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Political Battle for Control Of Berlin Creates Two Cities; Most Germans Favor Allies

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The political battle for Berlin has divided this city into two cities—East and West.

So sharp has this division become, as a result of recent Communist attempts to gain power by force, that Berlin virtually has become two cities—East and West.

It is a city with two rival currencies, two rival police forces, two rival trade union federations, two city assembly chambers, and a sharply divided press. The German population of 3,250,000 recognizes that it all boils down to East vs. West. Most of them have been in enough in these months of the blockade crisis to choose for the West, however precarious the West's geographical position may appear in this island city behind the "Iron Curtain."

The western two-thirds of Berlin—occupied by the United States, Britain and France—is the stronghold of the anti-Communist front of three political parties.

Its eastern sector, occupied by the Russians, is under the political control of minority Socialist Unity Party (Communist).

The anti-Communists won 80 per cent of the votes in Berlin's first and only postwar election in October, 1946, and control the legally recognized German municipal government.

They are eager to face the electorate for a renewed mandate at any time, confident they can deal the Communists an even more smashing defeat in a fair ballot.

Russians Using Force
The Russian-backed Communists, however, are opposing new elections. All their efforts in the past months of crisis have been directed toward overthrowing the elected government by pressure and seizing full political and economic control for themselves.

The force tactics in Berlin came to a head this summer, while the elected government was trying to administer a city two-thirds of which was crippled under the Russian blockade of land transport.

The Communists launched their assault with riotous demonstrations by "protesting workers" who stormed the City Hall, lo-

cated in the Soviet sector of the city, and took over the City's Parliament chambers. The Russian-controlled police refused to stop them.

Result: The elected Parliament could not meet. It fled to the British sector of the city. Since then Communist members have boycotted all meetings.

The Magistrat (executive branch of the city government), which had been in the City Hall in the Soviet sector, also is newly split. It has moved to the British sector after a sitdown strike by a Communist official who refused to accept his dismissal.

Battle Rages in Press
As hot as Berlin's political strife is its newspaper war.

This has developed to such a pitch that the Russians have banned western-licensed German newspapers from their sector of the city and subjected to arrest any one caught reading them. The Communists made their embargo through a distribution monopoly.

In reprisal, German newsdealers of Western Berlin established a counter-boycott, refusing to sell Russian-licensed newspapers—undisputedly the most popular in town with German readers—have anti-Communist editorial columns. But in their news columns they give space to both sides of the Berlin controversy and unhesitatingly criticize western policies.

The Russian-Controlled press, however, lays down a non-stop propaganda barrage against the West. This ranges from vitriolic attacks upon the European Recovery Program to libelous diatribes against Americans' conduct in Berlin. The official Red Army organ *Taegliche Rundschau* daily runs its report on the American sector of the city under a standing headline: "Reports from the gangster sector."

Communist ticket."

THE point made by the judge is that the people who were questioned by the Washington legislature's un-American Activities Committee were merely asked whether or not they were Communists.

What's wrong about that? If you belong to a political party, you ought to be PROUD, rather than ashamed, of it.

This writer, if asked to declare under oath whether or not he is a Republican, would puff out his chest a little and answer "YES." He imagines most Democrats would feel the same way about it.

Only the Communists seek to conceal their party affiliation.

FROM the standpoint of handling people, we've approached this Communist-affiliation business wrong. Just for the sake of complete fairness why shouldn't we put the same question from time to time to Republicans and Democrats?

Their willingness to answer, their obvious PRIDE in answering, would rather dramatically highlight the situation that exists.

THE Taft-Hartley law requires only UNION OFFICIALS to sign non-Communist affidavits. Why not require employers to do the same thing? This writer has a notion that most employers would be GLAD TO. If we found one that wasn't, we could AND SHOULD pour the heat on him.

**Rehabilitation Top Job
At American Legion Meet**

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Thousands of former service men and their families swarmed into Miami today for the opening of the 30th annual National American Legion Convention here Monday.

Many thousands already had arrived for the biggest convention ever held in this city. Legion officials estimated close to 100,000 will be on hand.

Spade work for the serious side of the convention began yesterday when the resolutions assignment committee began work on 700 proposed resolutions. Rehabilitation leads the list with 257. More than 100 deal with employment, 80 with Americanism, 68 with national security, 54 with housing and 32 with congressional legislation.

He concluded:
"The legislative committee did not ask these individual voters whether they had ever voted the

OUT OUR WAY



STARTING THE DAY WITH A LAUGH

Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

"I called him in one day as he was on his way home from school," said the elderly lady who had meant well . . . oh, yes, she had meant well! "and I talked to him about being adopted. I told him he must not mind because he wasn't your own child . . . that you loved him as much as any mother could love a child who wasn't her own . . ."

The rest was lost to the listening mother of the boy, then far out in the Pacific. She didn't hear the well-meaning, complacent voice . . . she heard a little boy asking, stormily, tears standing in his big blue eyes, tears he wouldn't let fall if he could help it: "Mother, you are my own mother, aren't you? My OWN mother?"

