

# DE GAULLE, ADENAUER IN CONFERENCE



**SUMMIT MEETING** — French President Charles de Gaulle, left, and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer are shown as they met in Bonn today before beginning the first in a series of summit meetings planned every six months. De Gaulle arrived earlier from Paris to start a low-key visit which strove to avoid any comparison with President Kennedy's overwhelming reception in Bonn last week. (UPI)

## United States, Russia Nominally Accept Test Ban

Washington — (UPI) — After five years of talks, the United States and Russia reached a point today where both nominally accepted a ban on nuclear tests in the atmosphere, space and underwater.

But so much confusion surrounded their positions that no diplomat could tell whether it was an historic turning point or just another round in endless bargaining.

On Tuesday Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a major speech in East Berlin, said Russia would agree to "simultaneous" signing of a limited test ban and an East-West non-aggression pact.

### Proposed at Geneva

The test ban, covering all but underground nuclear tests, was what the United States and Britain proposed at Geneva last Aug. 27 and which Russia had rejected.

The non-aggression pact, between the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its Communist equivalent — the Warsaw Pact — was something Russia had proposed many times since 1955, and the West had never accepted.

Wednesday, after all-day meetings at the White House and State Department and consultation with Allies, the Kennedy administration gave newsmen a U. S. response of sorts — for "guidance," not as a public statement. It said:

**Willing To Sign** — "The United States is still willing to sign the limited test ban, though it really would prefer a ban on all nuclear tests.

As to the non-aggression pact, this does not involve the United States alone but all of NATO and therefore must be decided by NATO as a whole.

No one in Washington knew whether Khrushchev meant by the word "simultaneous" to make a test ban conditional upon the non-aggression pact. The Soviet leader was not clear.

## Two Flee Fire In Portland Home

Portland — (UPI) — Two men escaped injury early today when they fled from a burning house here. The blaze caused some \$3,500 damage to the one-story frame house.

Matthew Harris, 30, the occupant, and Leonard Wells, 23, a guest, smelled smoke and ran outside in time to see flames crackling from the basement windows.

Cause of the blaze was being investigated.

## Macmillan Faces Test of Strength In Two Elections

London — (UPI) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, battling to restore Conservative party prestige undermined by the Profumo scandal, faced new tests today in two parliamentary by-elections.

Political observers said the best the Conservatives could hope for would be a strong second-place showing in the two districts, Deptford and West Bromwich.

The worst would be to finish third behind the Liberal party.

Today's by-elections were occasioned by the death of two Labor party members of Parliament, both of whom won easily in the 1959 general elections by majorities of about 7,000 votes.

## Ashland Woman Hurt in Mishap

Mrs. Darline Gaster Schmitt, 23, of 1458 North College Way, Ashland, was reported in critical condition this morning at Rogue Valley hospital suffering from injuries received in a three-car accident Wednesday afternoon.

According to Oregon state police, Mrs. Schmitt was a passenger in a vehicle operated by her husband, Gary Arthur Schmitt, 23. He suffered head lacerations and shock but was not hospitalized. The couple's nine-month-old son, Steven, was reported in serious condition. He suffered a fractured leg and head injuries.

According to police, the accident occurred on Highway 99 near Voorhies crossing about 3:45 p.m. A southbound pickup truck, operated by Cloe Evans Smith, 48, of route 3, box 240, Medford, started to pass a logging truck operated by Ray Eugene Smith, 44, of route 2, box 672, Central Point, when the logging truck changed lanes.

The logging truck struck the pickup, knocking it across the divider and into a power pole, police said. The impact spun the pickup around and into the path of the northbound Schmitt car.

In another accident investigated by state police a car was demolished when it failed to make a curve at the intersection of Upton rd. and Scenic ave. The accident occurred about 11:30 p.m. Driver of the vehicle was Royce Aaron Holder, 19, of 1012 Jordan st. Holder and three passengers in the car were not injured, police said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**SWITCHMEN THREATEN TO QUIT JOBS**  
Buffalo, N.Y. — (UPI) — About 20,000 switchmen will leave their jobs if the nation's railroads carry out plans to put controversial work rule changes into effect next Thursday, a union president warned Wednesday.

