

# Basic Outlook of Western Europe Charter Formed

PARIS (AP) — Western Europe's "founding fathers" agreed Saturday night on the basic outlines of a charter for a political authority aimed at welding six continental nations into a confederation.

## Chinese Reds Stage Attack In Snowstorm

By GEORGE McARTHUR  
SEOUL (AP) — Chinese Reds attacked near Old Baldy on the West-Central Korean Front in a pre-dawn snowstorm Sunday and temporarily seized two Allied outposts.

The Communists opened up with a 1,400-round artillery and mortar barrage after midnight. At 2 a. m., 175 Chinese in quilted uniforms slipped between the two outposts and assaulted stronger positions.

Held off by brisk Allied fire, they fanned out and overran the outposts. United Nations soldiers pulled back from their frozen foxholes in the dark.

The Reds and Allies traded rifle and machine gun bursts for about an hour. Then the Communists slipped away.

During the action, an Allied patrol to the northeast fought a 30-minute skirmish with a Chinese patrol.

Temperatures were around zero on the frozen front.

Twelve B-29 Superforts bombed two Red supply centers Saturday night west and south of the Red Korean capital of Pyongyang. A Communist fighter plane made a firing pass on one Superfort.

The plane followed us for about five minutes, out of gun range," said Airman Second Class Wayne A. Morrison, Gunrock, N. J., a Gunner.

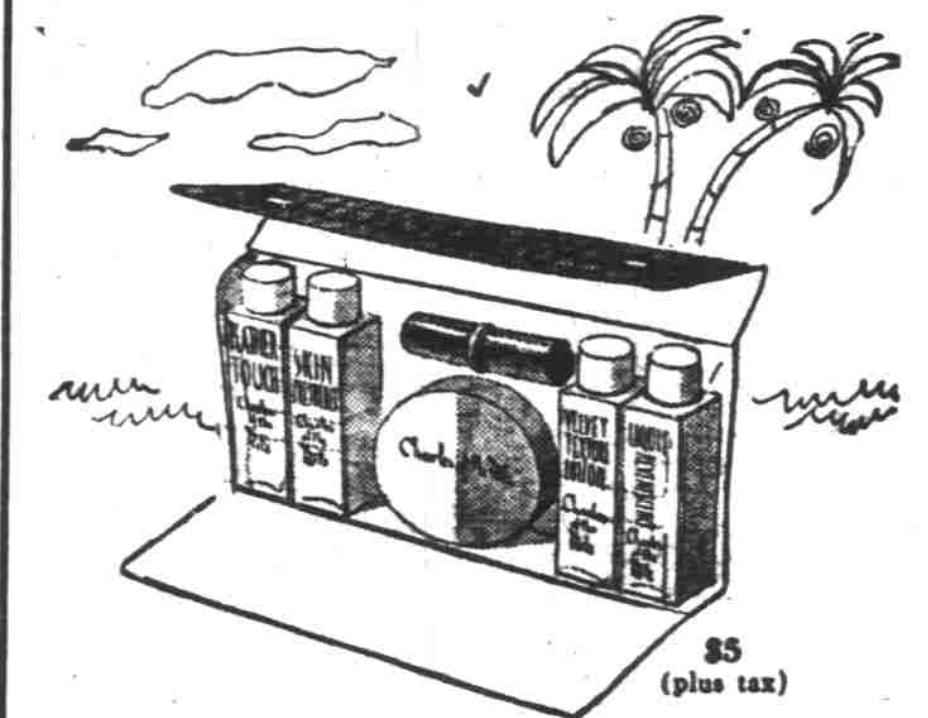
"I saw him let go with three bursts."

Communist loudspeakers on the Central Front blared out propaganda messages and recorded American music. To front line troops one propaganda line sounded unusual for the Reds. It was: "We want to go home as much as you do."

## Altar Society to Conduct Program

The Altar Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will present a Christmas program for St. Joseph's students and parents at 4 p. m. today in the school basement.

Choir members and others of the parish will present the Nativity story. A movie, "The Littlest Angel," will be shown. A one-act play will be performed by the Salem Civic Players.



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## Santa-Taggers Display Prize Money



Winners of Friday night's Tag Santa promotional, sponsored by the Salem Downtown Merchants Association, proudly display their prize money. Left to right are 12-year-old Herbert Bara, \$10, 1561 Chemeketa St.; Joseph Drake, \$10, 1910 Evergreen Ave.; Mrs. G. E. Zumwalt, \$100, 2145 Hazel Ave.; Mrs. Walter Markwart, \$10, Sandy; and 9-year-old Linda Vernon, \$77 Norman Ave. The next Santas are scheduled to roam Monday and Tuesday evenings.

