

Voluntary Desertion Of West Germany's 'FBI' Boss Indicated

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
BERLIN (U) — New evidence indicated Saturday night that West Germany's security chief — sometimes called "the man with a thousand secrets" — may have gone over to the East German Communists on his own choice.

A West Berlin border guard said Dr. Otto John, 44-year-old

counter-espionage head, drove into East Berlin with a doctor friend Tuesday night although they were given the usual warning that they were crossing into the Soviet sector.

The custom guard's information was reported to police less than 12 hours after a man identified as John on the East German radio announced his defection to "Germans of the East."

The border guard said after he cautioned John and his companion, Dr. Wolfgang Wohlgemuth, 48, that they were entering East Berlin, both men laughed and replied: "That's where we are heading. We are going to Charity Hospital."

Going Voluntarily

The car was owned by Wohlgemuth, described by West German officials as "an active Communist," who left a letter saying John was crossing to the East voluntarily and did not want to return.

In the wake of John's apparent defection, first details reached West Berlin of a reported wave of arrests of East Germans suspected of working for allied intelligence agencies.

Information Bureau West, a West Berlin tipster service, said Communist police arrested seven or eight employees of the East German Foreign Ministry and made other arrests at East German government headquarters in the Soviet sector.

Loyalty Probe

In Bonn, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer ordered a sweeping loyalty investigation of all officials in the West German government who knew John.

One source said hundreds of officials, including some higher-ups, were being checked.

The loyalty check was taken in Bonn to mean that Adenauer and other West German leaders now privately accept the Communist claim that John deserted. Publicly, however, the government clung to its statement that John was abducted.

The case continued to produce a welter of unverified reports, including one that John had leaped from the third floor window of a house in East Berlin when he was under guard by Communist security police.

The Frankfurt newspaper Abendpost carried the report without giving its source and said John was injured seriously or killed in the leap. There was no confirmation in Berlin.

\$92 in Small Change Stolen

Marion County sheriff's officers were looking Saturday for someone doing some big spending with small change.

The money, about \$92 in nickels, dimes and quarters, was stolen Friday night from amusement machines in the South Village Tavern, 3795 S. Commercial St. Mrs. Gilbert Roles, wife of the tavern's proprietor, discovered the theft when she opened the establishment Saturday morning.

Officers said burglars had apparently broken into the tavern through a rear window after trying unsuccessfully to force the lock on the front door. Two pinball machines, a shuffleboard game and a record player were damaged when the thieves pried off their doors to get the money.

State Police are cooperating with the sheriff's officers in the investigation.

Bank Deposits in Oregon Climbing

PORTLAND (U) — Deposits totaling \$1,682,127.996 were in Oregon banks June 30, the state superintendent of banks reported.

That was \$63,002,127 more than the total for the same time in 1953. A gain of \$5,889,184 in savings accounts accounted for most of the increase.

Solons Take Light Swing at Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (U) — The House Appropriations Committee took a not-too-heavy swing at President Eisenhower's foreign aid program Saturday, knocking \$812,213,554 off his request for the fiscal year which began July 1.

The committee voted for an overall total of \$5,208,419,979 — a 13 per cent cut from the \$6,020,633,533 asked by the President to help America's allies fight communism and improve their economic health.

This compares with about a 10 per cent trimming called for in pending versions of the foreign aid authorization bill, which sets a ceiling for the appropriations figure. The authorization has passed the House and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and now awaits Senate approval.

The new money measure, ticketed for House debate next week, provides for \$2,898,944,000 in new cash and \$2,312,475,979 in balances of funds previously voted but not yet spent.

The new cash figure is \$542,605,805 below the Eisenhower request, the unobligated balance amount \$289,807,749 below.

The economy act swung most heavily on the President's bid for general military assistance funds, which the committee slashed \$238,700,000 to \$1,241,300,000.

Other amounts included \$107,500, for technical cooperation with other nations, a \$30,020,000 decrease including nothing for the \$17,958,000 asked for this type of aid through the United Nations.

The congressional group voted no funds at all for the President's \$27,000,000 request for development of special weapons for mutual defense purposes and the \$75,000,000 he sought for manufacturing warplanes in Great Britain for the use of the Royal Air Force in European defense plans.

Reactors Back Annexation Policy Plan

Endorsement of a proposed new annexation policy for the city of Salem will be presented to Salem City Council Monday night by the Salem Board of Realtors.

