

New Disarmament Talks May Run Into Trouble

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The new disarmament talks in 1960 will soon run into trouble if statesmen stick by their stated positions.

The Western powers — Britain and France, in particular—differ among themselves over what steps to take first. The United States and others show suspicion that the Soviet Union will not allow strict controls.

So disagreement seems likely to arise in the five-nation Western discussions commencing in Washington next month and to persist in the 10-nation East-West negotiations proposed for Geneva in March.

No real East-West negotiations on disarmament have been held since September 1957, when a U.N. subcommittee of Britain, Canada, France, the Soviet Union and the United States broke off talks in London.

Since Oct. 31, 1958, Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States have been talking in Geneva on a matter related to disarmament—the controlled cessation of nuclear weapon tests.

At the Geneva foreign ministers' conference last summer, the Big Four discussed resumption of comprehensive disarmament negotiations. They agreed to set up a 10-nation committee — Britain, Canada, France, Italy and the United States for the West; Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania and the Soviet Union for the East.

The Western foreign ministers agreed in Paris Dec. 21 to suggest that the committee begin work in Geneva around March 15.

The U.N. General Assembly in November sent all pending proposals to the new committee and expressed hope for agreement on measures leading toward general and complete disarmament. But debate in the U.N. showed rifts that seem to rule out any quick or easy agreement in the Western talks—let alone in the East-West talks to follow.

Among the difficulties:

TESTS: British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, proposing disarmament in three stages, said the first stage should include a three-power agreement against further nuclear tests. France objected that the three atomic powers still would have nuclear weapons even if they held no more tests.

POLITICAL: Britain's plan made no provision for delaying disarmament until political problems were solved. France held that "considerations of defense, international responsibilities and political relationships" must have priority, with the first step in the political field.

PRIORITIES: The French disarmament negotiator, Jules Moch, said both Britain's scheme and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's rival four-year total disarmament plan were alike in "not giving to the delivery of nuclear material that total priority which, in our opinion, is imperative." He included satellites, rockets, supersonic or long-range aircraft, ocean going submarines, aircraft carriers and launching pads.

INSPECTION: Khrushchev said that "in accordance with each stage of disarmament there should be an appropriate stage of control" by foreign inspectors in each country and "once the disarmament becomes complete, the controllers should remain." But U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge said: "We still do not know exactly what controls the Soviet Union has in mind, and we want to find out." He described controls as crucial.

FORCE: Khrushchev proposed that all countries disarm down to "strictly limited contingents of police or militia" to maintain internal order. The Soviet Union said "contradictions among states" could be solved by negotiation and other peaceful means. But Lodge argued that there still would have to be "institutions to preserve international peace and security and promote the rule of law."

AMERICAN: The world knows in general what the British, French and Soviet Union propose. The Americans have not said what they want. A special task force in Washington has orders to work up a U. S. disarmament plan by Jan. 1. It is expected to run over its deadline. If it runs very far over, that may slow down the Western disarmament talks—and add still another complication.

More than 100 million people in the United States are indirect owners of corporate stock through savings in insurance companies, pension funds and the like.

Injuries Kill Lumberman

Mathias King Gray, 60, well known in lumbering and logging circles in Oregon and California, died December 27 of injuries suffered Christmas Day. Reports reaching here indicate Mr. Gray, of Placerville, California, received fatal head injuries when the car he was driving plunged over an embankment on Highway 30 near Shingle Springs in California. He had been visiting his aged mother.

A daughter, Susie, 15, suffered a broken right leg. Three other children, Kathy Gray, 10, Linda Gray, 9 and a companion, Kathy Geller, 15, were cut and bruised.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. December 31 in his home city, Placerville. Place of the service is not known.

Mr. Gray came to Klamath County when 15 years old and his father took up the last homestead on Odesa Creek on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake.

He became interested in the logging and lumber business at an early age, employed by Jim Johnson of the Pelican Bay Lumber Company. Later he became logging superintendent for the Shaw, Bertram Lumber Company, subsequently the Shaw Lumber Company, a position he held until 1945.

Mr. Gray continued in the same business and was employed in a supervisory capacity with the Michigan California Lumber Company, Camino, California, at the time of his death.

His widow, Marie, and several children survive.

Better Chance Seen For Demos

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said Monday night the withdrawal of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller from the Republican presidential picture tremendously increases the Democrats' chances of electing the next president.

"It enables potential Democratic candidates to lay down their strategy with just one man in mind," Sparkman told a news conference. "They can now shape their campaign against one man instead of two."

"It also shows that the Republicans are selecting their man in smoke-filled rooms, and there will be some resentment on the part of independent voters to that kind of manipulation."

FREE DRINKS

RED BANK, N.J. (AP)—Motorists on New Year's Day will be served a free drink by the Garden State Parkway. They'll get their choice of coffee or tea. Five thousand printed invitations are planned for the "safety break," the Highway Authority said Monday.

