

German Nationalism Again On March With Nazi Revival Raising Bar To Communism

BERLIN, (AP)—Is the old spirit of German nationalism on the march again?

Western allied officials in Berlin have been piling up a file of evidence that points that way.

"The bugaboo of communism may soon have to take a back seat. There's competition around," an American political authority commented.

All four occupation powers—Britain, France, Russia and the U. S.—appear to be sensitive to the rebirth of the old Bismarck creed of "Germany for the Germans."

Recent examples of this are: In London, member of parliament Brigadier Frank Medlicott said "signs of the return of Nazism in Germany are increasing."

In Washington, chief war crimes counsel Telford Taylor asserted the Germans are trying to "soft pedal" the war crimes trials behind a rising nationalism.

In Paris, the French have consistently resisted proposals to halt dismantling of German industry which they call war potential.

In Ottawa, Canada, Field Marshal Lord Wavell forecast that Germany would eventually become a greater problem for the west than the Soviet Union. He called the Germans the "most dangerous people in Europe."

The Russians, flirting with ex-

nazis to win political strength, ran into old German stubbornness only this month. They gave civil rights back to former nazis, then ordered the Communist puppet government they set up in the eastern zone to install Communist ideas. Immediately the former nazis, banded together within the national democratic party, lashed out against turning private enterprise into so-called peoples-owned industries.

On top of that, the Socialist Unity (Communist) party acknowledged the existence of the "nationalist" spirit within its own ranks and ordered a widespread purge. They called it "Hitlism," but most observers calculate that the "ism" was around long before Yugoslav's Marshall Tito broke with the Kremlin.

How much of the growing German spirit of independence is "nationalist" and how much is pure Nazi is a matter of debate. However, almost any major Nazi is a matter of debate. However, almost any major Nazi who has escaped trial for war crimes up to now can face most German courts without too much fear, unless he is personally linked with an individual war crime.

The relaxed attitude toward ex-nazis is shown by the recent conviction of Gertrud Scholz Klirk, head of Adolf Hitler's League for German Women.

A French zone German court found her a "major nazi" but said that the 18 months she had already spent in jail awaiting the trial was enough punishment.

Her opposite number, Baldur von Schirach, is serving 20 years in Spandau prison. The sentence was imposed by the international war crimes court at Nuernberg in 1946 for his activities as head of the Hitler Jugend (Hitler youth).

U. S. Flag Torn Down

Last week two German men invaded a Jewish synagogue near Bayreuth and ripped the American flag off the wall.

Only last night a group calling itself "friends of Otto Strasser" tried to hold a political rally in Dusseldorf on the Rhine. The British occupation authorities forbade the meeting. Strasser was one of the seven men with Hitler who founded the Nazi party. He has been a refugee in Canada since he broke with Hitler but has tried repeatedly to return to Germany.

Strasser was quoted recently as saying the occupation powers



THE TOWN CUT-UP
By J. R. Williams

No Damages Probable For Vanport Flood Sufferers

PORTLAND, (AP)—Federal Judge James Alger Fee has dampened the hopes of claimants for damages resulting from last year's flood destruction of Vanport.

He told lawyers representing 478 clients that he does not believe the government is liable for the damage claims of more than \$4,000,000. He reserved formal decision on the issue, however, and instructed the 44 lawyers to prepare for pre-trial conferences. These will start Friday.

The lawyers appeared to oppose a motion by the U. S. attorney general's office to dismiss the suits. Judge Fee said he would not rule on the motion until the suits come up for trial.

Several attorneys indicated if they were preventing his return "knowing full well that in a few years time we would be the strongest party in Germany."

Stasser and his brother, Gregor, who was liquidated by the SS, represented the extreme nationalist right wing in German political thinking.

Nazis Revive in Austria
The Bonn legislative halls have been ringing with more and more speeches on behalf of Germanism. One delegate proposed recently to restore the Hitler-engineered "anschluss" with Austria (Hitler's bloodless coup which brought Austria into the Nazi camp in 1938).

In Austria, too, a swing to Nazi rightist thinking was recorded in its national elections a month ago. The people's party retained dominance over the Socialists, but the neo-Nazi league of independents appeared out of nowhere to gain a surprisingly strong third.

One of the most persistent agitations within Germany is carried on by the so-called "Nauheim circle," headed by Professor Ulrich Noack, which tries constantly to hold meetings of Germans from both the west and Soviet zones of occupation. The theme of the Noack followers is that everyone except Germans should get out of Germany and allow the country to become neutral ground in the east-west political dispute.

Noack's last attempted meeting over the past weekend was banned by German police as "subversive and threatening."

Leads Recovery
Political advisers to the occupation authorities point out here that the "German thinking" is being revealed more and more as their shops fill up and their pay envelopes grow into something like a peace-time normal living wage, after 10 years of war and despair.

West Germany leads all Europe recovery nations in increasing its industrial production and Austria is running second.

Obedience to the "conqueror" is no longer commanded by a snap of an occupation soldier's finger—as it was during the period immediately after the war—except in the Soviet zone where military rule is much more strict.

PREMATURE BURGLARY
SALEM, (AP)—The new state office building in Salem, which won't be opened for at least another six weeks, was burglarized Monday night.

But nothing was found missing. A window on the south end was broken, and the burglar or burglars apparently left by a window in the north end.

was not liable, there would be other grounds on which to press damage claims.

Kaiser-Frazer, Union Set Trust Fund For Pensions

DETROIT, Nov. 22 (AP)—Establishment of a pension trust fund for Kaiser-Frazer's 12,000 production workers was announced today by the company and the CIO-United Auto Workers.

The new agreement also includes extension of the health and welfare and life insurance plans.

Under the pact, four-year-old K-F will begin immediate payment of six cents an hour for each worker into a retirement trust to be controlled, invested and administered by a joint company-union board.

It was assumed that the UAW would insist on nothing less than Ford's \$100 monthly pension (including social security) after 30 years' service.

K-F also agreed to increase its contribution to the health and welfare and life insurance fund from five to seven and two-thirds cents an hour. This fund, established in June, 1948, also is administered by a company-union board.

It provides free hospitalization and surgical benefits as provided by the Michigan Hospital Service (Blue Cross), sick and accident disability benefits and life insurance. The agreement extends the program to May 11, 1952.

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New Grazing Plans Explained To Wool Growers Assn.

SPOKANE, (AP)—Plans for conservation of grazing ranges in the national forests were explained by a U. S. forest service official here at a meeting of the Washington Wool Growers association.

Fred Kennedy of Portland, assistant regional forester, said passage of a bill by congress has improved chances of maintaining the area's sheep ranges. Kennedy is in charge of range and wildlife management in the region.

"One of the most hopeful signs is passage by congress of the Anderson-Manfield bill which provides for a long range, 15-year program," Kennedy said. The bill authorizes appropriations to the forest service to carry out reseeding of ranges.

Kennedy said Washington and Oregon have approximately 350,000 acres of rangeland in national forests now being used for grazing. "Scattered over these areas are about 250,000 sheep," he said.

The speaker said the number of sheep is a reduction from pre-war years, and that difficulty in obtaining labor for care of the animals has been a big factor in the reduction.

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