

West Germany Launches New Army; First Troops Called Up

By GEORGE BOULTWOOD
BONN, Germany (AP)—West Germany Saturday launched its new Wehrmacht, putting men into uniform for the first time in more than 10 years. It called to the colors the first 101 for the 500,000-strong force to be built up by 1958.

U.S. General Lauds Chiang Aerial Power

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U.S. Air Force chief of staff, said Saturday the Nationalist Chinese Air Force is capable of rendering "very effective" support to ground forces if the Communists attack the offshore islands.

Here for important conferences on the Red air buildup on the mainland opposite Formosa, Twining told a press conference that the Nationalist Air Force combined with American air strength in this area make up a force that is "very potent."

He acknowledged that a determined Communist attack on Formosa itself might make it necessary to shift more air strength here speedily.

Answering newsmen's questions shortly before conferring with President Chiang Kai-Shek, Twining shied away from one on Red air strength.

"We don't know what the future holds in store," he said.

Twining said that right now there are no plans for the United States to supply jet bombers to the Nationalist Air Force, nor any plan to strengthen the U. S. air task force on Formosa, although the rotation of U. S. air units here will continue.

Twining, who is leaving late tonight for Tokyo en route to Pearl Harbor, missed a planned inspection of Formosan air bases this morning because of a stomach upset.

He arrived Friday from Hong Kong.

Ships Collide Off Germany

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—The 5,626-ton British ship Isaac Carter collided with the 922-ton Panamanian ship Panaos Saturday off the German North Sea coast, Dirkzwagers Shipping Agency reported.

The agency said the Panaos proceeded to Kiel after the collision and the Isaac Carter anchored off the Kiel lighthouse ship with tugs alongside. The British ship is owned by Runciman, Ltd. of London.

The Navy said 17 ships and scores of planes "made a 100 per cent coverage" of the area, covering 5,451 square miles.

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divided country, they buckled down—after five years of delays—to raising their contribution to the Atlantic Alliance. In a simple ceremony Defense Minister Theodor Blank handed call-up papers to the first volunteers. A dozen were in uniform. There was no band to play the national anthem. It was the complete reverse of the bugle-blowing bombast of the Nazi era.

Blank stood under a giant replica of the Iron Cross—symbol of German military power—as he pledged that the new Wehrmacht would only be used to defend the peace and unity of Europe.

Ceremony in Garage
Lacking parade grounds as yet, the ministry had to stage the ceremony in a garage. The shabby walls were draped with the black, red, gold national colors. Notices at the door warned "Danger of Explosion. No Smoking."

Blank said in a speech the new German soldiers would be expected to reflect in their conduct the free and democratic spirit of the West German republic. He appealed to the nations to trust the new military and not drive it into a dangerous isolation.

Blank handed the first commission to uniformed Lt. Gen. Adolf Heusinger, 58, the chief planner of the new force. Heusinger pledged his command would "work for peace and our people—our duty is to be obedient, loyal and comradely."

Little Comment
Also in gray-blue uniform was Lt. Gen. Hans Speidel, chief military representative of West Ger-

many at Supreme Allied Headquarters (SHAPE) at Paris.

Apart from a few stale jokes about generals in uniform being mistaken for cinema attendants, there was little comment in Bonn. The Socialist party said it was "No day of joy" because two armies in different uniforms were being raised on the soil of divided Germany.

The indifference of youth was reflected in the recruiting figures. So far 173,000 men have offered to serve. About 142,000 are last-year veterans, all over 30 years old, only 30,000 are youngsters.

This was one reason the government decided to incorporate the semi-military frontier police force into the army, so there will be about 18,000 disciplined men available when training starts Jan. 2.

Indian Timber Lands Sold

PORTLAND (AP)—The Bureau of Indian Affairs has reported sale of three tracts of Indian timber land.

Brookings Plywood Co. bought a 160-acre tract containing some five million board feet near Gold Beach for \$122,452. Coos Head Timber Co. got a small amount of scattered timber in Coos County for \$6,500, and Mount Canary Lumber Co., Westlake, obtained some 250,000 board feet in Lane County for \$9,005.

Pope Accepts Argentina's New Envoy

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP)—Pope Pius XII Saturday accepted the credentials of Argentina's new ambassador to the Vatican, Dr. Maximo Etchebarry.

The solemn ceremony, held in the throne room of the pontiff's summer residence, generally was considered to have normalized fully diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the South American country.

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