



Paris Deadlock Broken

PARIS (UPI) - The deadlock at Paris is broken.

The United States and North Viet Nam have settled key procedural disputes and will open expanded Viet Nam talks Saturday morning.

The table for the Paris talks will be round. This was a concession from the U.S. The Communists wanted a round table but the Americans and South Vietnamese wanted a two-sided table. This, so Saigon would not have to recognize the Viet Cong as a separate bargaining representative.

The Communists also made concessions. They gave up their demands for name plates or other markers indicating four positions at the table for North Viet Nam, the Viet Cong, the U.S. and South Viet Nam. There will be no distinctive marks at the table. There will be two rectangular tables facing each other for secretarial personnel, tape recorders and other equipment used by the delegates.

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation at the French capital, William Jorden, said the agreement that broke the weeks-old log-jam was worked out at two meetings between the U.S. and North Viet Nam yesterday and this morning.

Cosmonauts Switch Space Ships

MOSCOW (UPI) - Russia scored a major space first this morning when two Soviet cosmonauts transferred from one orbiting spacecraft to another.

It happened in a four-hour maneuver that linked the manned spaceships, Syouz-4 and Syouz-5, into a temporary space platform.

Two of the three Russians aboard Syouz-5 donned spacesuits and took a spacewalk to join the lone spaceman aboard Syouz-4. The three remained aboard Syouz-4 as the two spacecraft later disengaged and went their separate ways.

Soviet sources expected the two spaceships to land tomorrow.

The U.S. is planning its first outer space crew transfer in late February with the Apollo-9 flight. On that mission, two astronauts will transfer from one ship to another through a pressurized docking tunnel.

Tass said the cosmonauts were protected during their one-hour spacewalk by a new system of life maintenance that is capable of sustaining a man in space for long periods.

The news agency also pointed out that the transfer demonstrated that rescue and relief efforts could be made in earth orbit. Tass referred to the two linked craft as the "world's first experimental space station" and said a series of experiments is under way.

ASP TO DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Executive Committee of the American Samoa Party will meet Saturday to discuss proposed legislation and amendments to existing laws which it will recommend to the Eleventh Legislature. Other important matters also will be discussed, according to party Secretary A. L. Lauvao-Lolo.

The executive session will be held at 9 a.m. in the office of High Chief Leiato Fuli, the party chairman.

CONGRESS GETS
LBJ'S LAST MESSAGE

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Johnson today gave Congress the final economic message of his administration.

The message forecast continued prosperity for 1969, not on the same scale as 1968, but prosperous nevertheless. The message also contains a warning that Congress must find some way to halt the price-wage spiral.

Mr. Johnson advised against mandatory federal controls. But along with his message, he sent a report from his Council of Economic Advisors which recommends voluntary restraints by both business and labor.

The suggested guidelines would see labor cut contract costs by two percent and would ask business to soak up the first one percent of any wage increase before raising prices.

FRIDAY'S TIDE: Lo, 0021, H1, 0639. Lo, 1227, H1, 1851.

NO CHANGE SEEN IN SENATE FILIBUSTER RULE

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Liberal prospects for knocking down the Senate filibuster rule appeared dim today.

Chances of weakening the Senate rule seemed remote, despite the controversial ruling by Vice President Humphrey earlier in the week enabling a simple majority to decide the issue.

GOP Senator James Pearson, co-captain of the anti-filibuster forces, said, "We got this favorable ruling from Humphrey, but we paid a price for it. We're going to lose some votes because of what we had to do here."

Democratic Senator Spessard Holland predicted victory for the South's flight to maintain the present rule, which requires a two-thirds vote to cut off debate.

PITTSBURGH TEACHERS
NEAR WALKOUT

PITTSBURGH, (UPI) - A walkout by the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers may have been averted by a tentative agreement with the school board on at least two crucial contract issues early today.

The teachers' union members are voting on the agreement, terms of which were not revealed, and a union official said the teachers would be back in their classrooms later in the morning if they favor the pact.

A school spokesman said, "I don't think there is any question they will approve it."

SEVEN SIRHAN JURORS ARE SELECTED

LOS ANGELES, (UPI) - Jury selection in the trial of Sirhan Sirhan for the slaying of Robert F. Kennedy continued today. At the close of yesterday's session seven tentative jurors had been picked. Three men were picked yesterday and four women and been picked earlier.

