

The Big Four Reach Agreement On Austrian Peace Treaty

Signing Set In Vienna In Few Days

By LYNN HEINZLING

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—The Big Four reached agreement today on an Austrian independence treaty. This was reported by informed Western sources in advance of a communique.

The foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union will fly to Vienna this weekend to put their signature on a treaty the Austrians have been wanting for 10 years.

Ratification will mean that Austria will be free and sovereign for the first time in 17 years. Some 70,000 troops of Russia and the West will leave.

9 DAYS OF TALKS

Agreement was reached after nine days of difficult negotiations which it was feared earlier today might break down. For the past three days the ambassadors of the four powers had been deadlocked on a Western demand that the Russians put into the treaty economic concessions granted the Austrians during talks in Moscow last month.

Western informants said the Russians finally gave way to the Western demand, thus paving the way for the actual signing.

Informed sources said the ambassadors decided to make the Soviet concessions an annex to the treaty. The concessions include return of the Zisterdorf oil fields and the Danube Shipping Co. to Austria.

British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan scheduled a Paris departure for tomorrow for Vienna.

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U. S. Secretary of State Dulles was expected to go likewise. French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay had already planned to leave tomorrow for the Austrian capital.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov will arrive from a Communist conference in Warsaw.

U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr. declared as he left Vienna that the treaty would be signed tomorrow for the Austrian building.

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Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl said as he left:

"The state treaty will be signed during the next few days."

Earlier Figl had told the Austrian Parliament the treaty signing was a "historic day" for the Austrians had been worried considerably over the delay in reaching this point.

The Big Four 7th grand original 75



SWEARING THE OATH OF OFFICE: This morning is the new team for City Recorder's Court. Left to right are Wallace Osborne, appointed Recorder Pro Tem, James E. Walker, city solicitor, Basil M. Boyd, judge of the court, Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, reapointed city clerk, is reading the oath. (Story on Page 7-A)

Cotton Tax Exemption Bill Approved

Committee Would Free Lint In Transit

RALEIGH (AP)—A bill to exempt cotton from property taxes in transit won the approval of Senate Judiciary I Committee today by a razor-thin margin.

The measure originally had applied to all agricultural commodities but Sen. Cameron Weeks of Edgecombe offered amendments to limit its application to cotton. This was adopted.

Dan Edwards of Durham, representing the legislative committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, told the committee the amendment had greatly improved the measure. At a hearing several days ago Edwards had opposed the bill.

The committee had been told at previous hearings that large amounts of cotton are shipped by rail under special "transit" rates. This permits the cotton to be hauled and stored in warehouses and then shipped to its final destination under a single rail charge.

The committee also was told that the North Carolina cities and counties to levy property taxes on such cotton while in transit storage in Mecklenburg who has moved to warehouses in other states where it is not taxed—thus hurting the state's cotton warehouse industry.

Sen. Clifton Graves of Forsyth, committee chairman, said, answering a question, "I understand they have a new tax supervisor in Mecklenburg who has moved to a tax cotton stored there and that has something to do with this bill."

China Would Back Russia In Europe

Warsaw, Poland (AP) — Communist Party

Warsaw, Poland (AP)—Communist Party officials today said they will fight alongside the Soviet Union and her allies if war is unleashed in Europe.

Peng Teh-hsin, Red China's defense minister and deputy Prime Minister, made that declaration in the name of the Peiping government at a session of a Warsaw conference called to establish an Eastern defense organization to rival the North Atlantic Treaty Organization set up by the West.

Peng also declared Peiping stands firmly for peaceful coexistence. He said his government is ready to negotiate on any international differences—including Formosa. But he warned that "to so-called military adventurers" it should be firmly understood that the current balance of forces hangs in the balance of the "camp of peace and socialism."

In Conference Bargaining

Like May Find Soviet Tough

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower may find himself involved in harder bargaining than he seems to expect if and when he sits down with Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin at Big Post talks.

Bulganin may well press a whole set of basic demands outlined in a new program for disarmament and ending the cold war which Moscow made public Tuesday night.

A word of caution against approaching any heads-of-state talks with "a defeatist attitude" came today from Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. George, who had urged such talks at a time when Eisenhower was cool to the idea, said the administration should take the "strong initiative" in its approach.

