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Nixon Will Answer His Hecklers Via TV

U. S. URGED TO STAND UP TO REDS

West Germany Pleads For Firm Berlin Position

GENEVA (AP)— West Germany today urged the United States to stand firm against any pressure to make concessions to the Russians in the final days of the big four foreign ministers conference, reliable informants said.

The plea was made directly to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter by Heinrich von Brentano, West German foreign minister, at an hour's conference, these sources added.

West Germany fears a diplomatic trap may be sprung by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko before the conference ends or recesses Wednesday. The Germans believe Gromyko may offer a concession in Soviet demands that the Western garrisons get out of Berlin, then use this to pry concessions from the West.

Associates said Brentano told Herter his government believes any Berlin solution based on the latest Soviet proposals would weaken the Western position in Berlin. One aspect of the Soviet plan that alarmed the Germans was the proposal for curtailing propaganda and subversive activities in Berlin.

CONSIDERED PROPAGANDA

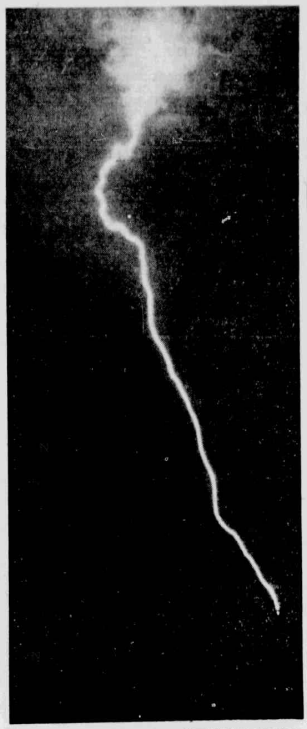
The West Germans said that under the laws of Communist East Germany, almost anything published or spoken in West Berlin could be construed as hostile propaganda. Through an East-West agreement, Brentano feared, the Reds would try to force suppression of Western newspapers, radio broadcasts, sermons and published reports of the flight of refugeees from East to West Berlin.

Willy Brandt, mayor of West Berlin, sat in on the talks between von Brentano and Herter. Brandt was rushed here yesterday to use his influence with Herter to reinforce Western resistance to Soviet demands.

The West Germans met with Herter shortly before the secretary of state went into another secret session with Gromyko, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville at Gromyko's villa.

With the conference scheduled to end next Wednesday, the West Germans and some other Western diplomats foresee the possibility that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko may offer a major concession to the West by suddenly cutting the price for an agreement to lift the Soviet threat to West Berlin.

The West Germans speculate he might declare a willingness to drop for the present his demand for direct negotiations between the West and East Germans.



News Staff Photo—Don Hunter

Lightning struck Charlotte last night during a heavy storm and News Photographer Don Hunter had his camera ready. When this bolt streaked to earth around 9:30 p.m. Don's camera, with shutter open and lens closed to F.22, captured the scene from a window of his Eastway Dr. residence. The camera was pointed toward downtown Charlotte.

Heavy Rainfall

Storm Disrupts Power, Phones

A severe thunderstorm lashed Charlotte for several hours last night, knocking out electric power and telephones, dumping 1.56 inches of rain on the city and bringing the July rainfall to 8.18 inches.

Weathermen at Douglas Airport said the storm began at 7:30 p. m. and continued until 3 a. m. today. Winds of 32 miles per hour were recorded with gusts up to 38 miles per hour, the weatherman said.

Bell Telephone officials reported seven cables were knocked out last night, including one serving the Hotel Charlotte. Service crews were ready today for a "heavy day" of telephone complaints.

MUCH LIGHTNING

Much lightning was reported throughout the city and Mecklenburg County. A City Hall transformer was knocked out, forcing the police and free departments to use emergency power units.

Two large trees on the lawn in front of City Hall were "peppered" with lightning.

One hundred persons in the Park Ave.-S. Tryon St. area were without phone service until noon today, Bell Telephone Co. officials said.

HARDEST HIT

Duke Power Co. District Manager J. D. Sloan reported the Derita and Park Rd.-Pineville Rd. areas were the hardest hit last night. Power was off in Derita for nearly two hours, he said. Most service was restored by 1 a.m. today, he said.

The rain fell on an already soggy Charlotte.

