serves as pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, have shooed him in to Congress term after term.  
One Harlemite, asked about Powell's recent trips abroad, said "Man, does that cat live!"  
The way Powell lives—specifically, the huge staff he has marshaled about his committee and a European junket he made last year with two pretty secretaries—brought a public outcry, plus wrathful action against him by his congressional peers.  
Powell requested \$348,000 for operation of his education and labor committee during the coming year. Holders of the congressional purse-strings cut that figure by 40 per cent to \$209,000.

## Bid Accepted for Mt. Ashland Work

The regional office of the U. S. forest service, Portland, has accepted the lone bid for the Mt. Ashland Ski corporation for development of a lodge and ski facilities on Mt. Ashland, the office of the Rogue River National forest announced today.  
The Ashland corporation's bid was 1 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts from the concession to be paid the forest service. Bid opening was Monday afternoon.  
Construction of the 7 1/2 mile entrance rd. from the Siskiyou summit should start in May or June, forestry officials said. They hope to advertise for bids starting April 8.  
The corporation would have the ski lodge and one ski lift of the poma-lift type completed by April 15, 1964, according to its bid information. This would include restroom facilities, and facilities for food and beverages.  
The ski shop probably would be established the first operating year and the area could eventually have four or more poma-lift and T-bar systems.

## Jury Trial Scheduled In Assault Case

A jury trial for Robert Joseph Garcia, 24, of 113 Tripp st., Medford, who is charged with assault and battery in connection with an incident involving his three-year-old son on Christmas Eve, has been scheduled May 6 in Jackson county circuit court.  
Garcia pleaded innocent to the charge in circuit court this morning.

## Group Moves To Stem Defiance of Legislature

Salem—(UPI)—The Ways and Means Committee moved today to stem what it considers defiance of the legislature by voting to introduce a bill to give the legislature control of space allocation in the capitol building.  
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## Holmer Named to Replace McNeel

The appointment of John T. Holmer, Central Point, as acting building safety director for the city of Medford was announced today by City Manager Robert Duff.  
Holmer will replace O. R. McNeel, who resigned about two weeks ago to accept employment elsewhere. The position will become effective April 12, Duff said.  
Holmer, 62, joined the building department in March, 1962, as an inspector, following several years of experience in building contracting and construction.

## Youngster Admits Causing Hotel Fire

Boston—(UPI)—Police disclosed today a 9-year-old boy has admitted playing with matches in the Sherry Billmore hotel room where a fire that took four lives and injured 24 others started early last Friday.  
Police said the boy was the son of a member of the cast of the Broadway road show "The Sound of Music" which is currently playing at a downtown theater here.  
Four times in recent months fire has broken out in hotels where the cast has been staying. Previous fires occurred in Minneapolis, Columbus, Ohio, and Baltimore, Md. No lives were lost in any of those fires.  
No charges were placed immediately against the youngster. His mother, weeping, was brought to police headquarters.

## Implied Consent Measure Defeated

Salem—(UPI)—A bill that would have given a driver suspected of drunkenness the choice of taking a chemical test or losing his license went down to narrow defeat today in the Senate.  
The "implied consent bill" was defeated, 15-13, after opponents termed it "an invasion of individual rights that could lay the grounds for harassment of motorists."  
The bill, one of a package of traffic safety measures urged by the governor, was based on the premise that a driver implies his consent to a chemical test when he accepts a driver's license. Supporters said driving on the highways should be considered a privilege.  
The bill would have allowed a policeman to arrest a suspected drunken driver and request a chemical test. If the driver refused, he would have lost his license. He could have asked for a hearing within 10 days. If his license were not restored, he could have appealed.