Hugging him close she prayed, Dear Father, give me the right words . . .

"Son, if you had—what did he value? What? Oh yes—a very nice baseball mitt, but for some reason you didn't want to keep it, and you gave it to another boy who wanted one just awfully, maybe a boy who had had a good mitt but had lost it, now whose mitt would be it?"

The penetrating blue eyes searched her face. "I guess it would be his mitt."

"His own? His own to keep?"

From the time he came into their hearts and arms, a newborn baby, she had fought that cruel, ill-bred, to say the least, inquisitive demand to know "Which is your own?" "Both are our own" she would say patiently, wishing she could save the listening twins' from the question. Why do people not realize children hear? Why do they ask so cruel a question?

lions of feet of Douglas County's merchantable timber to the Roseburg Lumber Company at a grossly inadequate price; and I further believe that by contract of July 30, 1948, two members of the County Court, D. N. Busenbark and L. V. Beckley, endeavored to ratify and confirm this previous sale at such a grossly inadequate price as to shock the conscience of all persons knowing the value of timberlands. I am advised that both contracts are in violation of the statutes of the State of Oregon which endeavor to throw a cloak of protection around the taxpayers.

I am persuaded that if this suit is successful and the contracts with the defendant Roseburg Lumber Company are voided by the courts, the taxpayers of Douglas County, Oregon, will save in excess of \$2,200,000.00. I am further persuaded that if this suit is successful, other sales at inadequate prices will not be attempted by those who have heretofore done so.

I have not one dollar to make in this case save and except that as a taxpayer my taxes will be thereby reduced. Some taxpayer had to bring the suit; therefore, I have taken that burden upon myself for the benefit of not only myself but for the benefit of every taxpayer in Douglas County.

There is no intention by this suit to impugn the motives of any person although the good judgment of such persons may be therein questioned.

SAM J. SHOEMAKER.

**More Recovery Money
Given Twelve Nations**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The Economic Cooperation Administration yesterday approved another \$69,241,282 in recovery funds for nine European nations, the Netherlands East Indies and China.

The United Kingdom receives the largest amount, \$44,357,100. Other allotments include: France, \$11,880,565; The Netherlands and Netherlands East Indies, \$2,880,504; Norway, \$1,407,505; Austria, \$814,208; Bi-Zone Germany, \$345,000; Greece, \$25,000; Italy, \$20,500; and Denmark, \$5,900.

China's allotment was \$7,005,000, largely to pay for fertilizer. The daily authorizations bring to \$2,137,336,356 the total now committed to foreign aid by ECA.

**Tells Reasons for Suit
Filed Against County**

To the Editor:
Knowing that there will be much inquiry as to my reason for bringing the suit of S. J. Shoemaker against Douglas County and the Roseburg Lumber Company, filed today (October 14) in our Circuit Court, I submit the following:

I believe, in contract of May 21, 1946, that two members of the County Court, namely D. N. Busenbark and J. Ross Hutchinson, endeavored to sell many mil-

By J. R. Williams

Rotary System Of Classification Topic at Meeting

Rotary's unique membership classification system was explained at the Roseburg Rotary Club meeting Thursday noon by V. J. Miceli.

He was introduced to the meeting by W. F. Schell, chairman of the classification committee.

To me my classification is more important than any other feature of my Rotary membership," Miceli said. "As you all know, my classification is 'banking.' That classification is 'loaned' to me by the club."

He explained that the classifications of Rotary are representative of all business and professions in the community. Only one member may be admitted under each profession. Members are protected against others of the business or profession being admitted under the same classification.

Four types of membership in the Rotary Club are honorary, active, past service, and senior active. Persons who have retired from active pursuit of their business or profession may be admitted to the past service classification, while those who have been members of the club 20 years or more, or who are 65 and members for five years, may be admitted to the senior active classification.

The newspaper classification, he pointed out, is the only one in which any number of members may be admitted under the same classification.

Don Hubbard, student at Roseburg High School, was introduced at the meeting by Principal Alva Laws as the new student Rotarian. Don is active in basketball and tennis. Laws pointed out. Don gave a report on school activities.

**Editorial
Comment**
From The Oregon Press

BONUS PROPOSAL BAD
Salem Statesman

Last summer by dint of using street loud speakers and high-powered promotion Roland Bartlett of Portland who heads a rather vague organization, Yank Legion, got enough signers to get on the ballot a constitutional amendment providing a cash bonus for veterans of the second world war. The real leaders in veteran circles are not advocating a state bonus and are not supporting this one. There is a very general feeling in veteran circles that they would as taxpayers in the years ahead be the ones who would have to carry the load of the bonus. As a result there has been no flocking of vets of WW II to Bartlett's banners.

Harold Young, alert tax expert of Portland, has discovered that the way the bill is worded only those who enlisted after December 7, 1941 would be eligible for the bonus. This would exclude the national guard which was mobilized in September, 1940. It would exclude members of the organized reserve who were called up prior to Dec. 7, 1941 and would shut out the patriotic youth who volunteered or were drafted prior to that date. Probably the author of the bill had no such intention, but that is the way his handiwork reads. It surely doesn't make sense to shut out from any bonus these men who volunteered the earliest and served the longest in the late war.

