

New Vistas Opened for Beginning of End to East-West Cold War

By HENRY SHAPIRO
Moscow — (UPI) — A new era in East-West relations, opening new vistas for the beginning of the end of the cold war, was launched with Thursday's tri-power test ban agreement.

It was the first major breakthrough in the cold war since the Austrian state treaty of 1955. The treaty also marked a personal triumph for President Kennedy's trouble shooter, Under-Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman, who by Soviet standards is an "imperialist" of the deepest dye.

Yet Harriman was able to perform the double task of persuading skeptical Americans that the time has come for an East-West detente and to prove it by extracting a treaty from the tough bargaining Russians within record time. The five-year logjam in the Geneva nuclear negotiations was broken within 10 days.

By all accounts the Moscow talks were conducted in a thoroughly businesslike yet cordial atmosphere which augurs well for forthcoming series of East-West negotiations leading up to the summit before the end of the year.

What explains the apparently sudden change of heart in the Kremlin's top leadership? The new orientation in Soviet foreign policy can be plausibly traced to the Cuban crisis of last October when Khrushchev snatched an uneasy peace from the very jaws of nuclear disaster.

The Cuban compromise precipitated a savage attack from the Chinese Communists, which must have been one of the greatest shocks in Khrushchev's troubled career.

The Sino-Soviet alliance has always been uneasy and shaky as demonstrated by the one significant fact that the Russians never trusted Peking with nuclear weapons. Both ideological conflicts on the interpretation of Marxism and old national clashes dating back to the Romanovs and the Manchus were bound to erupt.

But the intensity and fury of the Chinese attacks after Cuba must have genuinely surprised the Russians. Although the rupture in the bloc appeared a foregone conclusion as early as last January, the Russians appeared for a time to mark time in their foreign policy.

By mid-June the die was cast. On July 2, in his East Berlin speech, Khrushchev offered the first olive branch to the West when he proposed a partial nuclear test ban treaty. By that time Kennedy had already warned that this was probably the last year when a halt to the disastrous nuclear arms race could be reached.

Kennedy's June speech at the American University in which he called for reassessment of relations with Moscow was neither a flash in the pan nor a fortuitous accident.

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QUAKE KILLS THOUSANDS



RETURN TO OREGON — Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield are shown as they arrived at Portland International airport Thursday night after attending the National Governors' Conference in Miami, Fla. (UPI)

Circuit Court Jury Finds Man Guilty Of Burglary Charge

Jack R. Allen, 31, Ashland, was found guilty of burglary not in a dwelling in connection with the robbery of the Jeddah Brothers Sweeney Mills, Inc., Gold Hill, when a Jackson county circuit court jury reported less than an hour after starting deliberation today.

The jury received instructions from Judge James W. Crawford of Portland, who has been presiding during the trial, and started deliberations about 10:30 a.m. The case opened Thursday afternoon after two postponements, one because of the injury of a witness, Dale Collins; and the second time to clear the way for another action in Jackson county circuit court.

No evidence was presented by the defense. Testifying Thursday afternoon for the state were Deputy Sheriff Lee Rice; Collins, office manager of the mill; Melvin Edwin Snodgrass, 25, who was returned to Medford from Baker on a criminal subpoena last Friday by sheriff's deputies.

Detective B. Bjornsen had testified when court adjourned Thursday and he was called back to the stand today. Also testifying this morning was Detective Sgt. Dean DeBerry.

The robbery of the mill occurred last March. Snodgrass, a brother-in-law of Allen, was arrested with him at a later date but bailed out of Jackson county jail and moved to Baker. He was arrested there on a similar charge and will be returned to Baker, according to the Jackson county sheriff's office.

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J. EDWARD DAY (UPI) 'Unusual Opportunity'

J. Edward Day Quits as Postal Department Head

Washington — (UPI) — Postmaster General J. Edward Day has resigned to accept what he called "an unusual opportunity" to enter law practice in the nation's capital.

The Post Office Department announced Thursday night that Day had submitted his resignation in a letter to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret" at leaving the post.

