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# Soviet Premier Asserts Russia Has Not Exploded Any Bomb Underground

PARIS (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said today Russia has never exploded a nuclear bomb underground and does not intend to do so.

Khrushchev made his statement in an informal talk to the France-U.S.S.R. Friendship Society a few hours after he arrived for an 11-day state visit in a Paris wrapped the century.

He added in his comments at the Quai d'Orsay, where he is staying while in the French capital, that if present Soviet proposals at the Geneva disarmament and nuclear test ban talks are accepted, "the disarmament problem will be exhausted."

"Now there are only insignificant differences left between our respective positions," he said.

## Greeted by de Gaulle

Khrushchev had raised the disarmament issue earlier in the day. In his speech at Orly Airport shortly after his arrival from a five-hour flight from Moscow, he had termed disarmament "the greatest question of our times."

President Charles de Gaulle gave Khrushchev a hearty personal welcome at the airport.

Khrushchev's statement that the Soviet Union has never conducted an underground nuclear test—the only kind generally considered undetectable—was believed to be the first such revelation from a Soviet official.

"You know that we have accepted the American and British proposals on the discontinuation of nuclear weapons tests," he said. "Now there are only insignificant differences left between our respective positions."

"They deal with the question of underground explosions. We have accepted the Anglo-American proposal to work together on the means of detecting such tests."

## Tight Security Wraps

"But until we work out such methods of detection, let us agree not to have any more underground explosions. We have never carried out any underground explosions of nuclear weapons and we have no intention of doing so."

Khrushchev made his remarks following a formal drive up the Champs Elysee under such stringent security wraps that 300,000 Frenchmen lining the famed broad boulevard scarcely could see him slumped in the official limousine beside the towering figure of de Gaulle.

The crowd was encouraged by a blazing spring sun as well as the efforts of the French Communist Party which brought thousands of supporters into the capital for the

occasion. But the throng was smaller than the half-million who showed up to cheer President Eisenhower when he made the same drive last September.

## Wave Red Flags

After the colorful and noisy airport ceremonies and an exchange of greetings, de Gaulle and Khrushchev rode into the city.

The crowds at the airport and along the route into the city totaled an estimated 60,000.

De Gaulle, accompanied by Premier Michel Debre and other high French officials, walked to the end of a long red carpet to where the plane taxied into position.

Harry Dailey, chairman of the republican Guards band struck up ruffles and flourishes and Khrushchev appeared in the plane doorway.

Mrs. Khrushchev came behind her husband down the ramp and following his lead shook hands with de Gaulle and others.

About 2,000 persons greeted the Soviet leader from the top of the airport building. Many waved red flags and shouted "Vive Khrushchev."

## Daughter Rides Along

Mrs. de Gaulle walked with Khrushchev's daughter, Rada, and Mrs. Khrushchev up to the airport lounge. Their arms were linked with flowers.

Khrushchev began his brief arrival speech by thanking de Gaulle for his invitation to France.

"I accepted your invitation with great satisfaction," he said. "I came here feeling that this meeting will be fruitful with regard to French-Soviet relations and will strengthen peace. I hope our meetings and talks will lead to better understanding between our two countries."

Khrushchev's plane touched down at 10:54 a.m. (4:54 a.m. e.s.t.).

## Slight Decline In Jobless Pay Claims

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The Indiana Employment Security Division Tuesday reported a slight drop in the number of claims for jobless compensation.

Division director Richard A. Phillips said 55,267 claims were received last week, a drop of 349 from the week previous. The total included 6,886 claims from newly unemployed workers, 48,381 from persons out of work a week or more, and 1,617 from workers receiving their final benefits.

# World Protest Over Killings

SHARPEVILLE, South Africa (UPI) — African nationalists said today they want to fight back against the police who killed at least 80 of their number Monday but have no weapons.

They debated holding another mass protest meeting against the law that forces them to carry identity passes, which are not required of whites. Monday's meeting turned into a stone-throwing riot which police suppressed with machineguns.

The shooting left nearly 300 Africans dead or wounded and prompted the United States to take the unusual step of deplored the violence. The incident and another shooting in Langa, near Cape Town, caused similar protests from London to Moscow and turned world attention to Prime Minister H. F. Verwoerd's "apartheid" — a policy of strict racial segregation.

## Reluctant To Talk

Africans here were reluctant to speak to reporters on the street because of the tension still present two days after the killings.

It was believed they would abandon their plans for a new meeting because of the danger of police action.

But although they asked for arms to fight back, Africans were beginning to make use of another

weapon potentially more powerful. Between 30,000 and 40,000 African workers stayed home from plants in the Vanderbijl park and Vereeniging areas near here Tuesday. Production was slowed or halted. Europeans had to shovel coal to keep the Icor foundry blast furnaces going.

In Cape Town, African organizers passed out leaflets urging a strike to protest the killing of 12 demonstrators at Langa. It was estimated that 68 per cent of Cape Town's African work force was off the job.

## Smaller Protest Groups

The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), which led the protest against the passes here, planned to send groups of five and ten Africans to police stations without passes to invite arrest. A mass march on the station brought on Monday's riots. PAC leaders said the smaller groups would avoid trouble but would be as effective a protest.