**MIKOYAN PUTS BAN UP TO WEST**  
Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan said today the Soviet Union believes all conditions have been met for an East-West agreement on a partial nuclear test ban. He said it was now up to the West.

**EISENHOWER HEADS FOR DENVER**  
Abilene, Kan. — (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower journeyed toward Denver today after a sentimental visit to Abilene, the place of his boyhood.

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## Youthful Hostage, Policeman Slay Escaping Convict

### Three Others Die In Freedom Break

Americus, Ga. — (UPI) — A husky life-term convict who killed two sheriff's deputies and a bystander today in a daring escape in Marianna, Fla., was shot to death near here by pursuing police and the 14-year-old hostage he seized in his flight.

Georgia Trooper Robert Benson felled 240-pound Melvin A. Weaver in a peach orchard with a high powered rifle and Richard Hale, the hostage, grabbed one of the convict's pistols and pumped three or four more shots into him.

**Killed Three Men**  
Weaver shot the three men down in a hail of bullets at a Marianna hospital where he had been taken when he was overcome by smoke in his jail cell. He commandeered a car and forced a Marianna couple and their small son to head to south Georgia.

He forced the family out of the car near Colquitt, Ga., then seized young Hale who was standing by the roadside near Smithville, Ga., 50 miles further north, with two other youths.

Then, with a pistol pointed at Hale's head, Weaver drove slowly through Smithville and Americus in a second commandeered car, this one taken from two Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents.

**Runs Toward House**  
Armed with at least four pistols, Weaver suddenly stopped the car on U. S. 19, about three miles north of Americus, and raced on foot to a house beside the highway, still holding Hale hostage.

Weaver, 23, tried to enter the house, found the door locked and fired several shots into the lock in an attempt to open the door.

He then bolted into a nearby orchard, still holding young Hale, with scores of Georgia state patrolmen, deputies and local police on his heels.

Georgia Patrol Cpl. C. H. Bentley was wounded in an exchange of shots. His condition was described as not critical.

Benson, armed with the rifle, slipped behind Weaver and from about 200 yards shot the convict trying to heap earth up into a mound.

"I figured it was the best shot I could get and shot," Benson said.

**Grabs Convict's Gun**  
His bullet cut Weaver from his feet and Hale immediately grabbed the convict's pistol and pumped several more shots into him.

Jackson County, Fla., deputies Aaron Creel and Allen French, who were moving Weaver and three other convicts to a hospital after they set fire to their jail bunks, and Hubert Mayo, a bystander at the hospital, were slain in Marianna.

## Representatives To Discuss Districts

Portland — (UPI) — About 20 state representatives will meet next Tuesday to study plans to initiate a measure setting up single districts for state senators and representatives, State Rep. Robert Packwood (R-Portland) said.

The meeting will be at the home of State Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland) who along with Packwood, sponsored unsuccessful legislation for the single district during the 1963 Legislature.

Packwood said he and other members of the legislature have discussed the possibility of a court challenge to a ruling by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton that a single district initiative could not be limited to Multnomah county.

One of the bills that failed to pass the House during the session would have set up 17 representative and eight senatorial districts in Multnomah county.

**FISH MARKED**  
Portland — (UPI) — Nearly two million fall chinook salmon smolts have been marked and released from Fish Commission hatcheries this season, the commission said today.

## Kennedy Discusses Rail Strike Threat



A REMINDER—Quill pen in hand, Benjamin Franklin points out Franklin's signature on the Declaration of Independence as part of his famous namesake. (UPI)

## Bells of Freedom Note Observance Of Independence

By United Press International  
The bells of freedom rang loud and clear across the land today as Americans celebrated Independence Day with the pageantry of picnics, parades and patriotic speeches.

