

7 Western European Countries Form Pact

PARIS (AP)—The West European Union military alliance of free nations of Europe was officially organized Saturday night.

After a meeting of ministers from the seven member nations, British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan announced:

"The West European Union (WEU) came into being tonight. 'Everything has been agreed. The meeting was a complete success.'"

"This is of great importance. After so many efforts, so many

starts, so many delays and so many disappointments, something has come into being that is unique in Europe."

The WEU links Britain, France, West Germany, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands and Luxembourg in a military alliance tied to the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

MacMillan said the ministers discussed plans to organize a WEU Assembly. It will represent the parliaments of the seven nations.

The WEU Assembly probably will meet simultaneously with the Council of Europe Assembly in Strasbourg, France, MacMillan said.

He reported the ministers agreed to appoint the following officials of WEU:

Secretary general—Louis Goffin, Belgium. He now is Belgian minister to Iran.

Chief of the arms control agency—Adm. Emilio Ferreri, Italy.

Assistant secretaries general—Peter Frazer, Britain, and Franz Etzdorf, Germany.

Deputy secretary general and secretary general of the arms pool—M. Christoffini, France.

MacMillan said the ministers had made no decision on the future high commissioner for the Saar. They will meet probably Tuesday to name him.

New Violence Reported in Rail Strike

ATLANTA (AP)—Final agreement to end the Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike eluded mediators in Washington Saturday night as new dynamite blasts and gunshots punctuated both regional rail and telephone disputes.

The mediation session recessed until Sunday after a day of hope that a pact could be signed to halt the walkout on the vast L&N system and send the issues to arbitration.

Francis O'Neill, chairman of the National Mediation Board, said both sides were "so close together they're scorching each other" and declared he was "real optimistic."

Asked about a report that Monday had been set for settling the strike, he said, however, that "The time schedule may be a little set back."

Fact Unknown. Informed that the two sides were reported close together, George E. Leighty, chairman of the striking union negotiating committee, said "If they are he (O'Neill) knows something I don't know."

G. C. Howard, personnel director of L&N said "I have nothing to say."

Negotiations in the nine-state strike of CIO Communications Workers of America against the Southern Bell Telephone Co., were at a standstill, but the company claimed that a back to work movement is increasing.

Violence continued to mark both strikes. A striking L&N railroad worker was shot in the leg near the railroad yards at Evansville, Ind., and a supervisory employee was charged with the shooting. A non-striking employee was peppered from a shotgun blast while at work at Louisville, Ky.

Car Fired On. A car taking non-striking Southern Bell employees from work at Memphis was fired on. A single shot hit a rear fender of the car. Remaining personnel in the downtown exchange was kept there overnight to avoid further trouble.

Earlier several eggs had been thrown at the departing workers and a brick was thrown through the windshield of a company car.

Even as rail negotiators worked in a night long session dynamite cut the L & N mainline north and south of Birmingham, Ala., and a damaged switch wrecked a freight train near Atlanta, Ala.

Earlier, dynamite wrecked two freight trains in Kentucky and a railroad bridge guard was shot to death. The shooting was reported to have been accidental.

Latest property damage in the telephone strike was in Alabama. Describing the damage as "serious," District Manager W. F. Yandell reported a total of 110 telephone wires were cut near Mobile, disrupting communications with New Orleans, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, New York, Chicago and Houston.

A dynamite blast in Chattanooga, Tenn., damaged telephone circuits and ripped out the side of a paint shop.

Tunisian Home Rule Protested By French Mob

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—French demonstrators, protesting against the recent French-Tunisian accords to give this country a measure of home rule, tried to storm the French residency in the heart of the city Saturday evening.

When the gates were slammed in their faces, they clung to the iron grillwork, shouting abuse at French Resident-General Pierre Boyer de Latour.

They demanded release of Gen. Marcel Rime-Brunau, who was expelled from Tunisia this week on charges of urging violence against fellow colonists who favor the home rule program.

Antiriot police cleared the street after two hours of noisy demonstrations. No casualties were reported.

FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND

One of the city jail's regulars, delivered a sack of tobacco supplies and matches to the police station for distribution to those he left behind. Upon finding there were 42 bales instead of the average 20, he appeared later with another sack for further distribution.

Minneapolis Firemen Battle Industrial Blaze



MINNEAPOLIS—Firemen feed water onto the six-story W. S. Nott building here after flames had already destroyed the Nott annex, lower right. The firm manufactures fire protection equipment. The blaze late Friday apparently started in the annex and then spread to four other industrial buildings, including the eight-story Fur-Tex building, across a street to the left of the Nott main building. (AP Wirephoto)

Man, Trapped in Cave Seven Hours, Rescued in Kentucky

CENTER, Ky. (AP)—A 42-year-old school principal, on a rock-hunting expedition for his class, was trapped in a cavern nearly seven hours Saturday by a rockslide that broke his back.

Michael Angelo Fancher, who also teaches general science at Center, Ky., High School, was brought out by a rescue crew headed by A. F. Houston, chief ranger for the National Park Service, Mammoth Cave.

"Bless your sweet heart," cried Fancher's wife, embracing Houston after the precarious rescue operation.

Mrs. Fancher and her three children were among the crowd that stood waiting at the mouth of the cavern after the alarm had been sounded by Tommy Jeffries.

Jeffries, 15-year-old pupil in Fancher's class, had accompanied him and was first out of the cave on the return trip.

As they left, Fancher stopped to chip off a piece of rock, causing two boulders to slip.

The lower one, weighing almost a ton, struck Fancher in the back, knocking him face down to the floor of the cave, with his knees doubled up against his chest.

The upper boulder, also about a ton in weight, slid down on top of the other, keeping the principal from moving.

Before ranger Houston arrived, other workers managed to chip away minor rock formations, freeing Fancher's arms and shoulders. Hydraulic jacks were then used to clear the passageway and admit a physician who administered sedatives.

At a hospital, Dr. L. P. Emberton said the principal was "in pretty bad shape."

Frosts Thin Out Medford Crops

MEDFORD (UP)—Spring frosts have materially thinned out most unheated cherry and apricot orchards in the Medford area, according to Jackson County Horticultural Agent Don Berry.

The pear and peach crops have not been seriously affected by unseasonal cold, Berry said. Peaches, however, were facing a pollination problem due to continued cold, rainy weather.

Kansas School Teacher Beaten By Two Girls

OSWEGO, Kan. (AP)—A Chetopa, Kan., school teacher is in a hospital here after being "worked over" with a length of pipe by two daughters of an irate grandmother, Sheriff J. E. Morrow said Saturday.

The sheriff said Mrs. Darlene Blanton, incensed over "some school trouble" involving a granddaughter, first attacked the teacher herself last Thursday night.

The teacher, Miss Lois Porter, was scratched and her clothes were torn in the altercation, he said. She signed a complaint against Mrs. Blanton.

The grandmother was fined \$75 Saturday on charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace and destroying property.

While she was in court, Morrow related, three daughters went to Miss Porter's home. He said two, Dolly Burton, 20, and Rachel Burton, 17, wielded a 4-foot piece of pipe while the third, Shirley Burton, 16, watched.

Miss Porter was hospitalized for a possible brain concussion. Dolly and Rachel were held for investigation of felonious assault and will have a hearing Monday. Shirley was released.

The sheriff said he didn't know the exact nature of the school trouble.

WOMEN SEEK RIGHTS

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—A women's rights movement is arising in this French North African protectorate. For the first time in Tunisian history, a group of Moslem girls has founded an association. Largely students, their main aim is to ease their living conditions.

Zhukov Says U.S. Bases Circling Reds

MOSCOW (AP)—Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Russian defense minister, Sunday accused the United States of surrounding the Soviet Union and Red China with military bases "designed for waging atomic warfare."

The former comrade-in-arms of President Eisenhower and British Field Marshal Lord Montgomery in the campaigns against nazism signed a four-column article in Pravda in connection with the 10th anniversary of V-E Day. Zhukov himself was in East Berlin for the anniversary.

