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Russia Agrees To Talk On Eisenhower's Atomic Plan

WASHINGTON, (AP)—State Secretary Dulles said Monday Russia's note on atomic talks is a "hopeful" sign but "the Soviet Union seems not to have caught the spirit of the President's proposal."

In a 3,000-word note, Moscow expressed willingness Monday to join in confidential talks aimed at a peacetime atomic energy pool, but said the talks should also embrace discussion of outlawing atomic weapons.

Dulles made it clear in a statement that the U. S. government now will follow up Russia's acceptance to actually begin the private talks.

"It has long been evident, and the tone of the Soviet response makes it even clearer that little can be achieved by the continuance of public debate."

"The United States will, through the new channel which the Soviet Union now accepts, explore every possibility of securing agreement and bringing President Eisenhower's historic proposal into the realm of creative action."

The Soviet suggested the talks of an atomic pool in a speech Dec. 8 to the United Nations.

The Soviet note was the subject of intense study at the state department and the White House from the time it was received in the forenoon.

Late in the day, state department press officer Henry Sydam read the Dulles statement to reporters.

Dulles said: "In its response, the Soviet Union expresses its readiness to take part in confidential or diplomatic talks concerning the President's proposal. This is hopeful."

At the same time, Dulles noted "the Soviet response criticizes the President's proposal on the ground that it will not remove the threat of atomic weapons."

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Woman Returned In Alberta By-election

MEDICINE HAT, Alta. (CP)—Mrs. John Lyle Robinson 53-year-old grandmother, retained for Social Credit the Medicine Hat seat in the Alberta legislature by defeating her lone OCF opponent in a provincial by-election Monday.

Mrs. Robinson defeated Edwin W. Horner, 56-year-old railroad worker and former Labor leader, in a contest that was never in doubt after ballot counting started.

Slight Drop In N.S. Christmas Tree Sales

HALIFAX, (CP)—Nearly 2,500,000 Christmas trees have been shipped from Nova Scotia to the United States this year, A. A. Leaman, Canadian National Railways district freight agent, said Monday. The total is slightly less than last year.

More than 1,700 boxcars were needed to carry the trees, which went to almost every state east of the Mississippi and many west of it.

Bridgewater, on Nova Scotia's south shore, was one of the main loading points, shipping almost 500,000 trees.

Christmas Tree Lights Touch Off School Fire

OTTAWA, (CP)—A 10-year-old boy, pulling a wire plug linked to Christmas tree lights, Monday accidentally started a two-alarm \$80,000 blaze that threatened to destroy a half-century-old school. There were no injuries.

Firemen battled the fire for more than an hour before controlling the flames that gutted the roof and top floor of the three-story Guilford separate school on Murray street in downtown Ottawa.

Four classrooms and its contents of school books were destroyed. Some two dozen school children, spending their lunch hour making Christmas cradles, were evacuated along with 10 teachers in the French-language school.

Fire Inspector Phillip Larkin said the blaze started when Michael Couture, 10, pulled out an electrical wall plug. One of the lights on a third-story classroom Christmas tree exploded, firing the tree decorations.

The boy and his companions ran from the room screaming. A teacher, Rev. Brother Lucien, attempted to beat out the flames with his coat and then ran for the fire extinguisher.

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Shah Makes 11th Hour Plea For Mercy

TEHRAN, (AP)—A military court Monday sentenced former premier Mohammed Mossadeh to three years solitary confinement. It found him guilty on 13 counts of trying to unsettle the shah, whose 11th-hour mercy plea he had just spurned.

Mossadeh, who could have been sentenced to death in the treason case, was charged with seeking to overthrow the dynasty of shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, defying the ruler's decree dismissing him last August and dissolving "illegally" the Lower House of Parliament (Majlis).

The shah sent a letter Sunday to the five-man tribunal appealing to the court to consider Mossadeh's early services to Iran in judging him.

But when he heard of the shah's appeal, Mossadeh hotly brushed it aside, declaring "I've not done anything wrong to this country or to the shah, I need no forgiveness."

Nevertheless, members of the court said they were influenced by the shah's clemency plea.

In his final plea, Mossadeh strayed far from the subject of the case and made a tearful entreaty for Iranian neutrality between East and West because in "another war, the Western bloc will not be able to help Iran with troops."

