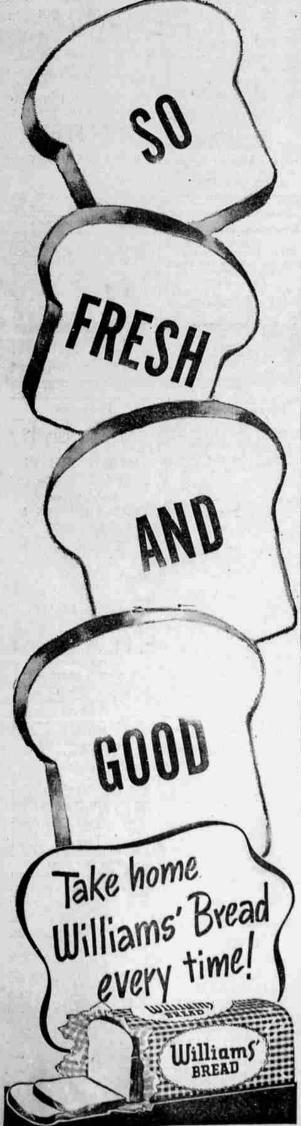


PROBING B-36 PROGRAM—The House Armed Services Committee in Washington authorized a searching investigation of the Air Force's B-36 program after its chairman, Rep. Carl Vinson (D., Ga.) asked for top priority to such a probe. Vinson (left) confers with Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R., Pa.), who charges that Floyd Odlum, who reportedly controls Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., builders of the huge bomber, was a "heavy contributor" to President Truman's 1948 campaign.

Phonograph Records Not Obscene Literature, Ruling

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2. — phonograph records, the 9th Fed-(FP) — The federal law forbids ship-ping obscene literature in Inter-state Commerce doesn't apply to viction here last year of Alexander



12 The News-Review, Roseburg, Ore.—Thurs., June 2, 1949 German Political Unity Chances At Big Four Ministers' Meet Vanish

By DEWITT MACKENINE

The Big Four foreign ministers' council in Paris seems no close to substantial agreement between Russia and the Western Powers than it was when it started 10 days ago. In fact the conference has

The "German People's Congress" has adopted a constitution for a "German Democratic Republic." The idea of the delegation appearing before the Council was to advocate that Western Germany join the "German Democratic Republic."

The Western powers voted down Vishinsky's proposal. They contended the People's Congress isn't really representative of all Germany, as it claims to be. Russian Scheme Shunned

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This projected Eastern zone republic is to be a totalitarian regime like those of the other satellite states. Should there be a union between the communized "German Democratic Republic" and the Federal Republic of the Western area, the Red zone would provide the spear-head for the attempted communization of the other three zones. For that reaother three zones. For that rea-son Moscow would jump at the chance to make such a union, and by the same token the Western Democracies will keep as far away from it as possible.

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While the chances of any political unity between East and West are slim indeed, authoritative sources in Paris say the Western powers will try to salvage some form of economic unity for Germany from the council meeting. There may be a chance of success here.

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The Eastern European bloc is in a bad way, economically, owing to the long disruption of continental trade. Western Eucontinental trade. Western Eu-rope is doing better, because of the Marshall Plan. However, it might get ahead faster if there were a resumption of trade rela-tions with the countries behind the iron curtain. Thus a revival of economic re-lations seems to offer the only likely ground for agreement. In

L. Alpers, found guilty of shipping obscene records to Olympia, Wash., and Dallas, Texas. He was fined \$100 on each count.

His appeal challenged the statute fitled "importing and transporting obscene books." This section says it is a crime to ship "obscene, lewd, or lascivious or filthy books, pamphlets, pictures, motion picture film, paper, letters, writing, print or other matter of an indecent character."

The circuit court said the words "other matter" would cover records except that the lawmakers, by enumerating particular classes, set a limit. If the statute had said "any indecent or obscene matter," it would have covered the whole field.



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lost much of the atmosphere of amiability in which it opened.

In the only worthwhile possibility that appears at the moment is some sort of economic unity between the Eastern and Western zones of Germany. The chances of political unity already have gone down the drain-pipe.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky last week gave his customary "no" to the proposal by America, Britain and France that the Russian zone of Germany form a political union with the new federal republic comprising the three western theaters. Then Tuesday he proposed that the foreign ministers' council invite a delegation from the Communist-dominated "German People's Congress" of the Soviet zone to appear before it.

The "German People's Congress" of the Soviet zone to appear before it.

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