In Cape Town, Verwoerd Tuesday night refused to appoint a judicial commission to investigate the mass killings. He told Parliament such a commission would serve as a platform for agitators. The opposition United Party, which takes a more liberal line on segregation, had demanded the commission.

## 17 School Census Crews In Decatur

Seventeen crews of census workers are visiting Decatur homes this week and the remainder of the month, compiling data for the Adams county school study committee. The facts and figures gained here will be tabulated with the rest of surveys currently being conducted under the school reorganization act of 1959.

Harry Dailey, chairman of the local group, announced today the workers and the areas that they are covering.

1. Dick Gehrig and Paul Moore — Pennsylvania R.R. on the east, Dayton street on the south, U.S. 27 on the west, and the corporation line on the north.

2. Mrs. Cletus Miller, Mrs. Richard Linn and Mrs. Roger Blackburn — Monmouth road and north Fifth street to the east, Nuttman avenue on the south, Pennsylvania R.R. on the west, and Erie R.R. north.

17. Jim Cowens — Homestead and Gage addition.

16. Mrs. John Spaulding and Mrs. Clinton Hersh — St. Mary's river, east; corporation line, south, Mercer avenue, west, and Erie R.R. north.

15. Frank Lybarger — Mercer avenue, east; corporation line, south; Nickle Plate, west, and Erie R.R. north.

14. Ed Wolfe — Nickle Plate R.R., north and east; Bolman street, south and Line street, west.

13. Dr. William Freeby — St. Mary's river, east; Erie R.R., south; Line street, west, and Adams street, north.

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## Mike Bollenbacher Seeks Nomination

Delmas (Mike) Bollenbacher, well known Jefferson township farmer, announced today that he will be a candidate for county commissioner from the third district in the Democratic primary May 3.

Bollenbacher is a native and lifelong resident of Adams county and is the owner of a 120 acre farm in Jefferson township and also operates an additional 120 acres in the same neighborhood. In addition to feeding out beef cattle he raises from 35 to 40 acres of tomatoes each year.

He is prominent in the Adams county five-acre corn club and was winner of the contest in 1956, having raised more than 150 bushels to the acre in that year. He is also treasurer of the Adams county crops committee, which organizes the annual Adams county farmers' achievement banquet.

He has always been interested in education and served this year as a member of the 12 person committee representing Jefferson township on the school reorganization committee.

Bollenbacher is a lifelong Democrat and has taken an interest in Democratic politics in his area. He presently is serving a second term as a member of the Jefferson township advisory board and this year was elected president of that group. This is the only office he has held.

He is married to the former Miss Lauretta Fiehert and has two daughters, one a pupil in the fifth grade at Jefferson township grade school, and the other a graduate.

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## INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy south, mostly cloudy north, not so cold tonight. Thursday partly cloudy, turning colder north, warmer extreme south. Chance of snow flurries near Lake Michigan.

Friday. Low tonight 25 to 30. High Thursday low 30s north to upper 40s extreme south. Sunday 7 p.m. c.d.t. Sunrise Thursday 6:43 a.m. c.d.t.

Outlook for Friday: Generally fair and warmer. Lows 25 to 33. Highs 38 to 50.

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## Hold Blood Program Orientation Course

Nearly 30 women, including 15 from the Decatur area, attended the all-day Red Cross blood program orientation course at the Berne-French high school Monday. Mrs. C. B. Miller, county blood program chairman, said today.

The program was presented by Mrs. Wanda Oelberg, who gave the Red Cross orientation talk in the morning, by Miss Selma Bernstein, Fort Wayne area Red Cross field representative, Miss Helen McCrory, chief nurse, Fort Wayne blood bank; and Mrs. Ann Barrett, staff nurse with the blood program.

## Movies Shown

"A woman with a letter", the story of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was shown during the morning session. Also shown was "My kind of a story," with Bob Considine's report on the different phases of Red Cross activities.

The duties and responsibilities of a volunteer in the Red Cross blood program were explained thoroughly. Mrs. E. Goren Liechty, new blood chairman for Berne, was introduced, and the next program will be held at Berne April 8 at the high school gym. The auditorium is now used for the Berne city library.

## From Decatur

Attending the meeting from the Decatur area were Mrs. Lee Fleming, Mrs. Herbert Fravel, Mrs. Woodson Ogg, Mrs. L. E. Archibald, Mrs. Lucile Miller, Mrs. Will C. Schnepp, Mrs. Charles Beineke, Mrs. Edgar Reinking, Mrs. Noel Burton, Mrs. Ferris Bower, Mrs. Harold Messick, Mrs. Bonnie Lengrich, Mrs. Louis Zwick, Mrs. Max Kreps, and Mrs. Miller.

From Berne were Mrs. Orlando M. Miller, Mrs. Millard Sprunger, Mrs. Kenneth Liechty, Mrs. Thelma Bauman, Mrs. Harold Sprunger, Mrs. Orlando Sprunger, Mrs. Calvin Nussbaum, Mrs. Gilbert Stucky, Mrs. Roger Augsburger, Mrs. Charles Neuenschwander, Mrs. Milo Habegger, and Mrs. E. Gordon Liechty.

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