

BLEACHER ENTRANCE

Red Tactics In Germany

PROCLAMATION of the new German state with a capital in Berlin has provided the Kremlin with a new soviet satellite republic. It is another step in the Red drive for a unified Germany which can be brought under control of Moscow.

This is how the east German state, claiming sovereignty over all Germany, was established. A year ago, a People's Congress was handicapped by Communists from trade unions, youth and farm organizations. These 2,000 delegates were confirmed in a plebiscite held last May in typical Soviet style. There was only one list of candidates but more than 4,000,000 Germans in the eastern occupation zone dared vote against it.

Well Planned Program

A constitution, blueprinted in advance by the Communists, was adopted by the People's Congress. An executive committee of 400 set up by the Congress, transformed itself into a parliament to form the government of the new German Democratic Republic.

One clause in the constitution called for free popular elections and a date in October had even been set for the voting, but this has been postponed. The first elections now are tentatively scheduled for October 15, 1950.

A provisional government with Otto Grotewold as premier and Wilhelm Pieck as president was proclaimed by the parliament and will hold office until the elections next year.

Gerhart Eisler, who fled from U. S. prosecution last spring, is the new state's information chief. Eisler said the new republic would not attempt to rule western Germany just yet but would follow the double principle of fighting the "western stooge state" politically while seeking to deal with it on trade and other affairs.

There is little doubt that the new republic soon will be admitted to the Cominform bloc in eastern Europe.

The WORLD This WEEK

CONGRESS: Politicians Look at the Record

THREE extra Senate races—in New York, Connecticut and Idaho—will aid the mathematical chances for a 1950 swing in Senate control from the Democrats to Republicans.

The death a week ago of Sen. Bert H. Miller (D-Idaho) is expected to bring early appointment of a Republican successor by GOP Gov. C. A. Robins of Idaho. Before Miller's death the Democrats had 53, the Republicans 43.

The margin will revert to 10 votes before Congress meets in January because Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin (R-Conn) will quit in December to take a post on his state's high court. Democratic Gov. Chester Bowles will fill the vacancy with a member of his party.

Dulles vs. Lehman

The count then would be 53 Democrats, 43 Republicans—if Sen. John Foster Dulles wins next month's special election in New York to keep for another year the seat to which he was appointed by Gov. Dewey.

If Dulles' opponent, former Democratic Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, wins, the Democrats would start the new year with 12 more Senate members than the GOP.

Meanwhile the first session of the Democratic 81st Congress has enacted less than half of President Truman's program into law.

The President can chalk up 15 major accomplishments from the Congress he helped carry into office by his vigorous campaign in last year's election.

Left as unfinished business for the 1950 Congressional campaign are a number of highly controversial proposals among the 22 requests he laid before the present session without getting final action.



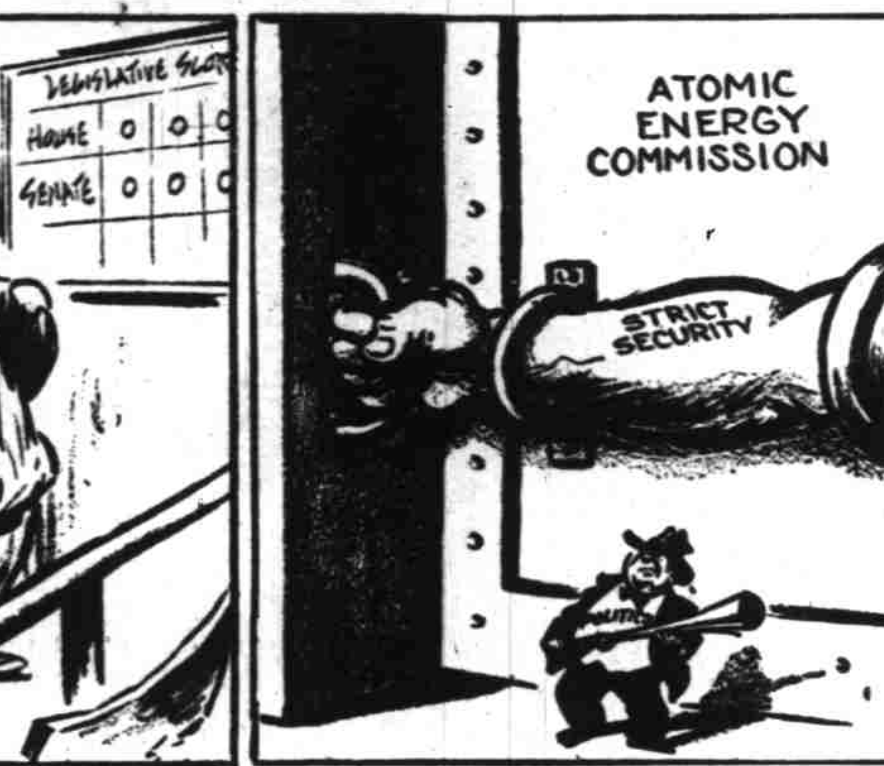
IT'S NOT THE UMPIRE WHO'S BLIND

Chief of these, of course, is Taft-Hartley repeal. The President was unceremoniously turned down in both houses on that issue.