Yesterday's session was brightened at one point by an exchange between Sirhan and a prosecuting attorney who said the defendant had smiled at a prospective juror. Said Sirhan, "I smile at you, too."

Speaking in Arabic, Sirhan also greeted one of his lawyers by inquiring cheerfully about his health.

SIVE DOES IT AGAIN

(By Fa'alepo Fa'alepo Jr.)

The "Smiley" Sive Taliva'a used different boxing styles to defeat Toga Moehehoa last night at Lee Auditorium. It was the first set back for Toga. The young Western Samoan, using his clever foot-work, rushed Toga round the ring with a left-right-left combination to the head. Toga replied with a combination of lefts and rights, but Sive comeback with a strong right hand punch to Toga's head.

second round saw Sive score several short, straight left jabs in the beginning of the round. Sive still connecting well on Toga's face with a solid right followed by a left hook to the

The third round was all Sive, and in the fourth he moved well, placing his punches more sure than before and forcing Toga to retreat. Sive won over Toga by unanimous decision.

Tau Loto won over Manuele Vaiola by points. Ava Fa'atoaga of the Eastern Star Boxing Club scored a second round technical knockout over Paneta Chong Nee. The fourth bout saw Loketi Lammeli outpoint Koni Malievao.

Lealofi Puni of the Polynesian Boxing Club won over Simona Soi. The sixth bout of evening saw Koroseta To'o win by default when Peni Ofe of the Coconut Beetle Boxing Club did not show up.

Cassius Clay Si'ufaga unanimously defeated Solomon Taliulu during the seventh bout of the evening.

Musa Seiuli won by a close decision over Fetu Nu'uvali. Fetu looked very aggressive and could be a promising boxer for the Coconut Point Boxing Club.

BOXING MEET SET

A meeting of all boxing club coaches in the American Samoa Amateur Boxing Association will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the office of the police chief. Rules to be used during the tournament will be discussed.

FISHING FIRM MEETS TODAY

The Amerika Samoa Fishing Corporation will held a meeting of all members at 5 p.m. today at the poolside of the Pago Pago Inter-Continental Hotel. President L. A. Yandall urged all members to attend.

TOFA PARTY SET FOR SISTER

A tofa party will be held Saturday evening in Lepua Parish Hall for Sister Mary Carol. She formerly was principal of Saint Theresa's School at Leone and Saint Francis School at Lepua. She will leave soon to work in education in Le'auva'a, Western Samoa. Her friends and the public are invited to the party where a heavy supper will be served.

ISRAEL, JORDAN EXCHANGE FIRE OVER TRUCE LINE

JERUSALEM (UPI) - Israeli and Jordanian troops exchanged fire along the Jordan River cease-fire line early today.

A military spokesman in Jerusalem who told of the fighting made no mention of Israeli jets being sent across the line in a retaliation raid, but Israeli farmers reported jets streaking from Israel over Jordanian territory.

The spokesman said the Jordanians started today's fight when they opened up on an Israeli patrol with bazookas. Farmers said two Israeli jets roared toward the Jordanian border after the shooting broke out.

VIET CONG
RENEWS ATTACKS

SAIGON (UPI) - Five crewmen were killed when Communist forces shot down two American helicopters 25 miles northeast of Saigon.

The enemy followed this up with an ambush of a U.S. infantry column attempting to reach one of the crash sites. Twelve American infantrymen were wounded in the resulting fighting.

Communist gunners also were on the attack elsewhere in Viet Nam. In strikes against two Mekong Delta provincial capitals their fire exploded 50,000 gallons of gasoline. Also hit was a U.S. Air Force fuel dump at the cemtral highlands city of Pleiku.

In Saigon, U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker said enemy forces have the capacity to launch heavy new strikes. These might result in an attempt to influence the Paris talks on the war.

But Bunker said indications are that heavy losses suffered by Viet Cong forces last year have weakened their morale and confidence in victory.

YOUNG CZECHS
VOICE PROTEST

PRAGUE (UPI) - Some 1,000 young Czechs in Prague today approved a manifesto demanding the Soviet Union "eliminate all debasing aspects" of its occupation.

In a meeting that lasted five hours and ran into the early hours of today, the youths made angry attacks on the Soviet attempts to tear down the Czech liberal reform program after the Warsaw Pact allies occupied the country last August.

