

Making Careful Study Of Russia's Proposal Of Total Disarmament

WASHINGTON (UPI)—U.S. officials wanted to know today whether Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev would accept full instruction and control as ingredients of his sweeping formula for total world disarmament.

They frankly doubted a mixture acceptable to the Western Allies would be forthcoming.

President Eisenhower was giving careful study to Khrushchev's plan in the quiet seclusion of his Pennsylvania farm. A copy of the premier's United Nations speech was sent to Gettysburg a few hours after Khrushchev called for total disarmament by all nations within four years.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter expressed the general view of American officials and political leaders. He said in a statement:

"Speaking in general terms, I think I can say that the United States will go as far on the path towards controlled disarmament as any other country."

"I stress the word 'controlled' because up to now the previous proposals have foundered on the Soviet government's refusal to agree on effective control."

Other U.S. officials unofficially viewed the Khrushchev plan as little else but an attractive pie in the sky. But they were willing to stall it over with the Soviets to find out how high in the sky it really was.

These officials think the Soviet premier may have overdone it in trying to gain a propaganda victory at the United Nations. They expressed confidence that sober reflection would cause most diplomats to look on the Russian leader's disarmament plan as unrealistic.

To Pin Down Soviets
The United States, these officials said, is determined to try to pin down the Soviets on their definition of controls to police a disarmament plan. Present plans call for the United States and Soviet Union, as well as four other Western nations and four other Communist countries, to take up the issue once more at Geneva early next year.

American officials were wondering what Khrushchev meant, for example, by his U.N. statement that the Soviet Union is in favor of "strict international control over the implementation of a disarmament agreement, but always against the system of control being separated from disarmament."

"We favor general disarmament under control, but we are against control without disarmament," Khrushchev added.

Some U.S. officials feared Khrushchev meant that he would not agree to controls until disarmament actually was under way. The U.S. position has been that any arms control plan must be accompanied by a foolproof inspection system to insure that disarmament is lived up to.

The Soviets have balked at this.

Ex-Hammond Mayor Dies In Florida

HAMMOND, Ind. (UPI)—Frank R. Martin, 79, who was mayor of Hammond between 1934 and 1942, died Thursday night in St. Petersburg, Fla., according to word received here. Martin also was Lake County treasurer from 1942 to 1946.

Carl Fiechter Is New Tomato King

Carl Fiechter, French township farmer, bounced back from runner-up honors a year ago to be crowned tomato king at the Indiana tomato festival at Bluffton Thursday.

The coronation, held on the South Main St. reviewing platform Thursday night, provided a successor to Mrs. Herman Ellenberger of near Bryant, Jay county, who placed fourth in this year's judging.

The champion exhibit came from an 18-acre crop on Fiechter's own land 2½ miles east of Vera Cruz in Adams county. Married, he resides nearby leased farm. He is a grower for Craig Tomato Sales of Bluffton.

The tomatoes were planted from Garden State Seed and helped along with 1,000 pounds of muriate potash fertilizer, 5-20-20 and 12-12-12. Fiechter expects a yield of 15 tons, barring damage from frost.

Judged by Inspectors
Hugh Reinhold, in making the award, noted that this year's hamper contest drew a better quality of tomatoes than were judged during the last street fair. The judging, based on exterior quality of a hamper of tomatoes, was done by a trio of experts from the federal-state inspection service.

Fiechter, who also shared in a three-way tie in the tomato grading contest, was followed in the hamper show by Don Gerber, Decatur route 2, second; Earl Gerber, Decatur route 2, third; Mrs. Herman Ellenberger, Bryant, fourth.

Bob High, Bluffton, fifth; George Ringler Jr., Bluffton route 4, sixth; Ezra Reinhold Jr., Bluffton route 4, seventh; Burl Brubaker, Huntington route 6, eighth; Curtis Tonner, Bluffton route 4, ninth, and Kathleen Gerber, Decatur route 4, 10th.

Grading Winners Named
The grading contest, staged in conjunction with the one-day tomato festival, resulted in a three-way tie for first place, with 92 points scored by the winners out of a possible total 100. Bunched in the lead were Wilbert Baker, Berne; Joseph A. Simon and Robert Craig Jr., both of Bluffton.

Tying for second place were George Ringler Jr., Bluffton route 4; Herman Ellenberger, Bryant, and William Kauffman, Berne. Sharing third place with Fiechter, the tomato "king", was Clifford Mann, Decatur.

