

Sokolovsky Says Blockade Lift Depends on Opened Zone

Editor's Note: United Press correspondent John B. McDermott arrived in Berlin last night. Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky also was present. Granting an unprecedented informal interview, Sokolovsky agreed the Russians would lift the Berlin highway blockade if the Americans opened their zone to the Russians. The Russian commander has spoken directly about the explosive Berlin situation to a western correspondent.

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT
BERLIN—U.P.—Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky, Soviet commander in Germany, agreed informally last night that the Soviet highway blockade of Berlin would be lifted if the Americans opened their zone to the Russians.

Sokolovsky told the United Press that the Soviet blockade was imposed in retaliation against American regulations requiring special permits for Russians wishing to visit the American zone.

"For three years we permitted Americans free access (over international rail lines and superhighways) through our zone to Berlin," the Soviet commander said.

"But in June the Americans ordered that all Russians going to the United States zone would have to have 'propusk' (visas), so we reciprocated."

The interview took place during a supper party at Polish mission headquarters celebrating Poland's national holiday. It was the first time in several months that Sokolovsky had attended an international gathering or appeared in public.

If Zone Opened?
"Would the Soviets lift their blockade of American traffic if the Americans opened their zone to the Russians?" he was asked.

"If you did that, we would," Sokolovsky replied.

The conversation up to that point concerned only highway traffic.

"Would that apply to train traffic as well?" Sokolovsky was asked.

The Russian marshal grinned, shrugged his shoulders and made no answer.

Sokolovsky apparently referred to an American order dated May 27 and made public early in June. The order required members of the various Soviet missions to cross to and from the United States zone by way of the Helmstedt checkpoint west of Berlin.

Previously the Russians were permitted to cross at any border point they wished.

Never Complained
Col. Frank Howley, American commander in Berlin, said no such complaint as registered unofficially by Sokolovsky had ever been made in four-power meetings.

"It is too high level for my comment," he said.

(In Washington, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, called home to report on the Berlin crisis, declined to comment on Sokolovsky's remarks.

(A high Army department official pointed out, however, that the United States is entitled by international agreement to free use of the international railroad and superhighway into Berlin.

(The United States cannot give the Russians free entrance into the American zone in return for use of these two routes, the Army department official said).

Agrees to Talk
The informal interview with Sokolovsky came about when the Soviet marshal's English-speaking aide agreed to ask him if he would talk for a few minutes.

Sokolovsky was standing with a Polish official in a far corner of the crowded room, near one of several large tables covered with food.

I jokingly said that I had a complaint to make—that I couldn't get out of Berlin by automobile and therefore couldn't take a vacation.

I blamed the Russian blockade for my troubles. That seemed to amuse Sokolovsky. He shook with laughter and his eyes twinkled.

"No Blockade"
"But there is no blockade," he insisted.

I insisted that there was. Sokolovsky said if any correspondent wanted a visa for a trip outside Berlin he would be given one.

(A correspondent for the New York Times applied through routine channels, and made visits to 19 Russian offices, without finding anyone who knew how such a permit could be obtained).

The conversations were conducted in Polish, Russian and English with a Polish representative serving as interpreter. Sokolovsky's English-speaking interpreter listened without interrupting.

I told Sokolovsky it was a pleasure to see him, for it refuted any reports that he had been recalled to Moscow and had not returned.

Right Here
"But why are there such reports?" he asked. "Here I am."

"Do you think that because of the Berlin crisis—the blockade—there is any danger of war between the Soviet Union and the United States?" Sokolovsky was asked.

Before he could answer we were interrupted by Russian officers. Although he failed to answer, I received the impression that Sokolovsky personally believes the Berlin question will be settled peacefully.



Czechs carry an American flag in the Sokol Congress parade at Prague, which turned an anti-Communist, pro-Benes demonstration. Police did not interfere at the time, but later demonstrations by students were broken up and the Communist government ordered an investigation.

Newfoundland Voters to Decide Self-Rule or Union with Canada

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland—(AP)—Newfoundland's voters appeared almost evenly divided Friday on the question of self-rule or union with Canada.

Incomplete returns from Thursday's referendum gave 64,890 votes for self-rule and 64,180 for union. There were 176,297 eligible voters. Counting was to continue.

Victory for Union
Observers said the tabulation thus far would appear to foreshadow victory for union with Canada. Self-rule has drawn on most of its sources of strength, but some largely pro-union areas in remote regions still had not sent in many results.

At Ottawa, Canadians studying the results said that Canada may not accept the Rocky Island colony into confederation because of the closeness of the vote.