From Connecticut to California, the nation marked the 177th anniversary of its birth. The holiday theme was taken from John Adams, who wrote that the Fourth of July should be celebrated by the ringing of bells "from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Fair weather drew thousands of Americans onto the highways and roads of the nation for a visit to grandma's, a trip to the picnic grove or a holiday look at a parade.

A United Press International count at 9:30 a.m. (pdt) showed at least 63 persons killed in traffic accidents since the 1:32-hour holiday began at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Drownings accounted for seven deaths, airplane crashes claimed one life and miscellaneous accidents left seven dead for an over-all toll of 78 lives.

Pennsylvania spurred in an early lead in the traffic death toll with nine dead, Iowa and Wisconsin both had four fatalities.

The National Safety Council predicted that between 550 and 650 persons—a record for a four-day Fourth of July—would die before the end of the holiday period Sunday at midnight.

## Produce Container Standards Repealed

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon fresh produce container standards were repealed by the state department of agriculture Wednesday.

The department announced the standards were repealed because they had become obsolete and were no longer applicable to present packaging and merchandising methods.

Revised grade standards for 35 fresh produce commodities also have been adopted by the department. In most instances the changes were made to bring Oregon grade standards in line with the present U.S. Department of Agriculture grade standards.

## Russian Article Acknowledges Rift With Red Chinese

Moscow — (UPI) — The Soviet Union today openly acknowledged for the first time that its bitter ideological dispute with Red China has soured relations with the Chinese government as well as with the Chinese Communist party.

The acknowledgement was contained in an across-the-board attack on Chinese policies in today's Pravda, the official organ of the Soviet Communist party, published on the eve of the start of ideological peace talks in Moscow with a Chinese delegation from Peking.

The statement accused Chinese officials in Moscow of "grossly violating the regulations in force in the U.S.S.R., by circulating a letter containing the Chinese position."

"Thereby the Chinese organizations interfere in the internal affairs of our party and transfer the differences between (Communist) parties into the sphere of relations between states," it said.

Hitherto the Moscow-Peking argument has been billed officially as a matter concerning both country's Communist parties. Pravda did not refer directly to five Chinese expelled from Russia for circulating the June 14 letter.

But it gave Russians their first published news that the Chinese had sent a letter explaining their position in the dispute.

"The publication of such a letter would necessitate an open reply on our part which would lead to the aggravation of policies," Pravda said. It called the Chinese attack "slandorous" and said a reply would be published "in due time."

## Airplane Missing With Two Aboard

Hamilton AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — Civil Air Patrol planes today searched along a line between Malad, Idaho, and Delta, Utah, for a missing light plane reported carrying a Chino, Calif., doctor and his wife.

The Western Air Rescue Center here said Dr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Beehler left Malad Wednesday afternoon for the 90-minute flight to Delta, estimating their arrival at 5:10 p.m. They were flying a single-engine T6 aircraft, a low-wing monoplane trainer that was called the Harvard in World War II.

The Beehlers' route carried them over the Great Salt Lake and in the vicinity of the Oquirrh Mountains, ranging up to 10,000 feet. Their aircraft carried a radio receiver but no transmitter.

## Fee Adopted for State Milk Program

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## Chief Executive, Aides Arrive at No New Ideas

### Matter May Be Taken To Congress

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy and top aides conferred today on the "deadly serious" threat of a nationwide railroad strike over work rules in advance of a last-ditch effort to bring the companies and unions to a voluntary agreement Friday.

Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz told reporters after a 30-minute meeting with Kennedy that they talked about various proposals, including voluntary arbitration, which already have been made for a settlement. But he said they arrived at no new ideas.

"It is going to have to be the parties who come forward with something new," Wirtz said.

"There has got to be a facing-up squarely by the parties and the country to the settling of this issue."

**To Meet Friday**  
Wirtz said he would meet Friday morning with representatives of the nation's railroads and of the five unions whose members operate the trains.

Wirtz was asked whether Kennedy, as he indicated June 15, would ask Congress to act to keep the railroads running if no agreement is reached.

