

Reds Concede In Mark Move

BERLIN —(AP)—Qualified observers Tuesday viewed as an important concession a Russian statement concerning the West's ban on Russian-sponsored currency of the Eastern zone to Germany.

Col. Alexander Jelizarov, acting Russian commandant of Berlin, said Monday night the western move would "deepen the split in Berlin," but that the Soviet military administration does not intend to restrict the use of the east marks now held by Western Berliners.

Indicates No Move
This indicated the Russians would not prevent Western Berliners from spending the east marks they now hold either in the Soviet sector of Berlin or the Russian zone of Germany.

It also indicated the Russians did not intend to introduce a new east mark which would be refused to Western Berliners. Many had feared that the Russians, in retaliation to the Western Allied move outlawing their currency, might pull a currency switch of their own which would wipe out east

mark holdings of Western Berliners and even such east mark bank accounts as people in the western sector still had.

Concession Seen
The Soviet announcement was viewed as an important concession for this reason, too: apparently Berliners in possession of west marks still can trade them for the cheaper east marks to be taken over the line for use in ration-free stores of the Soviet sector. East marks also could pay Soviet zone farmers for food smuggled through the blockade.

The official Soviet Army newspaper, Taegliche Rundschau, but this headline on Jelizarov's statement: "No Soviet countermeasures at the expense of the population."

Hurts People
Col. Jelizarov said the Western move would hurt the people and the economy of the Western zones, but "cannot inflict any serious prejudice" on Soviet zone currency.

The statement contrasts with actions Monday of Russian-controlled German police who attempted to stop West Berliners from dumping their Soviet-zone marks. These West Berliners went on a buying spree which toppled the value of the already-weak Russian-backed mark.

Negroes Seek Decent Housing

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to the county for some of the land in the settlement. (It is county-owned property).

The court said it would make no further moves pending discussion of the problem with the newly appointed committee.

Serving on the committee are J. V. Berreman, professor of sociology at the University of Oregon; Mrs. Vera Hansen of Springfield; Cordelia Evans of Eugene; Mrs. Ray Boals, Eugene; Carl Wagner, Eugene, representing veterans' organizations; Mr. White and five persons from the negro settlement headed by Andrew Luckett, Sam Reynolds and Mary Lee Walker.

Luckett had presented a petition to the county court signed by many members of the settlement which said:

"We the people of the United States, State of Oregon, County of Lane have come to the understanding that we haven't any place to go. In being American-born citizens, we demand some kind of consideration." Luckett said a copy of the petition was also sent to the Federal Housing Administration in Wash. D.C.

Several of the negroes said they have been unable to find any other place to live because they could not rent or buy property in the city.

The group will meet a second time with the county court Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Visas Asked For Britons

NEW YORK —(AP)—Sponsors of the "World Peace Conference," which will be attended by delegates from five Iron Curtain countries, asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson Tuesday to grant visas to delegates from England, France, Italy and Brazil. They have been denied entry into the United States.

Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory and chairman of the Cultural and Scientific Conference, telegraphed Acheson that the visas of 13 delegates has been "cancelled or denied." He said the State Department's action was "in direct contradiction to your announced policy of 'unswerving devotion to freedom of information and speech.'"

The three-day conference will be held this weekend at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. It is sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, which is on the attorney general's list of "Communist front" organizations.

The State Department granted visas last week to a Russian delegation, including composer Dmitri Shostakovich, and delegations from Romania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Yugoslavia while admitting the conference was a likely "sounding board" for Communist propaganda. The visas were granted at the requests of the delegates' government.

Correspondent's Murder Trial Set

ATHENS —(AP)—A Greek newspaperman and his mother will go on trial April 12 in Salonika on charges of murdering American radio correspondent George Polk. Greek authorities announced Tuesday.

The defendants are Gregory Stakopoulos and mother, Mrs. Anna Stakopoulos. Two other defendants, Adam Mouzenides and Evangelos Vasvanas, will be tried in absentia at the same time.

Mouzenides is alleged to be the actual trigger-man who put a bullet through the back of Polk's head in a rowboat in Salonika Bay. Vasvanas was said to have rowed the boat.



Sick and tired of his work as a house painter, Christ J. Voelker junked that career in 1913 to join the Cleveland Police Department. So what has Voelker been doing as a policeman for 35 years? For the past 26 he's been assigned to the police paint shop and has turned out 600,000 neatly painted signs at the rate of 2000 a month. Here, he scratches his head and wonders how it all ever happened.

Senate Increases Control Fund

SALEM —(AP)—The Senate Monday passed and sent to the governor a bill increasing the revolving fund of the Oregon State Board of Control from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Proponents said this would allow the board to make spot cash payments for supplies purchased

for state institutions before charging the costs back to the state institutions.

PILOT SAVES FISHERMEN

NOME, Alaska — (AP) — Bush-pilot Willie Foster was credited Tuesday with rescuing a score of crab fishermen marooned Monday on drifting Bering Sea ice floes. Their dog teams were saved by a motorboat.

What Other Communities Are Doing for Better Roads

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bringing the total to \$1 million a year.

No stipulations on how the new road fund shall be administered have been laid down in Linn County, Eakin says. Bonds were discussed, but discarded because in a bond issue it would be necessary to designate the roads to be rebuilt.

Linn County has an area of 2294 square miles compared with Lane's 4954 (a little less than half Lane's size). Linn's population is estimated to be close to 60,000; Lane's is 116,000; Linn's present

valuation is \$40 million and Lane's \$74 million.

But Linn County has 1500 miles of dedicated and accepted county roads, the same as the Lane total, because Linn has also been more generous than Lane in accepting suburban streets. Of Linn's 1500 total county mileage, however, only about 120 miles are considered primary market roads, oiled.

"Our worst loss has been on these oiled roads and on the roads which have to carry a heavy truck and log traffic," said Mr. Eakin. "I think there is a very good chance the program will carry this time."

Last year the people in Linn County voted down a 5 mill levy, due mainly to rural opposition. The present total road budget of Linn County is only \$300,000, of which only \$120,000 comes from county taxes and the rest from C and C and share of state gas tax.

Lane County's present budget is close to \$1,000,000 a year, of which only about \$160,000 comes from the 2.5 mill road levy and the rest from state gas tax, C & C funds, forest rentals.

Hutchins Gets Four Years for Theft

PORTLAND — (AP) — An Oregon liquor store employee arrested in Reno after a gambling club spree there was sentenced Monday to four years in prison for theft of public funds.

Russell E. Hutchins, 42, who disappeared from his Portland store job Dec. 11 with \$7115.40 of liquor sale receipts, was dead broke when arrested in the Nevada city.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson also fined Hutchins \$14,230.80 —double the amount of money involved and permissible under public funds law. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Hutchins' woman companion on the Reno trip, Gertrude Janette Sanders, 36, has been indicted on a charge of being an accessory after the larceny. Her case is pending.

Eldridge Burbank, Painter, Dies in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Eldridge A. Burbank, nationally-known painter of American Indians, died Monday of injuries received when he was struck by a cable car Jan. 27. He was 90. Burbank, a cousin of Botanist Luther Burbank, began his career in 1897 when he was commissioned to do a portrait of Geronimo,

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