Aldermen at a 7:30 p.m. meeting in City Hall also will be faced with legislation tied into this policy which calls for increased revenues to make possible extension of city services in suburban areas considered worthwhile for annexation.

The legislation for higher sewer service rates and sewer connection fees is under study by the aldermen, who are not expected to reach final decision at this coming meeting.

Another pending matter concerns application of Kenneth Stewart for taxicab licenses. A report is expected from the Council's license committee, although final action here also is considered unlikely.

5 Vancouver Lumber Mills Present Offer

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Five Vancouver, Wash., lumber mills Saturday offered striking members of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union two return-to-work proposals.

One called for immediate reopening of the mills with negotiations to be continued with the assistance of a commissioner from the Federal Mediation Service.

The other called for a return to work with negotiations to be reopened immediately if the major mills in the Columbia River area negotiate a general wage change.

There was no immediate reaction to the proposal from the union.

The five mills making the offer employ an estimated 300 men.

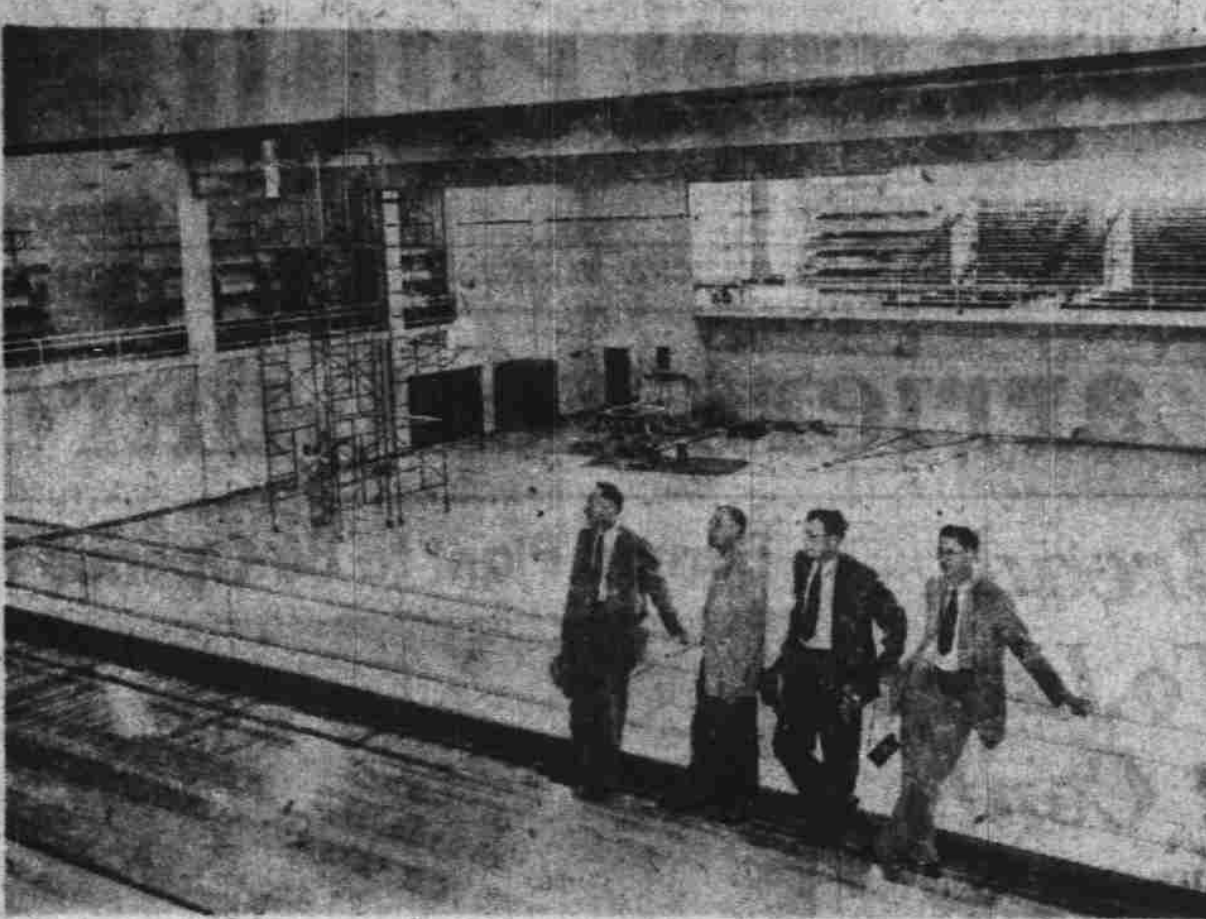
The strike, involving the AFL union and CIO Woodworkers, will enter its sixth week beginning Sunday. The unions are asking a 12 1/2-cent hourly increase. Management generally has contended that it cannot afford additional costs and has offered only to renew the old contract.

