

STILL AT WAR

Western Allies May Sign Peace Treaty With Germany Next Year

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The three Western allies—United States, Britain, France—are still in a state of war with Germany.

Next year they'll try to figure out how to end that. But when nations end war with another, don't they sign peace treaties? Not necessarily. And State department experts say the idea of making a peace treaty with Germany, if any, is far in the future.

And that—ending the war but not signing a peace treaty right away—is one of the problems the allies face in ending the war.

Legal specialists of the three powers will meet next year to work out the problems, if they can.

This may explain some of it. Germany now is divided into two main parts: Eastern Germany, under Russia's thumb; Western Germany, dominated by the three allies.

In their section the Russians have set up a German government. And in their western section the three allies have set up a German government.

Since the West and Russia are in a struggle over Germany, there is no likelihood that any time soon there'll be a single German government with which a peace treaty can be made, covering all Germany.

But—the West has permitted, and helped, the setting up of that government in western Germany, is dealing with it although retaining final control over it, and is even letting it have consuls abroad.

Still At War. Nevertheless, the West is still in a state of war with the German government it has helped create. This puts the west in a strange position and is one of the reasons it's seeking a way to end the war.

But since the west looks upon Russia as a threat to all Europe and Russia has troops in eastern Germany, should the west try to keep troops in western Germany as an outpost against a Russian move?

The West has to think of it. But how can the west, which now controls western Germany, justify keeping troops there if it declares the war with Germany ended? That's another of the problems in declaring the war ended.

Plants Shipped Out. Here's another: The west has dismantled and even shipped out of Germany a number of plants which it took as reparations, or payment, for the damage done by Germany in the war.

If the West and Germany made a peace treaty it would certainly cover dismantling and reparations and who owned whom what. There'd be agreement on that before the treaty was signed.

But the allies may continue the dismantling program for some months. How then can the war with Germany be ended unless there's an end to dismantling? And what will the German government, after the war, have to say about the dismantling already done?

In short, how can there be any legal justification for the dismantling unless it is justified by agreement—in a treaty that is not now being talked of? To make a long story short: Here is the West, trying to deal with western Germany in a friendly way, and yet still at war with Germany.

The act of ending the war could be done by the President or by a resolution of Congress. Of course, events may take such a turn that a treaty never is made with Germany, although war is ended.

Lack Of Dog Food Plagues 'Musher'

KOIDEEN, Yukon Territory—(AP)—Malne's Alaska highway "Musher" is finding dog food a problem on the early stages of his 5,000-mile trip by sled.

A truck driver gets gasoline more easily along the highway than Cecil A. (Mush) Moore has been getting dog food on his sub-zero trek homeward to Lewiston, Me. The dogs need their "fuel" re-fills oftener.

Moore said he had made as much as 40 miles a day along the highway since leaving Fairbanks Nov. 14.

For two weeks he has been traveling in 20 below temperatures. He was over the 350-mile mark upon arrival here.

Once, before crossing the Alaska-Yukon border, he said, "I had



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Many Student Voters Ruled Out At U Of O

EUGENE, — (AP)—The Lane county election department is ruling out students to insure against the possibility of contested elections in the event of a close race.

Mel Wadman, county election deputy, this fall invalidated an estimated 400 student voters who live in dormitories on the University of Oregon campus. An additional 600 students will be notified that they cannot vote in local elections.

These live for the most part in fraternities, sororities, and cooperative houses. A review of past elections has revealed the fact that some of them might have been contested because many students voted who did not maintain a permanent residence here.

The burden from now on will fall upon the student to prove that he has actually established legal domicile here and is not just here for the sole purpose of attending school.

JOB TO CLOSE HARBOR
NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 12—(AP) Depoe bay will be closed to boat traffic next summer to permit a \$400,000 improvement of the harbor.

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Five Witnesses Admit Symping For Yugoslavia

SOFIA, Bulgaria, — (AP)—Five witnesses at the Kostov treason trial testified they carried on espionage for the Yugoslav intelligence service. They appeared against 11 Bulgarian Communists charged with treason, espionage and sabotage to aid Yugoslavia.

They said they worked against the fatherland front and the Communist party under direct instructions of Yugoslav embassy officials in Sofia.

Irl Nikolov, identified as a former Nevrokop district prosecutor, said he followed Yugoslav intelligence instructions to carry out subversive activities in Macedonia, aiming at the annexation of Bulgarian Macedonia to Yugoslavia.

As the fourth day of the trial opened, 51 witnesses for the prosecution and the defense and

Fishermen Issue Charge Coast Guards Are Lax

NEWPORT, Ore. — (AP)—An investigation at the Coast Guard station here was promised after 26 commercial fishermen complained the coast guard was lax.

They signed a letter to Admiral R. T. McElligot, commander of the 13th Coast Guard district, Seattle, asserting the station did not send aid when several boats were caught by a recent storm.

All the boats eventually came into port, but the fishermen said two of them had serious trouble getting over a rough bar.

McElligot said at Seattle that he would investigate at once. The head of the station here, Chief Boatswain F. E. Barnett, said two surfboats were ready Sunday and Monday to go out at a moment's notice, and added that he already had sent a full report on the affair to Seattle.

Five commissions of experts were in line for questioning.

DAMS BREAK RECORD

SEATTLE, — (AP)—New power production records by Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams were in the books today. The Bonneville Power administration said the two dams generated 2,065,000 kilowatt hours of electricity between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday night, and 40,999,000 kilowatt hours in a 24 hour period. Both broke previous marks.

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Village Receives Clothes

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