This exclusion warrants defeat of the proposed amendment. Even if all were included it is not sound legislation. The men were in federal service and compensating them is an obligation of the federal government, not the state. Already the state is making available a loan to veterans and a grant in aid of education. That other states have paid a cash bonus does not make it incumbent on Oregon to do so.

The people of Oregon are grateful to the men who left home and fought the war through to victory. The way to show that gratitude is not to load down the state with heavy debt while these men and their families will have to pay, but to keep the state solvent, taxes at reasonable levels and employment conditions good.

A USE FOR SAWDUST
Medford Mail Tribune

Hogs, we learn from the always erudite editorial column of the Oregon Statesman, go simply wild over wood molasses, a dark brown, thick liquid which it has recently been found possible to produce from waste sawdust.

If the information is correct, housewives hereabouts should hail it as the best news since the bulletins which told of ending of the war. Feeding the sawmill waste to appreciative porkers would be a sensible and economically sound solution for the present smoke and cinder problem.

The new material contains about 50 per cent sugar and is produced by acid treatment of sawdust. A little soybean oil meal is added to give the necessary protein content.

According to the Statesman, the American Chemical Society has revealed that hogs thrive on the concoction. Porkers at the Oregon Agricultural Experiment station and the State College of Washington grew fat and healthy on the scientific diet which was substituted for cereal grains. Pork chops from the sawdust-fed animals tastes like those from corn-fed pigs.

The U. S. Forest Products Laboratory in Wisconsin, which has been making the molasses, figures a large scale plant could turn out the new fodder at a cost of \$18 to \$25 per ton. Such

Give War Housing To Communities, Urge at Convention

SEATTLE, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The cost of permanent war housing projects built to accommodate war workers should be written off by the Federal Government and communities permitted to use them now to their best advantage, J. Eugene McMahon, Buffalo, N.Y., said yesterday.

McMahon, chairman of the Buffalo Housing Committee, spoke before the annual convention of the National Association of Housing Officials.

He urged that the present law requiring separate congressional action on each community's request for a project for low rent use should be changed.

"If a community wants to use a project for low rent purposes, it should be permitted to do so," he said.

"If a community prefers to have a project sold to private interests, then the community should be free to benefit to the greatest extent possible."

Robert D. Lee, Richmond, Calif., city councilman, said that two thirds of his city's 105,000 population live in temporary war housing. He said the project should be "written off" in the same manner as battleships, planes and other outmoded war materials.

Opening discussion on war housing, Floyd S. Ratchford, executive director of the Vancouver, Wash., housing authority, said disposition of war housing on the west coast is of "vital importance" because more than half the projects are located in eight Western states.

**New Suits Filed
In Circuit Court**

G. T. Bennett has filed suit in Circuit Court against Frank E. Baughman to collect \$386 for damages to his truck, allegedly the result of an accident June 14, 1948, on the forest service road on Applegate Creek. The plaintiff states he was driving a truck easterly along the road and that the defendant was driving a truck westerly. The plaintiff charges the defendant with negligence in asking for damages.

Douglas Creditors Association has filed suit against Claude Kellum to collect \$327.96 on one Kellum and \$717.42 on a second action.

John R. Standly has filed suit to collect from Pat Boss \$525 alleged due for timber and materials allegedly furnished the defendant by the plaintiff.

Judgment on a promissory note for \$1500, plus \$300 attorney fees, and \$100 alleged due for 78 bales of hay is asked by Fred Schulze and Helen Schulze in a suit filed against Clarence and Ethel Redding.

Suit to quiet title has been filed by Walter R. and June L. Landes against C. B. Danford and unknown parties to property in Yoncalla described as the east half of Lot 10, block 6.

**Woman Prefers Husband
To Bigger Estate Share**

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Pretty, blonde Mrs. Danise Weiskopf Reid would rather lose her third share of her father's \$2,500,000 estate than divorce her husband, her attorney said yesterday.

The attorney, Samson Selig, said that "under no circumstances" would Mrs. Reid meet the provision of her father's will that she divorce Robert H. Reid to be eligible for an annual income estimated at \$30,000.

The will of Daniel K. Wieskopf, a distillery executive who died last March 22 at the age of 74, directed that she be cut off with only \$2,500 a year unless she divorces her husband.

"She'd rather lose everything than divorce him," Selig said.

The will was probated in Miami, Fla. Executors of the estate have asked the Dade County Circuit Court there to rule on the legality of the provision.

Brazil Stages Round-Up Of Soviet Spy Suspects

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 15.—(AP)—More than 100 persons have been rounded up in an investigation of alleged Soviet spying in Brazil.

The arrests for questioning a price would be 50 to 70 per cent less than the cost of grain and would enable the hauling of sawdust for molasses making.

As matters now stand mills must burn their waste matter because there is no use for it which would pay the cost of hauling.

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