Mossadeh, a big landowner long known for his generosity.

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Two Found Dead In Plane's Wreckage

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—A fledgling pilot and a young passenger he took on a practice flight Saturday were found dead today in the wreckage of their light aircraft.

Killed, apparently instantly, were John McPhee, a 28-year-old oil company distributor who received his pilot's licence only two weeks ago, and Ray Haggie, 22, a construction firm employee.

Both were from Raymond, 10 miles north of where the wreckage was spotted early today by one of 20 Lethbridge Flying Club pilots participating in an aerial search.

A seven-inch snowfall ended in the regions today, enabling search aircraft to enter the hunt.

22 American Prisoners Refuse To Accept Letters

PANMUNJOM, (AP)—The Indian command today said that 22 American POWs rejected the appeal letter. Previously, the Indian custodians had ruled that it was a part of the "explanation procedure" and therefore the prisoners would have to give consent before it could be turned over to them.

The Communists have been permitted to broadcast appeals to anti-Communist prisoners.

However, the text of any allied broadcast would have to be approved by the Indian command.

Besides the 22 Americans, there are one Briton and 77 South Koreans who have not been interviewed in "come home" talks. The South Koreans stilled explanations by demanding unlimited time to talk back.

After midnight Wednesday the 90-day explanation period expires under terms of the armistice agreement. The UN command has refused to extend the period. Captives who refuse to return to the command after Wednesday will be listed absent without leave.

Gen. John E. Hull, Allied Far East commander, flew in from Tokyo for the final hours of the explanation program.

Hull told newspapermen the UN command was preparing a last-day offer for explanations which would give the captives the "opportunity, if they are interested," of changing their minds.

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Brig. Rockingham Heads New Infantry Brigade

OTTAWA, (CP)—Appointment of Brig. J. M. Rockingham, 42, former commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea, as commander of the newly-formed 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade, Valcartier, Que., was announced by army headquarters Monday.

Brig. Rockingham is scheduled to arrive in Canada soon from the United Kingdom where he has completed a year's course at the Imperial Defence College. He will assume his new appointment shortly after his return.

Brig. Rockingham was recalled from civilian life in 1950 to become the first commander of the

Chartered Accountants' Examination Results

The names of successful candidates in the recent examinations held by the Prince Edward Island Institute of Chartered Accountants were announced here last night. Successful candidates in the Primary, Intermediate and Final examinations were as follows:

Primary: Douglas A. Cameron, Charlottetown; J. N. Arsenault, Summerside.

Intermediate: David C. Andrew, Halifax, N.S.; Hartley M. Condon, Charlottetown; G. Douglas Dennis, Charlottetown.

Final: Arthur J. Garrett, Charlottetown; H. Raymond Hennessy, Charlottetown; H. Gordon Williams, Saint John, N.B.

The total number of candidates writing Intermediate and Final examinations across Canada was 1565, and of the 848 who wrote the Final examinations 522 were successful, and are eligible to become members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

"With over 90% of Canadian public companies having their financial statements audited by chartered accountants, the results of annual examinations should be of considerable interest," said R. W. Manning, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Prince Edward Island.

Prominent Montreal Physician Dies

MONTREAL, (CP)—Lt.-Col. Ernest Rudolf Brown, 87, of Montreal, well-known physician and soldier, died at his home Monday.

Born in Quebec City, Dr. Brown was a throat, nose and ear specialist for many years here. He was also a member of the original medical staff of the Children's Memorial Hospital.

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5 Soviet Ministers Are Made Deputy Premiers

LONDON, (AP)—Five Soviet Ministers—including the man reputed now to be in charge of atomic energy development—have been raised to the rank of deputy premier, Moscow radio announced Monday night.

The five are: M. Z. Saburov, chairman of the state planning commission.

M. G. Pervukhin, minister of electric power stations and electric industry.

I. F. Tevosyan, minister of metallurgical industry.

A. N. Kosygin, minister of manufactured goods.

V. A. Malyshev, minister of transport and heavy machine building, was named to his new and mysterious ministry after the fall of Lavrenty Beria, interior minister and secret police chief, who had been boss of the Soviet atomic energy program.