President Kennedy has accepted the resignation, a post office spokesman said. Day told Kennedy July 15 that he was resigning, the spokesman said, and it was agreed at that time that the announcement would be made at Kennedy's discretion.

Authoritative sources said President Kennedy has not yet decided upon a successor to Day.

There have been recurring rumors that Day would resign. Asked last March about such a report, the President told newsmen that he had no plans to replace the postmaster general.

Major Yugoslav City More Than Half Destroyed

Belgrade, Yugoslavia — (UPI) — A "catastrophic" earthquake destroyed more than half the city of Skopje today, and death estimates ranged up to 5,000 persons dead with thousands injured.

The actual casualty toll was unknown. The official Yugoslav Tanjug news agency quoted rescue teams in the stricken city of more than 200,000 as saying "over a thousand" persons had died in the disaster that toppled tall buildings.

The earthquake struck with fearful force early this morning while most people were asleep in Skopje, the capital of the Yugoslav republic of Macedonia which lies in the mountains 200 miles south of Belgrade.

Old clay buildings and modern new concrete structures of 10 and 12 stories collapsed like matchwood in the intensity of the shock, which rocked the growing industrial city — a boom town since World War II.

Tanjug reported that "all 80 guests" in the 80-room hotel Macedonia, one of the main buildings in Skopje, were killed and the structure itself "completely shattered."

"Tens of thousands of people are standing in the streets scared, many of them injured," Tanjug said.

A Yugoslav woman near the disaster area told UPI by telephone that "thousands" were killed and many more injured.



HARRIMAN GREETED — W. Averell Harriman, chief U.S. negotiator at nuclear test ban talks in Moscow, is greeted at a last round of talks at the Kremlin by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. (UPI)

Unions Veto Wage Offer; Pope and Talbot Struck

By United Press International
Northwest lumber unions followed their rejection of a Timber Operators Council wage offer in Portland Thursday with a strike at all Pope and Talbot, Inc. operations in Oregon and Washington today.

The action by the International Woodworkers of America and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union idled another 970 workers, pushing the number out of work in the industry contract dispute to about 26,000.

Negotiations between the unions and the Timber Operators Council, of which Pope and Talbot is a member, were broken off Thursday after a wage increase of 26 cents an hour was rejected.

Unions Demand 33 1/2
A TOC spokesman said the unions demanded 33 1/2 cents over a three-year period. That was the increase in an agreement with Simpson Timber Co. last Friday.

The TOC quoted union officials as saying they would close all 196 members of the employer organization, one by one, if necessary.

The unions' decision to spread the strike would be regrettable," commented Karl F. Glos, executive vice president of the TOC. "Additional closures of mills in an effort to pressure settlement on the basis of unrealistic demands would only bring more hardship to workers and families and to many communities."

Pope and Talbot was the second TOC member to be struck in as many days. Edward Hines Lumber Co. plants at Westfir and Dee, near Hood River, closed Thursday.

Scott Meeting Monday
Federal mediator LeRoy Smith said today only one more meeting has been scheduled in the industrial dispute which broke out over terms of contracts to replace those which expired June 1. That is between the IWA and Scott Paper Co. in Portland Monday.

Dick Gillman, public relations official for Region 3 of the IWA said a decision on which firms will be next would be made at a meeting of his union's regional advisory board in Portland Sunday.

Evidence Presented In U.S. Court Case
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Federal Judge John F. Kennedy started handing down opinions on some issues involved.

The recession case was brought by the California company to cancel a contract with Kesterson, claiming a defective title. It opened Tuesday with J. A. Cicamoni and Esther Mix of Sacramento representing the plaintiff, and William Borst as counsel for Kesterson of Klamath Falls.

Testimony has been given by witnesses from California, Oregon and Canada. The list included Fred Hale and Robert D. Watts of Sacramento, Louis W. Soukup, Canada, Lester S. White, Portland, Orth Sisemore, Klamath Falls, and Chet Stinson of that city.

Kesterson, who testified for himself, also was called as an adverse witness by the plaintiff.

