

Britain to Okay U.S. Admiral For NATO Post

Pact Military Men Hold Secret Session

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ROME — (AP) — Britain Wednesday was reported ready to agree to appointment of an American admiral to command the West's naval forces in the Atlantic.

A qualified informant said the British concurrence was made possible by agreement of the NATO military committee, meeting here, on the exact responsibilities of the Atlantic naval commander and also on the establishment of a new English Channel commander under a British admiral.

The Atlantic naval commander will operate under sharply defined powers, the informant said, indicating that Britain will retain certain powers she considers vital.

Presumably these would include control of the western sea approaches to the British Isles. The British previously had blocked appointment of an American to the post.

The new English Channel command will be under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters (SHAPE) and will direct western defenses in the channel and the southern part of the North Sea.

Though the military group has authority only to recommend, the NATO council was expected to approve quickly its recommendations on the commands during its session which opens here Saturday.

Meanwhile the West's top military men Wednesday studied just what and how much Eisenhower needs to carry out an accelerated buildup of his international army. A top-secret listing of forces, air fields, equipment and other requirements was made for them by Eisenhower's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

Attending the closely guarded meeting were the chiefs of staff of 11 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO) and representatives of army-less Iceland — the NATO military committee.

Eisenhower is known to want an international army of between 30 and 40 divisions ready by the end of 1952.

But informed sources emphasize that Eisenhower has not scaled down his long-range plans for a much bigger force by the end of 1954.

How big an army he envisages never has been divulged, but informed estimates put the 1954 target at 70 to 80 divisions.



Tossed By Bull — Mexican matador Jorge Medina, gored in the left thigh, is tossed on one horn of his enraged opponent in a Barcelona, Spain, ring as the injured bullfighter's assistants try to distract the beast. Painfully driven by the pre-kill banderillas protruding from its shoulders, the bull caught Medina and knocked him to the ground before goring him. Although seriously injured, Medina is expected to recover.

Vincent to Get Public Hearing

RENO, Nev. — (AP) — John Carter Vincent, State Department official, has been invited to testify publicly under oath before the Senate internal security subcommittee to answer charges that he worked on "activities not in the best interests of the United States."

Sub-committee Chairman Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) this week extended the invitation in answer to Vincent's request that he get a chance to answer charges presented by Louis Budenz, a self-confessed former Communist.

Vincent, former ambassador to Switzerland and now consul at Tangiers, has long been a controversial figure in various congressional investigations. He figured in charges against the State Department leveled by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.).

McCarran, presently recovering from a heart ailment, told Vincent he would be happy to hear his testimony. He said that because Congress is not in session, it may be difficult to do so at the time Vincent desires.

Vincent, a career diplomat in the U.S., on vacation, said he must return to his post soon.

Chief Authors Text on Salmon Not Guilty Plea Entered

Police Chief Harry W. Howard of Springfield will soon have another book on salmon fishing published by Binford and Mort, Portland publishing firm.

The policeman-author said the title will be "Sport Fishing for Pacific Salmon," and covers Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. It will be published sometime in January.

Howard's first book on salmon was published by the firm in 1946: "Salmon Fishing on Puget Sound." The new publication will be a text book on salmon, the chief said, relating how, when, and where to fish and describing instincts and other interesting points about salmon.

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200,000 Homeless In Po Valley Flood

MILAN, Italy — (AP) — A state of "emergency" legislation was proclaimed Wednesday in parts of the 24,000 square mile flood zone on northern Italy as British and American soldiers joined Italian troops and civilians in efforts to rescue persons cut off by the raging waters.

Authoritative sources in Rome said that 200,000 of the 350,000 inhabitants of Rovigo Province had been left homeless in the flood. They said 27 different towns around Rovigo had been inundated.

Communications Disrupted
Heavy rain and snow added to the floods. Landslides, washed-out bridges and roads and disrupted communications hampering rescue workers.

The Ministry of Interior said the "emergency legislation order provided for issuance of special civil decrees wherever and whenever necessary" to facilitate rescue and relief measures. They said it was not a decree of martial law.

Rains Continue
Torrential rains continued Wednesday in the Piedmont and Lombardy regions where some areas have been under a steady downpour for more than 60 hours.

The flood area extended in a rough quadrangle in the PO Valley, 190 miles long and 125 miles wide. The zone ran from Lake Maggiore to the Belgo River Valley south of Turin, east through Rovigo to the Adriatic Sea, north of Venice and west to Lake Como.

Families Evacuating
Fishing boats, Italian, American and British landing craft, U.S. Air Force helicopters and all other means of transport available were being used to evacuate families.

Rovigo, near the mouth of the roaring Po River, was hit hardest by the flood which has killed more than 100 persons in the past two weeks. Adria and Cavarzere below Rovigo were also flooded.

Jimmy Tools Fail To Open Buildings
Jimmy tools Monday night failed to open the doors or windows of two Lane County businesses.

Proprietors of the Franklin Store, at Franklin, and the West 11th Ave. Garage, near Eugene, reported to state police that Jimmy marks were left on the doors and windows of their establishments, but that entrance apparently was not made.

DOESN'T TRUST WOMEN
CARLISLE, Ky. — (AP) — When Jack Kenney was arrested on a drunken-driving charge he requested a trial by jury. Before the jury could be sworn in he changed his mind and asked the judge to hear the case. The jury was made up entirely of women.

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I Chronicles 16:34

Skipper Faces Shooting Charge

Seaman Claims He Killed Negro

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Capt. Franklin B. Weaver, skipper of the Flying Trader, faces Coast Guard charges of "wrongfully killing" one of his crew members at sea.

Lesser charges of assault and battery and "improper treatment of a crew member" were added. The husky 30-year-old skipper from Englewood, N. J., pleaded innocent to all counts. If convicted, his Merchant Marine officer's license could be revoked or suspended. The charges are not criminal.

Shot at Sea
The charges were filed Tuesday after a preliminary investigation. The freighter, owned by Isbrandtsen Lines, arrived Monday.

The crew member, William Harvey, 24, a Negro steward of Dayton, O., was shot to death while the Flying Trader was at sea between Kobe and Manila.

The company said Weaver shot Harvey in self defense. The first assistant engineer, George N. Wood, testified Tuesday he saw Weaver appear on deck Oct. 23 followed by Harvey, who was handcuffed.

Moved Out of Sight
Wood said the captain took an automatic pistol from his cabin, cocked it and moved out of sight with Harvey.

Then Harvey shouted: "You put those handcuffs on me. Take 'em off!"

"I heard the first shot fired," Wood said. "Harvey passed my line of vision, still handcuffed, still demanding they be removed."

"I heard a second shot, I heard Harvey say: 'Go ahead, shoot me again!' "It was immediately followed by a third shot."

The FBI is conducting a separate investigation.

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