The manifesto issued by the Prague Youth Organization called for an end to censorship in "internal affairs."

DEFENSE MINISTER
ISSUES ATOM WARNING

BRUSSELS (UPI) - NATO sources in Brussels claimed today British Defense Minister Denis Healey has warned his Western counterparts that the Allies can never match Russia in conventional weaponry.

According to these sources, Healey has told NATO defense minister they must be ready to use nuclear weapons in the early days of any Soviet ground attack on Western Europe. Sources claim Healey will meet with West German Defense Minister Gerhard Schroeder today to work out nuclear guidelines for NATO field commanders.

HIGH SPEED TRAIN
BEGINS OPERATING

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The new high speed train service on the Penn Central Railroad went into effect today. The "Metroliner" will zip back and forth between New York City and Washington, D.C., at 110 miles an hour. Eventually the speed will be increased to 165 miles an hour, cutting the old four-hour travel time to three hours.

BLAZING TRAIN
ENDANGERS TOWN

SPRINGFIELD, Alabama (UPI) - Two more huge explosions early today shook Springfield, Alabama, where a freight train wreck yesterday touched off a roaring inferno of blazing butane gas.

When 30 cars of a freight train derailed and plowed into storage tanks of liquified gas, half the population of the town of 822 persons was evacuated. The town's water supply ran out and firemen stood helplessly by through the night, waiting for the blaze to burn itself out.

The explosions today sent flame and smoke belching 2,000 feet into the heavens and the concussion of the blasts was felt 30 miles away.

HICKLE TESTIFIES ABOUT USE OF NATIONAL GUARD PLANE

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Walter Hickel told his side of the story under extensive questioning by the Senate Interior Committee today.

The Alaska governor said the Defense Department was responsible for sending an Air National Guard plane to ferry supplies and equipment to a snow-bound commercial fishing operation in January, 1967.

Hickel is seeking confirmation as Interior Secretary.

He told the committee that he had vetoed the proposal but was overruled by the Pentagon. The plane crashed through the ice on a lake near the fishery.

SPORTS NEWS (UPI)YOUNG GOLFER MAKES STEADY PROGRESS

The young guard is making its move in professional golf and leading the way is Bobby Lunn.

At 23, Lunn qualifies as one of the youngest of the new crop of golfers invading the upper echelons.

Last year, as a sophomore on the tour, Lunn won more than \$100,000 which puts him in a rather exclusive money bracket. But what observers bring up is his steady improvement.

In 1967, Lunn had a stroke average of little over 73. In 1968 he improved it by nearly three strokes to 70.34. That puts him just behind such veterans as Jack Nicklaus, Bill Casper and Gary Player.

Last year, Lunn scored back-to-back victories in the Memphis and Atlanta opens and tied for second in the Thunderbird Classic.

Some observers said that Lunn is a carbon copy of Arnold Palmer. What they mean is that he charges a course the way Arnie does.

"I don't know about that," said Lunn. "It's just my style of play."

OWNER OF NFL COWBOYS SUGGESTS ALTERNATE IN SUPER BOWL

The owner of the National Football League Dallas Cowboys, Clint Murchison, thinks that the Super Bowl game should be alternated between domed stadiums in Dallas and Houston starting in 1970.

By that time, Murchison hopes to have the new home of the Cowboys ready for occupancy in Irving, a Dallas suburb.

Said Murchison: "I believe the game should be alternated between NFL and AFL cities. Until somebody else builds a covered stadium, it would be in Houston one year and in Dallas the next."

Murchison's reasoning is that the world championship game deserves to be played without the threat of bad weather.

He added: "They've been pretty lucky up to now. At this time of year, it's one out of two that you can find bad weather anywhere."

BARRY IS CHOICE OF ABA IN ALL-STAR GAME

Oakland's Rick Barry is a unanimous west choice for the American Basketball Association All-Star game but there's a question whether he'll be ready. Barry has an injured knee and an Oakland report said he'd probably be out for another two weeks. The ABA All-Star game is scheduled for Louisville, January 28.

Scheduled with Barry in the West starting lineup are John Beasley of Dallas, Byron Beck and Larry Jones of Denver and James Jones of New Orleans. The East team, picked previously, includes Connie Hawkins of Minnesota, Mel Daniels and Bob Netolicky of Indiana and Darel Carrier and Louis Dampier of Kentucky.

