

West Germany Rearmament Talks Rumored

By Richard A. O'Regan
FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 14 (AP)—Secret talks on the rearmament of West Germany were reported and denied today. At the same time a military assistance pact between Germany and Russia was reported to have been signed. This, too, was denied.

These reports coincided with the signing of the French tricolor alongside the black, red and gold of the West German republic at Bonn in honor of a visit of French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman to discuss the Saar and other questions.

On the eve of talks on the Saar, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared tonight that Germany was "disquieted" by reports that France wants to lease the valley's thick coal seams for 50 years. This is upsetting German circles who want an understanding with France, he said. Other reports say the French want to lease the mines for 99 years.

Allied and German sources said a group of former German generals has submitted plans for a West German army to the West German government of Chancellor Adenauer. The plan was said to call for at least one infantry division by June and an armored corps by next year.

Asks for Army
German sources said former Gen. Hans-Eckard von Manteuffel, one-time commander of the German Fifth Panzer army, was among the generals asked for a plan for a West German army. Von Manteuffel could not be reached for comment.

Paul Bourdin, Adenauer's official spokesman, said "there is not a shred of truth" in reports that Adenauer had discussed the plan with a group of former German generals.

Adenauer Given Plan
High American officials confirmed, however, that some generals have submitted the plan to Adenauer or his government. They said the plans were submitted without allied approval, but stressed that the German government is at liberty to request any proposals it wants.

One former German general, who refused permission to use his name, said, "the plans were requested directly by the federal government or through an intermediary."

A newspaper's declaration that Russia has concluded a military pact with eastern Germany was called a "complete fabrication" by a spokesman for the East German communist government in Berlin.

Mutual Pact
The Ruhr Nachrichten of Dortmund, in the British zone, said a mutual friendship and defense pact signed with Russia December 17 guaranteed the defense of eastern Germany for three years in case of war or civil war.

In return, Nachrichten said, eastern Germany agreed to "fulfill her tasks as ordered in the defense pact of the east bloc states." Observers pointed out that this would call for the remilitarization of eastern Germany.

Already the eastern communist regime has a people's police estimated at 60,000 men which is being trained as an army with army weapons. The police are reported to have a recruiting goal of 360,000.

British authorities said an East German-Russian pact would be embarrassing to the western occupation powers. It would lend weight to Adenauer's belief that western Germany must get security assurances from the west.

Dayton School Bond Vote Set

DAYTON, Jan. 14—Voters of Dayton grade school district will go to the polls February 6 to vote on a \$149,000 bond issue for a new grade school building.

Site of the new building would be on land acquired near the present high school, west of the town. The present school building is greatly overcrowded as several surrounding districts have consolidated with Dayton within the past two years.

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U.S. Defense Line in Far East



TOKYO, Jan. 14—Air mileages from key spots in western Pacific—Japan (1), Okinawa (2) and the Philippines (3)—are outlined in this map to illustrate views of key American officials in Tokyo, who say American bombers from these bases could cover thousands of miles of potential enemy territory from southeast Asia to Siberia. Communist-controlled areas are shaded. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Maguire Tells Realtors Aid to West Europe Insures Allies

By Thomas G. Wright
City Editor, The Statesman

Our aid and encouragement to the nations of western Europe are insurance of strong allies against Russian aggression, Robert Maguire, Portland attorney recently with the war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg, said at the annual banquet of the Salem Board of Realtors Saturday night.

"Don't be misled by propaganda that we can avoid responsibility on the continent. . . . Europe must have our help and we must have theirs," Maguire warned the 200 attending the banquet in the chamber of commerce.

"We cannot stand alone against Russia," Maguire said, "we must have help of European countries to resist and be our first line of defense."

Asks Fears Forgotten
Encouragement of the separate European entities to forget their fears of each other, to break down their trade barriers and to form a united states of Europe, was urged by Maguire.

Europeans have made great strides towards understanding one another during the postwar years and much of the responsibility has been American through charity, aid and supervision. "We have given them hope without which Germany particularly would not have been able to begin the task of reconstruction," Maguire said.

Maguire was introduced by Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk of the state supreme court.

Turns over Gavel
At the banquet Saturday night Burt Picha, 1949 president of the realty board turned over the gavel to newly elected Joseph L. Bourne, Bourne, president; H. D. McMillin, vice president; John E. Black, secretary; and Coburn L. Grabenhorst, treasurer, were installed by Claude H. Murphy, real estate commissioner.

