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Experts See Red No In Austria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia is believed ready to fire back a quick emphatic "no" to a new Big Three proposal for a streamlined Austrian Peace Treaty.

Officials say the Russian turn-down, if and when it comes, will virtually kill the last Western hope that a Four Power Peace Treaty for Austria is possible and will mean continued Russian and Western occupation of Austria until some other way is found to break the present stalemate.

In formal notes made public Thursday, the United States, Britain, and France appealed to Moscow to agree to a 1,000 word, eight article pact which would fully restore Austrian rule over its territory.

At the same time, the United States denounced Russia for stalling on a peace pact and failing to keep a 1945 promise to join the West in insuring Austrian independence after the war.

The new draft treaty was designed to replace a much longer 60-article pact that bogged down in argument after five years of talk. Seven of the articles in the new pact were lifted from the original. They had been agreed to by Russia's representative. The eighth, however, came as a surprise.

It calls on all four countries to give up all Austrian property claimed as former Nazi assets or as war booty.

This would hit the Russians hard. Russia now holds oil, shipping and industrial properties in Austria worth several hundred million dollars, and is believed to be making about 50 millions annually from their operations.

Traffic Fine Goes to \$250

ROSEBURG (AP) — Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Tuesday increased to \$250 a fine against Dr. Howard M. Ferguson, Glendale osteopath convicted of reckless driving.

Dr. Ferguson was convicted in district court Feb. 13 on the charge of driving recklessly while speeding an ailing infant from Canyonville to Eugene.

District Judge A. J. Geddes fined him \$75 and suspended a 10-day jail sentence.

Dr. Ferguson appealed to circuit court. A circuit court jury upheld the earlier conviction, and Judge Wimberly boosted the fine to \$250.

He also suspended a 10-day sentence and ordered Ferguson to remove a siren and blinker light from his automobile.

Walsh Goes To Africa

PORTLAND (AP) — Brig. Gen. Orville E. Walsh will leave here Mar. 22 to take over the costly military construction program in North Africa and parts of the Middle East.

Walsh, who has been North Pacific division engineer for the Corps of Engineers, already has been in Casablanca to look things over. He is here now to wind up affairs and prepare to move his family.

Walsh said he had ordered an end to cost-plus contracts in North Africa in a move to cut waste. He voiced belief criticism of large expenditures there would end when the normal construction schedule starts.

Walsh was stationed here six years, as Portland district and then North Pacific division engineer.

Salvage that box-full of unstrung pearls and sew them, one by one, in a scatter arrangement, to a small head-hugging hat.

Republicans Flock To Ike Banner As Enthusiasm Gains, Florida Next Scene Of Battle

By The Associated Press
Gen. Eisenhower's interest in the Republican presidential nomination seemed to be growing Friday as support mounted in the wake of his clean sweep over Sen. Taft in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

Eisenhower's Washington headquarters late Thursday released part of a letter from him to an unnamed close friend which said in effect he would not turn his back on party workers and leaders later.

It sounded like he was telling those "in the rank and file" he wouldn't forget them if elected.

Earlier in a cable from Paris warmly thanking New Hampshire supporters for their work, the general appeared to talk like a candidate whose enthusiasm is mounting.

Minnesota supporters, encouraged by his opening victory, launched a campaign for write-in votes for Eisenhower in that state's primary next Tuesday.

In Washington, backers still eager for him to return and put up a fight—despite his statement he will not take part in pre-convention campaigns—said the New Hampshire victory was the "clear cut call to political duty."

The general said he would answer if it came. A former Taft supporter in New Hampshire, Richard G. Jordan of Manchester, wrote the Ohio senator to get behind Eisenhower, and assure a GOP victory in November.

Harold E. Stassen, another GOP candidate, campaigning in Wisconsin said he has not promised to deliver his delegation to Eisenhower if he fails to win at Chicago in July. He said his supporters, in such an event, can make up their own minds whom to support.

Taft continued a workhorse schedule in the Southwest, making speeches—all denouncing the Truman domestic and foreign policies—holding news conferences and attending dinners. He said in Albuquerque he still thinks he will have enough delegates to win in Chicago.

He moves into Arizona Friday. Gov. Earl Warren, a fourth GOP candidate, campaigned for Wisconsin's 30 delegates. The California governor hammered away at the Democratic administration, which he said has taken the government away from the people. The Wisconsin primary is April 1.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Russell of Georgia said he plans to campaign in Florida for about a week just before the May 6 primary there. He also said he has not "closed the door" to entering the California primary June 3.

Russell said in a radio interview he would go to the Chicago convention in July with as many delegates supporting him "as any other"

Democratic candidate. President Truman in New Hampshire, also plans to campaign in Florida and California.

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Gas "Swap" Plan Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "swap" plan of providing the Pacific Northwest with natural gas from Alberta was filed with the Federal Power Commission Thursday.

The step was taken as a preliminary to a general hearing April 8 on proposed natural gas pipe lines for the area.

The Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp., Houston, Tex., filed the "swap" plan, known officially as a reciprocal exchange proposal.

Under the plan, the company would bring 250,000,000 cubic feet of Alberta natural gas into Washington State daily. About 10 percent of this would be piped northward to Vancouver, B. C.

In return the company would provide Eastern Canada with 225,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas from Texas.

The company said the new proposal was a substitute for an earlier plan to transmit Texas gas directly to the Northwest. This would involve a 2,175-mile line costing \$174,186,602.

Under the new plan, the company would build about 828 miles of pipeline, mostly in Washington State, at an estimated cost of \$88,425,000. The line would serve the principal populated areas in Washington, including Spokane, Seattle Ore., area.

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