It's been proven time and again in the Big 10 Conference that if a team can win all its home basketball games and as many as possible on the road it has a shot at the title.

Last season visiting teams were able to win only 20 of the 70 league games. Three teams, Northwestern, Ohio State and Purdue, won all seven games at home.

However, the Wildcats won only one on the road and finished fourth; the Boilermakers won two on the road and finished third and the Buckeyes won three on the road and tied Iowa for the title.

The Hawkeyes, while winning four on the road, lost their final home game to slip into the co-championship.

RUSSIA REFUSES HOCKEY TEAM TO VISIT CANADA

Russia said its national hockey team will not go to Canada to face "considerably inferior" opponents. The Soviets accused the Canadian Amateur Ice Hockey Association of keeping them in the dark about financial arrangements and schedules. The Russian team was scheduled to begin an eight-city Canadian tour at Montreal Friday.

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TV FOR TONIGHT

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7:00 Friendly Giant "Someday"
7:15 Talofa Tamaiti
7:25 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:55 News In English
8:10 What's New "Lapland"
8:40 Profiles In Courage: "Frederick Douglass"

7:00 Tala Mai Tusi
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7:55 News In Samoan
8:15 NET: "Freedom From Fear"
8:45 NET Festival: "Newport Jazz '67"

LBJ OFFERS A "GUNS AND BUTTER" BUDGET

(BY United Press International)

President Johnson's valedictory budget message was tossed into the Congressional hopper yesterday. And veteran lawmakers are already reading between the lines.

It's a "guns and butter" budget, penned in black ink, and liberally sprinkled with tax proposals. It puts a \$195.3 billion price tag on conducting the federal government's business in fiscal 1970. And it forecasts revenues of \$198.7 billion, that is a \$3.4 billion surplus.

Administration officials call the budget tight and, at the same time, flexible. The President himself terms his spending proposals "our minimum requirement to fill urgent needs at home and abroad."

So far, all this oratory from the executive branch has failed to snow the men who'll have to administer the Johnson budget legacy, members of Congress.

Some lawmakers have come right out and labeled the budget a sham. Other, Republicans in particular, are just plain suspicious.

For example, there's Iowa Senator Jack Miller. He said: "I haven't seen a Johnson budget yet that wasn't changed by several billions-of-dollars before the end of the year."

Two other GOP senators, John Williams of Delaware and Wallace Bennett of Utah, said the budget message is a "misleading manipulation of figures." They were talking about the predicted surplus, and they claimed it'll never happen. Williams said it's more likely the government will come out of fiscal 1970 showing \$7 billion or \$8 billion in red ink.

But no matter what Congress eventually does with the budget, one item appears certain to remain intact. That's the 10 percent income tax surcharge. President Johnson said it must be extended if his predicted surplus is to be realized. And President-Elect Nixon agrees.

Mr. Johnson has also proposed that the incoming President be given discretionary power to reduce or cancel the surcharge, if and when he feels it can be done.

Just how Congress will treat Mr. Johnson's other tax proposals remains unclear. He has proposed a \$1.7 billion boost in payroll taxes to finance higher social security benefits. He wants the current excise taxes on new car purchases and phone calls extended through 1970. And he proposes another hike in mail rates.

As for Viet Nam, projected spending has been cut for the first time since the U.S. entered the war. The cut totals \$3.4 billion a chunk that could swiftly be wiped out by a supplemental appropriation.

Non-Viet Nam defense spending is up \$500-million over the current year. So is the cost of federal housing and medical programs and so is the cost of government aid to education.

It's no surprise who's going to pay for all of this. As usual, the man on the street will shoulder most of the burden. For every dollar of federal revenue in fiscal 1970, 46 cents will come out of the individual taxpayer's pocket.

SWEDEN'S NOD TO HANOI, CUBA TROUBLES BUSINESS LEADERS

(By United Press International)

Sweden's recognition of Hanoi and the elevation of its consulate in Havana to embassy rank should not have been particularly surprising. But neither can it be expected to bring joy to Swedish businessmen.

They long have feared that Sweden's outspoken disapproval of U.S. policy in Viet Nam would affect Swedish trade with the United States. And that trade has been going up at the rate of 15 to 20 percent per year.

