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Khrushchev Still Firmly In Power, Harriman Says

Premier Said Willing To Cool Off Crisis

Moscow — U.S. trouble-shooter Averell Harriman said Saturday he found Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev still firmly in power and apparently willing to help cool off the crisis in Laos.

He said the Soviet leader, during their three and a half hour conference Friday, gave no hint he is thinking of retirement.

"He gave me every indication he was very vigorous and strong as captain of the Soviet ship of state," Harriman told newsmen.

He said he and Khrushchev discussed "almost every subject" of joint concern to Russia and the United States, but concentrated on Laos.

The U. S. Undersecretary of State said he straightened Khrushchev out on some false impressions of American intentions in Laos.

He said he emphasized the need for the International Control Commission to be free to investigate any cease fire violations in Laos and the desirability for close liaison among the U. S., Soviet and British ambassadors there.

He said Khrushchev accepted in principle the need to do this. But he did not know what practical steps the Russians would take to restore peace.

Harriman said he would fly to London today to talk to British officials before returning to Moscow on Monday.

Violent Explosion Kills Three Men

Rocket Center, W. Va. — Three men were killed and 11 others injured Saturday when a devastating explosion tore through the Allegheny ballistics laboratory, one of the chief sources of fuel supply for the Polaris missile.

The thunderous blast, which occurred about 3:30 a.m., in a chemical processing building, shot flames 400 feet into the air, unloosed an atomic-looking cloud of smoke and rumbled the ground for distances up to 10 miles.

The facility is operated by the Hercules Powder company for the U. S. Navy. Its number one product is solid fuel propellant and it was one of the prime developers of the Polaris missile.

On May 22, 1961, a blast demolished another chemical processing building and killed nine workers. That occurred during the day shift.

Costa Rica Declares State of Emergency

San Jose, Costa Rica — Congress unanimously adopted a resolution urging the President to declare the nation in a state of national emergency Saturday due to widespread crop damage caused by falling ash from Volcano Irazu.

The plane, a two-engine Beechcraft, was taken into custody at Meridian, Conn. A spokesman said the plane was owned by Rorke and Geoffrey Sullivan, a commercial pilot.

Sullivan, was questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents Saturday but the FBI refused to comment on whether the Beechcraft was the same plane used in the raid.



TO JOIN IN SEARCH — The bathyscaphe nuclear powered submarine Thresher, Trieste is shown as it arrived aboard the USS Point Defiance at Boston. The bathyscaphe will join the massive hunt for the

Balanced Budget Presented To City Citizens Committee

A balanced proposed preliminary 1963-64 budget for the city of Medford, with all operating costs off-set by anticipated revenues, was presented Friday night to the citizens' budget committee.

Estimated general fund revenues and expenditures are matched at \$930,476, which represents an increase of \$30,518 over the estimates for the 1962-63 budget.

The administrative budget, which includes all city funds, totals \$3,033,788. This total, however, excludes budgets for the water department and the public library.

In his budget message to the committee, City Manager Robert Duff said that a total of \$208,703 had been eliminated from budget requests of the various departments in order to balance revenues and expenditures.

Duff, however, defended the original departmental requests, noting they were "logical and would have provided increased service and greater efficiency or both."

As he had last year, the city manager also called on the budget committee to give "serious consideration" to implementation of planning studies already prepared for the civic center plan, the school-park plan, the public building plan, and to downtown development.

A series of meetings will be scheduled in the weeks ahead, during which time the budget committee will go over individual department budgets and make its recommendations. The first of these meetings, which are open to the public, will be held Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers on the second floor of the city hall.

John Nulch was elected chairman of the committee and Dr. Thomas Anderson, secretary.

Plane of Alleged Bomb Raider Seized

Washington — The Federal Aviation Agency Saturday night seized a plane owned by freelance photographer Alexander Rorke who said he staged a bombing raid over Havana Thursday.

The plane, a two-engine Beechcraft, was taken into custody at Meridian, Conn. A spokesman said the plane was owned by Rorke and Geoffrey Sullivan, a commercial pilot.

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County Welfare Budget \$9,000 Above Estimate

Jackson county's share of the local welfare program for 1963-64 is \$209,028, according to the budget approved Friday by the state welfare commission at its monthly meeting in Salem.

The total welfare budget for the county is \$1,455,640 of which \$758,880 will be from federal funds and \$487,734 from the state.

The Jackson county budget committee approved a local budget for the welfare department of \$200,280. Approximately \$9,000 is needed to meet the budget.

To Protest Increase — Members of the Jackson county court Friday didn't know where the additional \$9,000 would come from.