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Steel Strike In 67th Day

NEW YORK (UPI)—The nationwide steel strike today entered its 67th day with no indication of when the deadlock will break.

Top union and industry negotiators recessed for the week end Friday after meeting for two hours. The 12 union-management subcommittees working on company-by-company contract problems also called a week-end halt, although it appeared one or two of the groups might meet to round out this week's work.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell said Friday the government probably would have to seek a Taft-Hartley injunction sending the steelworkers back to work for 80 days unless the strike were settled within a month or so. He doubled however, that this would end the strike.

The auto industry meanwhile reported its first steel strike cut-back. General Motors announced that workers at its A.C. Spark Plug division at Flint, Mich., worked only four days this week because of a steel shortage.

The huge automaker said it still has enough steel to keep car production rolling, but a spokesman would not estimate how long GM's stockpile will last. Ford and Chrysler both said earlier they have enough steel for "substantial production" of 1960 models.

Fort Wayne Killer Nabbed Near Decatur

While Decatur area residents slept peacefully early this morning, a dangerous man, wanted on a murder charge in Fort Wayne, was apprehended by state trooper, Alan D. Coppes, of Decatur, while on an alerted patrol on Adams county highways.

Trooper Coppes told the Daily Democrat this morning at 11 o'clock that the man, John Clawson, 26, of W. Monroe street, Fort Wayne, had been seen by a witness in the shooting of a spurned lover in Fort Wayne at about 2 a.m. this morning.

Coppes took to the highways about 3 a.m. on a special alert from state police headquarters. He spotted a truck about 4 a.m. and took after the vehicle on a routine check-out. When he neared the vehicle and stopped it, he sensed that this might be the stolen car.

He ordered the man out, but no one answered from within. Trooper Coppes did not know whether or not the man was still armed. He called in to the state police headquarters from the car radio and asked for assistance. Calls then went out to Decatur city police, other state troopers in the area, and to the Allen county police.

Coppes approached the truck again and ordered the man out. Clawson stuck his head out in eighth place.

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Lions Sale To Aid Blind Monday Night

The annual Lions club broom and light bulb sale, to aid the blind of Indiana who produce the brooms, will be held Monday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Frank Lybarger and Herb Banning, co-chairmen, announced today.

All Lions members will pick up their brooms and light bulbs at the rear of Gordon's Western Auto store, where the light bulbs have been stored and bagged, and where the brooms will be brought by truck.

Team Leaders
Eight teams of Lions, headed by Francis Ellsworth, Roger Gentis, Glenn Hill, Clark Mayclin, Dr. Joe Morris, Ralph Smith, Jr., Norman Steury, and Walter Stoppenhagen will meet at 5 p.m. Each driver is responsible for his team.

Lions who have regular Lions purple and gold caps are asked to wear them; all Lions are urged to wear their large identification buttons, also.

Scouts Active
The Boy Scouts of troop 62 will also work one district, under the direction of scout leaders James L. Ehler, Richard Mies and Richard J. Sullivan.

Ed Highland, secretary of the club, will be the checker.

Teams Listed
Teams are: under Francis Ellsworth, Russell Acker, Merritt Alger, Hugh Andrews, and Lawrence Anspaugh.

Gentis, Weldon Bumgardner, Fred Corah, Clyde Butler, and D. Burdette Custer.

Hill, Deane Dorwin, Thurman Drew, Dick Heller, Jr., and Gordon Gregg.

Mayclin, Gordon Hooper, Kenneth Jennings, Robert Holthouse, and Harry Knapp.

Dr. Morris, H. H. Krueckeberg, Jay Markley, Glen Maulier, and William McColly.

Smith, Russell Owens, Victor Porter, Ronald Parrish, Roy L. Price.

Steury, Harry Schwartz, Leo Seltentright, Merlin Seiling, and Clark Smith.

Stoppenhagen, Noah Steury, Richard Sullivan, Robert Worthman, and Robert Zwick.

Bulbs and Brooms
The Lions plan to contact every home in Decatur Monday evening. Their assortment will include both a kitchenette broom and a heavy broom. Each light bulb assortment will include three 100-watt, two 75-watt, and three 60-watt bulbs. All the bulbs are GE bulbs purchased through the local plant.

The brooms were made by the school for the blind in Indianapolis.

