

### Alliance HQ Set in France

LONDON —(AP)—An authoritative British source said Wednesday the defense headquarters of the Western European Alliance

will be "somewhere in France." The informant said France was chosen before Gen. Charles De Gaulle issued his statement Oct. 1 that the five-nation defense pact was no solution at all to defense problems of the west because it would be centered in London.

The exact location of headquarters for the joint land, sea and air center has not been selected, the informant said.

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### The Red-Inspired French Strikes Are A Grave Danger

The Ulysses Marshall Plan no sooner gets free of one danger than it is beset by another, a fresh threat being the Communist-led French strikes which Premier Henri Queuille warns are assuming the character of a rebellion.

Those are grave words to come from the leader of a major government. Acting under cover of the smoke-screen provided by the Red blockade of Western Berlin, the Bolsheviks have organized and got under way this new offensive which is further disrupting the already chaotic French

economy. Minister of the Interior Jules Moch charges that the strikes are engineered by the Cominform.

The Cominform is the successor to the Comintern, the general staff for World Revolution which Moscow "abolished" in 1943 because of fierce objection to it by the democracies. The Cominform apparently began organizing the present upheaval last July, and French Fifth Columnists have laid the ground-work for the sabotage methodically.

French industry is being dealt a body blow by the coal strike which already has cost the recovery program 1,000,000 tons of fuel which is worth its weight in pearls. A railway strike is beginning to get a grip on the throat of national transportation.

Thus vital elements of the French life—steam, fuel and transportation—are endangered. Without them the country would be helpless.

Obviously this new assault is aimed at the European Recovery Program. However, that is far from being the whole story, for dependent on that program is the military defense of Western Europe against further Communist aggression.

France is the key continental nation in the new Western European alliance comprising Britain, France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. With France hamstrung, the alliance would be weakened to the point of near impotence. If the powerful Communist party of Italy should at the same time make good its boast of being able to take over control of that strategic country, the Russians would be in a powerful position, both politically and militarily.

The French picture fits in perfectly with the battle of Berlin. The "neutral" countries in the United Nations Security Council have been running themselves ragged in an effort to mediate between the Muscovites and the Western democracies. Thus far the Sphinx of Moscow has kept the mediators fishing for an indication of how Russia regards the Western offer to let the Berlin case go back to the Foreign Ministers' Council, provided the Communists first lift the starvation blockade of the German capital.

This being the case, it's a fair guess that Moscow has been deliberately stalling to see how the French strikes progress. Should things get worse in France, we may be sure the Russians will capitalize the situation and become more exacting in their demands. So for the time being France is a barometer by which to tell how the storm goes.

Aprons of this thought, Britain yesterday issued a white paper blaming the breakdown in the Berlin crisis on a Russian desire to undermine the recovery of Western Europe. This paper declared:

"The Soviet government has no intention of reaching agreement save on its own terms."

### Jr. Red Cross Sign-up Ready

Enrollment for the Lane County Junior Red Cross will begin Oct. 15 and continue through Nov. 5, the local chapter of the American Red Cross announced this week. Money from the enrollment will remain in Lane County to meet requests for local and national needs and to purchase materials which appeal to JRC members.

Each school in the county now has a teacher-sponsor, who supervises the beginning of service work. A council composed of one representative from each school discusses community-wide projects. Times of meetings will be announced. Individual school councils do much of the planning because of the difficulty in bringing together a large group of children, many of whom live far from Eugene.

Junior Red Cross members are found in public, private and parochial schools all over the nation, and are also a part of the American Red Cross. The movement appeals not only to the children but to administrators and teachers who are responsible for directing school life, the chapter believes.

Enrollment is the first step, and provides the basis upon which the service activities of the young people have been built. Teachers who have supervised activities believe that learning to serve is one of the most important elements in learning to live.

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### Warren On 'Virile' List

CHICAGO —(AP)—Gov. Earl Warren of California was selected Wednesday along with two movie actors, a radio singer, a ball player as one of the "five most virile men in America" by a group of artists.

Warren, Clark Gable, Victor Mature, Jack Smith, and Lou Boudreau were selected because "they're positively loaded with hormones, or appear to be," according to Reno Biondi, director of the International Artists Committee here.

Biondi said that many members of the committee had wanted to include bald men in the final list, but that they were overruled. "There's no doubt that many bald men are just as virile as anyone else," Biondi said. "Just look at Gen. Eisenhower and Bing Crosby as examples. However, since the general impression of virility includes hirsuteness, we thought we would eliminate shiny pate."

### El-Adil Temple Stages Grand Lodge Ceremony

El-Adil Temple No. 101, Eugene, held a Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Ceremonial Saturday evening, with visitors present from Washington, Oregon and California. A banquet at 8 p. m. and a parade downtown at 7:30 p. m. preceded the ceremonial. A drum and bugle corps from Abdul Atif Temple No. 11, Portland led the parade. Convention officials this week expressed their thanks to the Eugene police department for efficient and courteous service.

The ceremonial was put on by the El-Adil team, and was followed by an Eighth Order Degree by a team from El Sakwoia Temple No. 251, Eureka, Calif.

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### Service Attempts To Stop Smuggling

MIAMI, Fla. —(AP)—Forty-two persons have been taken into custody in a drive against the smuggling of Jamaican Negroes into this country through the use of false birth certificates, the Immigration service announced Wednesday.

Walter S. Miller, district director of immigration, said the Jamaicans were charged as high as \$350 each for the certificates.

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