

BY FRANK JENKINS

Telegram from Moscow: The Soviet government has announced it is ready and willing to enter into confidential talks with other powers to discuss the harnessing of atomic energy.

Telegram from Washington: The White House announces that the U.S. has agreed to join in secret negotiations on an international atomic pool. Eisenhower's proposals were told the Russian government has asked the United States for additional information on Eisenhower plan.

...couldn't know—but I'd rather 'em talking than to start 'em fighting.

Telegram from Paris: The French parliament fails again to elect a president. The ninth ballot to pick a president failed. Well-to-do and conservative Laniel was only 22 votes short of election on the 8th, but dropped 17 votes lower on the 9th.

...man's name doesn't mean much unless we know how he proposes it. Otherwise we're apt to forget it. ...then forget it. ...what the French call these leading candidates: Laniel—Lan-YELL. Naegelien—Nash (with the "a" as in ape)—LAHN (with the "a" said through your nose, which only a Frenchman can do)—LAIN.

...is not so scornful. This hard-fought election in France is hopeful for the future. ...France has always been a wonderful country WHEN WELL LED. ...poorly led, it has been terrible—and it takes quite a search through the tomes of history to find a country that has been poorly led as often and as long as France. ...this hotly-contested election ...produce wise, firm, competent leadership. ...able leadership. ...the current of history not in France but throughout the world.

...there was Louis the 14th, who spent his palace of Versailles, ...the French election is being ...He spent 100 million dollars ...back in the late 1600's, when ...million dollars bought far more ...several billions will buy now. ...to the throne at the tender ...of 5, and ruled for the next ...years—longer than any other ...European ruler in history. ...was Louis XIV who when ...for a definition of the state ...scornfully: "L'etat—c'est moi." (The state—this is ME!) He ...to, too. His excesses, financial and otherwise, especially ...brought on the French ...revolution, when heads rolled in ...at a tournament. ...Louis the 14th is the shining ...of all time of the truth of ...political truisms that too ...long is DISASTROUS.

...Napoleon Bonaparte was another ...of what has happened to ...in the way of bad leadership. ...When he was first angling ...supreme power, he was asked ...at the people might think of it ...answered contemptuously: ...the people! Give the canaille a ...of grapeshot. That'll handle ...

...Louis XIV led France up to the ...and the guillotine. ...I led France up to Waterloo. ...Napoleon III led France to the ...of Sedan and the capture of ...in the Franco-Prussian war. ...hard-headed business leadership ...which the French people had ...confidence led France out of the ...mess that followed the Fran- ...Prussian war and made her ...one of the great nations of ...earth.

...RIGHT LEADERSHIP now cor- ...France out of her present mess ...make of her an ally with ...aid we could stop communism ...in Western Europe. ...let's hope for the best in this ...election that is going on today ...the ancient palace of Versailles ...the outskirts of Paris.

War Dead List Detail Needed
The old memorial shaft has been ...down and the concrete base ...the new shaft has been poured. ...construction will proceed on the ...shaft so as to be complete by ...Memorial Day. ...the bronze tablet, which will ...list all names, must be ordered ...from the factory very soon and the ...Klamath War Memorial Commis- ...is trying to get certain names ...from the entire Klamath ...who have lost their lives in ...during World Wars I and II ...the Korean War are on the ...list. ...The committee has heard in ...ways of the names listed ...but has no information con- ...them—whether they were ...or even actual persons. ...committee requests that any ...information be given to William H. ...county engineer, or T. D. ...county Veterans Service of- ...either of whom may be ...by phone or by mail ad- ...in care of the Court House. ...World War II: James W. Burns, ...O. P. Brown, Allen Fouk, ...Eugene Graham, Gilbert West- ...Haffield, Joseph E. Reeder, ...Lee Smith, Gus Riecke, ...R. Sidebottom, William Ed- ...Simmons, Korea: Richard K. ...Therlow Q. Smith.



THEIR FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE was the big event of yesterday for these three young ladies shown here with their pilot, Elbert Stiles. The occasion was the big air show sponsored by the Pilots Club and KASRU to commemorate the 50th anniversary of powered flight. Here, left to right, are Betty Hawley, Stiles, Joan Foreman and Chris Hawley.

Lewis Aims Big Guns On Waterfront

WASHINGTON (AP)—William V. Bradley said Monday if the International Longshoremen Assn. wins a collective bargaining election on the New York waterfront he would favor affiliating it with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Union.

Bradley is president of the I.L.A. which the AFL ousted on grounds it was crime ridden. He made the comment after an hour-long conference here with Lewis.

Such affiliation would make Lewis in effect the labor boss of the New York waterfront as well as head of the powerful coal miners.

