

German-Allied Pact Expected Late This Month

Acheson Proposes National Unification

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson declared Wednesday the United States is "determined to maintain" the position of the western powers in Berlin, and to protect and assist the people of Berlin and the western zones of Germany.

Acheson's assertion at a news conference appeared to be an indirect warning to the Soviets against assuming that recent threatening Communist moves would sway the United States, Britain and France from pursuing their announced policies on German unity with the Western world.

ACHESON SAID he considers it reasonably certain that a peace contract between the Western powers and Germany—which the Russians have violently objected to—will be signed at Bonn this month.

While Acheson did not personally say so, it is understood he expects to leave for Europe within 10 days for the signing.

The peace contract is one of the basic treaties involved in clearing the way for the rearmament of Western Germany in connection with the total buildup of defenses of Western Europe.

The latest expression of the firm resolve of the western nations to go through with these plans as nearly on schedule as possible was set forth in a note to Russia Tuesday night.

The American note, identical with notes sent by Britain and France, declared that this government will "not be deflected" from the policy of creating true unity among the European nations because this "represents the true path of peace."

AT THE SAME time, the United States and the other Western powers expressed readiness to open negotiations with the Soviet Union on the unification of Eastern and Western Germany provided there is first a clear understanding upon the fundamental problems to be examined.

The first problem to be tackled, the Western Powers said, is that of investigating political conditions throughout Germany and of creating conditions necessary for holding free elections.

This would be the first step toward establishing an all-German government which could then negotiate a German peace treaty.

Honor Regained

MANILA—(AP)—Mook Kim regained his honor Wednesday. He did it by slashing the throat of Chang Chit and then leaping to a burning death in a barbeque pit. In suicide notes Mook said Chang persecuted him and death for both was the only way Mook could redeem his honor.



(NEA Telephone)

THE GENERAL COMES HOME—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway holds his three-year-old son Matty as he arrives at Hamilton Air Force Base near San Francisco with Mrs. Ridgway. Gen. Ridgway will take over Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's position as supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris.

Dodd Issue Said Deliberate Design

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said Tuesday that repudiation of the terms for release of Gen. Francis T. Dodd "conceivably could have a very great effect" on the Korean armistice negotiations.

Ridgway expressed his opinion at a press conference shortly after landing here on his trip to Paris to take over Gen. Eisenhower's NATO command.

He also expressed his opinion

UO Elections Held Legal

University of Oregon student body elections were upheld Tuesday by a Constitutional Committee which had been asked to declare them illegal and their results void.

But the committee which upheld the election of candidates at the April 30 election, ruled that an amendment to the student body constitution was not adopted legally.

The amendment, which would have changed the date of freshman class elections, was adopted illegally, the committee ruled, because sufficient prior notice had not been given.

Student body officers will be installed at a banquet Wednesday night, as scheduled.

Commies Insist On Daily Talks

Korean Red Lashes Allied POW Stand

MUNSAN, Korea—(AP)—Communist negotiators announced Wednesday they will insist on daily truce talks—meeting the Allied command says the Reds have turned into "propaganda attacks which contribute nothing" toward peace in Korea.

The Red announcement came from North Korea Gen. Nam Il.

He made it clear the Reds have no intention of breaking off negotiations.

WEDNESDAY he injected the Koje Island prison camp kidnapping of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd into the negotiations.

Nam Il charged the Allies were treating prisoners inhumanely.

He said this was proved by concessions which Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson granted Red prisoners last week to effect Dodd's release.

The very wording which Nam Il quoted was previously labeled by the U. S. military command in Washington as misleading.

Colson was replaced Tuesday as Koje Commandant.

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy said Nam Il brought up the newest incident on turbulent Koje solely "to propagandize from this tent rather than act seriously in interest on an armistice."

"IT IS EQUALLY apparent," Joy told Nam, "that the major reason for such obstruction tactics is your fear of open joint screening of prisoners of war, conducted under fair and equitable circumstances."

Screening of prisoners, and what they said during the process, is the basis of the Allied armistice package, the issue over which talks are deadlocked, and a motivating factor of Red POWs in kidnapping Dodd, then Koje prison commander last Wednesday.

The U.N. Command said only 70,000 of 170,000 POWs and civilian internees want to go to Red China or North Korea after an armistice.

It won't turn anyone over to the Communists against his wishes, it added. The Reds insist they should get at least 132,000 back.



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"Smokey" appears in advertisements pointing out dangers of forest fires, and the bill protects him from commercialization by requiring the Association of State Foresters and the Advertising Council to be consulted when his name and likeness are used.

French Arrest Old Tunis Bey

Ruler Refuses To Sign Decree

TUNIS, Tunisia—(AP)—France put the 70-year-old Bey of Tunis under virtual House arrest for balking at a French martial law decree.