"That possibility is certainly imminent," Wirtz replied. He emphasized that "we are going to try in every way we can to reach a voluntary agreement."

But he said that if a point is reached where this is impossible, the President will have to take the matter to Congress since all other avenues open to him have been exhausted.

## Storm Results in Outage in North

Portland — (UPI) — A thunderstorm caused widespread outages in the Portland area and the Willamette valley late Wednesday.

The outages in the Portland-Vancouver area were mostly brief, according to spokesmen for Pacific Power and Light Co., and Portland General Electric.

The longest outage was reported in east Portland. It lasted 30 minutes and was caused when lightning struck a pole.

Sudden rains which accompanied the flashes of lightning and thunder reportedly scattered spectators at the Albany Timber Carnival and drove many attending the St. Paul Rodeo and Molalla Buckaroo under covered stands.

The weather bureau said the rain totaled .08 inch during the night.

## Additional Title

Portland — (UPI) — D. R. McClung, president of Pacific Power and Light Co. has been given the additional title of chief executive officer of the company.

## Norblad Sees Hatfield As Compromise Choice

Portland — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield may be selected as the Republican presidential candidate in the event of a deadlock at the 1964 national convention, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), said Wednesday.

"Mark could be the compromise candidate," Norblad said in an interview here.

He said Hatfield's name is not mentioned in Washington, D.C., as a serious presidential choice, but he is often considered a likely choice as a vice presidential candidate with anyone except Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.).

Norblad said Hatfield and Goldwater are not too far apart politically, but too close geographically.

He said Hatfield would be the logical running mate with a presidential candidate from the east.

## French Leader Avoids Competing With Kennedy

### Session First of Summit Meetings

Bonn, Germany — (UPI) — French President Charles de Gaulle and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer met here today in the first of a series of summit meetings planned every six months.

De Gaulle arrived at near-by Wahn airfield this morning from Paris to start a low-keyed visit which strove to avoid any comparison with President Kennedy's overwhelming reception here last week.

Adenauer and five cabinet ministers met De Gaulle at the airport.

**Leaders Confer**  
The French party was driven from the airport to the Palais Schaumburg, which serves as a foreign ministry. De Gaulle and Adenauer went into conference while their ministers gathered in subcommittees.

The Germans tried to prevent De Gaulle's visit from being turned in a popularity contest with Kennedy. No school pupils were sent to the airfield and public buildings did not fly flags. Only a handful of curious bystanders gathered at the airport.

Police, obviously prepared to handle crowds, had put up barricades but they weren't needed. The police appeared to outnumber the bystanders.

**Police on Duty**  
Because of the fear of an assassination attempt against De Gaulle by the underground Secret Army Organization, about 3,000 police were reported on duty in the capital.

The same number was assigned to handle the huge crowds who jammed the streets to greet Kennedy.

The meetings are among the first of many to be held under the Franco-German friendship treaty signed by the two nations in January and ratified last month.

The French president, who is developing an independent nuclear force for his own country, is the Western alliance's prime exponent for a strong Europe under minimum U.S. influence.

**On Working Visit**  
Officials stressed that De Gaulle was on a working visit while in West Germany. By this they apparently meant to play down any possibility that people might think he was trying to undercut the massive enthusiasm shown for President Kennedy last week.

Sources said the French president also hoped to shun any suggestion that he might ask Bonn to choose between Paris and Washington.

## Russian Premier Returns to Moscow

Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev today returned to Moscow from East Berlin where he issued a new call for Communist unity and warned the West "not to stick its nose into the East's affairs."

Shortly before Khrushchev returned First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan told newsmen at the U.S. Embassy Fourth of July reception here that Russia believes all conditions have been met for an East-West accord on a partial nuclear test ban. He said it was now up to the West.

Khrushchev left East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport this morning ending a six-day visit to East Germany during which he held summit talks with Eastern European Communist bloc leaders and delivered key policy speeches.

Berlin reports said Khrushchev failed to match the popular acclaim accorded President Kennedy on his West Berlin visit last week.