## Bey of Tunis Capitulates to French Orders

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — The bey of Tunis capitulated Saturday to pressure from Paris and finally rubber stamped a couple of French reform decrees. These provide for election of village and town officials — jobs he has been filling by appointment as the nominal ruler.

The action by the 71-year-old bey, Sidi Mohammed Al-Amin, appeared to have eased at least temporarily a tense situation between France and this North African protectorate, which wants more self-government.

French officials said he had promised also to approve other reform decrees the French will submit to his palace in the ancient city of Carthage, on the site where Hannibal once challenged the Roman Empire.

The bey gave in shortly after a representative of Resident General Jean de Hautecloque, driving from Tunis to Carthage along a road lined with troops and police, delivered to him a mysterious note from France.

The decrees he initialed were among measures he had turned down previously on the advice of a nationalist-minded council of 40 top Tunisian leaders.

The council declared the decrees did not go far enough in meeting Tunisia's demands for more self-government. Hautecloque wants this council dismissed on the ground it is anti-French.

In theory, Franco-Tunisian reforms are to be worked out among the bey, his Cabinet and the French government, but there has been a lot of foot-dragging. Scores died in Tunisian rioting early in the year and unrest and agitation still persists.

The French Cabinet announced in Paris Thursday that it had drafted detailed measures for handling the Tunisian situation, that it was sending a message to the bey and "the application of these measures will depend" on his reply.

The French maintained secrecy on the terms of the warning. There were reports, officially denied, that the bey would be kicked from his throne and his million-dollar-a-year job as sovereign.

There was talk that the French planned to exile at least some of the bey's 12 children unless he toed the mark. A government spokesman seemed to confirm this when he said there was so thought "for the moment" of doing such a thing.

Two of the bey's children, Prince Chedley and Princess Zakia, are passionate nationalists.

Tunisian officials weren't able, for the moment at least, to give their side of the story.

But Arab sources said the bey may have given in through discouragement at the United Nations' action on the Tunisian issue and the loss of support of two key nationalists through imprisonment and death.

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## Globemaster Lands Safely

OMAHA (AP) — A C-124 Globemaster transport plane which took off just ahead of the ill-fated C-124 that crashed near Larson Air Force Base Saturday landed at Omaha Saturday night.

A public information officer at Offutt Air Force Base here said the big plane, with 107 men aboard including the crew, left Larson Air Force Base just 15 minutes ahead of the transport which crashed. It, like the other plane, carried service men en route home for Christmas.

He said the plane was bound for Chicago, but bad weather prevented its landing there so it landed at Offutt at 6:40 p. m. (EST).

Most of the passengers left immediately by train and bus for their destinations, he said, adding that they did not learn until three hours after their takeoff that the plane behind them had crashed.

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## Gen. Van Fleet Attends Services Of Billy Graham

SEOUL (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet, his wife, and nearly 600 American officers and enlisted men attended Sunday morning church services conducted by Evangelist Billy Graham.

"A very impressive speaker," said the U. S. Eighth Army Commander as he emerged from the Eighth Army chapel.

Graham was to be their dinner guest later Sunday at their homes. Dozens of soldiers and officers waited outside the church entrance after the sermon.

"It was wonderful for you to come, sir," said Sgt. Frank Stewart as he asked Graham to pose with him for a "picture to send my mother." Stewart's mother, Mrs. John Barbazan, lives at Middeboro, Mass.

PFC Robert Reece, son of a Langley, S. C. pastor, said he had been "praying that Dr. Graham would come here."

Reece's father, The Rev. W. T. Reece, is pastor of the Langley Pentecostal Church.

## Cub Pack Holds Christmas Party

Caroling, gifts and refreshments featured the Christmas party Friday night of West Salem Cub Pack 15 at the West Salem Methodist Church.

Den members trimmed the tree with ornaments they had made in work projects.

Awards went to Edwin Maerz, Jim Glodt, Tyler Sermon, Mark Quistad, Douglas Gwynn, Wayne Bryan, Kirk Morey, Stanley Hamst, George Smith and Kent Hansen.

## Last Full Day Of Autumn Like Winter

By The Associated Press  
Autumn's last full day for 1952 brought fog, sleet, snow and rain to wide sections of the nation Saturday slowing traffic on highways and airways.

A mixture of rain, sleet, snow and freezing rain was falling from the Great Lakes westward and southward through Iowa and into northern and eastern sections of Missouri.

An ice sheath caused telephone line breaks in Iowa which cut 33 Northeast Hawkeye towns off from long distance communication. This included Grinnell — a town of 5,000 persons. Travel was slow due to ice-coated roads. There was six inches of snow in the Sioux City area. Some airline stops in the state were cancelled due to ice on airfield runways.

