

East Germany Issues New Threats Against West Zone

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany said Sunday if the West continues to withhold recognition of its Communist government, new and "greater inconveniences" will be clamped on Soviet-surrounded West Berlin.

Deputy Prime Minister Otto Nuschke said current harassment

of West Berlin would not have begun if the non-recognition policy did not exist. He specifically named the sharply increased road tax on Western trucks as one of the present harassments.

It was the first time since the tax was imposed April 1 that East Germany has conceded the meas-

ure was a means to secure governmental recognition. For the record, they have said the increased taxes were needed to keep the roads in shape.

The Western allies have always contended, and the Bonn government has followed their lead, that East Germany's Communist government was formed illegally and hence has no standing.

"We can survive these childish policies of ignoring political realities for quite a long time," Nuschke declared in a statement published by the East Berlin newspaper, Neue Zeit.

"It has been proved in recent times that the German democratic republic (East Germany) is a sovereign state with which one must reckon politically."

"If Bonn (the West German capital) and West Berlin hadn't fallen into the hands of the Communists, they could have pleasantness, and in the future spared themselves certain unpleasures they would avoid still greater inconveniences."

"A significant event in that connection is the establishment of the higher road taxes for the strongly increased interzonal traffic, and particularly for the strongly increased transport traffic to West Berlin."

Nuschke complained that "instead of negotiating" on the taxes, West Berlin Mayor Otto Suhr made two futile trips to Bonn. West Germany has attempted to negotiate a reduction in the taxes through interzonal trade officials.

The East Germans refused to do this, and held out for talks on a ministry level. Last week, the Communists offered to discuss the matter with officials of the West German Traffic Ministry. Bonn has yet to announce its agreement.

Congress to 'Slap' Benson by Voting Higher Agency Budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders said Sunday that Congress is going to show its displeasure with Secretary of Agriculture Benson and his farm policies by voting him many millions of dollars more than he asked for.

"It's a rather curious form of criticism or opposition for a farm

Cabinet member," commented Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.), a Benson supporter. Sen. Ellender (D-La.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, agreed, saying he supported some of the multi-million dollar increases in the annual farm money bill because he disagrees with Benson's policies.

But is Benson smarting under this rain of dollar blows?

"Actually," said Aiken, "I believe the secretary and his subordinates will be delighted with most of the increases."

"They had been told to trim their plans in line with the President's budget, along with other agencies. Now they get the funds without being disloyal."

"Quick Win"

The two senators were talking, in separate interviews, about the Agriculture Department appropriation bill. Expected to win quick Senate passage this week, it carries more than \$1,400,000,000 in cash and loans for the 12 months that begin July 1. This would exceed Benson's budget requests by 161 1/2 million.

In recent years, the big farm money measure often has caused bitter and lengthy floor battles. This time it appeared likely to whiz through the Senate as it did the House.

An example of how Congress has been boosting farm money beyond requests is the agricultural conservation program of payments to farmers who cooperate with government planners.

"Same Story"

Benson asked 175 million dollars for these payments on 1953 crops. Congress voted him 190 millions, but he spent only 175 millions. The next year Benson again asked 175 millions and Congress authorized 250 millions. Again this year it is the same story.

Farm Union To Sponsor Salem Meet

The welfare problem in Oregon will be a prime topic at a conference to be held in Salem Saturday, May 14, under sponsorship of the Oregon State Farmers' Union. Also participating will be labor and religious groups.

The all-day meeting will include discussion of tax programs, the regional power corporation, the proposed state public power authority, labor legislation and modernization of Oregon's penal and welfare institutions.

Organizations slated to participate in the conference in addition to the Farmers' Union include the Oregon State Grange, the American Federation of Labor, the CIO, the railroad brotherhoods, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon League of Women Voters, Oregon Council of Churches and the Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Abbreviation of Mass Announced By Vatican Group

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Rites has decreed slight abbreviation of the Roman Catholic mass, effective next Jan. 1. The congregation also shortened the breviary which priests must recite daily.

The changes, published Saturday, conform with other measures taken by Pope Pius XII to reduce church ceremonies and give priests more time to attend to parish duties.

The mass will be simplified slightly at the beginning and after communion to the end of the service. The essential parts of the mass, the offertory, consecration and communion — will remain unchanged.

Vatican sources said the simplification was agreed to by the Pope in consideration of requests from bishops all over the world.

Crash Injures Five; Valsetz Driver Fined

AURORA — A head-on collision on the Pacific Highway near here Sunday resulted in a drunk driving charge against one driver and severe injuries to a woman, state police reported. Four other persons sustained minor injuries.

Taken to Salem General Hospital for X-rays and observation was Mrs. C. E. Turner, 71, Dayton, Wash. Attendants reported her condition "fair." Booked on a charge of driving while intoxicated, said officers, was Alexander Ostwald, 41, Valsetz, after a citizen's arrest was made by Ned Kirby Lamberton, Lebanon, a witness to the accident.