The President can be counted on to revive his labor proposals in January. Whether Congress will do anything about them may depend on how some of the special elections to fill Senate and House vacancies turn out this fall.

Social Security

The House passed a bill broadening the base and increasing benefits of the Social Security program. The Senate approved an aid to education bill. In January the Administration will bring pressure to bear on completion of both these actions, both parts of the Truman program.



DOUBLING THE GUARD

The first order of business in the Senate next year is scheduled to be consideration of the House-approved bill repealing taxes on oleo margarine.

The President undoubtedly will press for action on compulsory health insurance. That may provide the most crucial fight of the second session. The health insurance plan, together with civil rights, seem certain to be prime issues in the 1950 campaign for control of Congress.

Changing economic conditions have outdated some of the President's requests made last January. Almost forgotten—and likely to remain so—are requests for standby wage-price controls, restrictions on consumer credits, authority over commodity exchanges.

Czech

Left Face

If there is a single Czech a year from now who cannot read and speak the Russian language, it will not be the fault of the Communist-dominated Prague government.

In probably the greatest effort in modern history to teach an entire nation a foreign language, Russian courses were launched last week for young and old in schools, factories and clubs.

Students in secondary schools must be able to read Russian by the end of the year at rates ranging from 80 to 80 words a minute. School teachers must read at least one Russian book a month and discuss it with other teachers. By the end of the year every teacher must have read Ilya Ehrenburg's "Tempest."

Meanwhile the government will take over control of all churches in Czechoslovakia on November 1. Under the new church control bill, the state will pay salaries of all priests and pastors as civil servants.

The government is continuing a purge of "politically unreliable" which has thrown thousands of people into jails and work camps. Many have been small businessmen and property owners in what appears to be an attempt to liquidate the Czech middle class.

Many priests are numbered among the victims. The government accuses them of opposition to the new church control law.

B-36 Program

The controversy flared into the open last spring when Rep. James Van Zandt (R-Pa.) a Naval Reserve officer, charged on the floor of Congress that there were rumors of irregularities in the B-36 bomber program. A House investigation cleared the new Defense Secretary, Louis A. Johnson, and Air Secretary Stuart Symington of any private interest in plane manufacturing firms.

The House probe uncovered Cedric Worth, a civilian official in the Navy Department, as author of the anonymous report and Worth resigned after admitting the charges were unfounded. Just a month ago Capt. John G. Crommelin, Jr. blew the top off again by charging publicly that the Navy was "being nibbled to death" at the Pentagon under the unification setup.

Try, Try Again

A fortnight ago, Capt. Crommelin again tried to blow the cover off the dispute. This time he succeeded.

In a dark corridor of the National Press Building in Washington, he handed reporters a document containing views of three high Navy officials endorsing his charges. At first, he insisted his identity be kept secret but three days later he told the press to go ahead and use his name.

Capt. Crommelin was immediately suspended by the Navy and placed under house arrest, later eased to confinement within the capital. Crommelin said he was willing to be jailed if only the Navy side of the strategic controversy could be heard by responsible, unbiased judges.

The House Armed Forces Committee determined on a full-scale investigation of the Navy's repeated charges.

Navy Men Sound Off

Witness after witness, all in Navy blue and gold, charged that Air Force bungling and plotting would ultimately scuttle the Navy air arm and relegate the Navy to mere convoy duty in another war.

Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Forces Committee added his own comment. Congress, itself, he said, seems about to let naval aviation "withier on the vine," spurred on by unsympathetic defense officials.

Vinson said he was greatly disturbed by a report that Secretary Johnson had ordered a 300 million dollar cut in Navy spending out of funds not yet approved by Congress. Rep. George Bates (R-Mass.) said that apparently Congress' intentions were being arbitrarily passed.

Adm. Arthur W. Radford, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, characterized the B-36 as a "billion dollar blunder" and denounced the whole Air Force strategic bombing concept as unsound.

Johnson asked for an opportunity to answer the Navy critics. He suggested the committee also ask former President Hoover, Gen. Eisenhower and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to testify.

SCIENCE: An Expert Looks at the Atom

20-Year Breathing Spell

Atom bomb scientist Enrico Fermi predicts that if the United States maintains atomic supremacy over the Soviet Union there will be no war for at least 20 years.

"American supremacy is predictable up to 20 years if we work hard," declares Fermi, Italian-born American scientist and Nobel Prize winner in physics. "As for me, I expect to sleep as well as my insomnia permits. I'm a fatalist by nature, anyway."

