

# Countering Propaganda Slated By West Allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Western allies are getting set to counter an expected barrage of propaganda proposals from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the broad field of East-West relations.

Khrushchev may spring a series of such unacceptable propositions at next month's summit conference when talk moves from disarmament, Berlin and Germany into a catch-all category, East-West relations.

For weeks Allied diplomats have been drafting possible counter proposals in this area. Allied foreign ministers are expected to approve them when they gather here Tuesday for a three-day round of pre-summit strategy session.

Most of the backstage work in this area thus far reflects the belief that fringe proposals Khrushchev may unveil will be of little value until the Soviets make genuine concession in settling the future of disarmament, Berlin and Germany.

This skeptical Allied attitude, however, is not expected to prevent Khrushchev from playing to international public opinion with a series of proposals put forth in an effort to prove the Soviet Union has peaceful intentions.

Diplomatic officials involved in the Allied preparations anticipate

anything from Khrushchev maneuvers calling for more trade and cultural exchanges, to revivals of old-rejected Soviet proposals for a scrapping of the Atlantic Pact and a non-aggression alliance between the Warsaw powers and Western allies.

In canvassing possibilities in this area, Allied diplomats have not come up with any red hot proposal of their own which they genuinely believe might ease tensions.

Some consideration has been given to proposing "a code of international conduct" but most authorities believe this would serve little purpose. The Soviet Union and the West, they point out, are already committed to settling problems peacefully under the United Nations Charter.

French diplomats are reported interested in proposing that the Soviet Union join the West in a combined economic aid program to key countries. French President Charles de Gaulle may discuss this idea with President Eisenhower when he visits the White House April 22.

But American and British authorities are known to be taking a dim view of this approach, believing it would give the Soviets an unnecessary voice in the economic affairs of key countries.

# Testimony Of Attorney Sought By Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two House Republicans demanded today that Thomas G. Corcoran be subpoenaed unless he agrees to testify about his off-the-record talks with members of the Federal Power Commission.

Reps. Steven B. Derouman (R-N.Y.) and J. Arthur Younger (R-Calif.) said testimony from Corcoran, an attorney, is needed to provide the full story of his private contacts with three FPC members during a multi-million dollar gas pipeline case.

Chairman Owen Harris (D-Ark.) of the House Commerce Committee said Thursday Corcoran and two FPC members have been invited to testify next Thursday.

Harris said the FPC members, Arthur Kline and William R. Conole, asked to be heard. Both have said they talked with Corcoran, but both denied any impropriety in the informal conversations.

Corcoran, an attorney who was one of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's original braintrusts, has given no indication whether he would appear, Harris said. Corcoran has not been available for comment to newsmen.

FPC Chairman Jerome K. Kendrick told the committee two weeks ago that a spokesman for a big natural gas firm, later identified as Corcoran, had contacted him twice off the record during the pipeline case.

In talking to newsmen, Harris ruled out any idea of subpoena since the hearing ostensibly will be to get the three men's views on legislative proposals to prevent back door influencing of federal regulatory agencies, such as the FPC.

Both Derouman and Younger are members of the Commerce committee. Challenging Harris on the subpoena matter, Derouman told a reporter:

"I think the American people deserve to hear the whole story, not just part of it. And they won't get the full story unless Corcoran testifies. If he doesn't accept the invitation he should be subpoenaed."

Younger, in a separate interview, also insisted that the committee "get the full story and if we have to subpoena him, then let's subpoena him."

However, Younger said he feels the matter could be handled more appropriately by the committee's special investigative arm, the Legislature Oversight subcommittee, which he said "is clothed with all the powers to get witnesses before it."

Corcoran's talks with the three FPC members occurred last October just before the commission granted Midwestern Gas Transmission Co. authority to import natural gas from Canada.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Jeanette MacDonald wants back her autobiographical manuscript from a Connecticut writer who was preparing the material for a New York publisher.

Miss MacDonald also asked Thursday \$7,500 damages from writer James Brough. She claimed Brough had failed to do a satisfactory job.

# Nations Submit Universal Law

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and Canada Friday proposed a universal maritime law prohibiting foreign fishermen from working in territorial waters to heal a serious rift on the for of coastal states after Oct. 31, 1970.

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# Flood Battle Reported By Farmer

GREGORY LANDING, Mo. (AP) — "I think we've got her whipped."

Clyde Campbell, spoke slowly and confidently from atop a sand levee as he stared at his old foe—the flooding Mississippi River.

Outside the rectangular sand and earth levees protecting his home, 6,000 acres of farmland were 4 to 1 feet under water.

"AP reporter Arthur Sch reached the Campbell farm by roustabout Thursday."

Inside the dike, Campbell's own battle against the mighty river, up to 2 feet of water glistened in low spots.

But five pumps chugged steady streams of the muddy water back over the levee into the inundated lowland.

Campbell, a husky 52-year-old tenant farmer, hired two men to help him build the levee last week when rising Mississippi flood waters first splashed into the lowland area near his home.

"When I was unable to get my corn to market because of the muddy roads, I had to do something," Campbell said resolutely.

Campbell rubbed his ham-like fist across his tired eyes and stubbly beard. And he talked of the 9,000 bushels of corn stored in a huge bin next to his one-story frame farm home.

"I believe this levee has saved most of it from moisture damage," he said.

Campbell and his wife, Margaret, are both dog tired. They have managed only brief snatches of sleep during their five-day duel with the Mississippi. Most of the time they nap in Campbell's car parked high on the levee.

A pert woman of 48, Mrs. Campbell has labored beside her determined husband throughout the anxious moments and trying days.

"We're in pretty good shape now," she added.

Some muddy river water has seeped into the house, but most of the Campbell's furniture and appliances have been out of harm's way on boxes and barrels.

**Oregon Weather**  
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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Friday  
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Astoria	59	49	T
Baker	73	40	—
Bend	64	38	T
Brookings	67	53	—
Burns	63	40	18
Eugene	65	46	—
Lakeview	55	33	05
Medford	75	44	—
Newport	60	45	—
North Bend	63	52	—
Pendleton	74	49	—
Portland	72	50	T
Red Bluff	72	48	—
Redmond	69	46	T
Roseburg	70	46	—
Salem	71	45	T

Western Oregon — Showers tonight and Saturday with partial clearing in afternoon. Cooler in interior during afternoon. Low tonight 42-48; high Saturday 58-68 except 55-58 on coast. Southwesterly coastal winds 10-20 miles an hour tonight, becoming westerly to southwesterly Saturday.

Eastern Oregon — Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with a few showers likely Saturday. Low tonight 36-46; cooler Saturday with high 62-72.

Northern Oregon Beaches — Mostly cloudy Saturday with sunny periods in afternoon. South-easterly to southwesterly beach winds 3-18 miles an hour.

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