Itude and I'm afraid we don't have it now."

Eisenhower told his news conference yesterday that if the Big Four foreign ministers agree a top level conference would be "useful" he is willing to go. He made it clear he would expect no decisions but only a definition of lines along which the foreign ministers subsequently might seek detailed agreements.

Bulganin will not necessarily take the same attitude. The record of wartime conferences indicates the Russians go to such meetings to get something concrete.

Experts here believe that just as Eisenhower may urge Bulganin to use his influence to get a ceasefire in the Formosa area, so Bulganin may press Eisenhower to reconsider plans for the arming of West Germany.

In their new disarmament program, the Russians suggested various steps they said could be taken through the United Nations. They may quite as readily try to see EISENHOWER on page 4-A

FINALLY... A GAL ARRIVES!

There's no explanation needed for this picture. The sign says, "It's a Girl!" and there are Papa and three young boys behind it.

There was plenty of excitement in the home of C. Wilbur Duckworth, on the corner of Willow Oak and Hillside Ave., Saturday morning when Mary Jan Duckworth was born at Memorial Hospital.

The Duckworths, all five of them, were hoping for a girl and when the good news arrived, the boys decided a big sign telling the entire neighborhood was in order.

Mr. Duckworth helped them cut out the letters in colored paper and pasted it up on a big picture window.

Seen here is the happy family, minus Mrs. Duckworth and little Mary Jan, Jimmy, age two, is in Mr. Duckworth's arms. In the middle is eight-year-old David, and on the right, Larry, age four.

In Telephone Strike

Senators Call For Arbitration

ATLANTA (AP)—Two U. S. senators have joined union leaders in calling on the Southern Bell Telephone Co. to agree to arbitration in its dispute with striking workers.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) told the Senate yesterday that he sent identical messages to the company and to the CIO Communications Workers of America, urging arbitration.

He said President J. A. Beirne of the CWA replied that the union would agree to submit unsettled issues to impartial arbitrators recommended by the federal mediation service.

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Kefauver added that he had not heard from the telephone company but hoped to have word soon.

Sen. Long (D-La.) supported Kefauver's stand.

"This strike has gone on too long," Long told the Senate. "It should be and could be settled." If the company "would negotiate in good faith, the strike would have been settled," he said.

Southern Bell Vice President F. M. Malone reiterated today that the company did not believe arbitration was in the public interest.

In a new statement commenting on the arbitration suggestions, Malone said:

"We appreciate sincerely this interest being shown in the settlement of the telephone strike. We have considered very thoroughly suggestions made regarding the use of arbitration. We do not think that arbitration of the dispute would be in the public interest. Furthermore our responsibility for this public service under the law cannot be delegated to third parties."

"Southern Bell has before the union now a liberal proposal providing wage increases and numerous other contract improvements. Collective bargaining is being actively directed by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. That is the proper way to reach a settlement."

Last night petitions were circulated by the CWA at Chattanooga to ask Gov. Frank Clement of Ten-

Bail Granted To Scales

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chief Justice Warren today granted bail of \$33,000 to Julius I. Scales, chairman of the Communist party in Carolina District who was convicted of violating the Smith Act.

Scales was sentenced in U. S. District Court in Greensboro, N. C., April 22, to six years imprisonment. He was convicted of advocating overthrow of the federal government by the Supreme Court in violation of the act.

Warren said he decided to grant bail because Scales had no previous record and because the Justice Department conceded "the issues involved are substantial and that they have not been passed on by the Supreme Court or any of the courts of appeal."

Warren specified his bail grant should be effective only in the final action on an appeal by Scales now pending before the U. S. Circuit Court in Richmond.

Previously, U. S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan had denied a request that Scales be permitted a liberty under \$10,000 and permission on his appeal.

Evening Prayer

Help us this day, O God, to aid spiritual strength to "our inner" lives. Every hour may we be conscious of Thy presence within. When men regard our outward appearance, may they see evidence of the inner resources of the love and peace of the Lord Jesus living and shining forth from within us. In His holy name. Amen.

Gibsonville Hit By Costly Fire

GIBSONVILLE (AP)—A \$50,000 fire today destroyed a restaurant and damaged a grocery and beer tavern.