Bradley came out of the meeting with Lewis and told reporters "Our financial worries are over" and that Lewis is supporting his group "very much" in the election Tuesday and Wednesday.

Later, speaking for newscast cameramen, he said he would favor affiliating with the miners union if the I.L.A. wins waterfront collective bargaining rights.

The election is a test between the Independent I.L.A. and a new AFL Longshoremen Union.

About 25,000 New York harbor dock workers are eligible to vote.

Even before the meeting, one of Bradley's union officials had said Lewis had loaned \$50,000 to the I.L.A. in its fight with the new AFL union.



ROBERT KERR began his duties Monday as deputy district attorney for Klamath County. Kerr, a 1952 University of Oregon law school graduate, came here from Albany. He succeeds Joe Thalhofer who resigned.

Snow, Ice Cover Roads

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's mountain roads were covered with snow and ice Monday as a weekend storm left from 4 to 10 inches of new snow at the summits.

However, Western Oregon rivers, swelled by rain, did not cause any major road closures.

The Wilsonville ferry was forced to suspend again because of high water on the Willamette.

The commission warned that there is a 25-mile section of icy pavement on the Warm Springs Highway.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Monday night; increasing cloudiness Tuesday. High Tuesday 40; low Monday night 20.

Sports Bulletin

CURFMAN QUILTS
MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—Raymond A. (Babe) Curfman and his three football assistants resigned Monday at the University of Idaho. The resignations were accepted effective at the end of the current semester.

Police Nab Fugitives In Detroit

DETROIT (AP)—Police Monday captured in Detroit three of the five fugitives remaining at large from Saturday night's mass break-out at Southern Michigan Prison.

The three apprehended fugitives were identified as Edward J. Emrick, Virgil Lane, and Daniel B. Bousha.

Police said the three were captured in a private home on Detroit's southwest side.

An anonymous tip was credited for the arrest of the trio. Their capture left only two fugitives at large from the 13 who broke out of prison via an underground sewer Saturday night.

KF Air Show Held Success

Almost a thousand persons took to the air for free rides Sunday during the air show at the airport.

Several thousand spectators turned out to help the local Pilots Club and KASRU celebrate the 50th anniversary of powered flight. It was the largest turnout since 1946, according to Ben Burgess, program chairman.

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Soviets Ready To Talk Atom Control

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French Fail Ninth Time; Laniel Slips

VERSAILLES, France (AP)—The French Parliament failed again Monday to elect a president of the republic. It was the ninth ballot taken since last Thursday.

Premier Joseph Laniel, a wealthy industrialist and the top contender, got 413 votes—a drop of 17 votes from the eighth ballot.

His socialist opponent, Marcel-Edmond Naegelien, who has Communist support, got 365—a drop of 103 votes. Montel, 57, emerged as a last minute candidate, received 103 votes. Montel, 57, is a member of Laniel's independent party from Lyon.

Laniel was only 22 votes short of victory on the eighth ballot in the Peoples' Assembly hall of the old palace of French kings, where the National Assembly deputies and senators have been trying to name a new president.

The number needed to elect on the ninth ballot—a majority of the votes cast—was 452. Thus Laniel, who has led almost all the way, was 42 votes short Monday.

No other French presidential election had ever required more than two ballots. The protracted voting this time resulted from a sharp split, nearly down the political middle, in the Parliament. The split promised endless future troubles in the National Assembly at a time of crisis on crisis.

Parliamentary leaders grew increasingly shocked at the bitter nature of the showdown battle. Laniel's support came almost entirely from the conservative ranks—landholders, wealthy industrialists, and rightist Catholics.

Jack Estes Dies At 64

Jack L. Estes, local steel contractor and resident of Klamath Falls, died about 11 p.m. Saturday night en route to Klamath Valley Hospital by ambulance after he was stricken with a heart attack on Main Street. He was 64 years old.



A FATHER AND SON partnership was snapped by the cameraman this morning when he caught Vic Caster and his son, Craig. Vic is with Hauper Tractor company and son Craig operates the Craig-Caster service station at Seventh and Commercial.

Automobile Wrecks Mar Weekend In Klamath Falls

Two identical accidents occurred on South Sixth Street within a distance of seven blocks over the weekend, the first occurring about 3 a.m. Sunday morning and the other about 3 p.m. Sunday.

