

Unarmed Germany Would Be Military Problem For Allies In Event Of Third World War

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Millions of Europeans undoubtedly are breathing easier because of the unqualified reiteration of America's policy against any rearming of Germany.

Both U. S. Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and Chief of Staff General Omar Bradley, who are overseas conferring with western Europe's top military men, have declared emphatically that the Washington government has no intention of rearming the reich. This position previously had been announced by President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson, but it likely gathers force from the fact that Johnson and Bradley are working on a unified plan for the defense of western Europe.

Europe's fear and hatred of German militarism has become deep-seated as the result of two catastrophic world wars. She thought she had hamstrung this Teutonic spirit of conquest with the treaty of Versailles at the end of the first conflict which the Kaiser almost won. But in 1935 dictator Hitler started to tear up the pact by brazenly inaugurating an unlimited armament program and compulsory military service.

From then on Europe watched in helpless fascination, like a bird hypnotized by a snake, while the arrogant fuhrer openly prepared for war. Western Europe is determined not to be caught in a third world war perpetrated by the reich or anybody else. France in particular is adamant in demanding that Germany be rendered harmless.

The justice of this allied position has been recognized tacitly by the new German republic at Bonn. The government has

Credit Rating Periodical Will Embrace Roseburg

EUGENE.—(P)—A new publication, covering the credit rating of some 65,000 individuals and firms, will be printed shortly by the Lane County Retail Credit Association.

To be called the "Red Book," the publication will cover residents of Roseburg, Medford, Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Coos Bay, Corvallis, Reedsport, as well as this immediate area. More than 200,000 reports have been received from business firms on the credit rating of their customers, the association said.

MONEYED BEGGAR JAILED
LOS ANGELES.—(P)—The court found Miss Louise Schmidt, 81, guilty of begging and sentenced her to 15 days in jail. Policewomen testified they found \$2133 sewn in her underclothing. She claimed she inherited the money from a brother a year ago.

agreed to the allied demilitarization demands. Moreover it has promised to do all in its power to prevent the creation of new German military strength.

Knotty Problem Posed
This means, of course, that Germany must remain impotent militarily for perhaps a long period—how long is one of the imponderables. In any event, the chiefs of staff of America, Britain and France, who are meeting in Paris to lay plans for the defense of western Europe, must figure on Germany as a military non-entity for the present.

This creates a strange situation, for while Germany theoretically wouldn't be able to assist the democracies in event of war, yet she must be protected, since she is being made an important part of western Europe's economic setup. Just how such a situation would work out in the long run is problematical.

Should another war develop between west and east Europe (which heaven forbid) western Germany presumably would be in the front-line defenses of the west. What happens then to the maintenance of German military impotence? It seems a fair guess that the reich would become not only a vital base for operations of the western allies, but might be invited to call German manpower to the colors for defense.

However, that's crossing several bridges before we come to them. The great hope is we never shall come to them.

The defensive plan now under study in Paris is calculated to be a mighty deterrent to any aggression. When that plan has been completed it will be implemented by almost a billion dollars in money and arms which the U. S. Congress voted to help strengthen the twelve signatories of the North Atlantic pact.

Western Germany, if it fulfills the promise held out by its new democratic government, will in effect be a sleeping partner in the Atlantic pact which defends her.

False Idea Launches Paperweight Flood On Secretary Of Interior

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Oscar L. Chapman figures he's got far more paperweights than he can use as secretary of the interior. So—no more, please.

Chapman has been receiving paperweights in almost every mail since publication of a feature story about him Nov. 12, the day after he was appointed to move up from undersecretary to secretary.

The story picked up a phrase from an interior department biography which said that as a hobby Chapman "collects paperweights and enjoys movie thrillers."

That was incorrect, said Chapman from the middle of his paperweight surplus.

"I am not particularly fond of paperweights, and I have never been a collector of them," he smilingly told a reporter.

"Anything you can do to stop the flow will be appreciated."

Chapman's secretary, Miss Hildreth Bond, listed some recent additions to the growing collection of whatnots:

A weighted Mahogany gavel. A pair of large quartz crystals, glued together in the form of an X.

A glass basin filled with what appear to be gold coins.

A Porcelain pig. From Hot Springs, Ark., and labeled "we bathe the world," a bronze nude up to her armpits in bronze water in a bronze bathtub.

A War Veteran offered to send along "the only souvenir I brought back from France," a tiger paperweight good as new except for a broken tail.

A number of persons, said Miss Bond, have offered to send other souvenir paperweights "for a

slight consideration."

How did the weight-collecting report get started?

"In the old days," an aide explained, "before the interior department building was air-conditioned, we used to have a lot of brass paperweights around to keep things from blowing out the windows."

"Chapman had several of them on his desks, and after he had been here 13 years he was presented with a fancy one."

"Some writer saw on his desk the assortment of what at that time was useful office equipment—and drew the false conclusion."

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So-Called "Sonic Barrier" Myth, Test Pilot Says

MUROC DRY LAKE, Calif.—(P)—Test pilot Eugene F. May says there is no such thing as the feared "sonic barrier" for a well designed aircraft such as the Navy's Douglas-built Skyrocket.

The Navy disclosed that the rocket and jet-powered research plane has exceeded the speed of sound repeatedly in level flight. Depending on altitude, the speed of sound varies from 680 to 761 miles per hour.

The maximum speed of the Skyrocket, officially designated the D-558-2, was not disclosed. "They are all just routine flights," explained May. "There is no sonic barrier to a properly designed airplane like the Skyrocket."

Some pilots have recalled ex-

treme air turbulence at the "barrier"—the speed of sound—which disappears at higher speeds.

The Skyrocket is the second model of the national scientific research project known as the D-558. More advanced high speed tests are being conducted at Muroc, Calif. Investigations also are being conducted in the flight range between sea level and 40,000 feet.

ELECTROCUTED
TACOMA.—(P)—Robert L. Allison, 30, was electrocuted here while working in a sign shop. He made his home in Seattle and is survived by his widow, Leona.

Community Club Dance Scheduled At Winston

The Winston Community club will hold its weekly dance Saturday from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m. in the club's new hall at Winston. Jack Foster and his band will play. The dances have become increasingly popular and good attendances are reported by Mrs. Reba Duttler, in charge of publicity.

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