Toastmaster Dick Schmidt introduced Mayor Robert L. Elstrom who gave the address of welcome. Ray Schmaher, Medford, president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards, spoke briefly.

Magician Jack Spong and the Elks' quartet—Norval Edwards, Lawrence Alley, Ralph Caley, Boyd Babbitt—furnished entertainment.

DEATH LAID TO WEATHER

CORVALLIS, Jan. 14—(AP)—The weather was blamed indirectly today for the death of one man in Benton county. Merle L. Martin, 54, Corvallis salesman, died after a heart attack while putting chains on his automobile on Alsea mountain west of here.

Commonwealth Nations Close 5-Day Confab

By Steven David

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Jan. 14—(AP)—The five-day British commonwealth conference ended today with delegates declaring unanimously that much had been accomplished though results might not be apparent immediately.

At the conference's only open session, Australian Foreign Minister Percy C. Spender declared: "We live under the shadow of approaching storm. Whether it will break upon us or pass by, we feel the urgency about our deliberations and that time has not been running in our favor."

The nearest approach to a concrete result came from an Australian proposal—a determination to help southeast Asia raise its living standards to counter communism.

To Form Committee

The conference agreed to place before the eight governments represented a recommendation to establish a consultative committee to plan a program of self-aid and mutual help in southeast Asia. The commonwealth countries are to assess the amount of credit and technical assistance they can make available for the development program. The consultative committee is to meet in Canberra, Australian capital, within a few months. The delegates were understood to hope for United States aid in such a program.

A second agreement was the endorsement "in principle" of a commonwealth loan to strengthen independent Burma's internal finances. Although this never was announced officially, delegates said all but Canada and South Africa would recommend to their governments that blocked sterling be made available to Burma in the form of a loan. Britain is expected to contribute about half of the loan of £7,500,000 (\$21,000,000).

This is what the conference did on other items of the agenda:

Indochina—Except for India, the conference nations agreed that the French-sponsored government of former Emperor Bao Dai should be recognized after the agreement giving his regime self-governing powers has been ratified by the French parliament and signed.

Japanese peace treaty—All agreed on the need for an early peace treaty, but took note of the difficulties involved in view of Russian insistence that only the Soviet Union, China (the communist regime), Britain and the United States draft the pact.

China—Those delegates who contended the diplomatic recognition of China must be accompanied by genuine friendliness toward the helping red regime appeared to have got their viewpoint across to the conference.

Aumsville Man Faces Charge of Desertion

Gary A. Meredith, Aumsville route 1, was released to navy officials Saturday night to be returned to Seattle to face a charge of desertion.

Meredith was held in the Marion county jail for the navy after his conviction on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling. He was placed on three years probation following the conviction.

Child Custody Fight Sets off Police Search

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14—(AP)—A child custody fight with International Angles set off an intensive police search here today for Mrs. Yolanda Lopez Puckett, daughter of Philippines Vice President Fernando Lopez.

Mrs. Puckett, 28, and Ted Lewin, Manila, sports promoter and casino operator, were charged at Roswell, N. M., with kidnapping two-year-old Robert Puckett, son of Mrs. Puckett and her divorced husband, James R. Puckett, 34, of Roswell.

Puckett flew here from Roswell with private detectives and police inspectors, he rushed to the International airport. As they arrived there, police said, Mrs. Puckett, Lewin and the child drove up, spotted Puckett and sped away.

Both sides claimed custody of the child.

At Roswell, Sheriff George Wilcox said a divorce action is pending there and that the district court had awarded Puckett temporary custody.

'Ridiculous'
In Reno, Nev., where the Pucketts were divorced last December 13, Mrs. Puckett's Reno attorney, Melvin Jepson, called the kidnapping charge "ridiculous."

"No mother or no father has ever been convicted of kidnapping when there was no court order regarding custody of the child," Jepson said.

He said the Reno court did not order which of the parents was to get custody. But he added that Mrs. Puckett had agreed with her family in the Philippines that the boy was to be turned over to her. Instead Puckett took the child to his mother, Mrs. Hester Puckett, in Roswell, Jepson said.