Bethel Area Rejects Annexation to Eugene

EUGENE (U) — The Bethel area north of here turned down, 361-350, a proposal to become annexed to Eugene. The proposal carried, 362-160, in the city.

Some Bethel residents are talking about incorporating as a city.

Montanans Inspect New Salem High School



Sparkling-new, this main gymnasium at South Salem High School was among features of the nearly finished new high school which drew an inspection party this week from Missoula, Mont., where a new county high school is to be built. In the party were (left to right) John Schroeder of the school board, Principal D. H. Beary and architects P. H. Lenon and Harry Schmatz.

News of Armistice Filters Down to Indochina Peasants; Little Expression of Interest Seen

By FORREST EDWARDS

HANOI, Indochina (U) — Three days after the signing of a cease-fire pact at Geneva, the news that the 8-year-old Indochina War is ending finally filtered down Saturday to Hanoi's cramped native quarters, its bazaars and black markets.

There were no celebrations, no smiles, and frowns, not even the mutters of discontent feared by the French. Peasants in the rice fields outside Hanoi seemed equally uninterested in the peace settlement.

North Viet Nam's three-man government committee appealed to the people to keep calm, but it appeared unnecessary.

"The Vietnamese can't have much less under the Vietminh than they have had and have now under us," a veteran French resident here said. "Unless they are Catholics, with a fear of religious persecution under Communists, why should they care who has North Viet Nam?"

Ho Chi Minh's Vietminh agents were working to persuade as many Vietnamese as possible to stay when the French pull out. The Vietminh need the rice grown by the peasant farmer, the merchandise in shops, and the labor of the half million residents and refugees now crowded into this city.

The Vietminh radio repeatedly assures residents of North Viet Nam they will not be harmed and their property will not be confiscated if they stay. These appeals are directed partly to Hanoi's 10,000 Chinese, many of whom are merchants, shopkeepers and moneylenders.

So far some 3,000 Chinese have turned deaf ears to the Communist appeals and have registered for evacuation to Haiphong and Saigon aboard transport planes chartered by the Nationalist Chinese regime at Formosa. More are registering every day, but as many as 5,000 may elect to stay.

A French army spokesman reported that a Vietnamese militia post northeast of Hanoi fell "to treachery" Friday. There was no official confirmation that a Vietnamese battalion had mutined at another post between Hanoi and Haiphong.

With the cease-fire scheduled to go into effect throughout North Viet Nam at 7 a. m. Tuesday (4 p. m. PST Monday, July 26), the fighting spluttered to a halt in the delta area and only minor patrol clashes were reported.

Police said Westerton told them his automobile was hit from the rear by an unidentified car about 32 miles north of here at Diamond Lake Junction. The Westerton vehicle was forced from the road and overturned.

Wreck Kills Hitchhiker

KLAMATH FALLS (U) — A car left the highway and rolled into a ditch Friday night, and one of the occupants was killed outright.

He was identified tentatively as Ray Huffstader, a hitchhiker, address unknown. Another hitchhiker, Margaret Grover, 22, Seattle, and the driver, Alfred Weatherston, Alameda, Calif., escaped with minor injuries.

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Mill Burns At Creswell

EUGENE (U) — A spark from a welding outfit was blamed for starting a fire that destroyed the sawmill unit of the Teague Bros. lumber plant at Creswell about 12 miles south of here Saturday.

Carl Teague, one of the brother partners, said the loss, covered by insurance, would run between \$46,000 and \$50,000.

The dry kiln, planer and most lumber stocks were saved by Creswell volunteer firemen, two fire crews from Springfield and one from Eugene.

Teague said the spark went under plankings as workmen were repairing the edger. They believed they had put it out with a fire extinguisher when suddenly the whole place was on fire. No one was injured.

