

Russia, Eden Will Seek Middle East Peace Plan

LONDON, April 20 (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist boss Nikita S. Khrushchev agreed today to join the British in a search for a Middle East peace plan. The Kremlin leaders and Prime Minister Anthony Eden ordered their experts to submit proposals for a United Nations program aimed to avoid war between Arabs and Israelis.

Stalin-Era End In Russia Seen By Ambassador

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen is understood to have told President Eisenhower today that the present rulers of Russia—including Eisenhower's old friend, Marshal Zhukov—are really through with Stalinism and are trying to make collective dictatorship work. Bohlen has been here for almost two weeks conferring with State Department officials on recent changes in Soviet behavior and new trends in Soviet policy. He spent WP minutes with Eisenhower today preparatory to leaving Washington this afternoon on the first leg of his journey back to Moscow.

Bohlen has watched the development of the rule of Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin and has studied at close hand the repudiation of Stalin.

Earlier he had watched the ouster of former Premier Georgi Malenkov, who succeeded to power on Stalin's death, and the ups and downs of veteran diplomat V. M. Molotov, whose power now definitely appears to be on the decline.

The policy review which has gone on at the State Department since Bohlen's return to Washington has led to high-level speculation that Malenkov, regarded by many in Moscow as an extremely able man, may some day return to the premiership but Molotov will not recover his power.

Diplomatic sources said President Dwight D. Eisenhower will be kept informed.

A joint communique said of the morning's talks:

Middle East Discussed
"This meeting was devoted to a discussion on the Middle East. It was agreed that representatives of both sides should prepare, on the basis of this useful discussion, appropriate proposals for further consideration."

The experts were ordered to report by Tuesday, diplomatic sources said.

Eden was understood to have told the Russians that an Arab-Israeli conflict could touch off an H-bomb war between the Communist and Western worlds.

Must Maintain Peace
Khrushchev told the British at a luncheon yesterday that Communists and capitalists, however much they dislike each other, must strive to maintain peace lest H-bomb warfare destroy both.

The British have long had the impression that Russia does not see the Middle East situation as dangerous. Eden will have another chance to drive home his view in informal chats this weekend at Chequers, his official country residence. The Russians will be his overnight guests there.

Tomb Endangered

BEIRUT, Lebanon, April 20 (AP)—An unsuccessful attempt to blow up a monument to France's Unknown Soldier was made here today.

The dynamite blast rocked the city's French quarter and shattered windows in houses. The monument itself suffered little damage.

The attempt was believed to have been a protest by Arab nationalists at French policy in Algeria.

Butler Decries Lack of Money, Television Time

By The Associated Press

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler accused the Republicans Friday of a "carefully planned effort" to deprive his party of free radio-TV time.

Butler said the Democrats are facing a "financial crisis" but the Republicans "have got the money to buy all the time they need."

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall replied that Butler's "crybaby alibis are a transparent effort to cover up the disension in his own party and the utter bankruptcy of the Democratic program."

Butler told members of the national committee, convened in Washington for a two-day campaign strategy session, that the Democrats have only \$75,000 on hand.

Against this, he said, the Republicans have five million dollars.

3 Stalin-Era Purgers Fired by Red Poland

VIENNA, Austria, April 20 (AP)—Communist-ruled Poland began purging its Stalin-era purgers today by firing three top officials.

They were Stanislaw Radkiewicz, minister of state farms and former minister of state security; Prosecutor General Stefan Kalinowski; and the chief military prosecutor, Gen. Stanislaw Yehewski.

Vienna specialists in Polish affairs expressed belief these dismissals, announced by the Warsaw radio, heralded a new era purge trial.

Rescuers Continue Search For Buried Coal Miner

SUNNYSIDE, Utah, April 20 (AP)—Rescue crews dug with fading hope but renewed determination today to find a buried coal miner after his three companions were found alive and almost unharmed.

The rescuers drilled and dug through the rock-and-coal rubble of a cave-in three miles inside a mountain mine for crew foreman Joseph Otterstrom, 58, of Sunnyside, father of six.

The three rescued men were kept alive for 39 to 44 hours by sheltering machinery and the kind of calm courage that fought off panic and enabled one of them to cut off the tip of his own thumb in an effort to free a trapped hand.

No Signs He's Still Alive
Officials of Kaiser Coal Co. said there was no sign that Otterstrom was still alive under the tons of rock and coal that crashed down from the roof of the mine tunnel Wednesday afternoon.

The others, rescued one at a time early today, rested in a hospital in this little east-central Utah mining community.

Hands Seriously Injured
Most seriously injured was 43-year-old Joe Archuletta of Draper, who has two children. As he tumbled beneath a loading machine his hands were caught between the loader and a falling beam.

