

Western Powers Ask for Parley

PARIS, May 9 (AP)—President Eisenhower has agreed to meet with the heads of state of the Soviet Union, Britain and France in the near future on ways to ease world tensions, it was reliably reported tonight.

Diplomatic informants said Eisenhower has agreed to a request from Britain and France for such a meeting. They said his reply would be communicated to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at its meeting tomorrow.

Earlier British officials said a Big Four meeting at the summit of East-West problems in Europe was virtually assured. They expressed absolute confidence that Eisenhower would meet with British Prime Minister Eden, French Premier Edgar Faure and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at some neutral spot during the summer.

A member of the U.S. delegation to the Paris foreign ministers' conference said President Eisenhower was prepared to attend "a very brief" conference of Big Four leaders—just to pave the way for a meeting of their foreign ministers which would get down to brass tacks. But this has not yet been confirmed officially.

British Views

The British said the top-level conference—which they understood U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has recommended to Eisenhower—would be held without any fixed program.

The foreign ministers then would deal in detail with such issues as German reunification, a European-wide security system and disarmament.

The Big Three decision climaxed a day of diplomatic bustle in Paris in which:

1. The 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council concurred that the United States, Britain and France should seek a meeting with the Soviets.

Formally Admitted

2. The NATO Council formally admitted newly sovereign West Germany to NATO.

3. The Big Three foreign ministers announced they would fly to Vienna to meet Saturday with Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov to complete the Austrian independence treaty.

They probably will sign it on Sunday, ending 10 years of four-power occupation, though late dispatches from the Austrian capital said a hitch had developed in the last-minute negotiations there.

Seven Brownsville Miners Overcome by Gas Fumes

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., May 9 (AP)—Seven miners were overcome by fumes tonight at the Isabella coal mine of Weirton Steel Corp. near this Fayette County community.

New Chairman Heads Ward

CHICAGO, May 9 (AP)—The reins of Montgomery Ward & Co., tightly held for 24 years by Sewell L. Avery, today passed into the hands of John A. Barr.

Victorious over Louis E. Wolfon in a proxy battle, Avery, 81, resigned as chairman at a special meeting of Ward's directors. The directors promptly named Barr, 47, to take Avery's place.

Barr has been with the nation's second largest mail order house since 1932 and he believes its prospects are brilliant.

Future Unmatched

"Ward's future is almost unmatched," Barr recently said.

"One reason is our very sound financial position, which gives us an important tool to realize the potentialities in the field of retail distribution."

In the managerial realignment, Edmund A. Krider, 42, the president, resigned. He pledged Barr "my full support," but added he would not continue as a director and "my only plans are to take a little vacation."

To Remain as Director

Avery will remain as a director, but his position in resigning as chairman is to be an end to active, spectacular and sometimes

Face-liftings Sought by 5 A-Victims

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP)—Twenty-five Japanese girls, for whom the atomic horror of wartime Hiroshima never ended, arrived today in quest of new faces, and new lives.

They were horribly disfigured 10 years ago in history's first atomic attack.

Said one of them, English-speaking Michiko Sako:

"I'm not to expectant. If I expect too much, I'll be disappointed."

However, medical science plans to try plastic surgery on the girls, hopeful of restoring their natural looks and giving them a chance at marriage and normal lives.

They ended a 6700-mile trip abroad in an Air Force plane at Mitchel Air Force Base. Their ages are from 17 to 31.

Their trip here was the brainchild of an American editor and a Japanese Methodist minister.

The girls, withdrawn from normal life because of their disfigurement, eventually became proteges of the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto in Hiroshima.

Two years ago, Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, ran across them and the idea of rehabilitating them was born.

They will spend a year here, receiving free surgery and medical care at Mt. Sinai Hospital, staying in private homes.

No Date Selected For Deportation Trial

PITTSBURGH, May 9 (AP)—No date has yet been set for a deportation hearing for Vincenzo Pennino, an Italian immigrant convicted of manslaughter.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service said the hearing most likely will not come up for one or two months.

The government wants to deport 65-year-old Pennino on grounds he committed a crime involving moral turpitude within five years after entering the United States.

stormy business career in Chicago dating back to 1901. It was in that year that he joined United States Gypsum Co.

When the Gypsum Co. turned in a remarkable earnings record under Avery's leadership, J. P. Morgan & Co. brought Avery over to run Ward's in 1931. Avery turned Ward's poor financial record into a good one, but he refused to expand during the post World War II period.

Labor Leader Testifies At Communist Inquiry

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The president of the Michigan CIO, August Gus Scholle, testified today he has heard broadcaster Edward Lamb express anti-Communist sentiments on a "thousand occasions."

Duff Challenged



SENATOR JAMES H. DUFF was challenged last night by Governor George M. Leader to a debate on television and radio on the subject "How shall we finance the future of Pennsylvania." Duff said in answer to the challenge that he would "consider it" if Leader admitted that everything he said in last Tuesday night's speech was false.

Floor Collapses In New York Building Project

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP)—The main exhibit floor of New York's new Coliseum project on Columbus Circle collapsed with an explosive roar today under a weight of fresh concrete.

At least one workman was trapped and unaccounted for beneath tons of debris. Forty others were known injured. A thousand men were on the job at the time of the accident.

"It was like a terrific explosion—like a big boiler exploding," said 25-year-old Richard Chila who escaped.

Supports buckled beneath the partly completed center section of the third floor and dropped it 22 feet to the first floor. Forty workmen rode it down, arms waving, feet pumping, bodies braced for life against the avalanche.

Beneath them, dozens of other workers scrambled like ants for safety in screaming panic as a webbing of steel, concrete and wood enmeshed them.

