

Rearming of West Germany Said Needed

By Wes Gallagher
FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 6 (AP)—Nearly all western military men and most officials here are agreed, on a "don't quote me basis," that Europe cannot be defended against Russia without Western Germany being rearmed—and quickly.

Already it may be too late to rear the Germans.

To do it might provoke the Russians.

But the swift aggression in Korea convinced most of the few remaining doubters that Germany could only be defended with the aid of German manpower, and Germany must be defended or the rest of Europe would go down as well.

Yet, both the western allies and German officials are doing their best to avoid facing these conclusions publicly.

German political parties are even more reluctant to bring the subject into the open than allied officials.

Rejects Rearmament

The largest party, the Christian Democrat, which heads the West German government coalition at Bonn, unreservedly rejected rearmament in a recent statement. It does not like to open itself to a charge from its largest opponent, the social democratic party, falling in with any plan for a "cannon fodder" army.

The occupation powers, during the war and at its close, committed themselves to German disarmament so that no new German aggression would be possible. To propose German rearmament invites political problems with some of the victims of German aggression who still fear German power.

Building Up Army

Meanwhile, the Russians are busily building up their army of East Germans under the guise of a police force, equipping it with tanks, artillery and all instruments of war.

This army, reported to number 50,000 in May, is now estimated at 70,000. Military men believe that in a year it may total 250,000.

When it reaches that size it might be too big for the present western occupation forces to handle.

Should the communists start an attack in the Korean style.

If powerfully supported by Soviet aircraft and troops it seemingly could sweep over western Europe in almost no time.

35 Divisions Needed

The minimum number of divisions needed in Western Europe is estimated by military men at 35, heavily armed.

A French general a few days ago said this minimum estimate was nonsense. He said 75 divisions were necessary.

The Russians, with their satellites, could mobilize 170 divisions for an all-out attack in Europe, it is estimated. Already they are calculated to have 20 combat divisions in East Germany, with 40 more ready for action in Poland, Austria and satellite states.

Counting all occupation troops, the west has less than a dozen.

Under United States prodding, several members of the Atlantic pact are busy promising increased defense budgets. But the increases proposed are so far below what is needed that military chiefs here see no prospect that 35 divisions, or anything near that figure, will be provided, along with supporting arms.

Loan Agencies

Asked to Help

Curb Inflation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Five supervisory agencies joined today in an appeal to banks and other lending institutions to avoid making loans that would add to inflationary pressures.

The agencies supervise lending by banks and building and loan associations. They suggested voluntary "defense loan policy" to help keep down prices and conserve materials for defense purposes.

The federal reserve board, comptroller of the currency, federal deposit insurance corporation, home loan bank board, and national association of supervisors of state banks signed the statement.

U. S. Diplomat in

France for Talks

PARIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Charles Spofford, U.S. delegate to the Atlantic Pact council, arrived here today for conferences with top French officials.

Spofford refused to tell reporters anything about his visit except to say that he would "talk about very general subjects." It is generally believed there that his purpose is to spur France to greater defense efforts.

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Detroit Dam-Site Visitors Hear Project Praised



DETROIT DAMSITE, Aug. 6—With the awe-inspiring Santiam river canyon walls as a backdrop Gov. Douglas McKay tells a crowd of 200 on hand to witness the initial concrete pouring of the Detroit dam that the dam will "shape the future of the Willamette valley." Present for the ceremony Saturday afternoon were army engineers, contractor representatives and delegates from valley and Santiam river communities. Host was C. C. Davis, resident engineer, seated in foreground. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman photographer). (Picture also on page 1).

November Write-in Votes May Decide Justice Belt's Successor

"Write-in" votes at the November general election will likely decide a successor to State Supreme Court Justice Harry H. Belt who died Sunday, according to David O'Hara, manager of the elections division of the secretary of state's office.

If a candidate should file by the deadline, one week from today, as for an independent candidate, O'Hara said late Sunday night.

But by that date a candidate would have to submit petitions bearing 3 per cent of the state's 524,080 voters, O'Hara stated.

That means 15,722 signatures. O'Hara said he considered this "possible with enough" workers, but it seems impractical.

It is too late for a candidate to be nominated by an assemblage of at least 250 voters prior to the filing deadline, because law requires that a 10-day notice be given for such an assemblage, the election bureau chief said.

There is a constitutional provision, according to O'Hara, to the effect that any vacancy occurring more than 20 days before a general election may be filled at the election by the voters. The title of the office would have to be placed on the ballot.

If no candidate files, voters would write in names of their choice and the candidate receiving the most would be duly elected, O'Hara said.

Justice Belt's term would have expired in January, 1955.

The picnic reportedly drew some 500 more than attended a similar event last year.

Methods of Keeping Grain Recommended

Six recommendations involving protection of grain handling and grain shipments, have been filed with the Oregon Farm Bureau at Silverton by its shipping losses committee.