Talent Water Rate Increase Effective

Talent — Minimum water rates here have been raised, effective with this month's bills now being mailed, in order to raise funds for financing of the city's new water project.

The rate for users inside the city limits has been raised from \$2.50 to \$3.50 covering consumption up to 5,000 gallons. For users outside the city, the rate has gone up from \$3.50 to \$5.

The rates for additional 1,000 gallons remain the same as before, 30 cents per 1,000 gallons for commercial users and 25 cents for homes.

Construction of facilities to increase the city's water supply by taking water from Wagner creek is now in progress. Present supply comes from wells.

Grants Pass Men To Enter Pleas

Grants Pass — Entering of pleas by two Josephine county men charged with first degree murder was postponed from today until Monday on agreement of the attorneys for each man.

Gerald Oden, 25, Wolf Creek, and Norman Thomas, 22, Grants Pass, were indicted by the grand jury here in connection with the death of Lloyd Harper, 48, of Grants Pass July 12.

Robert Boyer, Medford attorney, is representing Oden. Thomas' attorney is Charles Telfer of Grants Pass. The case is being heard by Judge Orval Millard of Josephine county circuit court.

Chlorine Gas Leak Overcomes Swimmers
Reading, Pa. — (UPI) — A chlorine gas tank sprang a leak at a crowded city-owned swimming pool today and deadly fumes felled dozens of swimmers, most of them youngsters.

Khrushchev Pledges No Shortage of Goodwill

Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev appealed to the West today to follow up the partial nuclear test ban pact with new negotiations aimed at erasing cold war differences.

He pledged "there would be no shortage of goodwill on the Soviet side."

The Soviet leader said the treaty "ought to promote a general relaxation of international tension, thus creating favorable conditions for a solution of long-matured international problems."

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The official government newspaper Izvestia and the official Communist party newspaper Pravda, Khrushchev said the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain should not rest now that a partial test ban treaty has been reached.

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"We have jointly made the

beginning by agreeing on banning nuclear weapons tests. Let us continue toward lessening international tensions and liquidation of the cold war, thereby we will open the way toward deciding the fundamental questions on general and complete disarmament."

He said the question of a "peaceful German settlement" was basic to ending international tensions.

"The Soviet government is ready to conduct negotiations on these questions with representatives of the Western powers on a businesslike basis in an effort to negotiate and conclude a corresponding agreement," Khrushchev said.

FACT CONCLUDED
New York — (UPI) — The nation's five major aluminum companies today concluded a new contract with the United Steel Workers Union in which virtually all 39,000 workers represented in the industry will get a 13-week extended vacation once every five years.

Musa Denies Pledge To Hatfield Violated
Salmon — (UPI) — Senate President Ben Musa today denied he had violated any pledge in making an appointment to the State Welfare commission.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

VENEZUELA POLICE SEEK CONVICTS
Caracas, Venezuela — (UPI) — Police combed the byways of Caracas today, seeking about 80 convicts who escaped from La Planta prison Thursday in the biggest jailbreak in Venezuelan history.

JUDGE RULES HOFFA MUST STAND TRIAL
Nashville, Tenn. — (UPI) — A federal judge ruled today that Teamsters President James R. Hoffa must stand trial here on charges of attempting to fix a jury.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE LAUNCHED
Cape Canaveral — (UPI) — The United States today launched a Syncom 2 communications satellite toward an apparently successful elliptical orbit and planned to boost the spacecraft into a "hanging" orbit 22,300 miles above earth about five hours later.

NIXON MEETS WITH ADENAUER
Bonn, Germany — (UPI) — Former U.S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon discussed nuclear testing and other issues with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today, giving him a private citizen's views not always "in line with U.S. policy."

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Fair and warm through Saturday. Low tonight 26, high Saturday 31.	Temp.
Highest Yesterday — 32	
Lowest This Morning — 16	
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunrise today — 5:28 p.m.	
Sunset today — 5:23 p.m.	
First Quarter — July 28	
The bright star nearest the Moon tonight is Spica. The three planets visible tonight, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter, are also occasionally seen near Spica.	