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Secret Agreements At Geneva, Ike Reports

Congress Leaders Get Word

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told congressional leaders today that secret agreements of any kind were made at the Big Four meeting nor were any "private papers" initiated.

Members of Congress gave this word to reporters after a briefing at the White House by Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles on the President's sessions in Geneva with Russian, British and French leaders.

Later, presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty said the President had given assurance there were no secret agreements. In a formal statement, Hagerty said:

"The President expressed the belief that the outstanding feature of the meeting was the apparently since expressed by the Soviet delegation to discuss world problems in the future in an atmosphere of friendliness and a willingness to sit down together to work out differences."

HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENT
The President added that this, of course, is a hopeful development but quite naturally does not of itself warrant any relaxation of the mutual security measures we and our allies of the free world are now pursuing.

Asked whether Ike reports it was, but only in the light of a State Department announcement—made while the White House meeting was in progress—that ambassadorial representatives of this country and Red China will meet in Geneva next Monday to discuss repatriation of citizens and other matters.

This discussion, Hagerty said, was not related to a recommendation by Chairman George D. (D-Ga) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that top U. S. and Red Chinese diplomats confer soon on Asiatic problems.

DULLES ROLE
Hagerty said Secretary Dulles gave the Congress members a detailed presentation of the day to day discussions at Geneva and an account of the conference's final directive to the Big Four foreign ministers, who are to meet in October.

From the White House, Dulles went to the Capitol for a closed session with members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Tonight at 10:30 p.m. E.D.T., Eisenhower will address the nation by radio and television on the summit meeting.

Congressional leaders of both parties were invited to the White House this morning to get a briefing from the President and secretary of state on the Geneva sessions.

Afterward, they spoke of the meeting in such terms as "very satisfactory," "helpful" and "hopeful."

Both House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex) and Republican Senate Leader Knowland (Calif.) said Eisenhower said he gave "no secret agreements" of any kind at Geneva.

HELPFUL REPORT
"I think they made a helpful report," Rayburn told reporters. "It was a very satisfactory briefing."

Knowland said: "It was the most constructive bipartisan session, I believe, that we have had. The President and the secretary of state made a full report."

"The situation growing out of the conference is hopeful but the problems ahead are not discounted."

Vice President Nixon and 24 members of the Senate and House met with Eisenhower and Dulles for nearly 90 minutes in the White House Cabinet room.

Largely, it was the same group which had conferred with the President before his departure for the summit sessions.

Senate and House leaders of both parties were on hand along with senior members of the Foreign Relations, Armed Services and Appropriations committees.

Senators Clements (Kentucky), the acting Democratic leader, and the President and Dulles "made a very frank report."

Chairman Russell (D-Ga) of the Senate Armed Services Committee,

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Eisenhower As He Was Greeted On Return By Vice President Nixon. (AP)

Chinese Red, U. S. Envoys Will Meet

Return Of Civilians To Be Discussed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Red China will send ambassadors to Geneva next Monday to discuss "repatriation of civilians" who want to return to their own countries and "certain other practical matters now at issue."

The State Department said U. Alexis Johnson, ambassador to Czechoslovakia, would represent the United States. Johnson is to fly to Washington for quick consultations with Secretary of State Dulles before the talks begin.

Press officer Henry Snydam of the State Department reported India and Burma had arranged for the meeting in backstage discussions with Red China and the United States.

MAJOR PURPOSE
The "major purpose" of the Geneva meeting from the American view, Snydam said, will be to obtain the release of some 51 Americans held in Red China, including 11 American fliers.

An announcement of the talks, agreed upon with Red China via Moscow channels, said: "As a result of communication between the United States and the People's Republic of China through the diplomatic channels of the United Kingdom, it has been agreed that the talks held in the last year between consular representatives of both sides at Geneva should be conducted on an ambassadorial level in order to aid in settling the matter of repatriation of civilians who desire to return to their respective countries and to facilitate further discussions and settlement of certain other practical matters now at issue between both sides."

The first meeting of ambassadorial representatives of both sides will take place on Aug. 1, 1955, at Geneva.

NOT RECOGNITION
The department in a separate announcement emphasized that keying the talks to the ambassadorial level does not in any way "involve diplomatic recognition" of Red China.

Peiping radio also reported the meeting would take place.

Only last night Sen. George D-Ga, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had called for "face-to-face" talks between the two governments.

George, however, proposed a broad-range meeting of foreign ministers. The nature of the meeting announced today would be a move in that direction, but on a lower level and presumably with limited objectives.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS
The United States and Red China have met some 15 times at Geneva on the consular level since June, 1954.