In the words of a leading Swedish banker, interviewed recently by UPI Foreign News Analyst Phil Newson: "Sweden cannot be the conscience of the world."

One large Swedish trade group expressed concern over the effect upon American public opinion of statements by some Swedish politicians and violent anti-American demonstrations of Swedish youth. It warned the government that Sweden has large business interests in the United States which should be remembered.

One Swedish businessman, criticizing the leftist youths and their anti-American demonstrations, said: "All they know of the United States is 'Bonnie and Clyde.' They don't remember that the United States saved Europe first from Hitlerism and then from Stalinism."

Another businessman said that he's glad to be taken for a Dutchman in the United States because he thus can escape the onus of the hate-American campaign.

As for the politicians, that's a different story. They declare that neutrality as an official Swedish policy is one thing and neutrality in sentiment is another. And their sentiments about Viet Nam are distinctly not neutral.

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Most outspoken of these is Sweden's young minister of education who's touted as the likely successor to Socialist Premier Tage Erlander. Erlander is expected to retire soon after being top man in Sweden for 22 years.

The education minister is 43-year old Olaf Palme. He aroused U.S. anger last year by marching in a demonstration which also included a high-up representative of the Hanoi government.

Palme has been accused of flirting with the anti-American left to win votes.

As for the more than 150 American soldiers given refuge because of their expressed anti-Viet Nam sentiments, the Swedes also have an explanation. They say that after World War Two, they sent hundreds of Baltic nation refugees to the Soviet Union where they promptly were executed.

They say it has been on their conscience ever since and that never again can they deport a political refugee.

As for Viet Nam, they point out they have promised post-war aid to both North and South and that recognition of Hanoi simply was a question of time.

FIGURE IN SENSATIONAL SPY CASE GOES FREE AFTER 18 YEARS

(By United Press International)

Morton Sobell left prison Tuesday and savored his first taste of freedom in nearly 18 years.

He was never a flashy headliner, as accused conspirators in espionage go. Yet he was involved in the most sensational spy case of the century, the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg case.

It was in the 50's. Sobell, a radar expert, was convicted with the Rosenbergs on April 5, 1951, of conspiring to give Russia the secret of the American atomic bomb. For Sobell it meant a 30-year sentence. For the Rosenbergs, it was to mean execution.

Sobell maintained he was innocent. And still does.

In his appeals over the years, he contended he should not have been sentenced for wartime conspiracy because World War II was over when the bomb sketch was transmitted. He contended on another time that testimony of two atomic scientists showed the sketch was without value. But he finally won the court's favor by saying seven and one-half months he spent in jail between his conviction and sentencing ought to be added on to the time he's spent in the penitentiary. Today, a federal court in New York agreed, and thus, enough time was there on the books including good behavior credit for Sobell to get a parole.

Hours later, he walked out of Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary in Pennsylvania and headed for his home in New York City.

The Sobell case brings back an emotional moment in U.S. history.

He had been a classmate of Julius Rosenberg at City College in engineer in the Navy's Ordnance Bureau said Rosenberg and Sobell had tried to get him to steal official armament data for Russia during and after the war. Rosenberg and his wife were convicted of actually handing a sketch of the A-Bomb which obliterated Nagasaki to a Soviet vice consul in New York. Sobell was accused only of aiding in the general conspiracy.

The trial became a furious rallying point for anti-American sentiment all over the world. Even Pope Pius the 12th saw fit to appeal for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

What will Morton Sobell do now? His wife, Helen, says he plans to back to school and get his engineering degree. Then he would like to engage in medical electronics and spend the rest of his life proving his innocence.

They'll live in Greenwich Village in New York City.

GOVERNMENT BLOCKS OIL MERGER

WASHINGTON (UPI)- The government moved today to block the merger of Atlantic Richfield Company and Sinclair Oil Corporation.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark said a civil anti-trust suit was filed in U.S. District Court in New York City. The government also sought a preliminary injunction to stop the merger until the suit can be tried in the courts on its merits.

The Justice Department charged that the merger would eliminate competition between the two companies in the Northeast and in the Southeast, and would nullify Sinclair's competitive factor in gasoline sales.

KEEP SAMOA CLEAN

IT IS YOUR HOME.