

# Russia Rejects Bid For Big 4 Meeting

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—Russia today rebuffed a Western bid for a Big Four foreign ministers' meeting on Germany's future and renewed its demand that Red China be brought into the world councils of the great powers.

In a belated response to a proposal that the Big Four foreign ministers meet at Lugano, Switzerland next Monday, Russia told the United States, Britain and France that a conference should be held in two parts—a general session on world tensions including Red China and a session on Germany.

### Same Response

Moscow has taken substantially the same position before in response to Western proposals. Officials here, expressing severe disappointment at the Soviet reply, said the latest note can only be considered an "evasion" of the Western invitation to Lugano.

A few hours earlier Secretary of State Dulles told his news conference the American government has "reason to fear" the Communists do not now want to have serious talks about any concrete subjects. He said refusal to meet with the Western powers on a German settlement and an Austrian treaty and their "wooden inflexibility" in negotiations for a Korean political conference all appeared to be part of the same pattern of behavior.

### 18-Page Note

All the State Department would say of the note given to American, British and French diplomats in Moscow today was that it was "a long note of 18 pages which has to be translated at our embassy in Moscow and transmitted to Washington."

"We expect to receive the full text during the night," said press officer Henry Suydam, "and when it is received it will be studied at the highest levels."

From wholly authoritative information based upon a summary of the note received at the State Department it can be reported that the Soviets make two propositions:

### Two Propositions

First, a Five-Power session including Red China at the foreign minister level and, second, a meeting of Russia and the Western powers—the Big Four on Germany. Moscow reportedly sticks to its position that negotiations for conclusion of an Austrian treaty should be conducted only in diplomatic channels.

The feeling around the State Department seemed to be that it was too early to say that the Russians had rejected the Lugano proposal.

Some basis for further negotiations for a later Lugano meeting might be found in studying the full 18 pages. However, officials consider that a forlorn hope. None seem to question that the proposition for a meeting opening at Lugano next Monday is dead.

# Forest Fires Rage In Two Counties

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 3 (AP)—Raging forest fires whipped by winds tonight seared hundreds of acres of woodland in Blair and Huntingdon Counties.

A series of timber fires which began Friday in Blair County are reported eating their way through large sections of woodland near Altoona.

An estimated 700 acres of forest are burning in Huntingdon County near Mount Union. Firemen of the community said the flames are being whipped across the hilly area by winds of up to 25 miles an hour velocity.

Residents of the Altoona area report the city covered with a dense cloud of smoke blown in from the burning woodland less than 12 miles away.

Traffic in the vicinity of the fires is being stopped and travelers are being recruited to fight the blaze.

Early reports stated that officials of Blair County had appealed to Gov. John S. Fine to place a ban on hunting in that area until the emergency is brought under control.

Gov. Fine said, "I have heard nothing about the matter."

He said he will check into it and take proper action if the situation merits it.

Twice today firefighters reported they had the Mount Union blaze under control only to have it crop up again from embers smoldering deep in the dry forest vegetation.

# French Forces Battle 3000 Reds in Hanoi

HANOI, Indochina, Nov. 3 (AP)—French Union forces lured about 3000 Vietminh regulars into battle today with a second drive into Phu Nho Quan and the rebel losses were believed to be high. U.S. Vice President Richard Nixon is to look over the combat zone tomorrow.

The French high command said there was heavy hand to hand fighting before the Communist-led Vietminh soldiers finally yielded the war base that the French first occupied and wrecked with little opposition Oct. 23.

# Churchill Says War Unlikely

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today the danger of war has lessened because now the Russians—along with the rest of mankind—fear the annihilation.



Winston Churchill

In an optimistic review of foreign affairs, the Prime Minister told the House of Commons he believed the Russian people and their leaders have lost their stomach for aggression.