"I'll tell you this, I intend to protest the increase. The \$200,280 allocation we included in our county budget was based on estimates from the state office. Now they want \$209,028!" County Judge Earl M. Miller said.

The \$209,028 was the final amount approved by the welfare commission. The \$200,000 was an estimate, it was explained. The total welfare budget for the county is \$1,455,640 of which \$758,880 will be from federal funds and \$487,734 from the state.

David Kuhn, local welfare administrator, said he hoped to receive an explanation Monday or Tuesday from the state office.

Matching Funds Decline — Kuhn said he doesn't know where the increases would come in the commission's budget. Federal matching funds to the state have dropped about 2 per cent since Oregon's economy is considered good, he said. This means increased state and county allocations.

The budget for medical assistance to the aged is being re-worked so nursing home costs can be paid out of it, Kuhn said. This will make the program better utilized. However, there is not much county money in this category, he added.

All Oregon Goes On Daylight Time

All of Oregon went on daylight saving time today, with all clocks being set ahead one hour.

Churchgoers were reminded that services will take place on daylight time today, and Rogue valley school district officials reminded parents and students that school buses will operate on daylight time starting Monday.

Present Oregon law calls for daylight time to end the last Saturday in September, but if a Senate bill approved Friday by the House is signed by the governor, daylight time will be extended through the last Sunday in October, the same day it ends in other Pacific Coast states.

Correspondent Held By Haitian Police

New York — The British embassy in Port au Prince, Haiti said today by telephone that Bernard Diederich, correspondent there for Time magazine and the Associated Press, has been arrested by Haitian police.

TO RESUME RELATIONS — Cairo, U.A.R. — The United Arab Republic and Turkey will resume diplomatic relations severed since 1961, the U.A.R. foreign ministry announced Saturday.

TO DISCUSS PEACE — Vientiane, Laos — Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma flew Saturday to Communist Pathet Lao headquarters to discuss peace with his half brother "Red Prince" Souphanouvong but ran into political demands that could wreck the coalition government.

Russell Osborn, Ashland Theater Manager, Slain

Body Found on Living Room Floor

Ashland — Russell Osborn, 50, operator of the Varsity theatre here for the past three years, was found dead on the living room floor of his home at 725 Walker ave. late Saturday afternoon. He had been murdered, Jackson County District Attorney Alan B. Holmes reported.

Osborn's body was discovered by his half-brother, Roy Carrier, of Yreka, shortly before 5 p.m. There was a gunshot wound on the right side of his face, Holmes said, and his hands and neck were bound. A portion of a skin diving mask had been placed over his face.

Bulletin Issued — An all points bulletin has been put out for Osborn's car, a 1963 model, which is missing. Police are also seeking the whereabouts of Harold J. Bibeau Jr., 21, who is reported to have resided with Osborn at the Walker ave. home at some time.

"We don't have a real suspect," Holmes said, however, but he added, "We know beyond any question of a doubt that it was murder."

Osborn leased the Varsity theatre from Oregon-California Theatres, Inc. He closed the theatre himself Friday night, and accompanied by the theatre projectionist, made a bank deposit, it was reported.

Call Attempted — Then when Osborn failed to show up at the theatre Saturday afternoon, the theatre chain was notified. Carrier, who is manager of the Broadway theatre in Yreka, attempted to call Osborn. Then when he got no answer, he drove to Ashland and discovered the body.

Holmes reported that Osborn appeared to have died sometime after midnight Friday.

An autopsy has been ordered. It is scheduled to be performed some time today. Holmes said there may have been other wounds and it was not immediately known if the facial gunshot wound was the fatal one.

This was the second murder in Ashland in a little over three years. On March 15, 1960, Mrs. Marian Stella Hamilton, 40, of 2700 East Main st., was found murdered in her ranch home about two miles southeast of the city.

Klamath Man Wins Out-of-Court Award

San Francisco — Robert G. Narramore, 31, Klamath Falls, Ore., Friday won an out-of-court award of \$391,667, one of the largest in California history.

Narramore, a former Southern Pacific brakeman, was paralyzed as the result of a fall from a box car in 1960 when he was tripped by a wire strung across a spur track in Canby, Modoc county, Calif.

Sports Bulletins

Walnut, Calif. — Al Oerter broke his own world record in the greatest discus series of all times, the Arizona State university mile relay team set a new world mark of 3:04.5, and C. K. Yang opened his bid for a new decathlon record Saturday in the Mt. San Antonio relays.

Oerter, who two weeks ago turned from a computer to the discus to start practice, threw the sphere 205 feet, 3 1/2 inches to break his year-old record by 7 inches. He threw the discus five times over 200 feet on the series — an unprecedented achievement.