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Jersey Guard Pilot Winner in Aviation Race

DETROIT (U) — Swishing from suburban Los Angeles to Detroit in 3 hours, 27 minutes and 13 seconds, Lt. Charles J. Young of the New Jersey Air National Guard Saturday won the feature race of the seventh International Aviation Exposition.

The last of 14 competitors off in California, the Montclair flier arrived fifth, his average of 580.438 miles an hour — a new record — for the 1,945.6-mile jet dash.

The unemployed Korean veteran did it in an old-style Sabre, an F86A. As 40,000 spectators cheered his victory, Young told reporters he hoped the triumph would help him land a job. Before Korea he was a salesman for a brokerage house.

The winner's speed cut 28 seconds off the old record for the same distance, set in 1951 Bendix Trophy race by Col. Keith Compton, whose time was 3:27.41. That, too, ended in Detroit.

Planes were placed according to elapsed time, including a refueling stop. They left California at five-minute intervals. Lt. Young, who was last off, arrived fifth — minutes after Capt. Robert A. Johnson of Eastover, S. C., who took off first from Ontario, Calif.

Capt. Johnson won second place in the elapsed-time ratings with an average speed of 557.36.

Behind Lt. Young and Capt. Johnson were Col. Willard Millikan, Alexandria, Va., 555.08, and Capt. Dallas Sartz, Pullman, Wash., 551.40.

Police Cite 9 Pedestrians

Police cited nine persons Friday and Saturday on charges of walking through light signals on downtown streets. This follows on the heels of a recent warning that pedestrians would be liable to arrest for violations. Violators are permitted to forfeit \$2.50 bail.

Authorities decided on more stringent measures after an educational campaign, via pamphlets and loudspeakers, failed to meet with any great success in reducing pedestrian violations.

Nixon Due in Coos Bay For Speech on Cordon

COOS BAY (UP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon will speak here Aug. 18 in behalf of Oregon Sen. Guy Cordon.

The State Republican Central Committee announced Nixon's visit.

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River Bottom Blast Kills 7 In Tennessee

SAVANNAH, Tenn. (U) — A dynamite charge blasted off on the bottom of the Tennessee River Saturday and ripped through a drill boat on the surface. Seven men were believed dead.

The crew was drilling holes and laying dynamite for a Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. line under the river.

The crew had drilled one hole near the west bank and was drilling a second hole when the explosion came.

Joe Ham, district superintendent for Tennessee Gas, said the crew apparently drilled into a hole that already had dynamite in it.

The charges were usually set off by remote control after the boat had moved to a safe position.

A supply barge, loaded with 5,000 pounds of dynamite, was tied to the boat. It didn't explode. The boat was badly damaged but stayed afloat.

Milton Swaim, 28, apparently was the only survivor. Swaim said there were seven other men aboard. He said they apparently either drowned or were blown to bits. The boat usually carried a crew of eight.

A funeral home operator here said one badly mangled body had been removed from the drill rigging.

State Hunting Regulations Announced

PORTLAND (U) — Hunting regulations for this year were announced Saturday by the Oregon Game Commission.

Most are the same as those tentatively fixed July 10. One change lengthened the buck deer season from Oct. 2 through Oct. 18, with the three-day either sex deer season shifted to Oct. 19, 20 and 21. Boundaries for the hunter's choice season were unchanged.

The Clatsop County elk area was modified and the requirement that hunters carry out elk heads and antlers were eliminated.

Pheasant seasons were modified slightly with a few boundary changes. Also adopted were regulations concerning conduct of hunters on state-owned shooting grounds.

The commission said it will have a complete synopsis of the regulations ready for hunters about Sept. 1.

McMinnville Man Killed in Wreck

McMINNVILLE (U) — Eldon C. Winters, 75, of rural McMinnville, was killed Saturday in a two-car collision south of here.

Two occupants of the other car, Mrs. Delmer Robbins and her son, Gerald, 7, of McMinnville, were hospitalized with non-critical injuries. A third passenger, Delmer Robbins, suffered minor hurts.

English Ford Stolen

BROOKS — A 1948 English type Ford, owned by William Whitney, Brooks Route 1, Box 17-B, was stolen from the residence Saturday afternoon. Whitney told state police the car was taken between 3 and 5 p.m.

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