So far this month 8.18 inches of rain has been recorded at Douglas Airport. Normal for the month is only 4.67 inches.

Tomorrow will bring relief from the "dog days" weather of July.

A cool air mass from the north is expected over the Carolinas tomorrow morning, bringing with it predictions of a rainless day.

Today's high temperature is to be 95 degrees with a high humidity percentage expected also. Skies are to be considerably cloudy, with scattered thundershowers anticipated today and tonight.

Tomorrow will be "not so warm," only 90 degrees. Tomorrow's low reading is to be 72.

Lighter Side

Only-Try Kick Was A Winner

(From AP Reports)

Glen Thomas of Oakwood, Okla., owes his life to a swift kick in the seat of his pants.

Thomas, 65 and deaf, was walking along the Santa Fe railroad tracks last night when a freight train approached. Engineer W. U. Gaylord sounded his whistle, but to no avail. Thomas just kept walking on the tracks.

Gaylord sent his fireman to the front end of the locomotive as he slowed the machine. Just before the engine reached Thomas, the fireman punted. Thomas tumbled head over heels out of bounds.

All Along

You may not know it, but Miss Alaska has been Miss Alaska all along.

The winner of the state's beauty contest last night was Miss Alaska Carr, 21, of Ketchikan. She'll represent her state at the Miss America contest in Atlantic City, N. J., later this summer.

How Degrading

The sports car set is advised not to read this. It's too degrading.

Alfred E. Schild of Lombard, Ill., parked his Volkswagen beside the road in Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota, to take a look at a herd of buffalo.

Two of the animals charged across the field. One of them ran over the car, crumpling both rear fender and putting a foot through the back window.

Tour Party Returns To Red Capital

MOSCOW (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon returned today from a flying Siberian-Ural trip and promised to answer Soviet hecklers in a televised speech to the Russian people tomorrow night.

Nixon also is expected to give a nationwide television report to the American people after he stops off in Poland for a three-day visit.

He called off all appointments at the American Embassy tonight as well as most of tomorrow. At Moscow Airport, Nixon in effect urged the Russians to hear and see his address.

Talking into a microphone, he said:

"When I speak tomorrow night at 8 o'clock I will discuss and answer some of the questions I got during the trip. I will also give my impressions of the Soviet economy, the managers, workers and people."

ENJOYED TRIP

Nixon called his fast-moving, five-day trip outside Moscow "very interesting." The Russian people, he said, are very friendly to Americans even as the people of the United States are toward the people of the U.S.S.R.

"I found a common interest in finding ways to peace," he said. "'I heard on every side the word 'Mir druzhba'—peace and friendship."

Nixon, accompanied by his wife and his 30-member official party, flew into the Soviet capital aboard a Russian TU104 jet. It whisked him in 2 hours from the Ural industrial city of Sverdlovsk, 850 miles away.

DICTATES ADDRESS

During the flight, he dictated part of his address to a secretary. He arranged to spend six hours drafting it further tonight.

Nixon seemed tired after his 5,000-mile tour in the Soviet Union.

In ending his stay in the Soviet hinterland, Nixon appealed for world leaders to settle their political disputes so that Soviet and American scientists could devote their full time to peaceful atomic work instead of atomic bombs.

Nixon made his plea after traveling deep into a Siberian birch forest to inspect the site of a Soviet atomic power plant. He found a swarm of some 3,000 men and women workers, but the plant was only half as big as expected.

Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, father of the U.S. atomic submarine, accompanied Nixon and seconded his words with an invitation to the Soviet engineers at the plant to tour American atomic installations.

Nixon, looking out over the maze of semi-finished brick and concrete buildings, told the workmen: "This is the most hopeful use of the atom. We look forward to the time when we can devote all our efforts to opening up great new vistas for both our people rather than production of atomic weapons."

Nixon reached the plant site after traveling in a motorcade over rough gravel and dirt roads, churning huge clouds of dust for the 12 miles of the trip from the eastern Ural center of Sverdlovsk.





News Staff Photos—Scheer

Top Prices On The Lumberton Market (Left) Brought Smiles From Youngsters Ponce de Leon and Harker Barton of Maxton

Moon Study Contracts Let

WASHINGTON (AP)— The Space Agency announced today contracts to develop an instrument with which it might attempt to probe the surface of the moon five or six years hence.

