

Step-up of Cold War Feared; East German 'Police' Doubled

WASHINGTON (AP)—Top American officials said Thursday Russia may step up the cold war around Berlin to off-set West Germany's expected approval of membership in the proposed European Defense Army.

This worry coincides with Western intelligence reports that Russia has nearly doubled the size of the East German Communist "police force" in the past five months.

Nearly 100,000 East Germans are now mobilized in Russian-style uniforms, officials said, with every indication that more are to be added.

Russian military equipment for this force includes small arms, machine guns, mortars and anti-tank guns. Reliable reports, however, indicate Moscow is planning to add artillery, howitzers and tanks in the near future.

Most officials believe Moscow at this time will not use force to drive the West from Berlin. Nor do they foresee any outright blockade of the Western zones such as occurred in the spring of 1948.

But responsible officials told a reporter it is entirely possible the East German Communists, under Russian direction, may step up their existing campaign of harassment.

Rail, road and barge traffic into the Western zones, they said, might be suspended periodically and new and irritating restrictions clamped on and off.

The United States, Britain and France stand firm in the city, they added, and will not abandon the West Berliners, despite any new campaign of Russian threats and restrictions.

The officials noted the United States has emphatically declared it will regard any attack on Berlin "from whatever quarter as an attack against our forces and ourselves."

Some American officials who closely follow German developments foresee some kind of Russian retaliation against West Germany either this winter or early next spring if the German Parliament formally links the country with the West.

CIO President - Choice Tied Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—CIO leaders were reported still deadlocked Thursday in their attempt to select a new president without an open and public fight which might leave lasting scars.

More than 700 delegates to the 14th CIO convention were headed for Atlantic City and the crucial showdown on the question of succession.

Walter P. Reuther, head of the million-plus auto workers, and Allan S. Haywood, supported by the equally large Steel Workers Union, were the only avowed contenders for the job left vacant Nov. 9 when Philip Murray died.

The convention officially starts Monday morning.

Should the issue erupt on the convention floor — probably not before the middle of next week — it would have to be settled by a roll-call vote.

Never before at any CIO convention has there been a roll-call vote on any question.

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McKay to Hear Farmers With Voided Leases

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay has scheduled a meeting in Salem Monday with farmers whose leases of government land have been cancelled.

McKay agreed to the meeting so he will have some knowledge of the problems when he becomes secretary of the Department of Interior in the Eisenhower cabinet.

The land, on the Klamath Project in Southern Oregon and Northern California, is under control of the Reclamation Bureau, which is under the Interior Department. This week, 122 farmers were mailed cancellation notices of leases on the land in an area not yet certified as suitable for homesteading because of danger of flooding. Measures are being taken to control flood waters.

McKay made it clear to the farmers there was nothing he could do about the leases now, and possibly not at all.

There was a question whether the cancellations meant the land was to be opened to homesteading or were the result of pressure from wildlife groups to put part of the land into game refuges.

Adlai to Balk Talks Until Debt Cleared

SPRINGFIELD (AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson Thursday declined to commit himself to any future radio or television addresses until "substantial" campaign deficits are paid off.

The defeated Democratic candidate for president said in a statement he has received some 70,000 letters and telegrams since the election.

He added: "Many have urged that I make future radio and television addresses. Some have sent contributions to pay for such appearances, and I understand several local groups have already been organized to purchase radio and television time."

"I am gratified by these expressions of continued interest in what I have to say, but I cannot make precise plans for the future at this time. Further, the Stevenson Campaign Headquarters in Springfield and the Democratic National Committee both have substantial deficits which I feel should be paid off before funds are raised for any future activities by me. This is my first concern."

Stevenson did not disclose the amount of the deficits incurred by the campaign.

Work of CAP Described at Salem Affair

The history of the Civil Air Patrol and its role as an auxiliary arm of the Air Force was described Wednesday night in Salem to several dozen persons observing the organization's 11th anniversary.

Top regional and state officers of CAP attended the meeting held in the Senator Hotel. It was part of a series of visits to cities in the area which have CAP units.

Among those speaking were members of the Oregon Wing Staff, Lt. Col. Kenneth S. Jordan, acting wing commander; Lt. Col. Hugh L. Angle, wing executive officer, and Capt. George R. Remondell, Air Force-CAP liaison officer.

Besides being a flying organization, the CAP is also a valuable cadet training program, the dinner guests were told, in which members can continue their civilian employment.

Commander of the Salem unit is Lt. William Garrett, who was in charge of the Wednesday program.

MAU MAU CRITIC SLAIN

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Police Thursday found the mutilated body of an African-nominated member of Nairobi's city council who had recently condemned the anti-white terrorist Mau Mau Society.

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Gas Disruption 'Most Severe' In Area History

(Story also on Page 1)

The Willamette Valley's abrupt loss of its gas supply was described Thursday as the "most critical experience" in the Valley history of Portland Gas and Coke Company.

Salem District Manager Joseph A. H. Dodd said that not in his memory had the company had to face such a severe emergency, and one which hit its customers at such a severe time of the year, as far as the weather is concerned.

In the early '30s an auxiliary gas main was severed which cut off the fuel to many residents of the Northwest part of Salem. But this week was definitely the worst gas shortage ever experienced in this area, Dodd said.

