

By FRANK JENKINS
In his 6 1/2 hour talk in Moscow yesterday, Mr. Khrushchev hinted rather broadly that if the West "shows a willingness" to settle the German problem on a basis that will be "satisfactory to the Soviet Union" he will be willing to POSTPONE the deadline on a West Berlin settlement, PROVIDING West Berlin is set up as a "free demilitarized city" — by which he means that we must get our military forces out of Berlin.

He intimated quite strongly that if we aren't willing to settle on that basis the Soviet Union will start testing whopper nuclear bombs, starting with a 50-megatonner—which would be powerful enough to leave only a big hole in the ground where formerly stood great cities such as New York or Washington.

What is our reaction to this muffled fist in the velvet glove proposal? This morning's dispatches inform us that the White House has ASKED Russia to call off its planned test of a 50-megaton nuclear bomb late this month, because of the "mass" of nuclear fallout it would unleash. The White House statement, which was issued last night, says such an explosion could only serve some unexplained political purpose, and added:

"We believe the peoples throughout the world will join us in asking the Soviet Union not to proceed with a test which can serve no legitimate purpose and which adds a mass of additional radioactive fallout to that which has been unleashed in recent weeks."

Well, presumably, we feel that in that way we can dramatize to the neutrals the GRIM AWFULNESS of communism, which doesn't hesitate to threaten that if it doesn't get what it wants it stands ready to destroy the world. By dramatizing to the neutrals the utter heartlessness of communism, we hope to bring them over to our side.

I'm afraid we're wrong. Everything considered, it seems more probable that the Russian threat will cause the neutrals to say to themselves: "WE'D BETTER GET OVER ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE WHILE THERE IS YET TIME TO DO SO, OTHERWISE THEY WILL DESTROY US ALL."

It would be wonderful, of course, if an appeal to world opinion could so impress the Kremlin as to cause its members to call off their plans to conquer the world for communism.

But that seems highly unlikely to happen. Communism isn't much impressed by world opinion. In its attitude toward the neutral countries of the world, it is apt to be influenced only by Stalin's cynical question: "HOW MANY DIVISIONS HAVE THEY GOT?"

The truth is that the neutral countries have very little military power, and the Kremlin feels that it can pick them off, one by one, whenever it chooses to do so.

It is hard to escape the grim belief that it will be better for us to TELL Russia than to ASK her. Asking Russia to do something somehow seems to convey the idea that we are AFRAID of her.

If Russia gets the idea we're afraid of her, we're goners.

Man Locked In Boxcar

WEED — A Los Angeles man, Patrick Kelly, 51, survived 10 days locked in a boxcar without food and water. Workers at the International Paper Company opened a boxcar in the yards to load materials this morning at 8:05 a.m. and found Kelly inside.

He was in weakened condition, but otherwise in good shape, and was given food and water at the Weed police station, and was later transferred to county hospital at Yreka.

Kelly said he climbed into the boxcar in Los Angeles on Oct. 8, intending to ride to Oakland. He was locked in the car.

At stop points he was unable to attract attention to his plight. The car had stood in the company's yards in Weed for the past three days, and during this time, Kelly said he pounded on the sides of the car, but was unable to attract anyone's attention.

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Weather
Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou — Fair today and tonight; cloudy Thursday; little temperature change. Northern California—Fair and slightly cooler inland through Thursday except local morning coastal fog.

Church Okays Hospital Plan

The Presbyterian Hospital Committee informed the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at its noon meeting today that the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has authorized its hospital committee to form a non-profit corporation for the purpose of developing and operating an inter-community hospital in the Klamath Falls area.

Hal Coe Resigns As District Judge

District Judge Hal F. Coe submitted his resignation effective Dec. 1, 1961, to the governor's office, he informed the Klamath County Court Wednesday morning.

Mickey Cohen Free On Bond

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich approved a \$100,000 bond Monday for the release of former gambler Mickey Cohen from Alcatraz Prison pending an appeal.

Bulletin

The County Court Wednesday morning approved the bid of Brothers Construction Co. for construction of the juvenile home.

French Expel Algerians

PARIS (AP)—The French government decided today to expel 1,500 Algerians swept up in Tuesday night's curfew rioting, and said this is only the start of a giant weeding-out process.

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RETURNING COMMANDERS — Col. Rupert C. Welch, left, Kingsley Field base commander, and Lt. Col. Phillip A. Rand, right, 322nd Fighter-Interceptor commander, got together on the flight line Monday after their return flight from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. Colonel Welch led 17 returning F101-B "Voodoos," which were flown by 322nd air crews. Air and ground crews had been deployed to McChord since May during reconstruction of Kingsley's main runway.

New Bureau Head Named Kingsley Group Awarded Air Force Safety Honors

CLIFFORD D. LAWRENCE, a civil engineer with 24 years' experience with the Bureau of Reclamation, was named today as project manager of the bureau's Klamath Project by Regional Director H. P. Dugan at Sacramento. He succeeds John S. Hamilton, former project manager, who earlier this year accepted a position with the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.

Telegraphers Ask Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers planned to ask Federal Judge Albert C. Wollenberg today to dissolve a restraining order forbidding a strike against Southern Pacific railroad.

Air Force Band Here

A star-studded organization, whose musically talented members will entertain Klamath residents Wednesday night, is made up of performers from 20 symphony orchestras and 16 "name" dance bands. The United States Air Force Band and its vocal component, the Singing Sergeants, will give a public concert at 8 p.m., Pelican Court, Klamath Union High School.

Johnson Sees Sam Rayburn

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson spent an hour with Sam Rayburn Tuesday and later told newsmen that "it was sad to see him so sick."

Khrushchev Predicts Triumph Of Socialism

MOSCOW (AP) — Premier Khrushchev told the 22nd Soviet Communist party congress today that the downfall of imperialism and the triumph of socialism on a world scale are inevitable.

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UN Faces Showdown On Congo Cease-Fire

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Harried United Nations officials trying to function without a secretary-general face a showdown over the U. N. Congo command's cease-fire agreement with breakaway Katanga Province.

Both the Soviet Union and the central Congo government warned they would challenge any attempt by the secretariat to ratify the agreement. President Moise Tshombe's Katanga government refused to release 184 U. N. soldiers it is holding prisoner until the secretariat approved the truce pact.

Cosmetics Plant Explodes

CHICAGO (AP)—More than 70 persons were injured, some seriously, today in a chemical explosion that rocked a West Side neighborhood.

Sale Of Jets To Slavs Defended By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower may have taken some of the steam out of the heated controversy that has rumbled over the U. S. sale of 130 surplus jet fighter planes to Communist Yugoslavia.

U.S. Stalls Transaction

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has shelved at least temporarily a request by Yugoslavia to buy 500,000 tons of surplus American wheat.

Blast Off Time Flips

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—So you think you got teen-age telephone trouble? Consider the plight of the Jefferson City doctor whose number is 5-4321.

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