

Stage Set For Meeting Of Big Three Foreign Ministers As Bevin Arrives

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin arrived in Moscow by plane today for the Big Three foreign ministers' conference as U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes made a courtesy call on Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov.

A spokesman said the three men might meet informally tonight and probably would hold their first business session Monday.

Bevin flew to Moscow through a blizzard which forced three other planes carrying members of his party to turn back. The British foreign secretary was so bundled up when he reached the airport that he had to come sideways down the steps of his big four-engine plane.

Byrnes, who arrived here late yesterday after his plane was lost for an hour in the storm, spent the night at Spasso House, the residence of the American ambassador, where he conferred with his staff and made last-minute preparations for the talks.

Issues Take Shape

Foreign observers here felt that several issues already have taken definite shape. Conceding that the question of controlling atomic energy will be the main issue, observers pointed to Iran and Japan—in the light of recent developments—as subjects which appeared likely to come up for discussion.

Byrnes, at a press conference last night, gave no indication of what subjects were on the agenda, but he declared he wanted it understood that "this is no peace conference."

He said the "only purpose of the meeting is to carry out the spirit of the Yalta meeting—to meet every three or four months to preserve contacts between the governments." The present conference, he said, was "just exploratory."

Byrnes said he would not regard it as a "bad sign" if no formal announcement of an agreement follows the conference.

Exchange Views

"I think it is a far more important thing," he added, "if we make contact for an exchange of views rather than meet to make announcements."

"I think great progress will have been made if we achieve a better understanding."

Byrnes said he was going to propose another meeting of the "Big Three" next March, "although I have no assurances there will be any agreements."

As final preparations for the conference were made, Soviet censors—already at work handling advance stories—got ready for their busiest time in two years. All stories written

Fire Season Severe On Fremont National Forest

The 1945 fire season on the Fremont National Forest was unusually long and severe according to a summary of the season recently prepared by Merle S. Lowden, assistant forest supervisor. The 102 fires on the forest this year burned 2102 acres and did damage estimated at more than \$5000. Of this acreage, 815 acres were forest land and 1287 acres were covered with brush and grass. The 102 fires this year were only six more than occurred in 1944 but because of the dry conditions in the forest more of the fires reached large size. In 1944 the burned acreage amounted to 66 acres.

Man-caused fires increased appreciably from 27 in 1944 to 39 this year. Most of these were caused by smokers who were responsible for 26 fires while campfires were the cause of 9. The large increase in man-caused fires is attributed to the hazardous weather during the hunting season since 22 of these fires occurred after October 1 when the hunters invaded the woods. The two worst fires of the season which burned near Summer lake and on Twelve-mile creek near Plush were both hunter-caused. Lightning fires decreased from 69 in 1944 to 63 this year. Lightning storms were scattered throughout the season but were less severe than in 1944.

Started Earlier

The fire season started earlier this year following a wet May and extended until the first heavy fall storm which occurred generally over the forest on October 28 and 29. The wet May produced a heavy crop of annual grass and weeds which contributed materially to the hazard in the forest. There was only scattered showers over the forest

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A continuance of responsibility and physical welfare, undertaken during the war, was a feature of the discussion by Major Roswell.

In connection with its Christmas program the Salvation Army is sponsoring a toy drive in and around Klamath Falls. The collection and free distribution of toys to needy children at Christmas time has long been a part of the program. During the years when family incomes were up, this need was not imperative.

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Baptist Youth Jubilee Slated

Special speaker at the Baptist Youth Jubilee for 8:15 tonight and again Sunday morning at the First Baptist church, is Rev. C. Erwin Boyle, pastor of Bethel Baptist church, Yakima, Wash.

The Rev. Mr. Boyle is editor of the Pacific Coast Baptist and has served as an officer of the interstate Baptist mission since its organization three years ago. He is a graduate of Eastern Baptist seminary and has specialized in Christian education and journalism.

The youth group meets every Saturday evening with a prayer service at 7:30 before the jubilee at 8:15. The public is cordially invited to hear Rev. Boyle this evening and Sunday.

Bid Considered On Beardsley Project

Another step in the process of widening South 6th street was taken in Portland Friday, when the state highway commission received a low bid of \$11,973 from Struss and McCoy of Redmond for remodeling and constructing an addition to the Beardsley building in Klamath Falls.

The bid was considered in line with state engineer's estimates, but was referred to the engineers for detailed study.

The building, on the west side of S. 6th at Shasta way, will have to be remodeled as part of the improved street program.

Holiday Plans Underway At Marine Post

Snow was falling heavily at the Marine Barracks, high in the hills above Klamath Falls, and the new white coat which covered the post turned the area into a beautiful Christmas scene.

Colonel Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer, advised today that holiday plans have been going on for some time at the Barracks and the program of liberal furloughs and leaves for the men during the Christmas and New Years season has been in effect. Some 400 men are at their homes at the present time.

There will be a Christmas dinner for all men on the post, served in the big messhall and turkey with all the trimmings is scheduled. Hospital patients, some 40 or 50, will be well remembered and packages from various organizations will be distributed to them on Christmas Day.

