

West Agrees To Meet Khrushchev At Summit

Police Conducting Hunt For Northwest Gunman

PORTLAND (AP)—The search for a gunman continued here today. Police said, though, he may have gotten out of town the way he got in—by abducting a motorist.

Police conducted a block-by-block search of rainy downtown streets Wednesday and Wednesday night, but failed to find a trace of Richard Allen Hunt, 27, a dairy worker from near Harrisburg, Ore.

The manhunt began after one police chief was abducted briefly at Harrisburg Tuesday, and another shot later at Brownsville.

More than 100 men were pressed into the search of timbered hills, but that quest was called off after a motorist said he was forced at gunpoint to drive a young man north to Portland.

It was then police here launched the search, checking used clothing stores, bars, cafes, a theater and a score of skid road hotels.

"We have really scoured the downtown area," said detective Prescott Hutchins.

Hutchins said police were posted at airports, railroad stations and bus depots here. "I doubt if he could get out that way," the detective said.

Hutchins added:

"He might have gotten out of town the same way he got in. He could climb into the first car a driver in it, and be going yet."

The motorist forced to drive the gunman into Portland, police said, was Allie Derrick, a lumber salesman at Mill City, south of here.

Derrick told police that after he got back into his car after eating lunch at Amity, a man raised up from the back seat and said: "You know what happened in Brownsville. I've killed several fellows. Keep on driving."

After driving to Portland, Derrick said he suddenly shouted: "I ain't driving any further."

Then, Derrick said, he leaped out of the car with the keys, and rushed to a nearby police station, leaving the gunman in the car.

Minutes later the search started here for Hunt, a blond-haired ex-convict who once served a term in the Montana State Prison.

After Ernest McPhee was abducted earlier, and Robert Kemnow shot, warrants were issued charging Hunt with kidnapping and assault with intent to kill.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foibles of youth note:
Seventy-four boys from Chelmsford high school (in staid old England) are out to set a new silly season record. Their goal is to push a baby carriage for 300 consecutive hours.

The perambulator, bearing the school's crest, is pushed round and round the campus, day and night, without surcease. The objective is to beat the 100 hour record now held by Nottingham University.

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This, at least, can be said for it: It's more practical than trying to see how many bodies can be packed into a standard-size phone booth.

Both the Chelmsford and the Nottingham youngsters will be pushing baby carriages around a few years later on and the practice they're getting now will come in handy then.

Hmmmmmmmm.
D'ya reckon these silly season stunts the youngsters fall for are any sillier than a lot of the things their elders do?

Trying to conquer the world, for example. All history shows around the lesson that it can't be got away with and made to stick. But somebody is always trying it—communist Russia being the latest.

And—
The inflationary spiral—which is based on the delusion that if the government just goes on printing more money everybody must sooner or later be rich and happy—without doing any more work.

More silly season stuff:
Washington dispatches tell us that the house and the senate are holding perfunctory sessions today so the lawmakers can get last-minute speeches into the Congressional Record before recessing for the ten-day Easter holiday.

In one of these pot-boiler orations, Senator Douglas of Illinois charges that the Air Force spends a million dollars of its training funds every year to stage air show junkets for civilians. He says the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps waste additional millions on similar fetes.

At this point, another hmmm.
How much, d'ya suppose, does the CONGRESS waste on stunts designed to IMPRESS THE VOTERS?

I'd hate to guess.

It all goes to prove the basic wisdom of Kipling's crack that "Judy O'Grady and the colonel's lady are sisters under the skin."

We're all prone to see the mote that lurks in our neighbor's eye and to overlook the beam that may be in our own.

One Crewmember Killed, 16 Hurt In Ship Collision

NEW YORK (AP)—A return voyage from a joyous vacation cruise to the Caribbean was interrupted with a shuddering jolt for 247 passengers when the Grace liner Santa Rosa rammed a tanker at 3 a.m. today 22 miles off Atlantic City, N.J.

One crewman of the tanker Valchem was killed, and 16 were injured. Nobody on the plush cruise ship was hurt, but a fire broke out in a forward paint room. It was kept from spreading but smoldered for hours before it was extinguished.

The Santa Rosa's prow knifed half through the stern section of the tanker and disabled its engines. For some 2½ hours, the ships were kept wedged together until their captains decided there would be no danger of sinking if they pulled apart.