Pullman, Wash. — The University of Oregon Ducks took a dual track meet from Washington State university, 7 to 57 Saturday in Pullman.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL Cincinnati 1 5 0 Houston 0 3 2 O'Toole (4-1) and Edwards; Johnson, McMahon (3) and Bateman. LP—Johnson (1-2).

Rousing Welcome Due Castro On Arrival in Russian Capital



CASTRO IN RUSSIA — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, right, wearing a Russian sash-style hat, and Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, left, have warm smiles for each other after Castro arrived by Russian jet at Murmansk, a northern Russian port.

Italians Expected To Cast Ballots For Communists

Rome — Great numbers of Italians in their Sunday best were expected to attend Roman Catholic mass today and then go from the church to the polls — to vote Communist.

That is, unless they have changed their minds since the last time. But if they have, it will not be because of the sermons of the parish priest.

It will be because of Khrushchev and Mao, Stalin and Hungary, Socialist Leader Pietro Nenni and the cars and washing machines of the "Italian miracle."

And not the smallest share of the credit will go to the tiny patrol of ex-comrades who have quit the party and are now campaigning for the Socialists or Social Democrats with the crystal clearness of men who have conquered Communism within themselves.

The strange — to non-Italians — phenomenon of people who are Catholics in private life and Communists in politics has marked all of Italy's postwar years. Although 99.6 per cent of Italians are nominal Catholics, this country's Communist party is the largest in the Western world, with some 1,700,000 card holders and a vote of 6,704,000 in the last elections in 1958.

Nearly all of the party members and voters are nominal Catholics. A considerable part of them are also occasional or even regular churchgoers.

Barred From Church — The late Pope Pius XII in 1949 excommunicated all Communists barring them from the sacraments of the church. No Communist could be married in church, receive holy communion or be sponsor at a baptism.

Nothing happened. The Communist vote kept going up.

The phenomenon has been variously explained. The most radical explanation is that Italians are one of the world's least believing nations. Religion, to them, is just a set of ceremonies, mere outward ritual, as it was in the eminently practical times of ancient Rome.

Coal Mine Explosion Under Investigation

Dola, W. Va. — An investigation was mapped Saturday to determine the cause of an explosion that killed 22 coal miners only two minutes before they were to go off duty in the Clinchfield Compass No. 2 mine.

The investigation is expected to take several days and will be followed by a public hearing, according to Timms.

U.S. Still Willing to Work With Cuban Refugee Groups

Washington — A high State Department official told Cuban refugees today the United States is still willing to work with them in splinter groups or in a new exile organization, should they overcome their differences and create one.

But Edwin M. Martin, assistant Secretary of State for Latin American affairs, expressed doubts that the U.S. community of Cuban exiles will find the task of unity any easier today than it ever was.

Martin's carefully phrased remarks tended to confirm strong evidence that the administration has decided neither to support only nor to oppose the creation of a new Cuban exile organization or of any exile government in exile, which President Kennedy has called "imprudent."

The State Department official, said the recent administrative clash with the exile leadership in Miami does not "in any way change our general interest in the problems of the refugees or our interest in continuing relations with individual Cuban refugee groups, or, if a larger, unified group should emerge, with that." Martin noted that Cuban exiles in the United States have long had difficulty in unifying. He said this probably would not "become any easier."

The word circulating in official Washington circles today is that the administration will maintain contacts with exile leaders at all levels, but will not take the initiative in any effort to re-mobilize the exile movement.

San Diego Woman New Mrs. America

Miami Beach, Fla. — A statuesque brunette from California was crowned Mrs. America Saturday night to end the week-long pageant of the 51 top homemakers of America.

Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell, 35, stunning in a lime-colored full-length evening gown, crossed her hands in front of her chest when judges selected her from among the 10 finalists.

Mrs. Mitchell is the wife of a Pacific Telephone company executive, R. Lyle Mitchell, San Diego, and the mother of three children.

Injunction Against Picketing Refused

Portland — Federal Judge Gus Solomon has upheld Teamsters Union picketing of retail markets in the Salem and Lebanon areas.

Solomon said he was following a court precedent in refusing to issue an injunction against the picketing.

Hood River Youth Believed Out of Area

Hood River — The Hood River county sheriff's office said Friday that a teenage boy missing since last Sunday from his home south of here may have taken a bus out of the area.

The office said that the bicycle belonging to James Thomas Akins, 16, Parkdale, was found on a knoll with a note attached saying he felt he should leave home and he did not want anybody to come after him.

The boy was the object of an intensive air and ground search.