Committee members include Art Lindberg, Pendleton; Virgil Larson, Mikkaloo; and Paul Kaseberg. The committee met at Pendleton.

The recommendations included: 1. Education of grain receiving stations on importance of accurate weighing both in receiving and unloading rains; 2. education and practice of good housekeeping at elevators, involving cleaning scales of dirt both on platform and below and eliminate faulty weights; 3. twice a day cleaning scales and a balance check; 4. improved systems of grain sampling; 5. information to farmers and report of irregularities; 6. Oregon Farm Bureau to inform all grain handlers of constructive suggestions.

FAVOR LICENSING

SPOKANE, Aug. 6 (AP)—A resolution favoring a state licensing law for plasterers was passed by the Northwest Plaster Bureau here today.

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Officials Give Tributes to Justice Belt

(Story also on page 1)

The death of Justice Harry H. Belt of the Oregon supreme court at Bellingham, Wash., Sunday, brought immediate tributes from state officials.

"His death was a shock to me," said Gov. Douglas McKay Sunday night. "He had been a very distinguished jurist and a fine citizen."

Said Associate Justice George Rossman, "He had a remarkably quick mind and could see the controlling point in a case. He also had a remarkably keen sense of justice."

Decisions Quoted

"In composition, he could make two or three words do the work of a dozen. His decisions frequently were quoted by other courts."

Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk and Acting Chief Justice James T. Brand were not available for comment. Lusk is recuperating from surgery at a Portland hospital.

Belt was victim of a hunting accident that necessitated amputation of an arm when he was a youth; nonetheless he was an active outdoorsman and sportsman.

Arden Fisherman

He annually trekked to the Frazer river in Canada to fish. His friends considered him an adept angler, an expert hunter and a skilled golfer.

Belt was a 32nd degree mason, holding membership in Salem Lodge of Perfection and the Oregon Consistory at Portland. He was a past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and was a member of the Salem Elks lodge.

Belt was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. He resided at 380 Leslie street.

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U.S. Offensive In Korea Given Air Support

(Story also on page one)

TOKYO, Monday, Aug. 7 (AP)—The American offensive on the southwestern front today—the first infantry combat of the war for the marines—was getting what MacArthur headquarters spokesman described as powerful air support.

This followed Sunday's big day when the air force threw 530 sorties at the Reds and carrier-based navy and marine aircraft flew a record 212 sorties of their own.

Fighters and light bombers worked over Red troop concentrations and supply lines along the battlefield while Superfortresses continued their assaults on bridges and key installations in the North Korean transportation system.

A far east air force operational summary said U.S. 5th air force and Royal Australian air force planes attacked, among other targets, 52 communist vehicles, 18 locomotives and 18 railway cars. Nine North Korean aircraft were destroyed on the ground and 15 others were damaged.

Correspondent Whitehead reported the marine-army force jumped off on the drive toward Chinju at 6:30 a.m. (1:30 p.m., PDT Sunday) after the artillery of both branches had blasted the Reds with a 20-minute barrage.

Then Mustang and jet fighters swooped down and the offensive was under way.

Marines Shove Ahead

Marine elements on the left flank, he said, shoved ahead against little opposition but the army ran into strong enemy positions.

The Reds countered on the right flank of the American force. Apparently this was the threat raised in the 8th army communiqué which said:

"An enemy move on the left flank of the U.S. 24th division is considered the primary threat at present, especially if the enemy is backing that section with a division or more."

The right flank of the westward-pushing American force would be on the left flank of the 24th division just to the north on the front.

At 8th army headquarters, AP Correspondent Lief Erickson said most American communications lines were cut Sunday night. In Tokyo, this was described as proving the North Koreans knew the attack was set to go.

War Vet Unwinds Fifty Years of Army Red Tape

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 6 (AP)—The government finally has settled accounts with patient Richard Klaber.

The army veteran yesterday received a check for \$374.30 to reimburse him for travel and subsistence expenses incurred in getting home to Chicago after he was discharged from the army in Manila.

Klaber, who now lives here, put in 10 claims before congress acted in 1945 to appropriate the money to take care of him and others with similar claims.

The check came more than 50 years after Klaber filed his first claim. Klaber, you see, is 73 years old—a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

State Highway Board to Open Bids Aug. 21, 22

Bids for 31 projects, involving an estimated cost of \$2,700,000, will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland August 21 and 22.

Officials said this was one of the largest contract-lettings in recent years.

Five Multnomah county projects are included, with others scattered widely throughout the state. Other projects include:

Union creek bridge widening at milepost 57.29 on the Crater lake highway in Jackson county, construct latrine at Cascadia state park on South Santiam highway in Lin county;

Furnish and install traffic signals in Corvallis, mile of service road paving and highway connection grading and paving on Ochoco avenue-Milwaukie section of Pacific highway in Clackamas county, and;

Grading and paving .73 mile of Sweet Home section of the Santiam highway in Sweet Home, Linn county.