He accused "ruling circles" of the United States and Britain of preparing for a new war against the Soviet Union and its Communist allies.

Zhukov did not mention President Eisenhower by name, nor did he make any reference to correspondence he has conducted with the president recently.

The article was a sharp contrast with Zhukov's mild May day speech a week ago. In that speech he did not mention the United States by name, and he declared Soviet policy stood for a solution of "all disputed questions by negotiation."

He said, however, that the rearmament of West Germany made it necessary to strengthen Soviet security measures.

Possible Tax Cut Pictured By Humphrey

HOT SPRINGS, Va. (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey reportedly has given business leaders reason to hope for both tax cuts and a balanced federal budget next year—the fiscal 1957 budget due next January.

Humphrey spoke to the Business Advisory Council (BAC) of the Commerce Department at its spring meeting here. The session was closed but some of those attending gave newsmen a partial account.

The secretary qualified his optimism with "all kinds of ifs," one informant said, but based it on the upsurge of business activity which—if continued—will increase income and corporate tax revenues.

Another industry participant said that Humphrey spoke only in general terms but that he—the BAC member—was convinced that the administration will "send up a balanced budget in January."

The council itself, made up of about 100 heads of country's largest corporations, gave Humphrey reason for satisfaction about the prospects for federal revenues.

The council's own technical economic committee, headed by Donald K. David, dean of the Harvard graduate school of business administration, predicted that high-level business activity will continue through 1955 and into 1956.

David's report noted, however, that "too rapid expansion can become an abortive boom," and that the highly favorable economic prospects could be dimmed if over-enthusiasm is translated into an over-expansion of credit.

Spokesmen for every major segment of industry gave bullish reports on all the business outlook at the meeting. Some saw 1955 as the all-time record year for national production and income.

Members who were willing to discuss Humphrey's remarks privately said they gathered that it is confident the upswing will be maintained and hopeful that it will be strong enough to wipe out the federal deficit in the year starting mid-1956.

Farm Prices Rise Slightly

PORTLAND (AP)—Prices received by Oregon farmers went up an average of 1 per cent in the month ended April 15, the federal Crop Reporting Service said Saturday.

Hay and potatoes led the increase, crops went up 3 per cent, but livestock products showed a drop that offset that.

Compared with a year ago crops were up 8 per cent, livestock down 7 per cent.

12 FLEE FAIRVIEW

Twelve Fairview home residents—nine boys and three girls—at bed time Saturday were found to have left the place, the night-time supervisor reported to Salem police. Ages range from 15 to 20. They were found missing from three different cottages.

At The Theaters Today

EL SINORE with Silvana Mangano and Michael Rennie. "DEVIL'S HARBOR" with Richard Arlen and Greta Gynt.

CAPITOL "CELL 2455, DEATH ROW" with William Campbell and Robert Campbell.

WYOMING RENEGADES starring Phil Carey.

HIT THE DECK with Jane Powell and Tony Martin. Debbie Reynolds and Walter Pidgeon. Vic Damone and Gene Raymond. Ann Miller and Russ Tamblyn.

SUDDENLY with Frank Sinatra and Sterling Hayden.

NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN "CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT" with Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush. "THEY RODE WEST" with Robert Francis and Donna Reed.

HOLLYWOOD "DREAM IN MY HEART" with Jose Ferrer and Rosemary Clooney. "OUTLAW STALLION" with Phil Carey and Dorothy Patrick.

Gridiron Club Pans Nation's Party Chiefs

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower was depicted Saturday night as sending a message to White House squirrels asking them not to spoil this golf score because he may not be around Washington long.

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Eden Urges Reelection of Conservatives

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eden Saturday night asked Britain to reelect a Conservative government so he can press "a supreme effort" to settle East-West differences.

The Prime Minister addressed a nationwide radio audience in his first big bid for votes in Britain's May 26 election.

Eden told the nation a Socialist victory would mean government by a party that is unable to agree on matters of foreign policy. The Labor Party leader, Clement Attlee, would return as Prime Minister if Labor wins.

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