

Solon Blasts Free World's Red Trading

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) said Saturday why U.S. Army divisions are needed in Europe to bolster Western defenses if free nations feel secure enough to sell war-useful goods to Russia.

The Senate investigations subcommittee which McClellan heads has been conducting a critical study of a 1954 accord in which this country agreed to a relaxation of embargoes on East-West trade. McClellan contends the effect of this agreement has been to strengthen "the communist war machine."

Administration officials, in stormy public hearings before the group, have argued that the United States agreed reluctantly to the easing of curbs in order to prevent collapse of the whole voluntary program of trade controls. Secretary of Commerce Weeks and other officials testified the controls still keep many strategic items from being sold to the Reds.

In Senate speeches McClellan has denounced administration refusal to spell out publicly the details of the agreement. Weeks and others insist that to do so would violate promises to other nations and risk letting the Russians know too much about free world preparedness.

In an interview Saturday McClellan harked back to the troops-for-Europe agreement under which U.S. divisions have been assigned to strengthen continental defenses against possible Communist attack.

President Eisenhower at a news conference Wednesday said the U.S. forces assigned to Europe are there for what he termed "indefinite tenure." He said it never was intended to keep them there permanently.

Commenting on that, McClellan told a reporter that "so long as it is necessary for us to maintain military forces over there for the defense of Europe and the West, trade in strategic materials of war by our allies with Russia is indefensible."

Plans Made to Rescue Horse From Ridge

GUNNISON, Colo. (AP) — Elijah's future appeared brighter Saturday.

The big, shaggy horse, it was true, remained marooned on a snow-savaged ridge high in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. But ideas mounted for bringing the distressed animal to safety.

One suggestion was that a set of snowshoes be made for the horse.

Another was that a helicopter hover in the area and pick Elijah up by means of a sling. In this operation the horse would be put to sleep by chloroform and loaded into the helicopter.

Army officials at Fort Carson dismissed the idea of a helicopter but tentatively agreed to undertake a rescue operation by using snow vehicles.

They said, however, they would withhold final plans until after operation Lodestar Baker, the Army's winter warfare maneuver at Camp Hale, is over next week.

Two pilots, Rocky Warren and Wallace Powell of Gunnison, discovered Elijah's plight last February. Since then they have operated a private airlift to keep the horse alive.

So far Warren and Powell have dropped 13 bales of hay to Elijah, they plan to continue the airlift until the horse is brought to safety.

Crash Kills Newlyweds

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (AP) — A young Vancouver couple, married only Friday, died near here Saturday night. Their small car missed a curve, dropped 200 feet to railway tracks, exploded and burned.

Police identified the victims as William Drew DeGeer, 22, and his 20-year-old bride, the former Beulah Lynda Gibbs.

Mrs. DeGeer died outright in the burning car. Her husband was thrown clear, but died an hour later in Chilliwack hospital.

British Against Negotiations With Exiled Bishop

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Sir John Harding, British governor of Cyprus, says he "could never recommend that negotiations be taken up with Archbishop Makarios again."

The archbishop, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus, was exiled to the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean last month after negotiations on self-government for the island collapsed. Harding charged the archbishop was abetting violence in the campaign of Greek Cypriots for union with Greece.

Harding, a field marshal, said in an interview the problem of self-government was under continual study, but no negotiations could take place until the campaign of violence of Eoka, the underground organization of rebels, is stamped out.

The explosion which followed Archbishop Makarios' expulsion from Cyprus actually was milder than Harding and his staff expected, Harding said.



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