Greeting By Khrushchev Due Bearded Cuban

Radio Moscow Joins in Praise

Moscow — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro headed for Moscow by train Saturday night for a bear hug greeting by Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and one of the most enthusiastic welcomes Russia has ever given a visiting foreign leader.

The Soviet capital already was gaily bedecked with flags and slogans for the forthcoming May day celebrations, and Castro's mammoth Red Square welcome was expected to eclipse those given to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, President Tito and Chinese Communist leader Mao Tse-tung.

Long Distance Call — The bearded Cuban flew into Murmansk early Saturday on a flight from Cuba in a Soviet TU-114 transport. He received a "viva Fidel" welcome from waiting dignitaries and a long distance call from Khrushchev who told him:

"The whole Soviet people are waiting for you. I am looking forward to seeing you in Moscow tomorrow."

Diplomats here said the unprecedented propaganda outpouring on the eve of the visit was partly an attempt to line up Castro solidly on the side of the Kremlin in the Sino-Soviet ideological dispute.

Greater Influence Seen — If successful, they said, it could signal greater Soviet influence in Latin America.

First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, who greeted Castro in the northern Russian port, accompanied him to Moscow by train.

Castro, who plugged away on the theme of Soviet-Cuban friendship on his arrival, was expected in Moscow at approximately 5:30 p.m. today (7:30 a.m. PDT).

Radio Joins In — The government newspaper Izvestia devoted two of its six pages to the Castro visit and used such headlines as: "Welcome dear friend and brother."

"The Soviet people heartily, enthusiastically receive the welcome guest from the island of freedom."

"Long live Cuba!"

Greetings were reported from throughout the country. Radio Moscow weighed in with more praise and Cuban music.

The Russians tend to regard Castro as a David standing up against the U. S. Goliath. If there was any trace of bitterness between Castro and Khrushchev over the missile pull out last October it was submerged by the outpouring of mutual admiration.

ROYALTY RETURNS — Hong Kong — The Duke and Duchess of Kent returned to Hong Kong Saturday after attending the wedding of Princess Alexandra in London. The duke, an army lieutenant, is assigned here.

NEWS BRIEFS

CUBAN DEFECTIONS DELAY FREIGHTER — Miami — Several refugees arriving here from Havana Saturday night reported that departure of the U. S. freighter American Surveyor from Cuba has been delayed by the defection of Cuban officers assigned to guard the vessel. The American Surveyor is scheduled to leave Havana late today and arrive at Port Everglades, Fla., north of Miami, with 800 more Cuban refugees.

RICKOVER TO TESTIFY IN THRESHER PROBE — Portsmouth, N. H. — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who is credited with developing the atomic submarine, will testify Monday before a court of inquiry investigating the Thresher tragedy.

JORDANIAN STUDENTS SEIZE EMBASSY

Cairo — Some five hundred Jordanian students in Iraq seized the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad Saturday, destroyed pictures of King Hussein, and vowed to remain in the building until the monarch falls, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported today.

STORM DELAYS EVEREST CLIMBERS

Kathmandu, Nepal — Heavy snowfall during the past four days has delayed plans of an American expedition for the final assault on 29,028-foot Mount Everest, expedition leaders reported Saturday.

ERHARD INTERVIEWS IN METAL DISPUTE

Frankfurt, Germany — West German Economics Minister and Chancellor-designate Ludwig Erhard interviewed Saturday to try to head off a metal industry strike that could threaten the future of his "economic miracle."

Butte Falls Plans Fire Department

Butte Falls — A meeting will be held in the Butte Falls community hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, to organize a town fire department, according to an announcement from the Butte Falls city council.

A representative of the Medford fire department will talk on needs of a fire department and mechanics of organization.

A town spokesman said Saturday Butte Falls has an old Medford fire truck, but not an organized group of volunteers. The city council hopes to reduce the present fire insurance rates somewhat by having a better organized fire protection system.

Youth Admits Guilt in Slaying of Medford Man

Reno, Nev. — Lester Morford pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of a honeymooning husband and the rape of his bride, and was turned over to a three-judge panel which will determine his fate.

Trial Starts Monday — Morford, 19, Santa Rosa, Calif., was to go on trial in Washoe county district court next Monday for the fatal shooting of Jack Foster, 23, Medford, Ore., last Aug. 22 near Lake Tahoe. Mrs. Foster told police Morford then dumped the body from his car and forced her to accompany him on a tour of the lake. She said she was raped twice before she could jump from the car.

Morford made his surprise plea before Dist. Judge John Barrett. The Nevada Supreme Court will appoint two other district judges to hear testimony in the case, determine the degree of guilt and the penalty.