Marion county projects include Grading and paving .37 mile of Aumsville (Main street) section on the North Santiam secondary highway in Aumsville. Grading and paving 3.23 miles of the Pudding river-Silverton section of Silverton county road 12 miles northeast of Salem.

Comstock Lode, the great Nevada silver mine, was discovered in 1859.

Marine Fliers Destroy Tank Assembly Plant

TOKYO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Kenneth L. Reusser of Santa Ana, Calif., led two flying marine mates Saturday in low-level assaults that destroyed a Korean communist tank assembly plant and exploded an oil tanker.

The attacks were made on Inchon, the port for Seoul, fallen capital of South Korea. Marine Corsair fighters raked the area after a two-hour bombardment by two British cruisers and two British destroyers.

Oregon Parents

Reusser, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Reusser of Portland, Ore., led the marines who had the biggest day. With him were Capt. Charles D. Graber, Tacoma Park, Md., and Orange, Calif., and First Lt. Robert Minnick, Baltimore, Md.

After flying cover for the British bombardment, Reusser dropped down to take a look at a large double-winged factory which had escaped the naval guns.

The former University of Georgia football and wrestling star who won the navy cross and distinguished flying cross for action at Guadalcanal and Okinawa saw the factory was a tank and truck

assembly plant. A naval headquarters release continued:

"Leading his flight back to the carrier to report and rearm, he was given permission to return to Inchon. The enemy, not anticipating a revisit, had failed to empty the plant of its moveable rolling stock and six large tanks, significantly bearing the United States army identification marking, and a score of trucks were in the courtyard."

Total Destruction

"Three napalm bombs and a burst of rockets affected the total destruction of the tanks, trucks, factory and contents."

"Leaving the area at an altitude of 50 feet, Reusser saw that what had appeared from the greater height to be a pier extension was in reality a tanker cleverly camouflaged."

His rockets and bombs expended, Reusser raked the hull of the vessel with his 20-millimeter guns and the tanker disintegrated with a blast that tossed the navy Corsair almost out of control, denting the wings and fuselage with debris."

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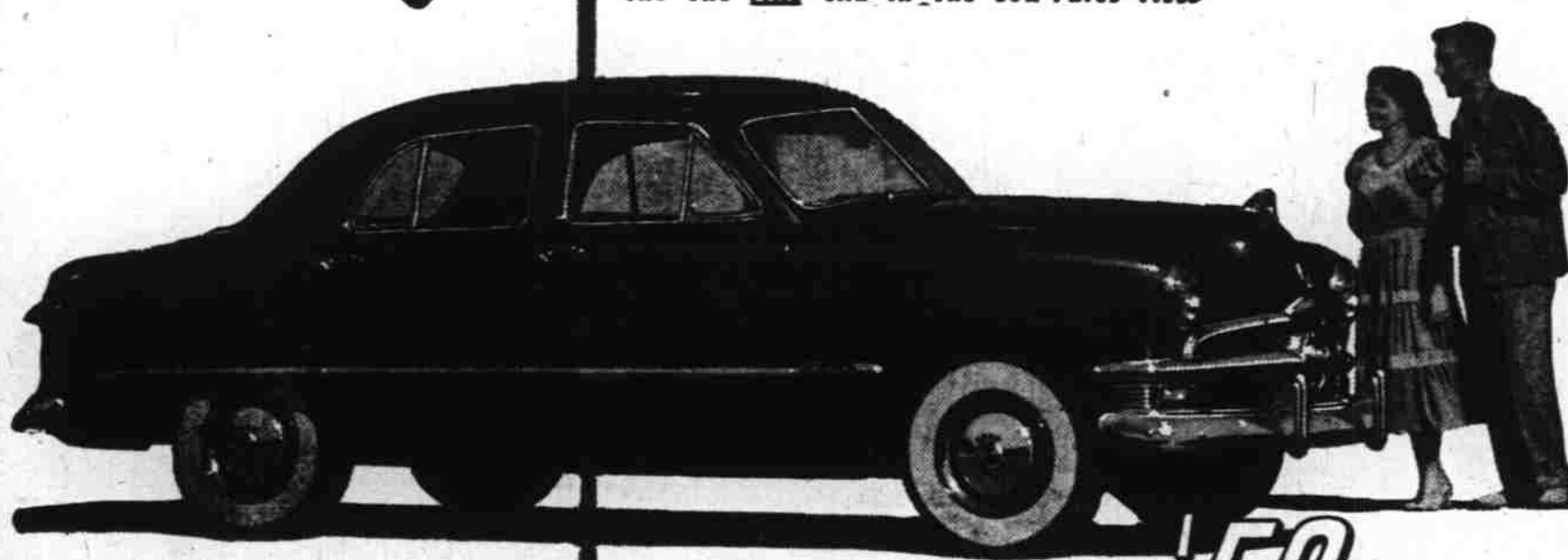
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