Wanted Clear Choice
Those informants recalled Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King's statement several months ago that Canada would welcome Newfoundland as a tenth province only if the islanders indicated "clearly and beyond all possibility of misunderstanding" that that was their choice.

In a June 3 referendum, voters were asked to choose among self-rule, union with Canada or continuation of the present form of government by a British crown commission. Neither self-rule nor union got the required 51 percent majority. So a runoff was ordered with the third proposition dropped.

Union With U.S.
Economic union with the United States became one of the hottest issues in the campaign. It was injected by a new party organized by Chesley A. Crosbie, St. John's businessman, who campaigned for self-rule.

Newfoundland, a bleak island of 320,000 inhabitants which fits like a stopper at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, once enjoyed independent dominion status like Canada. In 1934 it found itself unable to sustain its national debt of about \$100,000,000. To make ends meet financially it reverted to colonial status.

Prosperity Restored
A governor was appointed by the British crown and a commission set as a sort of bankruptcy administration to settle the debt. War, and the establishment of American military bases, helped restore the island's prosperity.

Britain agreed to vote on changing the island's status. Crosbie charged that the proposition of economic union with the United States was deliberately left off the ballot in the first referendum.

He contended this is Newfoundland's only hope of permanent prosperity as it would open American markets to the island's products and bring millions of dollars in capital here.

Finding of at least one American Indian smoking pipe which some experts say is in the form of the head of the extinct mastodon, has led to the belief that smoking was ancient practice among the Indians.

Scout Forest Camp On at Duffy Lake

The Senior Scout Forest Trail Camp, sponsored for the third consecutive year by the Willamette National Forest and the Boy Scouts of America, opened July 11 at Duffy Lake near the Mt. Jefferson area.

Attending from Eugene are Tom Laharty, Bernard Melle, Norman Weitzel, and Gerry Murphy, of Explorer Unit 212 in Eugene. Sponsors are the Knights of Columbus. Peter DiPaolo is unit adviser.

The trail program will give campers first hand experience in conservation, forestry, trail building and rugged hiking trips. Ages of those participating are 15 to 18. The camp will close Aug. 15.

20-Mile Albacore School Described

SAN DIEGO—U.P.—A 20-mile long school of silver-blue albacore off the coast of Mexico, was described Friday by Steve Produnovich, skipper of the fishing boat Pamela Sue.

Produnovich said the giant school was off Santo Thomas and about 200 fishing boats from Southern California ports are scattered offshore areas in the vicinity, braving turbulent seas.

Albacore have brought as high as \$680 a ton this season.

NEWPORT, Ore.—U.P.—A new top price of \$800 a ton was being paid here Thursday for albacore tuna, local cannery officials said.

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Clubbers Urged To Ready Exhibits

Lane County 4-H clubbers who hope to exhibit canning, sewing, cooking and other home economic or garden club projects in county competition to determine entries to the state fair, should start getting them in shape now, Melba Maston, assistant club agent, said Friday.

Selection of county winners to represent Lane's clubs in Salem will be done at Woodrow Wilson Junior High, Aug. 24 and 25. All exhibits should be at the junior high school by 10 a.m., Aug. 24, and will be released at 5 p.m., Aug. 25, Miss Maston said.

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Miss Bloom won the trip to Washington, D. C., New York, Lake Success, and way points, for outstanding club work during the past year. She was graduated from Crow High School in June.

The prize was made possible by Mrs. Helen G. Walker, Orville Chitt, R. H. Pierce, O. S. Fletcher, F. C. Walters, W. A. Ayers, the Kiwanis Club, Rubenstein's Furniture Co., the Public Market, Lane Cooperative Warehouse, Christianson's Dairy, Eugene Oil Co-op, and the Eugene Fruit Growers Assn.

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For eight days 26 Scouts and their leaders camped at Lake Melakwa under the leadership of Scoutmaster Charles Hottenstein and Field Executive David Putnam. The area, which will become the main council camping site, is still undeveloped and offers rugged camping and adventure to seasoned Scout units.

A new 16-foot canoe was carried in over the trail to the lake and instruction given in canoeing and swimming. All food was prepared by the patrols as units. Four additional troops will move into the camp on Aug. 8 for one week.

Taking part in the camp were out-door committeemen Ralph Edmiston; Scoutmaster Charles Hottenstein; LaVerne Williams, Dean Williams, George Rogers, Rawley Rogers, Lee Carter, Bob Edmiston, David Meradort, Jerry Laufer, Richard Tirrell, Russell Hiatt, Mike McBroom, Ted Kelm, Jerry Wycoff, John Langan, Ar-

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