Reno court records showed the Pucketts were married in the Philippines May 27, 1946. Puckett had been there with the army. Later he was a prosperous business man in the islands.

In Manila, Mrs. Puckett's mother, Mrs. Fernando Lopez, said her daughter was innocent of any wrongdoing.

Mrs. Lopez asserted her daughter went to Reno for a divorce, leaving the boy in Puckett's care.

Administration Near Hydrogen Bomb Decision

By Elton C. Fay

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14—(AP)—The Truman administration today is nearing a momentous decision on whether to put the hydrogen atom to work toward development of a super-bomb far surpassing even the latest atomic weapons.

The project has taken on urgency from the disquieting knowledge that Russia also may be working desperately toward the same goal.

Scientists explained that the basic knowledge and theory for a hydrogen bomb is not an exclusive American weapon. It is widely known in other countries.

A committee which has been quietly studying the desirability of such a project since last October is understood to be almost at the point of recommending that the government undertake it.

The whole subject of a "hydrogen" bomb is surrounded by a deep and pervasive official silence.

No Estimate of Cost

The unofficial speculation that has grown up around this official silence during recent weeks does not attempt to estimate the cost of developing a super-bomb. The cost of devising and making the first atomic bomb was more than \$2,000,000,000. It has been suggested that at least some of the existing plant facilities of the atomic energy commission, like those at Oak Ridge, Tenn., or Hanford, Wash., could be utilized. But the cost still would be great.

Moreover, production of hydrogen-type bombs could not be justified on the ground of providing energy, which could be used for peaceful power production, as in the case of the uranium bomb production. The theory of a hydrogen-type bomb precludes any possibility that its power could be controlled and harnessed. Therefore, whatever the cost, it could be charged only to national defense. Such a project would deal in death only.

Military Security

Therefore, if the White House and congress, with the advice of the atomic commission and the pentagon, decide to undertake the project they would have to rest their argument for appropriations on the ground of military security—and nothing more.

Whatever the theories on paper show, only the investment of big money and science can prove or disprove that such a bomb will explode or can be assembled without accident.

She maintained he agreed to return the child to her daughter. Instead, she said, Puckett "whisked" the child off to New Mexico.

Mrs. Lopez described Lewin as an old friend of both her daughter and Puckett.

Angel Townies Slate 'Redheads'

MT. ANGEL, Jan. 14—The Mt. Angel Town basketball team will play Olson's Redheads, traveling all-girl team, on Sunday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. Manager Bill Bean announced the game will be at Mt. Angel college gym.

New Weather Disturbance Over Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14—(AP)—A new winter disturbance began flexing its muscles in the Pacific tonight as northern California dug out of the season's worst storm.

U.S. Weather Bureau Forecaster L. B. Rasey said the new storm was coming to life 1,000 miles west of Eureka, Calif. He predicted it would intensify rapidly and begin moving toward the mainland. It's expected to reach the coast by Sunday evening.

Northern California skies cleared early Saturday and blocked roads were reopened before noon. Some, however, still remained closed.

The storm disrupted air and rail traffic with some trains as much as 12 hours late. Some air schedules were cancelled.

Some damage but no deaths were reported as result of the storm. There were telephone and power lines down here and there. An occasional tree and chimney toppled before the wind. Signboards collapsed, a few windows were smashed.

California highway patrolmen and highway maintenance crews rescued about 100 persons from snow-stranded automobiles between Redding and Dunsmuir. Highway 99 to Oregon remained closed from north of Project City to Weed. It was open north of Weed, however.

Flying Arrow Awaits Orders To Land Cargo

By Wayne Richardson

ABOARD FLYING ARROW, Sunday, Jan. 15—(AP)—The Flying Arrow was anchored today in the calm waters of Tsingtao harbor awaiting high tide and instructions from the owners to dock and discharge cargo.

The crew and passengers of this American freighter, shelled Monday by a nationalist gunboat when it attempted to reach Shanghai, were in good spirits.

They were awaiting a chance to get ashore. Everyone was busy filling out duty declarations.

(This may be the last dispatch from Richardson until the ship repairs shell damage and leaves Tsingtao about a week hence. The ship reached the communist port Friday.)

(Previously, Richardson messaged that the ship's communications would be silenced once the freighter docked. The communists keep a tight rein on communications.)