When the Santa Rosa backed away, its damaged bow carried the smokestack of the Valchem, sitting jauntily upright.

The tanker stopped by to await the arrival of tugboats for towing to port. The liner got under way for New York, about 75 miles away, at midmorning and was expected to arrive about 9 p.m.

Seventeen members of the Valchem crew were transferred to the Santa Rosa. Of these, three were to be hospitalized in New York, 15 were treated for minor injuries, and one was uninjured. An 18th tanker crewman was taken by helicopter to Atlantic City, the famed

seashore resort, but was dead on arrival.

The Valchem had been heading for Southern ports carrying oil ballast. Had it been loaded with fuel a sea disaster might have resulted.

Circumstances which led to the collision were not immediately pinpointed. Weather on the ocean was believed to have been clear, though with a slight haze and a slight wind.

The Coast Guard ordered an investigation.

Amid the confusion of the first reports from the crash site, it was indicated at one point that the cruise liner's passengers might be transferred to a sister ship, the Santa Clara, which was standing by. However, ship line officials said later this was unnecessary.

The Valchem, about half the size of the Santa Rosa, is owned by the Heron Steamship Co. and carried a crew of 42. The Santa Rosa has a crew of 265.

Among those on the cruise liner were Mrs. Quentin Reynolds, wife of the writer, Albert H. Smith Jr., vice president of the American Smelting Co.; Louis Smadbeck, a vice president of the Charles F. Noyes Co.; and his wife, Norman I. Schaffer, president of the Consolidated Diesel Electric Corp., and his wife, and Harry Breslau, president of a New York City meat packing firm and also owner of the San Carlos Hotel in New York.

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INTEGRATION OF PERSONNEL of Kingsley Field into the community life of Klamath Falls will be the main purpose of the Kingsley Field-Klamath Falls Community Council which was organized at a meeting in the Kingsley Field Officers Club on Tuesday, March 24. Seated, left to right, are Col. Jack W. Williams, Kingsley Field commander; Mayor Lawrence E. Slater, and Linus Birk, regional representative for the office of Community Services.

Construction Strike Looms In Northwest

PORTLAND (AP)—Union pile drivers today said negotiations have failed and they called a strike that could tie up all heavy construction work in Oregon and southwest Washington.

An all-night mediation session with employers conducted by Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon failed to produce results, said Lee Neal, business agent of the pile drivers.

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Birk stated that the council would (1) give wide responsibility and visibility to the joint concern for the well being of the Air Force personnel and the community's residents, (2) the council will identify the common interests of the community and the military population, (3) it will establish an effective organization for the full utilization of base and community resources for the integration and joint participation in common activities, and (4) the council will maintain the climate for base and community unity of purpose, cooperation and participation for the mutual benefit of the base and community.

It will be the purpose of the council to coordinate all base and community activities and to utilize

resources of both areas in a cooperative manner.

The council's activities will be divided into four major areas: (1) health, police, and safety; (2) housing and commercial services; (3) recreation, welfare and religious services; and (4) prestige and public relations.

There will be a civilian and an Air Force co-subchairman of each of these main areas of action. Named to head the health, police, and safety committee was Maj. Richard T. Mallon and Walter McIntyre. Housing and commercial services will be led by Lt. Col. Lloyd LeMay and Bob Mest. Recreation, welfare and religious services will be directed by Lt. Col. William Wilkinson and Robert Wagner. And the prestige and public relations committee will be headed by Maj. Eugene Holloway and George Callison.

It was stated by Birk that these main divisions or committees would be standing committees but that from time to time special committees to aid in particular events or endeavors could be named by the co-chairmen, Colonel Williams and Mayor Slater.

Colonel Williams pointed out that this framework of the Base-Community Council has been organized along the lines as suggested by Air Force directives. This same council system has been used efficiently and to good advantage in many other communities.

Integration Of Personnel New Kingsley Group Aim

Integration of Air Force personnel stationed at Kingsley Field into the life of the Klamath Falls community will be the main objective of a civic-military group which was organized Tuesday, March 24, at a meeting in the Kingsley Field Officers Club.

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Family Mental Health Institute

Two-day sessions of the first public mental health institute in Klamath Falls start at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Mills School auditorium, presented by the Klamath County Health Department under sponsorship of the Klamath County Child Guidance Advisory Council. Featured speaker Friday afternoon will be Dr. William F. Finzer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. George Saslow, professor of psychiatry, University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, will speak during the evening meeting which starts at 8 p.m.