An all-day fog closed in on Chicago and its southern suburbs, halting landings at Midway Airport.

Automobile traffic on southern and central Illinois roads was slowed down by fog and drizzle while in the northern section of the state highways were slippery with ice and slush.

Another rainstorm came out of the Pacific and moving through the Western States carried precipitation from Los Angeles to Western Montana. Another rain area spread from the Central Gulf Coast northward to the Ohio Valley and northeastward to Lake Erie.

Temperatures were considerably above normal from the Great

## Farmers Union Chief Attacks 'Power Lobby'

DENVER (AP) — A charge that organizations which "profess to be for the people" are "falling for the blandishment of the multi-million-dollar private power lobby" was hurled Saturday night by James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union.

Patton said in a statement that private power interests "are moving on the nation's public-power resources with a greedy eye, confident of taking over through action of the new Congress." If they are successful, he declared, it means "strangulation" for the public power industry.

"For example," said the farmers union chief, "the American Farm Bureau Federation at its recent convention opposed the building of public transmission lines to carry public power away from the dams to public customers, when private companies want to build them."

"This is just another way of turning the public power over to the private utility trust to use for its profit, rather than the people's benefit."

"The National Reclamation Association, . . . actually devoted to turning over the benefits of western development to its profit-making friends, wants the Federal Power Commission to have control over all power — rates, public as well as private."

"This would give the commission power to jack up public rates, so much lower than private ones, so as to eliminate public competition with private companies."

He added that "the millions of farmers" who are members of rural electric cooperative associations "are awake to the menace of the situation."

## Group Opposes Fluoridation

An Oregon citizens' Health Study Group has gone on record opposing fluoridation of Salem's public water supply. It was announced by Mrs. M. C. Butler, vice chairman of a Salem member of the group.

She said the group had studied fluoridation and concluded that it is harmful to parts of the body other than teeth, results in brittle bones and violates constitutional rights in that it would amount to mass medication and compulsory dental service.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Australia's increased tobacco consumption is caused mainly by women taking up smoking, according to Mr. Latham Withall, director of the Associated Chambers of Manufacturers. Australia now consumes about 42 million pounds of tobacco a year — 5 pounds for every man, woman, and child, he said. Consumption before the war was only 3 1/2 pounds per person.

Lakes to the Western Dakotas. Coldest spot in the nation to report was Great Falls, Mont., with one above zero.

## Robert Best, Convicted U.S. Traitor, Dies

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Robert Henry Best, one of the few Americans convicted of treason, is dead. The thin, balding 56-year-old newspaperman and one-time Pulitzer Prize winner, died in the observatory of the U. S. medical center here for federal prisoners.

It was in sharp contrast to his notoriety of World War II days when he chose to remain in Germany after the conflict broke out and broadcast Nazi propaganda as "Berlin's Best."

Best, serving a life sentence, died last Tuesday, but word of his death did not become public until Saturday.

He was arrested in Vienna in February, 1946, was returned to the United States and charged with treason. He was convicted by a U. S. District Court jury Boston two years later and sentenced to serve a life term and pay a fine of \$10,000.

During his trial he admitted making 300 propaganda broadcasts from Germany, but insisted he took the air only for the purpose of fighting Communism.

## Burn Team at Crash Scene

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A burn team composed of three doctors and three nurses have been flown to Larson Air Force Base from Brooke Army Hospital to assist in treating victims of the C-124 crash disaster.

According to information received by the Army hospital here, there are 20 to 25 burn victims surviving the crash who need expert treatment immediately.

One doctor from Brooke Army Hospital was rushed by jet plane to the scene in advance of the remaining members of the burn team.

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## Automatic Paint Mixer

NEW YORK (AP) — A new push button device mixes paints to the precise color of a sample in less than 90 seconds. The mechanism, known as the automatic color carousel, mixes paint to match a selected color chip, putting into a container just the right amount of various colors to match the original.

The machine takes about half the space of an office desk. It stores specially formulated liquid colors in containers housed in a varicolored revolving drum atop its counter-high base and measures them with laboratory accuracy into cans of base paints, enamels or stains.

Through selective mechanical and electronic controls, code numbers on the color chips are transferred by dial settings into the matching color in flat, semi-gloss, gloss or deep-tone wall paint, house paint, floor enamel, decorative enamel or pigmented stain.

The device was developed by Standard-Toch Chemicals Inc.

## Happy Home Formula Given

NEW YORK (AP) — Suggestions by 8-year-old children on how to have a happy home, read at a family life conference here, included:

"There should be love, and that means no yelling."  
"Love and a TV set."  
"A clean place to live."  
"A baby sister."

"Everybody should give presents to each other."  
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