The "lunar seismograph" might weigh 10 to 20 pounds, and would employ reverse-thrust rockets to soften the impact upon the moon.

Once on the lunar surface, the moonquake detection system would gather information as to the composition of the moon's crust and the activity or motion of the crust.

It would relay to earth data on the types of rock encountered, whether they were molten or solid, and details as to the size and velocity of meteorites striking the moon.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the size, shape and weight of the lunar instrument will depend on the guidance and weight-carrying abilities of the launching rocket.

To finance the first year of development work, NASA awarded contracts of $130,000 each to Columbia University, New York City, and California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. The two schools will collaborate.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and continued quite warm and humid with scattered thundershowers today and tonight. Partly cloudy and not so warm tomorrow.

Low this morning	70
Low tomorrow morning	72
High today	95
High yesterday	95
High tomorrow	90

Sunrise today 5:31 a.m.; sunset today 7:27 p.m.

More weather data on Page 3-A

Another Opening

Sweetest Smell: Tobacco's Payday

BY JULIAN SCHEER
News Staff Writer

FAIRMONT — The wonderful sweet smell of tobacco came back to Fairmont today.

The season—it has opened.

The season is the market period for flue-cured tobacco and yesterday auctioneers began to chant gold into the pockets of weary but excited growers.

The prices were good here — the richest Border Belt market of them all — as they were at other North Carolina-South Carolina border markets for opening day. Prices averaged better than the 1958 openings and veteran warehousemen and farmers are predicting the best season in recent years.

TOWN'S BIGGER

Fairmont is typical of tobacco town fever. It struck here yesterday and the population of 2,300 was swollen by several thousand and will average 4,000 from now until the market moves northward in 60 or 70 days.

The little town of Fairmont, tucked in a lower corner of Robeson County, has a two-months business season which even the largest cities would seek on a yearly basis. Last year, for instance, 42 million pounds of tobacco were sold here and checks went to farmers for $26 million, an average of $61.09 per one hundred pounds. The year before checks totaled $23 million. Lumberton, just a couple of tobacco fields away, did nearly as well.

SHORT AT TOP

Last year the average for the whole market belt was $60.17 on opening day and yesterday the figure was between $60 and $65. Top-grade tobacco — and there wasn't much to be had — brought $70 to $72 per hundred, the kind of figure that dances in a farmer's eyes.

Low and fair lugs and nondescript dominated the market yesterday because heavy rains and hailstorms affected quality and quantity brought to the markets. But there was enough on the floors in the warehouses here to keep buyers hopping a full 10 hours. Only a third of the crop has been harvested and sales in the 19 markets will taper off about the end of next week for a few days.

About half of the grades offered were primings. They brought $3 to $6 per 100 pounds more than on opening day of 1958. Lugs were unchanged to $2 higher, best thin body nondescript was up $4 while other nondescript grade were off $2 to $5.

Auction bid average on a limited number of grades, including the change in price from opening day of 1958:

Cutter — Low lemon, $70 up $1; low orange, $70 unchanged.

Lug — Good lemon, $69, unchanged; fair lemon, $68, up $2; good orange, $69, unchanged; fair orange, $67, up $1.

Priming—Good lemon, $68, up

See BORDER on Page 2-A

Check Your Age Here

YOU'LL GIVE YOUR age away if you remember the J & D Tire Co. The firm manufactured tires here, was one of our better known Charlotte industries. A picture tells the story in Julian Scheer's Close Up column on Page 1-B today.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S coaching staff for the annual Shrine Bowl game here in December has been completed with the announcement today of the two assistants on Page 2-B.

Business	5B
Classified	6-10B
Comics	11B
Crossword Puzzle	4A
Earl Wilson	10A
Editorials	8A
Everyday Counselor	9A
Obituaries	6B
Radio-TV	9A
Serial	4B
Social Security Game	4B
Sports	2-3B
Theaters	4B
To Your Good Health	4A
Women	5-7A
Worry Clinic	9A

Lad's Thefts Also Involve Best Friend

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)— Who broke into 54 business houses here?

"Johnny did it," 8-year-old Richard assured police.

Who threw a lighted book of matches into a fireworks display, setting off a $500,000 supermarket fire:

"Johnny did it," said Richard.