Fermi was a leader in the development of the first atom bomb exploded near Los Alamos, N. M., in 1945. A physics professor at the University of Chicago, he is now a visiting lecturer on physics at the University of Rome. He will return to the U.S. later this month.

In Rome last week, Fermi replied to a series of questions with the following observations:

It is almost a certainty that Russia never will permit regular inspection of her atomic developments by United Nations experts.

Rockets—Future Weapons

American supremacy in atomic research at present seems the only sure guarantee of peace.

Danger from atomic rocket attacks is largely a matter of the future. There seems no possibility at present of any mass assault by rockets with atomic warheads.

The smuggling of an enemy A-bomb into the United States by submarine or other means is possible but not probable.

Large scale attempts to move industry and population underground are unnecessary. Wide dispersal of factories is also impractical.

Dates

- Monday, October 17: Festival of Harvest in Japan. National Bible Week starts.
- Tuesday, October 18: Anniversary (82nd), U.S. takes possession of Alaska. Anniversary (51st), U.S. takes possession of Puerto Rico. British Parliament scheduled to reopen.
- Friday, October 21: Eclipse of the sun (not visible in the U.S.). Anniversary (70th), Edison's practical electric lamp.
- Sunday, October 23: Camp Fire Girls national conference opens in Portland, Ore. World Order Sunday.

Sport

Champs Again

The New York Yankees won their 12th baseball world championship last week beating the Brooklyn Dodgers four games to one. It was the third time these two teams had met in the post season classic and each time the Yankees won.

It was a unique series in many ways. Both clubs practically played themselves out to win their own league pennants and had little left for the World Series.

It was obvious after the first two 1-0 games in the series that both teams were tired. The Yankees, in particular, had an imposing hospital list throughout the season but all the "cripples" played the series.

Joe DiMaggio, still weak from a bout with virus pneumonia, was a ghost of his former self but in the last game he did manage to pole a home run for one of his two series hits. DiMaggio refused to let his eight-year-old son play hooky from school to see any weekday games but Joe, Jr., was watching Sunday when his father hit the homer. After the game he greeted his father in the dressing room with this apology:

"Gee, pop, guess what? I lost one of your baseballs in the stand." "That's O.K., son," said Joe, Sr., happily, "I managed to lose one myself today."

Yankee pitching with Allie Reynolds, Joe Page and Vic Raschi far excelled the Brooklyn staff. Brooklyn's Don Newcombe who lost the 1-0 opener to Reynolds was batted out when he tried to pitch again after two days of rest.

Quotes

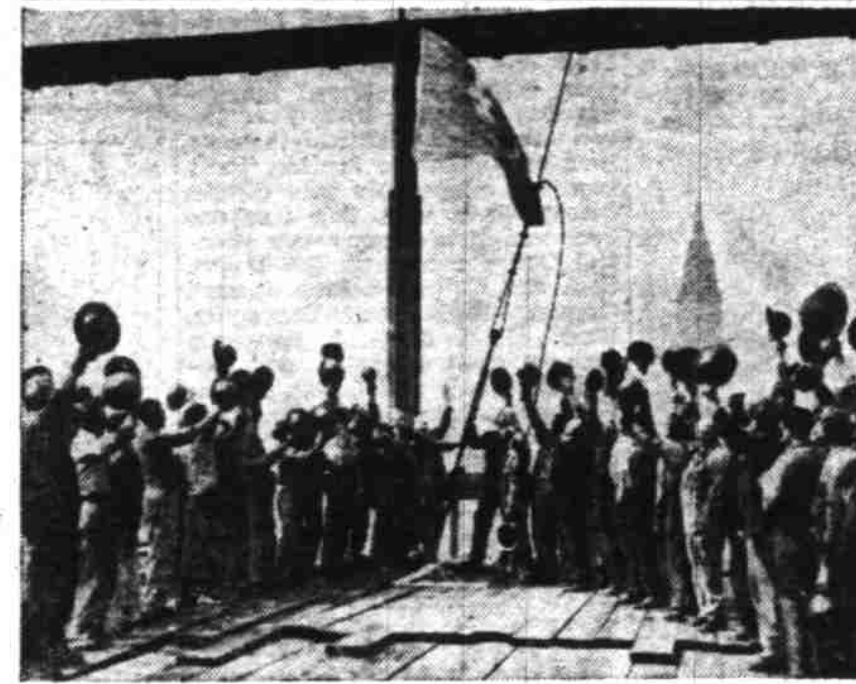
Sen. George W. Malone (R-Nev): "I predict we shall eventually discover in the United States all the uranium ore needed."

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill): "There are a lot of highly marcelled secretaries and typists whose services (to the government) could be dispensed with without any loss of efficiency."