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Shasta View—Grange will hold its regular meeting Friday, January 1, because of the New Year's holiday.

Mrs. Thelma Whitlatch—of Albany, is spending the holidays with her sons, Jerry, Roy and Paul Whitlatch, all of this city.

Midland Grange—will have a New Year's party Thursday, December 31, at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall. All grangers, their families and friends are invited. Women are asked to bring food for a potluck supper.

In Germany—Sp4 Roy W. LaVrar, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Finkenbinder, 4576 Homedale Road, recently completed Army training tests with an engineer battalion in Germany. He is a demolitions specialist. LaVrar attended Klamath Union High School.

Invitations Given Reds

MOSCOW (UPI)—The American, British and French ambassadors delivered their government's invitations to the Soviet Union today to attend a summit conference in Paris May 16.

The letters from President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and French President Charles de Gaulle were in reply to Premier Nikita Khrushchev's letter of Dec. 25 suggesting April 21 or May 4 as possible dates for the East-West top level meeting.

The western powers originally had proposed April 27 for the conference, but Khrushchev was unable to accept that date because the meeting would have conflicted with the traditional Soviet May Day celebrations.

Foreign observers believed May 16 probably will be acceptable to the Soviet government.

The West was unable to accept Khrushchev's counter suggestions of April 21 because De Gaulle will be visiting Washington then, or May 4 because it clashes with the May 3-13 British Commonwealth's prime ministers conference in London.

Monterey Bay Yields Body

SANTA CRUZ (UPI)—The body of a man identified as David Oscar Reyes, Santa Cruz, was found Monday in Monterey Bay near the mouth of San Lorenzo River.

Recovery of the body solved the mystery of frantic yells for help heard Saturday morning by passersby along the water's edge. A search of the area was made, but police were unable to find anyone by the time searchlights had been set up and a boat dispatched.

Coroner Charles Johnson said there was no evidence that Reyes, believed to be about 22, had been injured before drowning.

The body was clothed.

Blackout Caused By Transformer

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—A huge transformer blew out at a Pacific Gas and Electric Company substation Monday night, blacking out a large section of San Francisco and San Mateo County.

Several manhole covers were blown into the air by the force of the blast, which occurred at 11:07 p.m. Service was restored in about 30 minutes.

The blackout, most widespread since World War II, stretched from the southern half of San Francisco to Brisbane, Daly City, San Bruno, Colma, and Millbrae.

TOOL MOUNTS

FREJUS, France (UPI)—The known death toll in the Malpasset Dam collapse Dec. 2 reached 326 with the recovery of three more bodies Monday. Another 98 persons are still listed as missing.

GLAMOR GIRLS



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\$152 Million To Be Spent By PG&E For New Facilities

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Pacific Gas & Electric Company announced Monday it will spend an estimated 152 million dollars for construction of new facilities in 1960.

President Norman R. Sutherland made the announcement in a report on the firm's progress during the 1959-60 decade.

He said PG&E hopes to obtain all necessary governmental authorizations in time for construction to begin next year on a natural gas pipeline from Canada. The 1,404-mile pipeline will reach from Alberta to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sutherland said the company's electric generating capacity will be increased in 1960 by 337,500 kilowatts.

A unit of 325,000 kilowatts capacity will be brought in at the Geysers power plant in Sonoma County to utilize natural steam from the earth.

Sutherland said construction would continue on a second 325,000 kilowatt generator at Pittsburg, and groundbreaking is scheduled near Eureka for a 60,000 kilowatt atomic electric generating unit.

The company is also at work on the Kings River in Fresno County, driving a tunnel 18,546 feet for the 42,000-kilowatt Kings River powerhouse, scheduled for service in 1962.

Referring to the past decade, Sutherland said the firm added 1,300,000 new customers during the 10 years for a total of 3,560,000, almost 60 per cent more served at the beginning of 1950.

"Not only has the number of our customers greatly increased, but also the per capita consumption of energy is continuously rising," he said.

"The average annual consumption of electricity by our domestic customers, for example, is more than two-thirds greater now than it was 10 years ago."

Radio-Activity In Rivers Far Below Danger Level

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Public Health Service reported today that the strontium 90 level in the nation's major rivers and lakes continues "far below" the danger point.

The service made public its radiation measurements taken weekly at 51 stations on 17 major water courses as part of a stream pollution survey.

None of the figures were near the strontium 90 level of 90 micromicrocuries per litre considered to be permissible for lifetime exposure by the National Committee on Radiation Protection.

Strontium 90 is a man-produced radioactive material resulting from nuclear tests and may produce cancer of the bone structure if absorbed in sufficient quantities.

The highest figure reported for any of the four quarters was 6.2 micromicrocuries per litre at Hoover Dam in Arizona-Nevada. But the service said this analysis was being rechecked for accuracy.