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## Remodeling Set for Post Office

Remodeling of the present post office building in Medford into federal offices following construction of the new post office was assured Thursday when House and Senate public works committees agreed to authorize expenditures of \$226,000 for alterations, repairs and improvements, according to Congressman Robert B. Duncan.  
No floor action will be required, Duncan stated. The actual funds will be appropriated as required by separate House-Senate procedures. The president's budget includes \$13,000 for design work in the fiscal year 1964.  
The remaining funds, Duncan said, are to be appropriated in later years. Work will start when the new post office building to be constructed in the block on Eighth st. neighboring the Medford library park, is completed and occupied.  
Checking in Medford  
Laurent Chantry, chief of repair and improvement, was in Medford a month ago checking on the post office building in lieu of the project. F. G. Herdman of the General Services Administration, reported.  
Some federal agencies will be located in the new post office and others in the remodeled building. The plan is to house all federal agencies represented here in the two buildings, if possible. No official announcement has been made as to which agencies will be placed in the new building.  
At the present time federal agencies in Medford are scattered about the city. Some are located on McAndrews rd., some on Liberty st., some on South Riverside ave., some in the post office and other buildings.  
In the post office building at the present time are federal court, Rogue River National forest service, the recruiting services, the General Services Administration, Geological Survey, surface water division, Crater Lake National Park service, and Federal bureau of investigation.

## Pear Blossoms in Bloom on Week End

Pear blossoms in the Rogue valley will be at the height of their beauty this week end, according to the county agent's office.  
D'Anjou plantings are in full bloom today and the Bartlett tree buds are opening. Persons wanting to see the bloom at its best are advised to make the tour of the valley Sunday.

## Bulletin

Caracas, Venezuela—(UPI)—Pro-Castro terrorists early today blew up Radio Tropical's transmitting plant valued at \$100,000.

## Spinal Meningitis Attack Confirmed

San Diego—(UPI)—The fourth case of spinal meningitis among Naval Training Center recruits in the past week was confirmed by the Navy today.  
Robere E. Lebeuquet, 19, son of Mrs. Leah Lebeuquet, Milwaukie, Ore., was admitted to naval hospital Thursday night. He was reported in critical condition today.  
Navy officials ordered men of Recruit Company 119, of which he is a member, quarantined. Recruit Company 118 was quarantined Thursday when David W. Hall, 17, San Leandro, Calif., was stricken with the infectious disease.  
The latest outbreak of the disease began last Thursday when Thomas C. Hester, 20, New Orleans, a member of Recruit Company 129, was stricken. The company was placed under quarantine for three days and was quarantined again this week when another member of the unit, John G. Rounton, 18, Manchester, Ga., reported sick Tuesday morning and died that night.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**GAO ASKED TO END PLANE CONTROVERSY**  
Washington—(UPI)—Senate investigators have asked the General Accounting Office to determine once and for all which of two competing companies could produce the controversial TFX warplane at least cost. It was disclosed today.  
**OPPENHEIMER TO GET ENRICO FERMI AWARD**  
Washington—(UPI)—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose security clearance was suspended by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1953, will receive the agency's coveted \$50,000 Enrico Fermi Award.  
**ILWN TO HEAR SENATOR MORSE**  
San Francisco—(UPI)—Delegates to the International Longshoreman's and Warehousemen's Union convention were to hear Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) at today's closing session.  
**ARGENTINE NAVY BOWS TO TERMS**  
Buenos Aires, Argentina—(UPI)—The navy was reported today to have bowed to stiff "submission" terms, including a deep cut in marine strength and surrender of the Puerto Belgrano base, to end Argentina's four-day revolt.

## WEATHER

**FORECAST:** Cloudy and rainy tonight. Variable cloudiness with showers Saturday. A light drizzle or rain. High today, 55. Low tonight, 45. High Saturday, 53. Low Sunday, 45.  
Highest Yesterday: 55  
Lowest This Morning: 45  
Forecast for 10 a.m. Today: 58  
**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunset today: 6:41 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 5:47 p.m.  
Moonset tomorrow: 5:59 a.m.  
Full Moon: Prominent Star  
Moon: High in southwest  
High in southwest: 8:53 p.m.  
**VISIBLE PLANETS**  
Mars, high above Princeton  
Saturn, rises: 8:12 a.m.  
Venus, rises: 4:49 a.m.