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Indiana Farmer Is Electrocuting Victim

FWLER, Ind. (UPI)—William Francis, 62, a Fowler farmer, was electrocuted Thursday when he brushed against electric lines while repairing the roof of a shed.

End Grim Search In Collapsed Building

BARLETTA, Italy (UPI)—Rescue teams who recovered the bodies of 58 men, women and children from a pile of rubble that was once a five-story apartment house ended their grim search today.

The last of the rubble was cleared away shortly before 1 a. m. and the floodlights went out. The mud-covered searchers, some of whom slept only four hours in the last 66, shook hands all around and went home.

The building collapsed early Wednesday.

Gen. Pritchard Is Withdrawn From Iceland

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Iceland wants at least a major general with wide foreign experience in command of 5,000 American troops at the big NATO airbase on that strategic island.

Icelandic government officials were known to believe that the appointment of such a commander might do much to avoid "incidents" between Icelanders and American military personnel.

This information was gleaned during interviews with top officials of the Icelandic government in Reykjavik last week.

Friday the United States recalled the present airbase commander, Brig. Gen. Gilbert Pritchard, in a move to cool Icelandic tempers over recent incidents involving U.S. servicemen.

Iceland's ambassador, Thor Thors, immediately hailed the action and called it a definite step to solve the worst crisis in almost a decade in relations between the two countries over the airbase.

A new commander has not yet been named but informed sources within the Icelandic government said they are hoping he will have "the stature of a diplomat as well as a top military man."

Pritchard was recalled at Iceland's request. He was in command of the airbase when American military guards last week forced two Icelandic civil aviation officials to spread-eagle themselves face down on a wet hangar ramp until they were identified.

The incident touched off a series of loud protests which began in the press and culminated in official representations to the State Department by Ambassador Thors. Iceland's members of the joint defense council also walked out.

Several key Icelandic government officials felt that much of the blame for the incident and several others should be placed on Pritchard although no official statement was ever made to that effect.

Pritchard said after the hangar incident that it was "unfortunate" but he still believed the guards were only performing their military duty.

Decatur's Sewage Plant Is Approved

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—The Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board gave priorities Friday to 11 cities and towns which have asked federal help in building sewage treatment facilities.

The board voted to certify priorities for the U.S. Public Health Service for Ellettsville, Carmel, Wabash, Gas City, Napoleon, Sunman, Palmyra, Piercetown, Shelbyville, Middletown and Fort Wayne.

Those 11 communities have requested a total of \$1,153,000 to help finance facilities costing about \$8,500,000.

The 11 were chosen from 32 municipalities which applied for federal funds. Total amounts requested was \$2,000,000 for projects scheduled to cost about 20 million dollars.

The federal government has made \$1,000,000 available to Indiana for such purposes in the present fiscal year, the fourth year that funds have been appropriated under the Federal Water Pollution Act.

The board also approved final plans and specifications for sewer and treatment works and industrial waste treatment projects, estimated to cost eight million dollars, for Indianapolis, Decatur, Fort Wayne, Wabash, Spencer, Laketon Asphalt Co., Westinghouse Electric Corp. at Muncie, Simmons Co. at Munster, Van Camp (Rivervale) in Lawrence County.

Preliminary plans for treatment facilities were approved for a 300-home subdivision known as Meridian Hillvalley Estates south of Indianapolis, a 200-lot subdivision

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Conservation Meeting Tuesday

A top priority conservation needs program will be conducted at the Adams Central school Tuesday at 8 p. m. with 51 prominent civic and rural leaders, forming the committee. Milton Spence, work unit conservationist at the Decatur office, will preside at the initial conference, outlining the program for the 51-man group.

The facility of the soil conservation program will be the main interest of this group as expected population increases will demand increases in food production, fiber and other raw materials that are extracted from the natural resources of the nations of the world.

Great Resources
The initiative, industry, and creativeness of American citizens has led the nation to a position of greatness amongst others in the world. The basis for this position has been the ability to produce whatever is needed at a given time. Most of these necessary items came from natural resources.

The supply of these resources, however, is not inexhaustible. The purpose of the county committee, then, is to insure that the natural resources in this county, at least, will be utilized in such a manner, preserving them as best they can.

This group will engage in a project of obtaining basic facts on soil and water conservation pertinent to the county's welfare.

