

Deadline draws closer for missile deployment

LONDON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators are expected on the streets of Western Europe in the next few weeks as NATO moves toward stationing new American missiles in Europe.

The "Hot Autumn" protests come as nervous West European governments watch with diminishing hope for agreement at the 2-year-old U.S.-Soviet missile talks in Geneva, Switzerland. If the superpowers agree, the missile deployment could be halted.

Some diplomats and arms specialists feel the Soviet Union is waiting to see whether the demonstrations will affect policies of U.S. allies before deciding its attitude in Geneva.

If NATO countries hold firm on the missiles, one argument goes, the Soviets will offer last-minute compromises. If NATO governments falter, the Soviets will not budge, the analysts feel, and will continue to deploy their SS-20 rockets.

By the end of the year the first of 464 Tomahawk cruise missiles are due for deployment in Britain and Italy and the first of the 108 Pershings are to be sited in West Germany. Later, missiles are to be placed in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Most of the anti-nuclear groups claim to be even-handedly against U.S. and Soviet nuclear arms, but organizers say many protests will be aimed primarily at the cruise and Pershing rockets.

Major demonstrations are planned in West Germany, Britain, Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Sweden, Norway and The Netherlands. Most are set for the

weekend of Oct. 22-23 and the following week, coinciding with United Nations Disarmament Week.

The largest protests will probably be in West Germany, where most of the missiles — 204 — are to be based.

Organizers are counting on several hundred thousand protesters in Bonn, the West German capital, Oct. 22 for the main rally, with others planned the same day in Hamburg, West Berlin and Stuttgart — all preceded by blockades of U.S. and West German military installations, rallies and street demonstrations starting Oct. 13.

West Germany and the United States are concerned about violence, and police will be ready to intervene if demonstrators try to break into bases. The United States has 248,000 troops stationed in West Germany.

A taste of anti-nuclear sentiment in West Germany came last Wednesday, when, according to union spokesmen, several million Germans stopped work for five minutes. The Trade Union Federation said the action demonstrated that it is almost too late — "five minutes to twelve" — to reach agreement in Geneva. Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, which claims about 200,000 members, says "tens of thousands" of protesters will march through London on Oct. 22 to a rally in Hyde Park.

But British officials say they feel little concern over the show of anti-nuclear force.

"A lot of steam has gone out of the anti-nuclear movement," the foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said last week.

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Oakland teachers vote to end 'successful' strike

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Oakland teachers voted heavily in favor of a settlement Sunday that will raise their wages by 14 percent in two years and end what their union president described as "one of the most successful teachers' strikes in California."

In an evening meeting, members of the Oakland Education Association voted 1,659-64 to approve the new contract and to end a four-day walkout that had been supported by 90 percent of the teachers and 77 percent of their students. The teachers will be back in classrooms Monday.

Roger Gooden, president of the 3,500-member OEA, representing teachers, nurses, counselors, psychologists, librarians and substitutes, had endorsed the settlement and had predicted a "strong vote" for ratification.

The tentative pact came early Saturday after 34¹ hours of non-stop negotiations with state mediator Diane Fivey.

The agreement gives Oakland Unified School District teachers a 7 percent wage increase in November and another 7 percent raise next July 1. Beginning teachers, however, would get a bigger boost — from \$11,909 to \$13,500 on Nov. 1, scaling up to

\$18,000 by 1986 in an effort to meet state requirements on minimum teaching salaries.

Top-scale city teachers now make \$23,599.

Salary will be renegotiated in 1984-85 if the district has more than an anticipated \$3 million ending balance after adoption of the 1984-85 budget.


The school district withdrew a proposal to place a \$165 cap per teacher on health and welfare benefits.

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