

President Signs Treaties to End West German Occupation

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WASHINGTON (UP) President Eisenhower Thursday signed historic Allied agreements to end 10 years occupation of West Germany and to add German manpower and resources to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The twin moves marked a sharp defeat for Russia which has tried to keep free Germany out of the Allied defense organization. The actions are expected to prompt new Allied negotiations with Russia later this year on Germany and other East-West problems. It is expected that after all nations complete final approval West Germany will start building a defense force of approximately 500,000 men trained and ready within five years.

At a White House ceremony, the President formally signed:

1. U. S. accords with Britain, France, and West Germany to grant Germans their sovereignty and free them from occupation controls in the three Western zones of Germany.
2. U. S. approval for the admission of the German republic to the North Atlantic treaty's defense system against Communist aggression. Germany will be the 15th nation in NATO.
3. An agreement changing the status of American forces in Germany from occupation troops to that of invited guests under the NATO defense system. The senate gave its consent to ratification of the first two agree-

ments April 1. Senate ratification was not needed on the third.

Final Technicalities
The President's signatures did not clear final technicalities remaining to be accomplished. The

sovereignty will not be actually granted to the Germans until the four powers meet at a formal ceremony, perhaps in Bonn, Germany, within a month or so. Sovereignty means, in addition

to ending the occupation, that the Germans can have full fledged diplomatic relations and other rights denied them since the end of the war. The Allies, by German agreement, have reserved

their right to deal with Russia on a final peace treaty.

U. S. officials hope that the formal admission of Germany to NATO can be accomplished at a meeting of NATO powers next month in Europe. The Dutch upper house and Denmark alone have to complete parliamentary approval of Germany's admission to NATO.

Survivor of A-Blast Now In U.S. Army

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A young man of Japanese descent who survived the world's first atomic bombing in warfare joined the U. S. Army here Wednesday.

Mikami Kinoshita was 9 years old when Americans dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. He saw it from a school yard 10 miles away.

He remembers it as a "huge flash." At the time, he thought it was just a bigger bomb than the others. He escaped unhurt, but some of his relatives nearer town were painfully burned.

Kinoshita holds no rancor against America, he said Wednesday as he took the Army oath of allegiance and began a three-year

enlistment in the Engineers Corps. Every young American ought to join up, he added.

"They will need the training," he said.

Kinoshita, now 19, is an American citizen by birth. His parents were U. S. citizens who went to Japan to live before he was born.

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Russ-Japan Talks In Geneva Forecast

TOKYO (UP)—Foreign Office sources predicted Thursday peace negotiations between Russia and Japan may eventually be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Insistence that the talks be held in New York was regarded merely as part of Japan's diplomatic maneuvering. Russia is demanding either Moscow or Tokyo for the talks.

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Non-Strikers' Homes Given Special Guard

ATLANTA, Ga. (UP)—Special patrol cars protected non-striking telephone employees homes in Birmingham, Ala., Thursday and police moved to prevent a repetition of egg throwing by pickets in Wednesday's near riots.

A new rash of acts of vandalism, mostly the slashing of telephone cables, was reported at widely scattered points in the nine-state telephone strike area.

Some 200 persons massed at nearby Bessemer to block off non-striking employees of the strike-bound Southern Bell Telephone Co. Police finally broke up the demonstration.

A similarly tense situation forced the company, now in the 25th day of a strike by the Communications Workers of America (CWA), to close its exchange Wednesday night at Jellico, Tenn.

The exchange was the third to be closed because of picketline disorders and threat of possible "bloodshed" since the CWA called its strike for 50,000 members.

Police Commissioner Robert H. Lindbergh called an emergency in Birmingham after several non-striking homes were bombed, others threatened and scores of telephone cables cut.

Lindbergh ordered a riot wagon placed on a standby basis and four new tear gas guns, 2,000 rounds of pistol ammunition, 500 rounds of sub-machine gun ammunition and 500 rounds of shotgun ammunition placed in readiness.

'Card Carrying Christians' Advocated

RICHMOND, Ind. (UP)—Carl H. Duning thinks there should be "card carrying Christians" to balance the card carrying Communists throughout the world.

Duning, a semi-retired furniture dealer, has made a minor crusade out of his idea. He's campaigning for "Christ in Every Purse."

As result, Duning has given away millions of billfold-sized copies of artist Warner Sallman's famed painting of the head of Christ.

He was so inspired himself by the painting, he said, that he began his hobby of distributing plastic-coated copies.

Publicity about the party membership cards carried by Communists spurred his campaign.

"Now I find myself developing an objective—that all church people may become card carrying Christians," he said.

Kansas Courts 'Move Slowly'

TOPEKA, Kan. (UP)—Slowly more the the courts.

Still on file is the forcible entry complaint filed in the court of Topeka by J. N. Thompson against Mrs. E. J. Whitlow. He demanded that she move from a Topeka house on which he claimed she owed \$28 rent. She was allowed just three days to vacate, but the case was continued.

It's still listed as "continued" on court records but no one remembers if Mrs. Whitlow moved or paid up.

The case was filed June 25, 1908.



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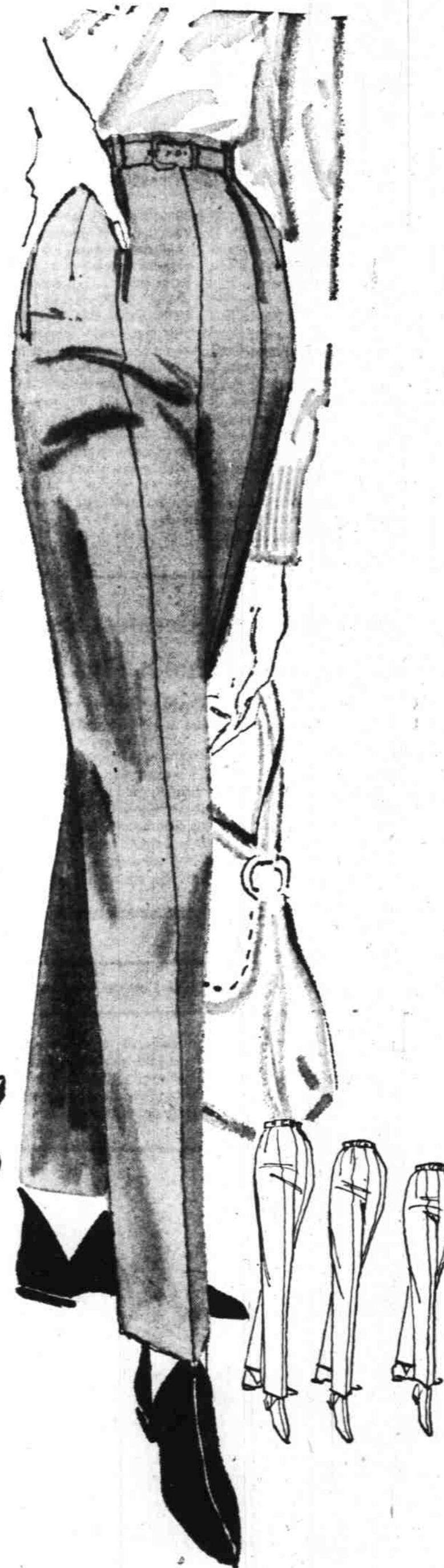
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