

### Russian Machinery Shows Flaws In Handling Berlin Situation

By JAMES THRASHER

An article in the Daily Worker, New York's Communist newspaper, has come up with an explanation of the Berlin "crisis"—which its author carefully keeps in quotation marks throughout. The crisis, says the article, is the result of the United States' efforts to implement the Marshall Plan.

This is an interesting statement, particularly since the article makes no effort to perpetuate the fiction that the blockade of Berlin is due to railroad repairs, broken canal locks, and so on. Nor does it try to give the impression that the blockade is something decided on by the local Soviet military authorities in Berlin.

which Moscow had kept silent about for so long. Unless the Communist press has suddenly gone in for unauthorized think pieces, we may assume that the Worker's explanation was the first frank one to come out of Moscow.

**Clumsy Maneuver**  
The article, not surprisingly, is a little careless in matters of fact. For instance, it implies that the proposed government for western Germany is a part of the Marshall Plan, which of course it is not. The writer also makes the illuminating disclosure that the western powers instituted the blockade of ways into Berlin. This statement appeared on the same day that a news story carried a Russian "explanation" that they were not permitting barges to enter Berlin because of repair work on a lock.

Errors aside, however, if this is a Soviet-sanctioned explanation of the Berlin blockade, then the maneuver is even more clumsy than it appears to be. If it was decided on as a reprisal for the European aid program, then it is a childish and spiteful gesture unworthy of any government. If it is being used to force the United States, Britain and France to abandon their plans for a western German government, the tactics are clearly wrong and doomed to failure.

The three powers' notes to the Soviet government made it clear that the blockade would have to end before any discussion of its underlying causes was commenced. Surely the Kremlin could not have thought that these powers would agree to reopen German peace talks on the Russian terms as the price of free access to Berlin.

**Using Wrong Tactics**  
If the Russian leaders really desire peace, it should be clear to them that an indispensable insurance of peace is a self-governed Germany with a measure of independence, but a Germany supervised long and carefully by the victorious powers. The western governments do desire peace, therefore they will not submit to Russia's plan for a unified Germany which would make that and important satellite.

Surely the Soviet government knows that. And surely it must also know that it cannot gain its point by a flagrant breach of agreement that subjects the western governments to expense and inconvenience in Berlin. Nor can the Soviet government seriously hope to win German friends to the idea of a Soviet-dominated Germany by trying to starve the population of Berlin.

Much of Pisa, Italy, was demolished during World War II but the Leaning Tower was only slightly damaged.

Rivers are estimated to carry two and a half billion tons of salt annually to the oceans.

### U. of Washington Teachers Linked With 'Red' Meets

SEATTLE, July 19.—(AP)—A former army intelligence officer and a University of Washington faculty member told the legislature's un-American Activities Committee today of attending Communist party meetings with several university faculty members.

In response to questions as to whether more than half dozen educators and their wives were party members, they replied "I so thought," and "I assumed so."

The witnesses were Moro Jewell of Seattle, operator of a detective school and former army intelligence officer, and Dr. Sophus K. Winther, of the university's English department.

Both witnesses said they had been former members of the party. Jewell said he belonged in 1945 as an army operative in connection with possible war production interference.

Dr. Winther, prominent campus literary critic and author, said he belonged in 1935 and 1936. Dr. Raymond B. Allen, university president, was in the room as an observer.

Jewell testified that he belonged to the "Rogers Club" which he said was the professional unit of the Communist political association. He said he joined to observe its operations and that his records were later stolen.

He said the professional unit was "what I guess you would call the elite of the organization." He said its members were "resented" by workers and other Communist groups.

Both Jewell and Winther said they never saw any of the others' membership cards, but they both held a party identification of their own. Jewell qualified his identification by saying repeatedly in response to questions as to memberships, "I so thought."

Winther, in his testimony, qualified his identifications by saying he "assumed" that the others were also members.

**Group Named**  
Jewell identified the following as having participated in meetings of the professional group of which he was a member in 1945: Herbert J. Phillips, Edwin Harold Eby and wife, Melville Jacobs and wife, Joseph Butterworth, all of the university faculty, and Mrs. Burton E. James of the Repertory Playhouse in the University district.

Faculty members named by Dr. Winther as having attended meetings included: Garland Ethel, Professor and Mrs. Eby, Prof. and Mrs. Phillips, Angelo Pellegrini, whom he described as "a reluctant, uncooperative member," Prof. and Mrs. Jacobs, Prof. Joseph Cohen,

Prof. Butterworth, Miss Maule Beale.

Dr. Winther also said that Jesse Epstein, Pacific Coast housing authority executive, attended meetings and "I assumed he was a member."

Dr. Winther, replying to a question on the cost of Communist party membership, responded, "I'd say 5 per cent of our salaries."

He said "most members were concerned with discussion of books and national and international matters. It could be described as a typical professors' organization—there was lots of talk."

### If Russia Wants War Find Out Now, Gen. Donovan Says

BERLIN, July 19.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. William (Wild Bill) Donovan, wartime chief of the Office of Strategic Services, says the Russian blockade of Berlin is an attempt to smash the European recovery program and drive the U. S. out of Europe.

Donovan, who is visiting Germany in a private capacity, said at a news conference: "It is a matter of the Soviets doing what they said they are going to do—that is, wreck the European recovery program; and what they have not said, but which they want to do: to drive us out of Europe."

Donovan came to Berlin from Frankfurt with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor and attended Clay's weekly staff conference.

The former OSS chief said if Russia wanted war it would be better to find out here and now than it would be a hundred miles or a thousand miles from here some time later.

"If this, on the other hand, is just a Soviet maneuver we should show them that we are standing firm," he said.

He advocated such a stand despite military disadvantages, "because our moral right to be here is clear and unmistakable." Donovan said he did not like the phrase "cold war," because this one is "hot as hell."

An important period in Italian literature began around 1230 when Sicilian poets gathered at court of Emperor Frederick III. Included among them were Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio.

### Elevator Traps Wife of Jailer; Prisoners do Best

GALLATIN, Tenn., July 19.—(AP)—Obliging inmates of the Sumner County jail did their best to get the jailer's wife out of a jam but they received little help from an unobliging citizen.

Jailer Bud Graves gave an account of what happened during his absence from the jail last night: Mrs. Graves was between floors in the jail's elevator when a power failure halted the elevator. The cage was almost airtight and in a short time she had trouble getting her breath.

She called to the prisoners and told them of her plight. The prisoners lighted comic books, detective magazines and other paper and threw the flaming missiles into the street in an attempt to attract attention. They yelled, screamed and pleaded for someone to rescue Mrs. Graves.

Passers-by misunderstood the prisoners, however, and responded with jeers and such statements as "tell it to the marines." City firemen, however, arrived after about a half-hour. They yelled, screamed and pleaded for someone to rescue Mrs. Graves.

The power was turned back on and Mrs. Graves was rescued.

**WOMAN POSTS BAIL**  
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\$25; William C. Carriegan, overload, \$20; James F. Studer, no vehicle license, \$10; Edward H. Fery, overload, \$25; William L. Hanna, overload, axle overload and unit overload, \$10 on each count, and Benjamin R. Hammond, four in driver's seat, \$10.

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