

Jordan Peace Hopes Fade

MAN, Jordan (AP) — Premier Nuri al-Mu'ki said Monday that his government is categorically opposed to talks with Israel for modifying or suspending the present armistice agreement between the two countries.

In an interview, he said the seven other Arab states have informed Jordan they agree with her rejection of such talks. A formal reply to this effect will be made to the United Nations after the Arab League Political Committee meets to draft a unanimous note on the subject.

Israel demanded direct talks through the United Nations under article 12 of the armistice agreement, which refers to discussions aimed at the alteration or suspension of the armistice.

Israel pressed for such talks after the Kibya village massacre on Oct. 14 when more than 60 Arabs were killed during an Israeli Border raid. The Israelis blame inadequate armistice machinery for the incident and have called for talks to revise the armistice.

Italy's Leaders Talk Terms

ROME (AP) — Leaders of Italy's political party, the Christian Democrats, Monday called a meeting to study their strained relations with Premier Giuseppe Pella, with Premier Pella and other political circles were butting heads over reports of a serious split between Pella and a faction of his party headed by his old boss, ex-premier Alcide De Gasperi.

rumors took on new authority over the weekend when a spokesman for Pella said the Premier was "studying" some recent proposals by the Christian Democrats party chief De Gasperi. Pella and De Gasperi met for a four-hour talk which semi-official reports said was held in an atmosphere of "grand cordiality." Independent papers Monday said meeting may have been the first step in a "clarification" of Pella's relations with his party.

Jordan Still Mum on Future Plans

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. Guy Corbett expects to make known by the end of the year whether he will be re-elected in 1954, he told a reporter last weekend in a telephone interview from Washington.

The veteran Oregon lawmaker returned Friday from a South Pacific island inspection tour.

He has said he would like to re-visit the Senate, but that he would again be a candidate if he considered it necessary to prevent Democrat from winning the seat.

VISIT

OSGAN (AP) — Methodist Bishop Sam C. Martin, president of the Council of Churches of the United States, arrived in Klamath Falls today with John E. Hull, Allied Forces commander.

During a 14-day tour, Bishop Martin, from Dallas, Tex., will perform religious services at the front of the rear areas.



GROUNDING — As heavy fog obscured San Francisco, dimly seen in the background, even the seagulls are grounded. There's one piling open for any fog-lost gull that can find his way in. During the "heavy dew" a Norwegian motorship and a Weyerhaeuser lumber freighter crashed on the Bay. Damages suffered were not crippling to either ship.



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Automobile Insurance Rates To Be Adjusted

PORTLAND (AP) — Automobile insurance rates in Oregon were altered—in many cases sharply—by adoption of new classifications Monday.

Drivers in groups considered bad risks will pay more. Some others will pay less and some will find little change.

Robert B. Taylor, state insurance commissioner, said a wide variety of changes had been filed.

Most companies are expected to limit the changes to bodily injury and property damage coverage although at least one has indicated changes in all classifications. The general change comes from sub-dividing old classes. In Class 1, for example, the one covering cars driven by no one under 25 years, the new groups are on whether the car usually is not driven to work, whether it is driven regularly to work but the distance is less than 10 miles each way, and whether driven regularly to work more than 10 miles each way.

Some decreases may be as much as 15 percent—and some increases as much as 20 percent. The amounts vary from company to company and from district to district. Portland drivers will continue to pay most.

CLOSE EARLY

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Licensed Beverage Association's executive board has recommended that cocktail bars and taverns close at 7 p.m. Christmas eve. More than 800 liquor and beer license owners belong to the association.

Timberline Lodge Company Purchased

PORTLAND (AP) — Timberline Lodge, the big Mt. Hood resort, will be operated by Charles A. Slaney, Oceanside, Ore., if the Forest Service, which owns the lodge building, grants him permits.

He announced Saturday he has purchased Timberline Lodge, Inc., the operating company, from Elston Ireland, John R. and Carl R. McPadden. Slaney said the deal would involve about \$120,000 and would leave him sole operator. Slaney has wide theater and resort holdings.



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