9 U.S. Vets Wine and Dine With Russians

MOSCOW, May 9 (AP)—Nine American veterans of the 1945 Elbe River link-up with the Russians whirled around Moscow today—wining, dining and sightseeing.

They exchanged good will toasts with Russian soldiers. One toast was: "We hope our children never again have to fight as we did."

After a three-hour luncheon at the Red Army Club, Byron L. Shiver of Lakeland, Fla., said he joined in expressing the peace sentiment with a Red army veteran who has four children. He noted that the American visitors' families include 17 children.

William Weisel, Cincinnati engineer, said, "We think we made some real progress here today for international friendship." Shiver and Elijah R. Sams Jr. of Pineville, N.C., agreed.

Pacific Atom Test Planned by U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The United States plans to set off an underwater atomic explosion within a few days.

The Defense Department announced late today that the test will be in the Pacific several hundred miles from the West Coast.

The test, organized by the Pentagon and the Atomic Energy Commission, is for the announced purpose of obtaining information essential to the development of defenses against submarine attack.

The exact time of the underwater explosion was not announced.

Austrian Treaty Nears Conclusion

VIENNA, Austria, May 9 (AP)—The last major obstacle to the conclusion of a treaty of independence for Austria was reported out of the way today—and the nation may get its long-awaited freedom this weekend.

Informed sources said Western delegates to a five-nation ambassadors' conference ironing out the text of the draft treaty presented an acceptable compromise on the hotly debated future of the Austrian oilfields.

Dad Plans Delinquency Program

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP)—Out of the depths of his despair, a father came up today with a plan to fight the type of juvenile delinquency that cost his son's life.

Furthermore, the father, William Blankenship, pledged himself to stay in town to fight the mounting tide of teen-aged rowdism.

When his son, 15-year-old William Jr., was slain April 30 an innocent pawn in a Bronx youth gang war, the father had cried in despair:

"We're going to leave this city. We're whipped. We've been caught and crushed."

Today, however, the husky research chemist, told a news conference:

"I am going to stay. I am going to stay and fight this thing." However, he added, his wife and two younger children are going to live in Tamaqua, Pa., where the family came from and where the slain boy was buried last week.

"Maybe someday they can return," Blankenship added.

Young Blankenship, a model student who shunned teen-aged gangs, was shot on his way to a movie when he innocently fell afoul of a bicycle gang of Bronx hoodlums.

Frank Tarzan Santana, 17, is held without bail on a first degree murder charge in the slaying.

Blankenship had been interested in the fight against delinquency before his son's slaying. He told newsmen today:

"It is a fact that the first signs of delinquency are consistent truancy and falling grades in a child's school work."

He outlined a plan for heading off delinquency before it starts, labeling it his "pre-D" plan. Blankenship said he will place it before city authorities.

300 RR Men Recalled

BALTIMORE, May 9 (AP)—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad today announced the immediate recall of 300 more freight car repairmen in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

Technical Problems

It now appears only a few technical problems need discussion before the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, France and Britain come to Vienna as expected, the end of this week.

Reports from Paris said Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov has indicated he is willing to leave a meeting of Soviet bloc leaders in Warsaw and meet the Western foreign ministers in Vietnam Saturday or Sunday.

Dulles to Attend

U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan and France's Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay are reported preparing to fly here about Thursday, although Dulles is awaiting approval from Washington.

Feverish preparations for signature of the treaty by the Big Four are being made by a jubilant Austrian government. If Austria gets freedom this weekend, it will be the first time in 17 years she will have been free of military occupation.

First the Nazis occupied Austria in 1938. Then the troops of the Big Four occupied her after the war and they have been here since.

CIO Official Sees Hike in Wages For Steelworkers

PITTSBURGH, May 9 (AP)—America's basic steel industry is healthy enough to permit a substantial wage increase again this year, a high CIO United Steelworkers official said today.

I. W. Abel, international secretary-treasurer of the steelworkers' union, told District 15 local leaders, however, that their members must be prepared to fight for any pay hike.

"This week the wage policy committee will meet to formulate wage demands for the steel industry," Abel said. "We are in a good position. Industry is profitable..."

"But your leaders are in no position to guarantee success unless we have the support of the people in the mills and factories."

Commissioner Named

PITTSBURGH, May 9 (AP)—Federal District Court today named Atty. Alexander L. McNaught, 48, of suburban Ferrysville, a U.S. commissioner.

Railroad Strike Ends Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The 57-day-old Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike, one of the longest walkouts in rail history, will end Wednesday morning with unresolved issues to be decided by a neutral referee.

Negotiators, dogtired from almost continuous day and night bargaining over the weekend, agreed on the settlement plan this morning.

Documents signed just before noon call for rail traffic to resume Wednesday on the L&N and four allied carriers which also have been crippled by the strike.

However, L&N's headquarters in Louisville, Ky., said the line's passenger service will not resume until next Monday.

To Undergo Inspection

W. Gavin Whitsett, assistant to the vice president in charge of traffic, explained that all cars with the exception of those in Louisville must undergo full inspection and service before returning to operation. Cars now are standing at Louisville, Latonia, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Montgomery and Mobile, Ala., New Orleans, Atlanta and Memphis, Tenn.

In another violence ridden strike, involving Southern telephone service, mediators reported no change. The CIO Communications Workers of America have walked out in a contract dispute with the Southern Bell Telephone Co. in nine states.

Marked by Shootings

The L&N walkout has been marked by shootings of strikers and non-strikers, and by train and bridge explosions. One striker was killed. Each side had accused the other of blame for violence.

The L&N and striking unions were given until 10 a.m. tomorrow to choose the referee or arbitrator. If they have not then agreed, the selection will be made by the National Mediation Board, the government agency which handled the prolonged negotiations.

Both sides commended the board and its chairman, Francis A. O'Neill Jr., for their efforts to end the long strike.