To avert disaster, some 158 men were rushed into service, first cutting off gas outlets, and then restoring service. Two Washington gas companies at Seattle and Camas, volunteered services of some workers to assist PG&C. Men from all over PG&C's system were brought into the area.

Few instances of extreme discomfort were reported. Both Salem newspapers were seriously handicapped by the lack of gas to heat metal-melting equipment to the high temperatures necessary. Gas company engineers helped hospitals devise emergency means so that their gas-supplied ranges could be used.

Dodd expressed gratitude for the cooperation received from all sources. He said many people came into the company office to volunteer their services. The fire department offered the use of any of its equipment, and all city officials, Dodd said, were more than cooperative.

Many company employees worked round-the-clock shifts during the emergency, with some getting a breather Thanksgiving Day.

West Germany To Vote Again On Rearming

BONN, Germany (AP)—A crucial vote on West German ratification of the six-nation European Army treaty is to be held in the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, next week.

In a dramatic reversal, the Bundestag bowed to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's demand and Thursday decided 220-160 to take up the final debate Wednesday on both the Army treaty and the companion peace contract under which West Germany is to rearm in alliance with the West against Communist aggression.

Eight days ago the Bundestag refused 178-166 to hold the final debate this week.

Now Adenauer has put West Germany on the high road to become the first nation to ratify the revolutionary plan linking the forces of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg under a single command.

Three days of debate are to precede the vote. The chancellor forecast the treaty and the peace contract, by which the Western Big Three powers give the nation virtual sovereignty, will be approved by a big majority. Neutral observers here agreed with this view.

LEGISLATORS TO PARLEY

PORTLAND (AP)—The Multnomah County delegation to the 1953 Legislature will meet here Tuesday to organize and discuss legislation. Harvey Wells, veteran Republican legislator, called the meeting.

DOCKERS BACK AT WORK

NEW YORK (AP)—Dock hands went back to work Thursday after a one-day protest strike against a state investigation into waterfront rackets. About 1,000 workers had joined in the stoppage.

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Cap Guns Wielded By 9-Year-Old to Bag Fox in Yard

BELLEVIEW, Ill. (AP)—"Wild Bill" Geogier, wearing two cap pistols low on his hips, wandered into the back yard of his back yard Thursday and set himself a fox without firing a shot.

Nine-year-old Billy was playing in the yard when a young red and gray fox seized him by the trousers leg. Young Bill whipped the leg from his belt and used them as clubs on the head of the fox.

When one gun broke, he added a kicking attack.

By the time his mother, Mrs. William Geogier Sr., arrived to help, the fox was dead.

The animal is not common in this vicinity.

French Planes Flay Vietnam

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French fighters and bombers carried the war to the Communist-led Vietnam Thursday on two fronts—around Hanoi and in the Northwest and within the French-held Red River delta.

The French command has been expecting a heavy assault by 18,000 rebels encircling a French Union garrison of perhaps 10,000 at Na San, an air base in the mountains 117 miles west of Hanoi, but ground action overnight was limited to light probing attacks.

The French, well dug in and supplied by air from Hanoi, believe the Vietnam has been seriously hurt by relentless air attacks.

RAIL SERVICE RESTORED

EUGENE — Service was restored Thursday on the Southern Pacific's Eugene-Cooe Bay branch line after 12 derailed cars were cleared.

Traffic Deaths Of U. S. at 73; Oregon One

By The Associated Press

The holiday traffic death toll rose to 73 Thursday night as motorists began the journey home from Thanksgiving Day festivities.

Snow-packed highways, which discouraged motor trips in many sections of the nation, were partially credited with the low auto death toll.

At least 19 other persons died from miscellaneous causes during the holiday counting which began at 6 p.m., local time, Wednesday.

The National Safety Council reported that through September the average death rate each day in traffic accidents was 99 persons. This total includes those who died of accidental causes which occurred during days, weeks or even months before death.

Oregon had only one traffic fatality in the first 24 hours of the Thanksgiving holiday as cold weather cut down highway travel.

The victim was Frank Coy Nelder, 29, Klamath Falls, killed Wednesday night when hit by a car on Highway 97, about 35 miles north of Klamath Falls.

Nelder, whose car was stalled, stepped in front of a car driven by Thomas Clay Blackwood of Prineville, state police at Klamath Falls reported.

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Robert Minor, Red Ex-Leader, Passes

OSSINING, N. Y. (AP)—Robert Minor, 68, one-time "number two man" in the Communist Party in America, died Wednesday night in Ossining General Hospital of a heart ailment.

Minor, who retired three years ago as a member of the party's national committee, served as acting party secretary in 1940 and 1941. In the late 1920's, he was editor of the Communist newspaper, the Daily Worker.

Food Sought For Yugoslavs

ROME (AP)—The Food and Agricultural Organization asked all its member United Nations governments Thursday to consider immediate aid for Yugoslavia.

The 18-nation governing council took the action after a special inquiry mission sent to Yugoslavia reported "an emergency food situation impends" there because of drought.

The report said despite all efforts within Yugoslavia and the application of special measures suggested by the mission, it is "realized there will still remain a critical shortage of food."

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18 Convicts Quit Eating in Jersey

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Eighteen convicts—all on a hunger strike—were transferred to the New Jersey State Hospital here Thursday night.

State officials said the convicts were removed from the state prison after medical reports indicated

they should be under 24 hour medical supervision.

Acting Warden Lloyd McCorkle said they included leaders in last spring's prison riots.

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