

Self-Sufficiency Of Germany Aim Of U. S. Demand

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The United States government has just issued its first official statement of policy governing Germany since the war, and takes the stand that a stable and productive Germany is necessary to make Europe orderly and prosperous.

This historic statement is in the form of a directive to the American occupation force in Germany. It instructs Lieut. Gen. Clay, American zone commander, to exert every effort to achieve economic unity with other zones, and says highest priority should be given to increased production of coal, food and export goods.

The greatest importance must be attached to this declaration in view of the increasing gravity of the European economic crisis. It is a situation which is going to be worse before it can start to get better. To use the graphic warning of French Premier Ramadier: "The hour has come for Europe to organize or die."

Ruhr Coal Is Keystone
The United States directive takes on particular significance in view of the approaching Anglo-American conference in Washington to discuss methods for increasing the all-important coal production of the Ruhr upon which economic recovery not only of Germany but of Europe depends so heavily. That conference is likely to pivot on a showdown between the two countries over the British socialist government's insistence on nationalization of the Ruhr coal mines. The United States has opposed this, and the other day proposed that nationalization be deferred for five years. Washington takes the view that nationalization is a question for the German people to decide.

Must Brave Policy
Of course it's easy to understand why a socialist government, which ranks nationalization as one of its cardinal tenets, should want to see it carried out in Germany and elsewhere. It will be surprising, however, if an ideological argument is allowed to stymie an agreement for German recovery. After all, while the British socialist government believes it is on the right economic road at home, it still has to demonstrate it. We are dealing with a theory and not a demonstrated fact.

However, I judge that there's more to the British stand than that revolving about the ism. Britain doesn't want to see the riches of the Ruhr revert to the control of the war-mongering Prussian Junkers. What with its coal, and the vast Krupp armament works, the Ruhr was the material mainspring of German aggression.

Western Europe Done For, Halt Loans, U. S. Advised

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Robert E. Wood, board chairman of Sears Roebuck Co., said yesterday the United States should halt most of its aid to Europe "because Western Europe is to a large extent finished."

Wood made the statement before the joint congressional committee on the economic report, which is studying ways to stabilize the nation's economy.

He told the committee that "no amount of money" can restore the economic conditions that formerly prevailed in Western Europe, adding that loans to countries in that area cannot be repaid.

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"None knows the weight of another's burden." Put yourself in the other man's place and then perhaps you will understand the burdens he is carrying, the sorrows, and heartaches under which he is staggering. If people who are ready to criticize and condemn could be made to understand some of these things, their criticism might be turned to praise. It is not easy for anyone to put himself in another's place; yet that is the meaning of the Golden Rule. "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It is only as we strive to do that that the problems of humanity can be solved. Individuals stand out against individuals. Groups against groups, and in this clashing of personality is born all the destruction at large in the world of today. The Golden Rule commands all Christians to cultivate that imagination which will enable them to put themselves in the place of the other person. Many a noble soul has been swept under the tide of misunderstanding. O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother, Where pity dwells the love of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other. Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer." Amen.

Parley Begun by Trailway Agents and Strikers

BEND, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Representatives of Pacific Trailways drivers and shop men were to meet with company agents today in the first conference aimed at reaching settlement of the strike which has halted Portland to Salt Lake City buses of the company since July 3.

Guy V. Lintner, U. S. conciliation service commissioner, met with them.

The 70 men involved in the dispute ask \$1.60 an hour for a straight 40-hour week for shopmen and 5.85 cents a mile for drivers.

Seven pound oysters grow on the Great Barrier reef off Australia.

Vocational School At Former Marine Barracks Opens

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 15.—(AP)—Oregon's new vocational school at the former Klamath Falls Marine Barracks plant opened its first classes yesterday, with 33 students trudging to class and a half dozen more expected to register today.

Winston Purvine, director of the school, called for only 35 students to start, but a few extra ones showed up for the opening day and were taken in. Eventually, Purvine said, it is hoped to have 1500 students.

Yesterday's start will get administration and instruction personnel into action and the school is expected to build its curriculum and enrollment steadily. A

full-dress opening is scheduled later.

Classes in auto mechanics, body fender work and cooking and baking have started, with the post garage and bachelor officers quarters of the old Marine barracks being used for classrooms.

Of the 33 students attending classes today, only 12 live on the campus. The others reside in town. Two married couples live in furnished apartments while the single men have dormitory rooms. Thirty-two of the first enrollees were war veterans, attending school under the GI bill of rights educational provision.

In another building of the converted military post the state college school for 54 rookie patrolmen is in its third day. Capt. Vayne M. Gurdane, police officer from Milwaukie, is the director.

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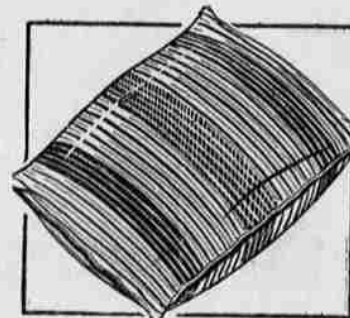
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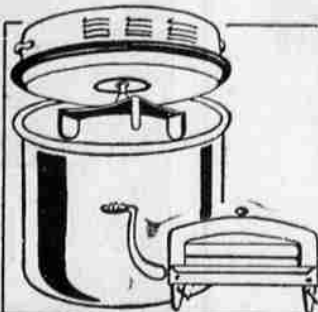
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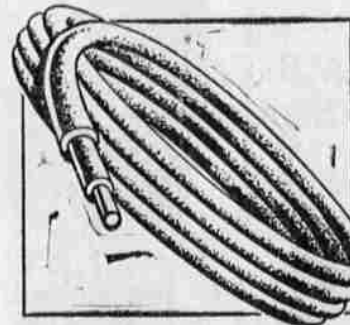
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