And who broke that cafe window. Well, Richard got caught but — "Johnny did it."

Johnny is Richard's best friend. Richard has a speech impediment but Johnny never laughs when Richard talks.

The loot from the 54 burglaries totaled only $200. One job netted only three cents.

"He doesn't steal for value," said probation officer Jim Armantrout. "He passes up valuable things for something pretty."

"He apparently does these things in an attempt to get attention he isn't getting at home," Police Lt. Phillip Brinkerhoff said.

The boy's father is unemployed. The family, which includes three younger children, is on relief.

Which boy? Johnny? No, they're talking about Richard.

"Johnny is a figment of the boy's imagination," Armantrout said. "He is Richard's other self."

Richard is being held at the county juvenile home. He will get a psychiatric examination and medical treatment.

Armantrout wouldn't reveal Richard's full name.

"He's not a criminal," said Armantrout. "He's a disturbed youngster."

MATADOR BETTER

MADRID (AP) — Matador Luis Miguel Dominguin, gored in the Valencia Arena Thursday, is reported out of danger. His doctor said the gash is more painful than dangerous.

Evening Prayer

Dear God, save us from the sin of doing nothing for Thee. Lead us into a life of usefulness, even though we may have only the talent of being faithful where we are. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

—4-3-2-1—TAKE THE DAY OFF—

Picnic Buses Sure Sign Of Missiles

By RALPH DIGHTON

SURF, Calif. (AP) — Evacuate!

The cry sweeps through this tiny beach town and everything stops.

Navy buses roll down the dusty streets and 35 to 40 men, women and children climb aboard.

At T minus 45 minutes, the buses roar away—and everyone in the countryside knows a big rocket is about to be fired.

WHISTLE STOP

Surf, Calif., is a stop on the Southern Pacific Railroad, which runs along the coast through the West's new missile launching area.

North of Surf is the 64,000-acre Vandenberg Air Force Base. To the south is Pt. Arguello, the Navy's 19,000-acre missile launching facility.

Discoverer satellite rockets arc southward from Vandenberg toward an orbit around the earth's poles. If one of them should explode or have to be destroyed, the debris might fall on Surf and Pt. Arguello.

WELCOME BREAK

The day before a Discoverer firing the people at Surf are alerted to get ready for evacuation. A few grumble but most of them, families of track maintenance workers, welcome this interruption of their quiet existence among the sand dunes.

Mrs. Nick Juarez, mother of three says "It's like a picnic, except that you have to go whether you want to or not. The kids think it's wonderful."

Station master Bob Wolfe is the only one who doesn't leave. Just before shot time he ducks into a crude bomb shelter made of an old fuel tank and covered with sandbags.

MUCH FUN

The civilians evacuated from Surf go shopping in nearby Lompoc, see movies at Vandenberg, or visit friends. After the launching they are hauled back home.

The government foots the bill and reimburses the railroad for the time its workmen are off the job. This is a fairly inexpensive operation.

But everything also stops at the Pt. Arguello facility, where missile and space vehicle launch sites are under construction. Twenty four hours before a Discoverer firing, all workmen are notified to take the next day off.

QUITE COSTLY

A contractor source estimates this cost currently at $25,000 a day.

Discoverer V, originally scheduled to be fired Tuesday, was postponed to Wednesday, then Thursday because of weather and technical problems. Late Thursday the shot was postponed again, for at least 48 hours. Each day the people at Surf were evacuated and the work at Pt. Arguello shut down.

Prisoner Was AWOL Even BEFORE He Fled

BELMONT — Police Chief Frank Carpenter tells this one:

Troy William Hoke, 40, was picked up last May 26 for being publicly drunk.

He was charged and released on bail.

When the time for the trial arrived Hoke couldn't be found. Neither could the man who had put up bond.

Chief Carpenter had almost given up hopes of finding Hoke until a call came in from Mc-Adenville about prisoners who had escaped a work gang.

Among the missing: Troy William Hoke, age 40.

The escapees were soon recaptured, and Chief Carpenter went trotting over with a couple of warrants — one for public drunkenness, and the other for skipping bail.

The chief brought Hoke back to Belmont Thursday, where he was tried on both charges and found guilty, adding another two months to his sentence.

"I'd never have known where to find him if he hadn't escaped," said the chief.