According to police, a car driven by Ostwald collided with a vehicle driven by the injured woman's husband, Charles E. Turner, 72, also of Dayton. The accident occurred just south of Aurora about 4:54 p.m. Turner and three other passengers in his car, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ferguson, Portland, and Mrs. Delbert Howard, Pomeroy, Wash., were taken to Salem General Hospital but later released.

Extensive front-end damage was reported to both vehicles.

Ostwald pleaded guilty to the drunk driving charge in Woodburn justice court and was fined \$300 and costs. He was lodged in Marion County jail in lieu of payment.

South Korea Rejects New Commie Bid

SEOUL (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Y. T. Pyun Sunday rejected a new Red Chinese proposal for South-North Korean unification talks.

Red Premier Chou En-Lai told the Asian-African conference at its closing session Sunday that North and South Korea should meet as soon as possible to discuss peaceful unification.

Pyun told a news conference that direct negotiation between North and South Korea without United Nations participation is impossible.

Pyun reaffirmed the South Korean stand at Geneva a year ago that unification should be achieved through all-Korea elections under United Nations supervision, after withdrawal of all Chinese troops from North Korea.

Pyun said if the Communists go along with this ROK plan, South Korea is ready to open unification talks under U. N. auspices.

CAP Reports Plane Crash; Pilot Missing

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A light plane carrying one man crashed and burned in the rugged Devils Garden area near Alturas, Calif., the Civil Air Patrol here was told Sunday.

A man who identified himself as Thomas O'Neill called here to report the crash. He said he was flying north in one plane and that Tony Lenard was accompanying him in another light plane.

He said that Lenard's plane burst into flames and crashed at about 4:30 p.m. O'Neill said he flew back to Alturas and was calling from there to report the accident.

The Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit had found no trace of the missing plane at nightfall.

O'Neill said he was returning by plane to the crash scene.

Both men are believed to be from the Stockton, Calif., area.

Pendleton Woman Cited for Assault

PENDLETON (AP) — Mrs. Dorothy Hayes, 32, was booked on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon Sunday after her husband, Roy Hayes, 45, suffered serious stab wounds in a dispute.

Police said the stabbing occurred at the residence of Dan White, about 11 miles south of here. The Hayes were visiting there.

Mrs. Hayes was treated for minor cuts before being jailed.

Homemaker Representatives



PORTLAND — Oregon will be represented in Mrs. McKean's homemaker contest by Mrs. John W. McKean of Portland, wife of state game commission official. Mother of six girls, two of them twins, Mrs. Oregon will compete for national title in Florida in May, accompanied by her husband.

Truck Trailer Breaks Loose, Misses Traffic

WOODBURN — An accident was narrowly averted here Sunday evening when a trailer broke loose from a semi-truck in a stream of heavy traffic.

State police said the wandering trailer rolled a considerable distance before coming to a stop cross-wise on the Pacific Highway near the north-Woodburn city limits. According to officers, an accident was averted only because other traffic was not within close proximity at the time of the 8:30 p.m. mishap.

Driver of the northbound Pierce Co. truck was listed as Clarence Smith, Eugene. Police said the trailer was cast loose after a coupling apparently broke.

Burglars Hit Salem Store

A burglary early Sunday morning at the Gatchell Grocery, 3295 S. Commercial St., resulted in theft of four cartons of cigarettes and 50 cents in pennies, state police said.

Investigation indicated entry was made by forcing a rear door to the firm. Officers said the change was taken from a cash register.

SEATO Meet Opens Today

BAGUIO, P.M. (AP) — The eight-nation SEATO military planners' conference opened here Monday for talks on organizing an air arm, supported by ground and naval units, to defend Southeast Asia against Communist aggression and subversion.

Lt. Gen. Jesus Vargas, Philippines' chief of staff and military adviser on the SEATO Council, delivered the opening address. He was to be followed by the representatives of Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Southeast Asia collective defense treaty meeting will draft recommendations for specific defense projects. The recommendations will be taken up at a meeting of chief military advisers to SEATO in Bangkok next June.

Emphasis in planning has shifted to air power as the main striking force in defense of the area against any Communist attack, observers said. Mobile land and naval units are expected to provide support.

MAN PICKED UP

Virgil Boyce Burnett, Salem, wanted by Marion County authorities on a charge of larceny by bailie, has been taken into custody at Coos Bay, sheriff's deputies reported Sunday. The man will be returned to Salem early this week.

Man Arrested After Wreck

GERVAIS — A Hubbard area man was jailed on a charge of driving while intoxicated Sunday after being involved in an accident two miles east of here on the Mt. Angel-Gervais Highway, state police said. A woman was reported slightly injured.