He worked his left hand free, got out a pocket knife and hacked off the tip of his right thumb. Archuletta said that eased his pain, but one finger was still caught. The rescuers had to use a hammer and cold chisel to cut off half the finger before he could be pulled out. "I didn't mind—as long as I was still alive," he said.

House Puts Wheels Under Highway Bill

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The House Public Works Committee put the \$51.5 billion highway bill formally on the road today, with a 16-2 vote sending it to the House.

Leaders promptly arranged for Rules Committee clearance of the measure next Tuesday, and said they expect to bring it to the House floor Thursday for two days of debate.

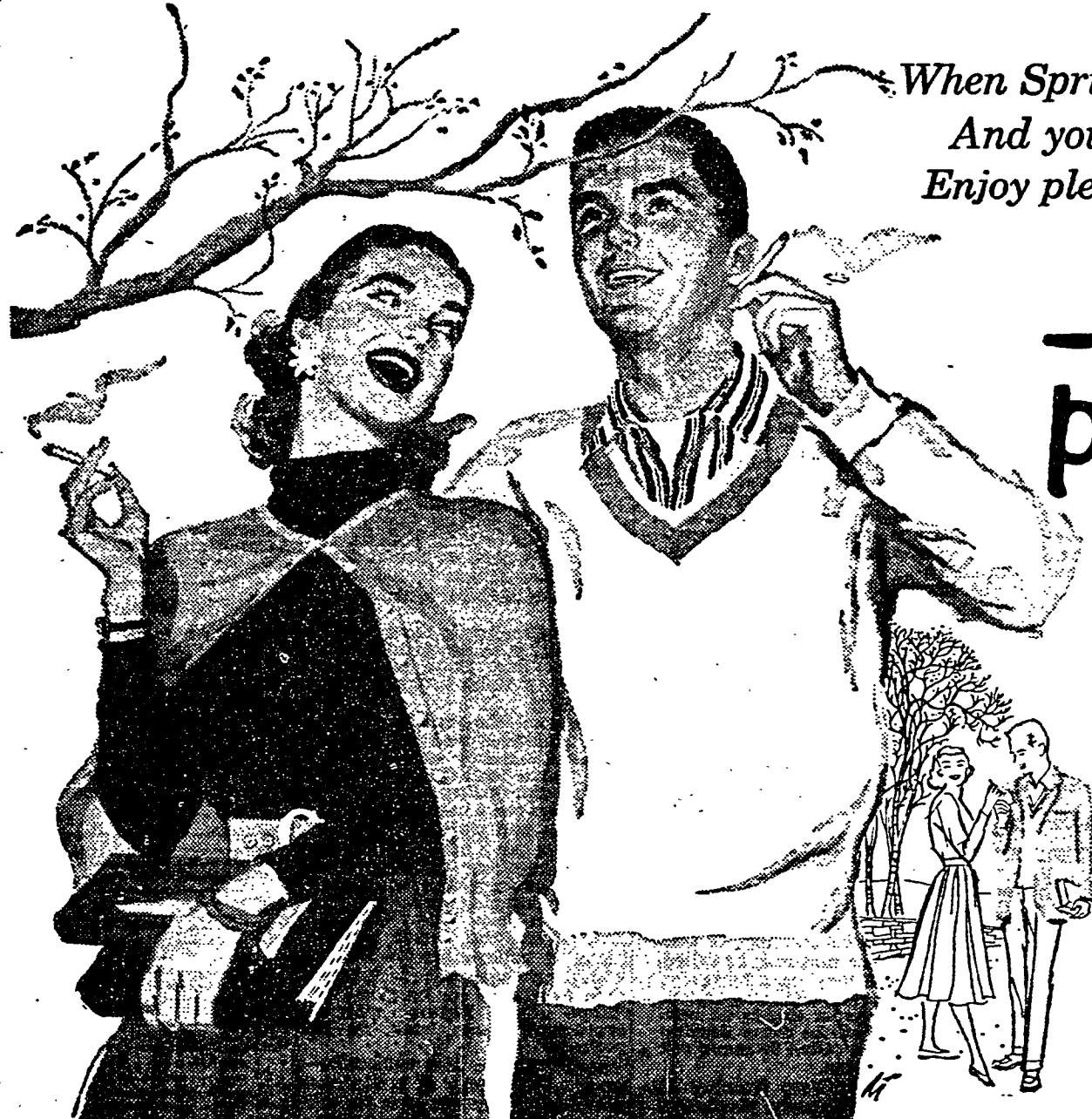
A Committee spokesman announced today's vote, which also approved \$14,800,000,000 in new highway user taxes to help pay building costs.

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