Churchill held that the fearful nature of atomic weapons—horrors which "cast their shadows on every thoughtful mind"—may force the human race to keep a lasting peace. The 78-year-old Prime Minister stated:

"I do not find it unreasonable or dangerous to conclude that internal prosperity, rather than external conquest, is not only the deep desire of the Russian people but also the long interest of their rulers."

The Prime Minister said that after Stalin's death in March he concluded Soviet leaders were changing their policy.

"It may well be that there have been far reaching changes in the temper and outlook of the immense populations, now so largely literate, who inhabit all the Russias and that their mind has turned to internal betterment rather than external aggression," he said.

# Democrats Lead In Early Voting

By The Associated Press

Democrat Robert F. Wagner Jr., son of the late New Deal Senator, bowled over two opponents easily to win the New York mayoralty last night. He pledged his administration to a program of "courage, morality and decency."

Harold Riegelman, his Republican opponent, conceded defeat at 9:40 p.m. EST. Rudolph Halley, Liberal party candidate who ran third, conceded at 9:18 p.m.

In Virginia, the Democrats won the governorship, also as expected, but by a much closer vote than in previous years. Thomas B. Stanley (D), backed by the Byrd organization, defeated Ted Dalton (R). The vote in 1321 of 1815 precincts was: Stanley 128,865; Dalton 93,955.

### New Jersey Returns

In New Jersey, where the Republicans have held the governorship for 10 years, Democrat Robert B. Meyner leaped into a 50,000 vote lead over Republican Paul L. Troast in the first 1½ hours of vote counting.

Early returns from the special House election in New Jersey's 6th District also showed the Democrat, Harrison A. Williams Jr., ahead of Republican George F. Hetfield with about a fifth of the districts in.

In other races the Democrats staged a comeback in some of Connecticut's mayoral contests. They ousted a Republican mayor in New Haven for their biggest advance.

### Rommel Wins 2d Term

Republican Pratt C. Remmel won his second term as mayor of Little Rock, Ark. Two years ago he became this southern city's first GOP mayor in more than 60 years.

A Democrat won the mayoralty of Buffalo ending eight years of Republican administration. Albany re-elected a Democrat, but in Oneida, a Central New York community, a Republican ousted a Democrat incumbent.

# Pair Plead Guilty In Greenlease Case

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 3 (AP)—Ex-convict Carl A. Hall and his alcoholic companion, Mrs. Bonnie B. Heady, pleaded guilty in federal court today to the kidnaping of 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease and were ordered to trial Nov. 16.

Under federal law, even though they pleaded guilty, only a jury can recommend the maximum penalty of death against the pair who confessed the abduction and slaying of the son of multimillionaire Robert C. Greenlease here Sept. 28.

# Colonial Forces Win UN Victory


UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 3 (AP)—The colonial powers won a major victory in the UN today by beating down an Arab-Asian demand for the Assembly to intervene in the French-Moroccan dispute.

The Assembly killed the main section of a resolution stating that the Assembly "renews its appeal for the reduction of tension in Morocco and urges that the right of the people of Morocco to free democratic political institutions be insured." This received a vote of 32 in favor and 22 opposed, but it lacked the two-thirds margin for passage.

# No Evidence Found Against UN Employees

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 3 (AP)—Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld said today a million dollar U.S. loyalty probe—now almost 80 per cent completed—has turned up no evidence against any American citizens now employed by the United Nations.

The U.S. government ordered the investigation of 1700 Americans on the UN staff last January after a score of them refused to answer Congressional queries about Communist ties. All those who refused were fired before the probe began.



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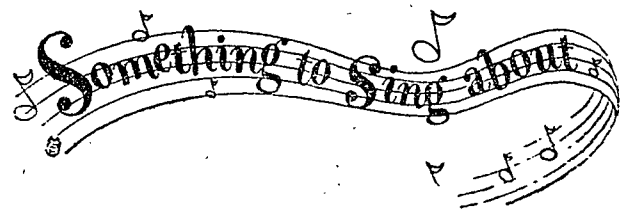
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