(The above message indicates that the Isbrandtsen line freighter may unload its estimated \$10,000,000 cargo of cotton, chemicals and oil at Tsingtao, a northern port.)

(The cargo originally was destined for Shanghai, more than 350 miles south of Tsingtao. The Flying Arrow was stopped by a blockading gunboat as it prepared to enter the mouth of the Yangtze en route to Shanghai. The nationalists are blocking Shanghai.)

(The ship carried 12 passengers and a crew of 43. The tenor of Richardson's dispatch—apparently limited in detail because of the imminence of a radio shutdown—indicated at least some of the passengers would disembark at Tsingtao and go by rail to Shanghai.)

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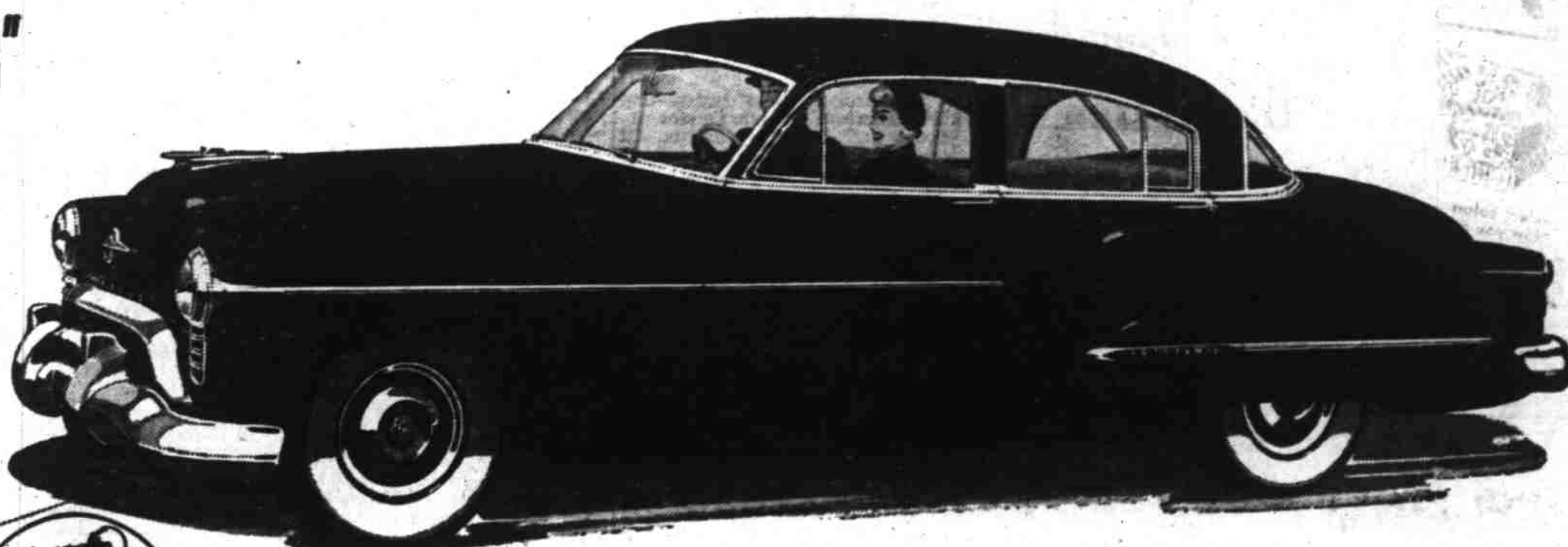
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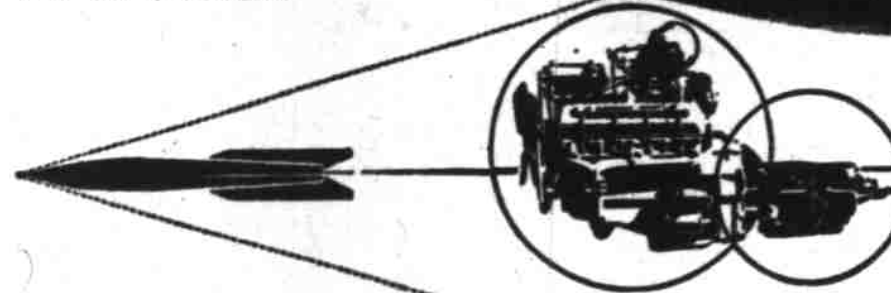
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