Franklin Gowen, U. S. consul general in Peking, had agreed to the United States in these talks. Communist China's representative was Shen Ping.

U. G. Downes in reply to questions, said the American and Red China See U. S., RED on page 2A

Bryant Bowles Due In Court In Delaware

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Bryant W. Bowles, president of the National Assn. for the Advancement of White People, was scheduled to appear in Superior Court here today to appeal his conviction on two charges of violating state school laws.

The opponent of desegregating public schools had announced a week ago he would resign as head of NAACP but proclaimed a change of mind Saturday night.

Bowles' original announcement came after only a handful of people turned up for a meeting at Harrington, Del. He said more than 600 jammed his home and grounds near Milford, Del., Saturday night and hundreds more were outside in parked cars, causing him to agree to remain NAACP president. The 11-member board had refused his resignation.

Bowles said some of the 15-day cross, a symbol of the Ku Klux Klan, near his home.

His resistance to desegregation of public school classes last September resulted in Bowles' conviction on a charge of urging violation of Delaware school laws. He was fined \$600 after disturbances at Millard High School.

KILLED BY TOMSTONE
OLD BUCKENHAM, England (AP) — A 250-pound tomstone tripped over and killed 9-year-old Timothy Pountney as he left church here yesterday.

By Sen. Kefauver

Atlantic Union Conference Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn) said today he was convinced a proposed exploratory conference on Atlantic Union would help the free world in current negotiations with Russia.

Kefauver and several prominent private citizens appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of a resolution asking that President Eisenhower invite other North Atlantic nations to such a parley.

The resolution, sponsored by Kefauver and 14 other senators, proposed that the President invite the six other nations which sponsored the North Atlantic treaty to name delegates to the conference along with representatives of this country.

"The six are Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The conference also could invite delegations from other democracies."

The delegates would "explore" and "report to what extent their peoples might further unite within the framework of the United Nations, and agree to form, federalize or otherwise, a defense, economic and political union."

NO COMMITMENT
Kefauver emphasized "there is no commitment in this resolution other than to call for such exploration and recommendations by a body selected from the peoples of our democracies."

"There is certainly no commitment to any action which would decrease the power of the government of the United States," he added.

Any action which "the American people might consider wise" as a result of the recommendations of the conference would be taken only after full congressional debate

on our way to make it a better state."

The governor said North Carolina has no "give-away" program to attract industry and isn't interested in industries that "want to come to the state for only four or five years."

"But we are interested in those that want to come here for a long time," he said.

"DEVOTE MORE TIME"
The governor told the board members, "We must have a better per capita income and from now on I intend to devote more of my time to bringing this about."

During 1953 North Carolina ranked 44th in the nation in average income per capita income.

Hodges said he plans to announce soon a water commission authorized by the recent Legislature.

"North Carolina," he added, "will be the first state in the southeast to make a start on conservation and wise use of its waters. This will mean much in the development of great as well as small industry."

The board sessions will continue through Wednesday.

Funeral Trip Wreck Fatal

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A 51-year-old Norfolk, Va., man is under \$1,000 bond in the highway death of his daughter, who was fatally injured yesterday while returning from the funeral of her husband at Kinston.

U. G. Downes is charged with manslaughter and failing to yield the right of way. His daughter, Mrs. Mahalia F. French, was an expectant mother. Efforts to save the baby at Pat Memorial Hospital here failed. Her husband, Lt. Larry French, drowned in Moses Lanes, Wash., last week.

Patrolmen said the car driven by Downes was involved in collision with another vehicle at the intersection of Highways 903 and 33 about 12 miles from Greenville.

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Hodges Wants Bigger Per Capita Incomes

MOREHEAD CITY (AP) — Gov. Hodges told the State Board of Conservation and Development today "we haven't even begun to scratch the surface of North Carolina on a charge of urging violation of a better state."

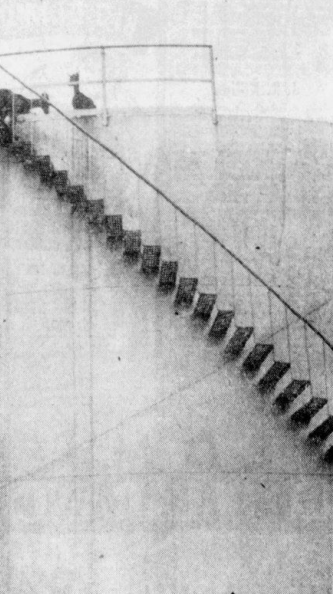
Hodges spoke at the opening session of the board's summer session here. F. J. Hodges of Silver City was sworn in as a new member of the board. Three reappointed members also were administered the oath. They were Charles S. Allen, Durham; Robert M. Hanes, Winston-Salem; and Leo H. Harvey, Kinston.