The next highest figure was 3.8 at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the Tennessee River. That level was a reduction from 4.8 in the third quarter of the year and 4.7 in the second quarter at the same location.

Most of the other stations reported strontium 90 levels of about 1 micromicrocurie or less in the last three months of the year.

Congratulations Sent Canadian

SEATTLE (AP)—Mrs. S. Le Cocq Grant turned 100 Monday and received the surprise of her full life — royal congratulations from Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II.

Mrs. Grant, a longtime resident of British Columbia, received a telegram from Buckingham Palace which said:

"The Queen is much interested to hear that you are celebrating your 100th birthday and sends you warm congratulations and good wishes."

Timber Chief Arrested

YREKA—Rudy Borgen, 39, operator of Lumber Associates, Inc., sawmill in Montague, was arrested recently on complaints filed by Siskiyou County District Attorney Albert H. Newton Jr., failure to pay worker's wages since mid-November. He was released on \$300 bail after his arrest on charges of violation of labor code section 270.3 and section 204.

According to the requirements of labor code section 270.3, any mill operator must post bond equal to two weeks' advance funds for his payroll, or else must be a property owner in the state of California. Borgen is a resident of Medford. Section 204 provides for persecution of Borgen for neglecting to make payroll payment of wages to his 18 employees. Both laws provide for a fine of up to \$500, or a county jail sentence of up to six months on each count.

Newton stated he had requested Borgen's trial date be set for January 14, at 10 a.m. before Judge James B. McAdams, of the Montague Justice Court, in order to provide the defendant an opportunity to make payment of wages due, before the trial.

Newton said if Borgen failed to pay the back wages by trial time, he would attempt to prosecute on the full separate 16 counts for violation of section 204 of the labor code, provided the 16 sawmill employees would all sign complaints of not having received their wages.

In conclusion Newton said should the defendant fail to appear in court for trial, a bench warrant would be issued for his arrest in Oregon.

Collections Said Normal

YREKA—According to Helen Walter, Siskiyou County tax collector-treasurer, first installment payments of county taxes this year, due December 10, are about normal despite a slight increase of tax rates.

The tax roll this year is \$3,366,408.63, showing a boost of \$334,318.34 over last year. This year's first installment payments totaled \$2,192,640.94, as compared to the amount collected December 10, 1958; \$1,962,168.96.

This year's largest taxpayer was the California Oregon Power Co. A check for \$471,837.97 from the Medford office was forwarded to the tax collector's office by C. W. "Pat" Patton, manager of the Yreka Copco office. The amount was the full year's assessment.

First installments became due November 1, and after December 30 were declared delinquent with a six per cent penalty attached. The second installment becomes due April 11, totalling \$1,173,767.69, and late filers will receive a similar penalty.

General assessment rate for 1959 was \$2.69 per \$100 assessed valuation, plus special assessments in individual districts for schools, police protection, fire protection, cemeteries, sanitary maintenance and recreation facilities.

In incorporated cities, total assessment rates for 1959, ranged from \$5.33 per \$100 assessed valuation in Etna, to \$6.75 in Dunsmuir. In unincorporated areas, assessment rates for 1959 ran from \$4.72 per \$100 assessed valuation in East Fork to \$7.46 in the Weed area.

Founded in 1718, New Orleans was named for the Regent of France, the Duke of Orleans.

Better Trade Relations Asked By Cuban President

HAVANA (AP)—President Osvaldo Dorticos called again today for better relations between the United States and Cuba to be worked out on the basis of a new trade agreement.

Dorticos said on a TV panel the present poor relations between the two nations did not mean they could not be improved.

Dorticos emphasized the Castro regime's stand that Cuban sugar exports to the United States should be regulated by mutual agreement. He lauded the present system of import quotas decided by the U.S. Congress "an intolerable instrument of undue pressure."

The head of Cuba's National Federation of Sugar Workers has warned that if the United States lowers its Cuban sugar quota, the union will ask for immediate nationalization of all U.S. enterprises in Cuba. Some U.S. senators have suggested Congress take punitive action against Cuba's anti-American attitude and expropriation of U.S. property by lowering the quota of Cuban sugar.

Monoxide Kills Family Of 4

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Carbon monoxide fumes from a rusted out chimney flue asphyxiated four members of a Cheyenne family whose bodies were found Monday, coroner Marvin Schrader said.

The bodies were found when the employer of Audrey Mae Brandell, 28, decided to find out why she hadn't reported for work Sunday afternoon. She was a waitress.

Mrs. Brandell and one son, Richard, 4, were found in their beds. Her husband, Robert E., 32, a bus driver, and another son, Robert Dean, 7, were found sprawled on the bedroom floor.

The Brandells had last been seen Saturday afternoon and Schrader said they apparently died that night.

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