French troops carrying bayonets moved in and replaced the colorful blue-uniformed Arab soldiers of Sidi Mohammed Al-Amin's own honor guard at his summer palace built on the site of the ruins of Carthage.

The Bey, nominal ruler of the country since May, 1943, refused a French demand that he counter-sign a decree declaring martial law in the country.

In another blow, the French issued orders that two of the Bey's nine children would have to have French passes to get in and out of his palace.

They were Prince Chadly, 47, and Princess Zakia, 30. The prince long has been known as sympathetic to Tunisia's Nationalists who have been demanding freedom to rule their own internal affairs.

The princess was recently reported to be one of the heads of a terrorist band of Nationalists.

She is the wife of Health Minister Mohammed Ben Salem, recently released from arrest with other members of the pro-Nationalist cabinet of deposed Premier Mohammed Chenik.

Taft Wins Delegates In W. Va. Primary

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft has widened his lead over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the scramble for delegates to the Republican national convention.

The Ohioan scored a runaway victory in the West Virginia primary, picking up 15 of that state's 16 delegates. Taft also trounced former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen in Tuesday's presidential preference contest in West Virginia. Returns from 698 of the state's 2,824 precincts gave Taft 34,493 votes to Stassen's 8,823.

EISENHOWER, whose supporters could claim only one delegate, was not entered in the "popularity poll," the results of which are not binding on the national convention delegates.

On the basis of Taft pocketing 15 West Virginia delegates, the United Press tabulation of delegates elected gave the senator 363, Eisenhower 320, Stassen 22, Gov. Earl Warren of California 7, Gen. Douglas MacArthur 2 and 132 uncommitted. It takes 604 votes to win the nomination.

West Virginia Democrats elected 20 delegates, two of whom publicly announced for Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

In other action, North Dakota Democrats postponed until Wednesday selection of their 16-member uncommitted delegation.

Elsewhere on the political front:

• Sen. John M. Butler scooped

at Eisenhower's comment in Oslo last week that "If the American people like me for president, they will know where to find me." The Maryland Republican, who favors Taft for the GOP nomination, said in a statement that the people "are not so beaten down . . . that they need to go begging any one man, regardless of who that man might be, to be president of this great country of ours."

• National Chairman Francis Biddle of Americans for Democratic Action announced that President Truman will make "a major address on the issues of the 1952 campaign" at the fifth annual ADA Convention here Saturday night.

Newby Gets Support

SALEM—(AP)—Portland Attorney Lamar Tooez will be state chairman of a committee to help re-elect Secretary of State Earl T. Newby. Newby, unopposed for the Republican nomination, will be opposed by Mrs. Edith Green, Portland Democrat, in the general election.

NOT QUITTING YET

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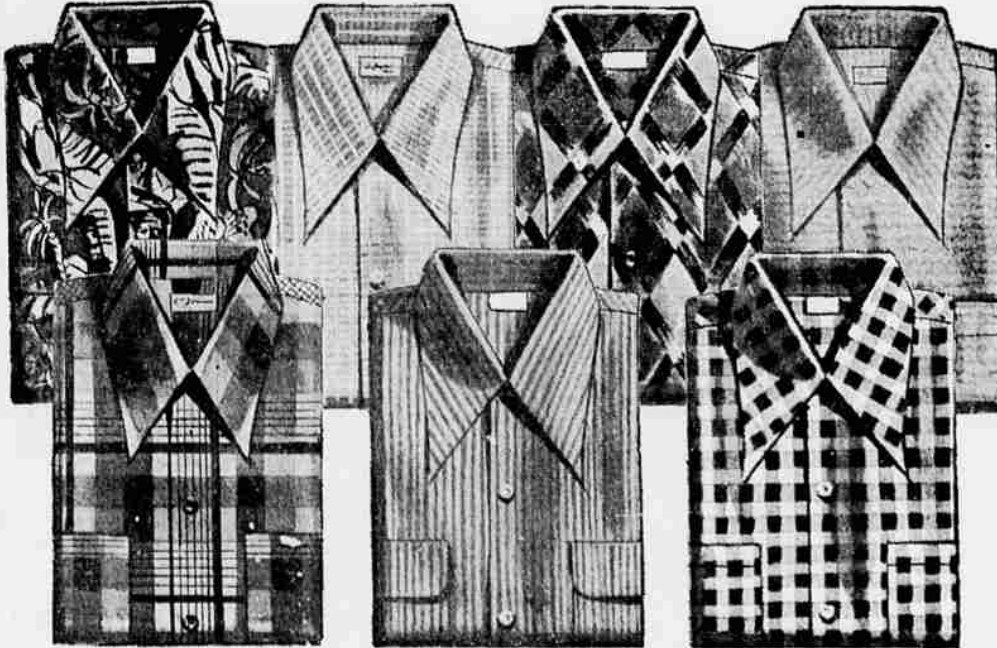
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