Officer Henry Hepler said Freeman Arthur Wilson, 39, was held after a citizen's arrest was made by the driver of the other vehicle involved, George Robert Funkhouser Jr., 17, Gervais. The accident occurred about 4:45 p.m.

Wilma Mays, 45, listed as a passenger in the Wilson car, suffered a head abrasion but did not require hospitalization. Both vehicles received substantial damage. Wilson was lodged in Marion County jail and \$150 bail set.

Conservatives Score Victory In Japan Vote

TOKYO (AP) — Conservatives won a solid victory in Japan's prefectural assembly elections but left wing candidates also racked up surprising gains, returns showed Monday.

Democrats, Liberals and Independent Conservatives captured 1,870 of the 2,613 seats in Saturday's nation-wide balloting for Japan's 46 assemblies, the equivalent of state legislatures.

That was eight more seats than they held before. Leftists of various hues — including 10 Communists — captured 590 seats. That was an increase of 170 seats for these parties.

Most of the gains by both sides were registered at the expense of independents who had run without support of any major party.

The Liberals, the conservative party of former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, maintained their prefectural supremacy with 624 seats. They also claimed support of 70 per cent of the 652 Conservative Independents elected.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Conservative Democrats picked up 594 seats. The Democrats and Liberals endorsed many of the same Conservative Independents.

Man Cited for Unsafe Truck

City police sired down a noisy truck Sunday and after a check cited Lawrence L. Wacken, Salem Route 1, Box 816, for driving an unsafe vehicle, officers reported.

In their examination of the 1943 Dodge light truck, said officers, they found no brakes, headlights or tail-lights and also noted that the stop light, windshield wipers, rear view mirror and muffler were missing.

Wacken was directed to appear in municipal court Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The truck was halted in the 900 block of Mission St.

'Waste, Duplication' Charged In Government Buying Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Hoover commission Sunday reported "great waste, duplication and overlapping" in government buying and handling of food and clothing.

The Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government said taxpayers could be saved 340 million dollars a year through unified, efficient management and tighter inventory controls.

The commission, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, called for a substantial overhauling of this phase of government operations, particularly by the armed forces. The services account for more than \$1,700,000,000 of the yearly federal outlay for subsistence.

Joseph P. Binns, chairman of a commission task force which looked into government buying and handling of food and clothing, estimated that streamlining those operations could effect an overall saving of at least 10 per cent annually in the government's purchases and another 10 per cent in storage and handling.

Latest of Series

Major recommendations in the latest of a series of commission reports included:

1. Creation within the Defense Department of a central agency to handle procurement, distribution, warehousing and management of the food supply for the armed forces.

2. Establishment of a similar central agency to take over full responsibility for clothing supplies for the armed forces.

B. F. Mills of Jefferson Dies

JEFFERSON — Benjamin Franklin Mills, 74, a resident of the Jefferson area for the past several years, died Sunday at a Salem hospital following a brief illness.

He resided in the Independence sector for a considerable time and while there engaged in agricultural work. He later operated a farm in the Jefferson area. Mills was born in Iowa Feb. 11, 1881 and moved to Oregon with his parents in 1886. The family first lived in Linn County and moved to Independence in 1913.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sadie Mills, Jefferson; two sons, Clyde and Floyd Mills, both of Independence; nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 2 p.m., at the Smith-Krueger chapel in Independence. The Rev. Roy H. Campbell will officiate and interment will follow at Hill Top Cemetery near Independence.

WHEELS TAKEN

R. E. Steed, Sublime, told the Salem state police office that a wheel was stolen off his car sometime Saturday night while it was parked at his residence. He said a neighbor also lost a wheel about the same time.

3. Assumption by the General Services Administration of full responsibility for procurement and distribution of food and other common use items for all civilian government agencies, and development of cross-serving arrangements with the Army's quartermaster general market center in this work.

The task force reported a clothing inventory of nearly \$2,700,000,000 in the Defense Department. It said a reduction of \$1,350,000,000 is possible with a consequent annual saving of more than 30 million dollars in interest charges and 3 million more in warehousing and other expenses.

The task force said there now is a "complete lack of teamwork between purchasing and stock management functions with the result that the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing."

Lack of Team-Work

The task force reported it found such situations as:

The Army renting commercial cold storage space in an area where the Navy is not fully utilizing government owned space.

Double handling, unnecessary transportation and the existence of storage warehouses of one service located in areas which could more economically and efficiently serve the other.

"A noticeable lack of high caliber, broadly trained personnel in the food and clothing fields in the armed services."

The task force also reported there is a "lack of obedience by the services" to Defense Department directives. It cited this example:

A directive of January, 1955, established a 4-months inventory of green coffee at each roasting plant. An inspection of the Army roasting plant at Seattle showed an inventory of 9 months supply of green coffee and a 3 months supply of roasted coffee.

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