May Succeed Beria

Malyshev, a soldier with technical knowledge, rarely has been seen in public or mentioned in print in the Soviet Union since his new appointment. It is widely suspected among diplomatic circles in Moscow and students of the coun-

try abroad that Malyshev has succeeded Beria in the atomic post.

For Saburov and Pervukhin, the title of deputy premier gives formal recognition third high rank as members of the nine-man presidium of the ruling Communist party, the group of leaders headed by Prime Minister Malenkov which has taken the place of the old politburo.

Lost Rank

Kosygin formerly held the title of minister of food and light industry. Often reported in trouble under the Stalin regime, this young economic expert formerly had been a member of the ruling party politburo under Stalin. Apparently he has bounced back to importance in the Malenkov government's consumer drive, concentrating his energies on the production of manufactured goods for the consumer market.

Tevosyan also has risen in importance. Under Stalin he was minister of ferrous metallurgy. He now has taken over the whole metallurgical field.

Visitors Crowd Auckland To Welcome Royal Couple

AUCKLAND, N.Z., (Reuters)—Visitors surged into New Zealand's "Queen City" Monday as preparations were completed for the welcome to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, due Wednesday aboard the liner Gothic.

Pictures of the royal couple and signs of welcome took precedence over traditional Christmas decorations. Police were revising their plans as visitors crowded into Auckland at a rate far greater than they had expected.

The Gothic is steaming from the Tonga islands on the last leg of its transpacific voyage.

The royal couple will spend 39 days in New Zealand before rejoining the ship at the southern fishing port of Bluff for the trip to Australia.

From Auckland on Christmas Day the Queen will make the sovereign's traditional broadcast to the people of the Commonwealth—the first time this annual message has been broadcast from outside the British Isles.

Christmas Message

A highlight of the tour will come on Jan. 12 when a session of the New Zealand Parliament will be opened for the first time by a reigning monarch.

An escort of warships will lead the Gothic into Waikamata sparkling waters harbor between two rows of flag-bedecked yachts long since moored in favorable spots. Soon after stepping ashore, the Queen will drive in state down Queen street, already nicknamed by New Zealanders "the royal mile."

Newspaper, radio and movie features on the royal visit have pushed popular excitement almost to the bursting point. Price for a "room with a view" in Auckland has mounted to \$50, and already the best tent-pitching spots and trailer sites overlooking bluff harbor have been snapped up for the royal departure Jan. 31.

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To Continue Price Support For Eggs

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Manslaughter Charge Dismissed

LANCASTER, N. B. (CP)—A manslaughter charge against James D. Orr, arising from a hunting fatality Nov. 13, was dismissed Monday after his preliminary hearing. The accidental shooting cost the life of J. David Olive. Magistrate G. Earle Logan, noting that Orr has poor vision, advised him to give up hunting.

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DETROIT, (AP)—Heavily armed police, acting on a tip to a newspaper man, captured three dangerous criminals who broke out of southern Michigan prison with 10 other convicts Saturday night.

Only two still remain at large, trying to evade a great manhunt. Daniel B. Busha, 28, Edward J. Emrick, 43, and Virgil Lane, 27, were seized Monday while watching television in a west-side Detroit home owned by an ex-convict.

The trio, part of the original fugitive gang, of 13 who terrorized parts of Michigan in their flight, surrendered meekly.

Deputy chief of detectives Marvin Lane said the tip leading to the arrest of the three came from veteran reporter Ray Girardin of the Detroit Times.

An unidentified man came to the Times and asked to be permitted to give Girardin certain information.

Through the information we developed the location of the house where they were hiding," Lane said.

The capture of the trio almost mopped up the last of the fugitives who used an underground sewer to tunnel out of the prison at Jackson, 80 miles from Detroit.

One group of the gang kidnapped two young women in their flight, releasing them unharmed after holding them hostage for 11 1/2 hours.

The two still at large were described as among the worst of the lot.

Roman Usiondek, 37, lifer and criminal psychopath, has repeatedly threatened to take vengeance on witnesses and prosecutor at his 1943 trial for the slaying of a bar owner, police said.

The other fugitive was Robert Dowling, 33, serving one to 15 years for breaking and entering in Detroit.

High tides today at Charlottetown at 12:37 A. M. and 1:51 P. M. Sun rises today at 7:40 A. M. and sets at 4:35 P. M.

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