An entirely local panel on Saturday morning will include the Rev. Robert Groves, Charles McLin, Dr. Glenn Miller, Klamath County Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews, Mrs. Eric Majors, Public Health Nurse Hilda Boyle and State Police Sergeant Bruce Lattin.

Dr. John Waterman, director of mental health section, Oregon State Board of Health, Mrs. Waterman, Dr. Edward Scott and Dr. Harry Danielson are also on the program.

All interested persons are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Gold Miner Lies Helpless As TNT Sings Death Song

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A gold miner lay helpless in a Death Valley tunnel, hearing the fuses for 18 sticks of dynamite hiss a song of destruction.

Frank Rasmussen, 35, could only wait. His right leg was shattered from a premature blast and gushing blood.

As he waited for the remaining charges to blast him into eternity, he gasped a prayer and buried his head under his arms.

Then he heard his alarmed partner, Harry Boyer, starting into the shaft from 18 feet above to see what was wrong.

"Don't come in here," Rasmussen shouted. "No use both of us dying!"

Moments earlier he had lit the 40-inch fuses to 16 two-stick charges, spaced across the end of the tunnel wall. Ordinarily he would have had two or three minutes to get out. Something went wrong this time—a faulty fuse.

Wham! With each blast two sticks of dynamite went off. Rocks and dirt flew. The noise was deafening; the concussion, terrific.

Rasmussen counted the explosions. One, two, three—then in all, counting the first one which had slammed him against the opposite wall 10 feet away.

As the echoes died away, Boyer charged into the shaft.

All he could see of his comrade was a shoulder sticking out of the debris. Boyer grabbed it and pulled Rasmussen's head free.

Boyer tied a rope tightly around Rasmussen's leg, to stop the pouring blood. Then he packed the injured man up a ladder and drove him to the nearby village of Skidoo.

Rasmussen, from his hospital bed here, told the story Wednesday night. In traction with a leg broken in two places, he was waiting for X-rays to show how badly his back was injured.

Allies Differ, However, On Pre-Meet Conditions

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and French President Charles de Gaulle agreed conditionally today to meet Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at the summit on the Berlin crisis and other problems.

They differed materially, however, in the emphasis they placed on the conditions.

A U.S. note said this country is prepared for a meeting of heads of state "on the understanding" that a prior meeting of foreign ministers at least narrows differences and prepares "constructive proposals."

The British note to the Kremlin took a considerably more positive approach. It said the British would be glad to go to the summit "as soon as developments in the foreign ministers' meeting warrant." It spoke of a summit meeting this summer, whereas the U.S. note only spoke of such a conference as soon as the foreign ministers' action might "justify" it.

The French language concerning conditions was still stiffer than that of the United States.

President de Gaulle, in his note to Moscow, made his attendance hinge on whether the foreign ministers' meeting "permits the envisagement of genuine progress" at the top. And the French spoke only of a summit session "at an appropriate time" instead of mentioning this summer.

All three of the Western notes reserved the right of all participants to bring up whatever subjects they choose.

That is in contrast to the Soviet idea of confining the talks solely to Berlin and a German peace treaty. In a March 2 note, the Kremlin proposed that the foreign ministers' meeting, at least, be held exclusively to those subjects.

U.S. officials said that in spite of the differences in wording, they considered the Western notes to say substantially the same thing.

The Western powers proposed that the foreign ministers' meeting start in Geneva May 11 "to consider questions relating to Germany, including a peace treaty with Germany and the question of Berlin."

From there on, they went into their divergent approaches to the summit session.

Despite the variations of emphasis, the Western proposals appeared to bring closer the prospect of a conference of President Eisenhower, Macmillan and De Gaulle with Khrushchev.

The American note was released here, and the British and French communications in Paris and London, after their delivery to the Soviet Foreign Office.

In general they all followed the line of a formula worked out by Eisenhower and Macmillan at their Camp David meeting last week.

That plan calls for dealing with the Berlin crisis through diplomatic negotiations aiming toward one or more summit meetings.

"The purpose of the foreign ministers' meeting," the U.S. note said, "should be to reach positive agreements over as wide a field as possible, and in any case to narrow the differences between the respective points of view and to prepare constructive proposals for consideration by a conference of heads of government later in the summer."