Firemen said the blaze started in a garage on a gridiron in the restaurant. They said there was no fire extinguisher in the establishment and the blaze was beyond the control of restaurant employees when they came back with an extinguisher from a place across the street.

Owners of the restaurant and of the grocery and tavern, which adjoined it on either side, estimated total damage at \$50,000.

ALOPECIA-PATED MEN MAY GET LAST LAUGH

DETROIT (AP)—Ladies, don't laugh at the poor bald-headed man. You too can suffer from alopecia (baldness).

Dr. Alice E. Palmer, dermatology teacher at Wayne University Medical College, told an alumni group that 91.2 per cent of American women suffer from baldness to some extent.

"Women sometimes lose their hair in patches when they think they're going to lose their husbands," Dr. Palmer added.

"As for men, Dr. Palmer reported 43 per cent suffer from alopecia."

Huge London Stadium Challenge To Graham

LONDON (AP)—Wembley Stadium, with 100,000 yawning and empty seats, worried American evangelist Billy Graham today.

On Saturday night he starts a seven-day religious revival in the vast amphitheater, where the Olympic games were contested in 1948. He told a news conference today he is not at all sure enough Londoners will care to hear him and his message to warrant use of such a big place.

"But the choice of Wembley was an act of faith on the part of the London churchmen who invited me," he said. "I am not sure that I would have had so much faith if the decision would have been mine alone."

Graham filled Wembley the one time he preached there last year. Graham came here after completing an evangelistic campaign in Glasgow. After the meetings here he will start a continental tour, the first engagement being in Paris, June 5-9.

At today's news conference, attended by 150 British newspapermen and photographers, Graham smilingly dodged a number of questions. He was asked whether members of the British royal fam-

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and not so warm today with widely scattered light showers or possibly a few thundershowers. Partly cloudy and mild tonight. Partly cloudy and warm tomorrow with widely scattered thundershowers.

High yesterday — 83.
High today — 80.
High tomorrow — 85.
Low this morning — 64.
Low tonight — 63.
Sunrise 5:22 a.m.; sunset 7:17 p.m.

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Reapportioning Plan Gets Committee's Nod

RALEIGH (AP)—A study of the controversial problem of reapportioning seats in the Legislature was approved today by a Senate committee.

The Senate Committee on Elections Laws and Senatorial Districts gave a favorable report to a resolution sponsored by its chairman, Sen. C. V. Hensel of Rowan.

It calls for creation of a commission to make a study of redistricting the state's senatorial districts and reallocating House seats in line with population changes. The commission would be directed to make a study of the whole theory of legislative representation and to look into the possibility of having an agency outside the legislature make the changes dictated by shifts in population.

NATIONS BEST WAITRESS

BEST WAITRESS in the nation is Mrs. Mary Ellen Hart of Milwaukee, Wis. She has been a waitress for 14 years, and won her title in competition during the Chicago convention of the National Restaurant Association. With her is Ransom M. Callcott of Los Angeles, retiring president of the group. (AP Wirephoto)

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Further Polio Shots Are Delayed For Week

Resumption of the anti-polio vaccination program for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County scheduled for next Monday has been postponed for a week.

Announcement of the postponement was made today by Miss Ann Barentine, director of nursing of the City Health Dept.

The decision to delay the resumption of the program was reached after Dr. W. L. Venning, chairman of the City Health Advisory Committee, had talked with officials of the State Board of Health at Raleigh.

All of the Salk vaccine available to Charlotte and Mecklenburg has been consumed and the delay in resuming the program is due to the lack of promised delivery of additional vaccine.

Mrs. Barentine said that the resumption of the vaccinations had been planned for eight city schools next Monday.

The nationwide vaccination program for the 1955 series in Nevada shortly before the shot was to go at 3 a.m. (PT).

A weather briefing from the AEC announced that "unfavorable wind conditions" caused the second postponement. The atomic shot originally had been scheduled for yesterday morning but a shift in the wind prevented it.

A weather conference is to be held later today to determine if the test can be conducted tomorrow morning.

The AEC planned to explode the atomic device from the top of a 500-foot tower on Yucca Flat.