Better Inventory
From this inventory, a better inventory can be classified and drawn on a national scale to assist the department of agriculture in achieving an adequate course of action to keep the country's resources at a peak level. It will also benefit local planning groups, civic organizations, real estate agencies, industry, soil conservation districts, and other interested parties to plan for the future.

Questions that need to be answered shortly are: Where will the U. S. put 60 million more people? Where will these citizens find new homes? What changes in the pattern of city and country life are in the near future? How will these persons be provided with the high standard of living that this nation now enjoys? What can be done to manage our water and soil resources to insure these additional citizens the present high standard of living?

First Phase
This local group will be instrumental in determining one phase of the answers. By correlating its activities under the sponsorship of an integral unit, Adams county will furnish the department of agriculture with the aspects of the local situation, which will cascade into a broad outline of other communities throughout the nation.

This study group will meet about three times in the near future. The first meeting will be of an organizational nature. Many of the members have been contacted in advance, while a few will read of their mission for the first time in this article.

Committee Members
Members selected because of previous interest in community improvement are: Tom Allwein, Stanley D. Arnold, George Auer, Victor Bleeker, Delmas Bollenbacher, Hugo Bulmann, William Fritzing, Norval Fuhrman, Winfred L. Gerke, Van W. Holsapple, the Rev. E. H. Jacobs, John Johnson, Leo Kirsch, Paul Kohne, Herman Krueckeberg, the Rev. John Misher, Herman Moellinger, Roy L. Price, William F. Schnepf, Erwin Schuller, Martin Sprungen, Herman F. Steele, Dan Tyndall, Cal Yost, Ben Gerke, Richard Scheumann, and Herman Bulmann, all of Decatur.

Elmer Baumgartner, Holman Egly, Menno E. Elcher, Doyle Lehman, Lewellyn Lehman, Melvin Liechty, Phillip Neuschwander, Henry I. Rumpel, Herman Ryf, Frederick Schardt, Forest Tucker, Martin Watson, and Ben Mazelin, all of Berne.

David Alberson, James Garboden, Harve S. Inelchen, Jack Hurst, Robert Long, Lawrence Noll, and Ivan Huser, all of Geneva; Herman Kifer and Leo L. Isch, of Bluffton, and George Thomas of Monroe.

that rockets shall be liquidated and rocket facilities shall remain only as a means of transport, that outer space shall be used for peaceful purposes, and that there shall remain only limited contingents of police and militia to maintain internal order and protect the citizens," Khrushchev proposed.

Khrushchev's disarmament plan generally was considered as a reshuffle of Kremlin arms reduction proposals of recent years. One diplomat said it was "like yesterday's leftovers."

Historical Society Will Meet Sept. 29

Eudolph Holecross, president of the Whitley county historical society and an authority on Indians and northeastern Indiana history, will speak on Little Turtle, the famous Indian war chief who once roamed through Adams and adjoining counties, to the first fall meeting of the Adams county historical society at the Decatur library Tuesday, September 29, at 8 p.m.

Holecross is well known to the local society, having spoken here once before to an overflow crowd. His interesting slides of historical sights connected with his subject highly pleased the local audience.

Gerald Durkin, president of the historical society, stated that the group had been invited to use the facilities of the Decatur library for the meeting.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, as all functions of the society are open to the public.

The colored slides and lecture on the famous Indian war chief have been presented extensively in northeastern Indiana, and are highly recommended by the staff of the Allen county Fort Wayne historical museum and the Indiana historical society.

Demand Teamsters Oust Ex-Convicts

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Union lawyers today studied Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell's demand under the new labor reform law that the Teamsters oust all officials who are ex-convicts.

The implied demand was contained in a telegram sent by Mitchell to Teamsters President James R. Hoffa Friday.

Hoffa, who was in Detroit, refused to comment on the move but said the telegram would be studied carefully by the union's legal advisers.

Mitchell asked Hoffa to advise him "what action your organization is taking against certain types of ex-convicts barred from holding union office under the new labor law passed by Congress earlier this month."

He also asked Hoffa to give him within 10 days a list of any teamster officials who have been convicted of robbery, bribery, extortion and other felonies.

Mitchell's action signaled the government's first action against unions under the act.

The labor secretary, attending the AFL-CIO convention in San Francisco, said he also had asked the Justice Department to begin an immediate investigation of other unions which had ex-convicts or known Communists as officials.