In the early morning mishap a car driven by James Greer, Merrill, attempted to pass a car driven by Thomas P. Oden, 2116 Applegate as it was making a left turn into a driveway at 6019 South Sixth. Both cars were badly damaged when the Greer car struck the Oden vehicle broadside. Oden was taken to the Klamath Valley Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Tule Tots Meet Santa

TULELAKE—Santa, riding the city's fire engine, arrived about noon Saturday, Dec. 19, to distribute treats to some 400 children gathered for the annual tree theater party at the Marcha and the Christmas party arranged by the Rotary, Kiwanis and 20-30 clubs and the chamber of commerce.

The small guests were entertained by a program of special comedy films, by Vaclav Kallina, owner of the Marcha. They gathered later at the old Richfield station near the big lighted tree in the center of Main street for the arrival of Santa who wore a costume loaned by Sears Roebuck, Klamath Falls.

Ground Crews Try New Effort To Reach Plane

LONDON (AP)—A ground rescue team started a new climb Monday up an Iceland glacier in a desperate bid to reach a U.S. Navy plane which crashed Thursday with nine men aboard.

Reds Tell Of 'Peace' Intentions

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government declared Monday night it is ready and willing to join in "confidential or diplomatic talks" with other powers to discuss the harnessing of atomic energy.

The statement was made in a note to the U.S. government delivered Monday night to U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen.

It was in response to President Eisenhower's Dec. 8 speech before the United Nations in which he proposed a world atomic pool for peaceful purposes.

The Kremlin note said: "As to Gen. Eisenhower's statement on the confidential or diplomatic talks concerning his proposal, the Soviet government following consistently its peace-loving policy, expresses its readiness to take part in such negotiations."

The 3,000-word Soviet declaration criticized the Eisenhower plan as insufficient, however, stating that it does not provide a real ban on atomic and hydrogen weapons.

The signing of an international agreement on this question could be an important step on the path of the complete banning of atomic mass destruction with the establishment of strict international control to insure the fulfillment of the agreement banning the use of atomic energy for war purposes.

Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov first handed the Soviet note to Ambassador Bohlen, then called in foreign correspondents and handed them copies of the text in Russian. Bohlen's text, also was in Russian, and it had to be translated here before transmission.

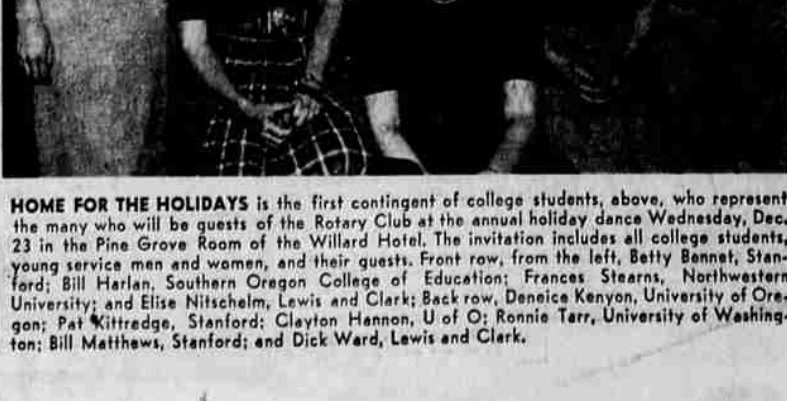
The Moscow statement asserted the Soviet Union "has conducted a consistent struggle for the prohibition of atomic weapons and in addition has worked for reduction of all other forms of weapons."

It added that President Eisenhower in his speech also had pleaded for reducing international tension and stated: "This also corresponds to the feelings of the Soviet government which is continually trying to reduce world tension and improve international relations."

The Soviet statement asserted Russia is and has been trying to divert atomic energy to peaceful purposes and improve living conditions. It complained that Eisenhower was not willing to harness atomic power solely for peaceful purposes. The Moscow declaration said Eisenhower's proposals meant that only a small portion of U.S. atom resources should be put aside for peaceful purposes.

BURNS (AP)—Fire destroyed a building housing the Bennett Motor Co. and the offices of a truck line Sunday.

C. R. Bennett estimated the loss at \$50,000. The origin of the fire was not determined. Among equipment lost were four cars and several trucks.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS is the first contingent of college students, above, who represent the many who will be guests of the Rotary Club at the annual holiday dance Wednesday, Dec. 23 in the Pine Grove Room of the Willard Hotel. The invitation includes all college students, young service men and women, and their guests. Front row, from the left, Betty Bannet, Stanford; Bill Harlan, Southern Oregon College of Education; Frances Stearns, Northwestern University; and Elise Nitschelm, Lewis and Clark; Back row, Denice Kenyon, University of Oregon; Pat Kittredge, Stanford; Clayton Hannon, U of O; Ronnie Terr, University of Washington; Bill Matthews, Stanford; and Dick Ward, Lewis and Clark.