The dispensary is gay with holiday trim and Christmas trees are up in the various wards. Wives of marine officers have been holding forth for quite some time in the post exchange, wrapping gifts for the men and preparing them for shipment from the base post office.

A big dance for the enlisted personnel is slated for Monday night, December 17, when Herb Miller's name band will play in the post gymnasium. This is a part of the holiday program.

There will be a dance for officers of the post at BOQ the night of December 18, when Miller stays over for that occasion.

Those wishing to invite marines to their homes for the holidays may call Major Phillip W. Kelly, recreation officer, at 5121, extension 384. There are still a number of men who

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will remain here for Christmas. Colonel Brooks stated.

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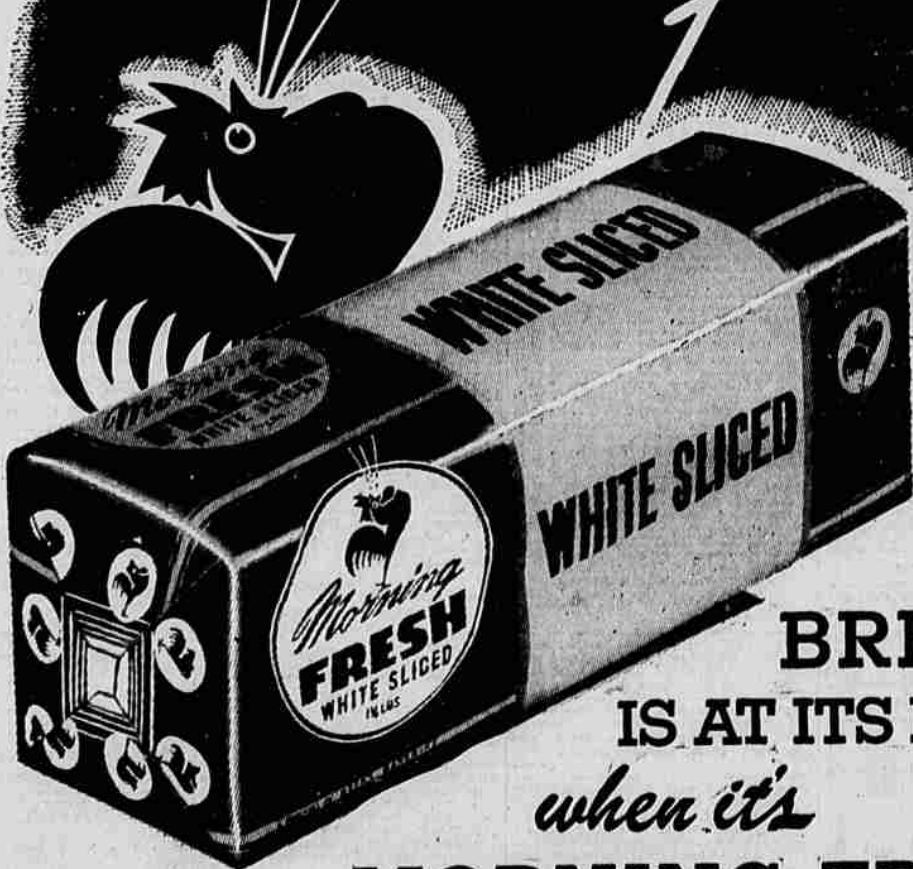
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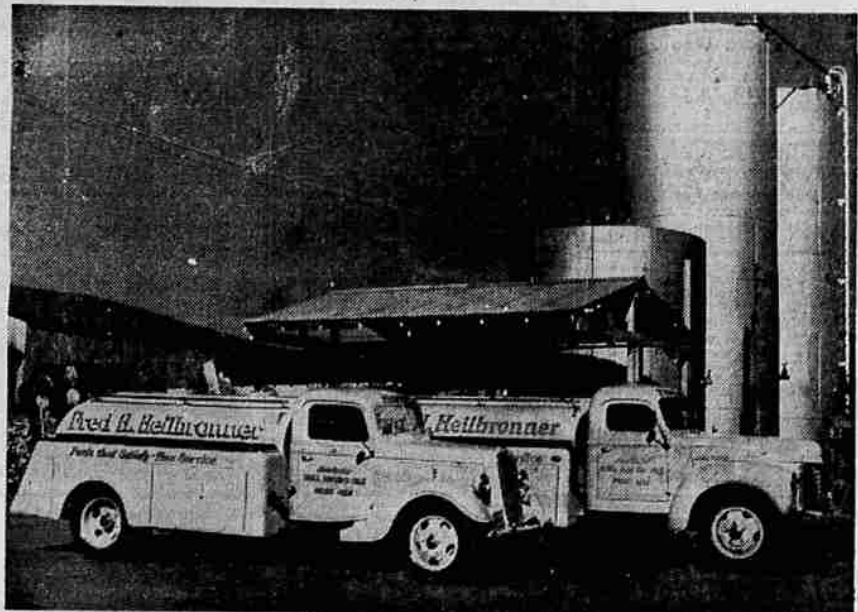
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