

Tunisians To Remain With West

By STANLEY JOHNSON
 TUNIS — President Habib Bourguiba said Thursday Tunisia has chosen to stay with the West. This was the day he had threatened to break with his Western allies over his dispute with France.

Bourguiba expressed confidence that with the help of the U. S.-British good offices team, French troops would be pulled out of this former French protectorate.

"We have decided to cooperate with the West," he told applauding delegates to the Constituent Assembly in the red-brocaded throne room of Hada Palace.

"And we are with the West. We tell our Arab and Oriental brothers: We have chosen the West and we will stay with the West. We must choose cooperation with the West to close the gates of hell."

Assurance Received

Bourguiba is said to have received assurances from Washington that the United States will pursue an active policy in North Africa instead of considering the area an exclusively French preserve.

He considered these assurances in cancelling, in effect, his virtual ultimatum to Washington a week ago demanding a choice between Paris and Tunis.

In his two-hour long speech commemorating the second anniversary of independence from France, Bourguiba told the people he was sure French troops would soon be completely withdrawn.

Moreover, he said, a new statute recognizing Tunisian sovereignty over the great French Bizerte naval base would be negotiated by stages.

Both these propositions have been submitted to French Premier Felix Gaillard by the negotiators, Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy and Briton Harold Beesley. Britain and the United States stepped in to offer their good offices after French aerial attack on a Tunisian frontier village brought on a crisis.

Wine Breather

In Paris, Gaillard won a brief respite when independent deputies, representing the right wing of his coalition, put off until next Tuesday possible execution of their threatened walkout from his Cabinet.

Ex-Premier Antoine Pinay hurried back from Strasbourg to calm the party hotheads. The independents said they would quit the government if Gaillard yielded too much in his negotiations with Bourguiba.

The Social Republicans, however, said they would raise the issue of the Tunisian negotiations in the National Assembly Tuesday. They oppose almost any concessions in North Africa.

The independents delayed their decision after Pinay reported on a meeting he had with Murphy. Pinay said he had been told by the U. S. diplomat that "nothing has been done, that we are still in the early stages of the talks."

Peace Envoys Present Plan To French

LONDON (AP)—U.S. and British special envoys told Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd Thursday night their compromise plan for settling the French-Tunisian dispute is now in the hands of the Paris government.

Robert D. Murphy of the United States and Harold Beesley of Britain told Lloyd the French government is likely to reach a decision by the weekend, qualified sources said.

They were reported to have expressed some fear that right-wing criticism in Paris of the compromise plan could bring down the government of Premier Felix Gaillard.

Murphy and Beesley, who make up the good offices team, flew into London earlier Thursday from Paris. Murphy will return Friday.

Missile Carriers Contract Awarded Washington Firm

WASHINGTON (AP)—A \$1,781,000 contract for construction of twin missile carriers is being awarded the Pacific Car & Foundry Co. at Renton, Wash.

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