"On this understanding and as soon as developments in the foreign ministers' meeting justify holding a summit conference, the United States government would be ready to participate in such a conference."

"The date, place and agenda for such a conference would be proposed by the meeting."

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers early today. Clearing late tonight and Friday. Low tonight 18-25. High Friday 46-52.

High yesterday 50
Low last night 22
Precip. last 24 hours trace
Since Oct. 1 4.06
Same period last year 12.73

Northern California—Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler tonight. Coastal winds increasing to northwesterly 15-25 miles an hour north of Point Reyes and to 20-35 miles an hour from Point Reyes southward.

CRATER LAKE

High yesterday 52
Low last night 21
8 a.m. today 25
New snow 5½
Snow depth 85
Last year 169
Chains were advised this morning for travel on all roads in the park.

HIGHWAYS

State police report highways clear and bare in Siskiyou County and to Alturas and Reno. North on Highway 97 there is packed snow and ice above Chemul and on the Willamette Pass.

World News In Brief

United Press International
NOTE—Washington—The United States, Britain and France sent similar notes to Russia today on the proposed summit meeting.

SUMMIT—London—Moscow Radio complains that the West is getting ready to back out of summit talks.

ADENAUER—Bonn—Adenauer nagged by fears Western powers might weaken West German position in talks with Soviets.

POPE—Vatican City—Pope John XXIII marks holy (or Maundy) Thursday by washing the feet of 13 priests representing 12 apostles and Christ himself.

BUDGET—Washington—Democrats, under fire for unbalancing budget, give evidence it was never balanced in first place.

STEEL—Washington—Eisenhower gets strong backing from two Senate Democrats in his appeal to hold the line on steel prices.

Tobacco, Tax Increase To Win Committee Okay

By JERRY REYNOLDS

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Cigarette and income tax boosts came up today for almost sure committee approval after the administration swung the key vote to its side.

Assemblyman Charles H. Wilson (D-Los Angeles) said he would vote for both tax measures. A United Press International poll of the Assembly Revenue and Tax Committee showed that his was the deciding vote.

A top Republican leader immediately charged that the administration had brought to the floor today what would be a hearing on the "for hire" murder case.

"I understand that in it a co-defendant, Augustine Baldonado, said a woman involved in the case urged him to commit the murder of Olga Duncan," S. Ward Sullivan said.

The woman, the veteran Los Angeles attorney said, was merely a witness and not a defendant in the month-long trial of the Santa Barbara matron who was sentenced to die in the gas chamber for hiring two men to kill her pregnant daughter-in-law, Olga, 30.

Sullivan said the tape recording was made by a Hollywood sound and film man, George Moran, who contacted the attorney and promised to play the recording for him.

Baldonado, 25, along with Luis Moya, 22, admitted killing Olga last Nov. 17 for an offered \$5,000 from Mrs. Duncan.

more unless my district was reorganized."

The UPI poll showed that a bare majority of the committee, 9 of the 17 members, would vote to pass the cigarette tax bill out of the committee to the Assembly floor.

One of these votes said he was "inclined" to vote for both tax bills but still wanted to digest the testimony at the committee hearing before making a final decision. The poll on the income tax increase showed that at least 11 of the members were planning to vote approval of that measure.

Meanwhile, Assembly Democrats have advised Brown to soft pedal personal contacts with legislators on a luncheon meeting with Brown Wednesday said the dozen or so Democrats present advised Brown not to call Wilson and one other legislator on pending bills.

Here's a rundown on the effect of the two bills:

Cigarettes: Would levy a tax of three cents a pack on cigarettes and a 15 per cent tax on other tobacco products. This tax is expected to bring in 60 million dollars in new revenue to the state in the next fiscal year.

Personal income tax: Would bring in \$60,700,000 in new revenue to the state in the next fiscal year. Two-thirds of this would come from persons with annual incomes above \$25,000. Married couples with two children and incomes less than \$10,500 would pay less.

27-Year Killing Solved By Police

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Police broke up a housebreaking ring Wednesday and at the same time discovered a 27-year-old killing. One of the housebreakers confessed to killing a friend in a drunken brawl in 1932 and hiding the body beneath the tile floor of the victim's kitchen. Police went to the house and found the skeleton.