Another reappointed member, Amos R. Kearns of High Point, was unable to attend and will take the oath Thursday in Raleigh.

"SAD THING"
Hodges told the board it is "a sad thing" that the state is at the bottom of the list of average weekly earnings in manufacturing.

"Let's tell the world we are going after industry," he asserted, "and that we have the imagination and courage to do the job."

He said that "if we can develop local pride in the development of small industries, we will be well



MOUNTAINS are strictly old fashioned for these gaits as they cavort atop a gasoline storage tank at an industrial track along the Ohio River near Louisville, Ky. The gaits are kept in the storage area by steel fences, but have free access to the stairs leading to the top of the tanks. (AP)

Search On Near Huntersville

2 Escape From Prison Camp

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A posse and bloodhounds searched dense woods behind the Mecklenburg-Santorum near Huntersville today for two escaped long-term convicts who slipped through prison gates, about 7:30 a.m.

State Highway Patrolmen and county police said the two made their break from Huntersville Prison Camp to freedom when gates were opened to allow a prison supplies truck to leave the camp grounds.

Each man got feltonists, serving from 5 to 7 years.

Still at large at noon, the two were identified as Clyde Blackwell, 48, serving a sentence from Wake County for armed robbery; and George Cummings, 26, sent up from Scotland County for store-breaking and larceny.

25 IN POSSE

About 25 persons quickly grouped together to form a posse to comb a wooded area east of the prison camp, located about one mile outside of Huntersville, off the Mt. Holly-Huntersville highway.

Four bloodhounds were brought to the Mt. Holly-Huntersville road area to aid in the search.

Prison officials from Monroe and Albemarle and the Huntersville Prison Camp were joined by State Highway Patrolmen and County Police to form the search party. It was believed that the escapes might be making their way toward Charlotte.

USED SUPPLY TRUCK

Dressed in their brown prison clothes, the two men walked out of the prison gates, using a supply truck as a shield. The guard at the camp gates was standing on the left side of the truck after opening the gates and did not see the escapees who had made their way up to the gates and hid themselves on the right-hand side of the truck.

Once outside the gates, the truck made a turn, and the men were spotted. But County Police said the two were "as fleet-foot

ed as deer" and made their way into the woods.

REPORTED UNARMED
Neither of the convicts could have been armed when they left the camp, County Police reported. Both are believed to be still unarmed.

Blackwell was described as being five feet, eleven inches tall and weighing 142 pounds. He is of medium build and has black hair and brown eyes.

Prison officials said Cummings is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 164 pounds, has ruddy complexion, brown hair and brown eyes.



NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE HOME WIRING for a pigeon with a yen for fast communication. That's the tact a Wilder Birdie, pigeon truck when nest-building material got hard to find in the brick and mortar world of mid-town Charlotte. The nest is made of scraps of telephone installations removed from the Wilder Birdie. The electronic home is made of var-colored scraps of insulated cable wiring. Examining the nest, found complete with egg, are a couple of Southern Bell Telephone employees, PIX Installer-Repairmen Robert M. Dixon, left, and Merwin E. Ford.

Double Escapees Hoping For Maryland Parole

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — Robert E. Wilkinson was escaped from prisons in Maryland and Delaware 20 years ago wanted in the State Reformatory for Males today hoped Maryland authorities would consider his "re-employment" life and parole him as Delaware did.

There were indications some action may be taken within a week.

The 47-year-old Wilkinson, backed by the testimony of 40 Reformatory residents, won a Delaware parole a week ago after that state declined to press an escape charge. He then waited extradition to Maryland and was brought to the reformatory here where he escaped Nov. 9, 1931, after serving less than eight months of a two-year term for breaking and entering.

Shortly after his escape, Wilkinson ran afoul of the law in Sussex County, Delaware, and was sentenced to 10 years for armed robbery. After serving about 10 months in the George town Del., prison Wilkinson escaped.

From then until last January, officials said, Wilkinson led an "eccentric" life in Richmond, Va., under the name of Robert J. Ross. He married and for some years worked as a sign painter.

Two years ago, he was employed as a painter at the Medical College of Virginia hospital. At the time of his arrest he had risen to maintenance supervisor.

Wilkinson was arrested last January on a road to his elderly father in Laurel, Del. Police Chief Harley Tice recognized him.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today; bright and tomorrow. Scattered mostly afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers.

High today—50.
High today—85.
Low today—51.
Low this morning—72.
Low tonight—72.
Sunset 5:27 a. m.; sunset 7:32 p. m.
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