Wardens of British prisons: "Hanging (of convicted murderers) is expeditious and human."

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NEWSWORTHY



TOPPING OUT—Construction workers cheer as blue and white United Nations flag goes up for the first time atop the U. N. headquarters building in New York. President Truman is to dedicate the cornerstone of the 39-story structure on October 24.



SEER—Casey Stengel posed for this gag shot last spring when the Yankees opened season. HAPPY JOES—The DiMaggios, Jr. and Sr., exchange victory smiles after the World Series.

In Short . . .

Announced: By ECA, a \$95,000,000 public works program for Italy, underwritten by Marshall plan funds.

Fired: By the Baptist Home Mission Board, missionary Stanley Walker Smith, 38, from the Seminole mission at Dania, Fla., for whipping three Indian girls who got intoxicated at a party.

Freed: By Chinese Nationalists, two American merchant vessels held for attempting to run the blockade of Chinese Communist ports.

Agreed: By 31 nations at the Anancy, France, economic conference, on new tariff schedules to help lift world trade barriers.

Estimated: By experts of the three western occupation powers, that \$250,000,000 will be needed to overcome economic effects of the Russian blockade of Berlin.

Church

Militant Episcopalians

The Episcopal Church of the United States wound up its two weeks' triennial convention at San Francisco last week with a Bishops' pastoral letter calling for a militant church.

The pastoral letter, representing the thinking of all the bishops, urged an aggressive campaign during the next three years against "a worldwide attack on freedom."

It cited religious illiteracy as a basic weakness of the Church and warned:

"Like a pendulum between two extremes, we have moved from an exaggerated individualism to a demonic collectivism, from an individualistic anarchy to a collectivist tyranny."

"As God's children we are neither bricks in the building of the state, nor irresponsible individuals."

"We have been contaminated by the secular humanism of our time . . . that is why we call our people to crusade for better Christian education."

Sidelights

● In Tokyo, an intoxicated geisha girl injured in an automobile accident after escorting a patron home was held entitled to benefit under the workers accident insurance law.

● In Oil City, Pa., two holdup men ordered taxicab dispatcher Richard Breen to open the office safe. He complied, grabbed a revolver inside the safe and fired a wild shot. The thugs fled, spilling \$100 they had taken from a petty cash box. Police called to the scene found Breen in a dead faint on the floor.

● In Pittsburgh, nearly 200 cab drivers are working without pay in an attempt to save their bankrupt company. The men ended a five-day strike by voting to pocket nothing but tips until October 17. All fares are to be turned over to a receiver for the cab company, formed by a group of GI's after the war.

● In London, a prowler invaded Buckingham Palace. At 3 a.m., palace guards were roused by screams of a maid the intruder disturbed, found him after an hour's search, hiding under linen in a spare room. He was placed under observation. The Royal Family was vacationing in Scotland at the time.

● A California sea lion swam the English Channel in five hours and four minutes, beating any human's best time by nearly six hours. In the nude, except for a light-fitting black corset to which was attached a 30-foot leash,



GOLDLOCKS—MODERN STYLE

Trade Fair

First in the U. S.

Three cities—Chicago, Detroit and Atlantic City—plan to hold international trade fairs in 1950—the first ever held in the United States.

International trade fairs are quite unlike the "world fairs" held in America in the past. They are not designed to appeal to the general public although the public may be admitted on specific days when crowds will not interfere with business.

International trade fairs aim at increasing world trade by bringing together businessmen, buyers and sellers from all over the world. The sellers are equipped with samples and are ready to take orders.

Announcement by the three American cities—all within a week—has taken on somewhat the air of a race, climaxing months of consideration. Chicago will hold its fair first, opening August 7, 1950.

Detroit announced its fair will be open sometime next October "or earlier." Like the Chicago fair, it is scheduled to run two weeks.

Atlantic City plans to open its two-week fair on November 26, 1950.

Coal

Mining by Electricity

The University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy is demonstrating that coal can be turned to gas by sending an electric current through it.

The process is known technically as "electrocarbonization." With it, researchers say, it will be possible to heat homes and cook meals by utilizing coal that is still underground.

The School of Mines is operating the experiment at the Tiger Mine, near Hume, Mo., owned by the Sinclair Coal Co.

Dr. J. D. Forrester of the college faculty says the methods employed, when worked on a commercial scale "will contribute to cheaper commodities for the public benefit, and also make some large coal and oil deposits, heretofore unrecoverable, available for use."

The gas produced in the process can be used as raw material for synthetic production of gasoline or can be converted into a heating fuel.



the seal was escorted by a trainer in a rowboat which was towed by a motorboat. The swim was made from Cape Gris Nez to Dover but the seal remained but a few moments on English soil. The promoters feared a meeting with officials of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.