

Finds 'Aggression' By Russia Ebbing

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP)—The commander-in-chief of the United States Army in Europe said Saturday that the Soviet Union is waging an intense political fight against West German rearmament, but it apparently is not increasing Russian military forces in East Germany.

Gen. William M. Hoge, in an interview at headquarters here, said:

"The Soviet intentions of aggression seem less now than in the past. But they are trying to see how far they can go in throwing obstacles in the way of West German rearmament. As we see it, this is mostly political."

HAVE ATOM WEAPONS

"There are no indications that they are backing up their opposition with increased Soviet military forces in East Germany."

Hoge said the Russian army on the Elbe River line is believed to have atomic weapons, but the U.S. forces do not know to what degree.

The general's own forces in West Germany number 250,000 troops, 30 atomic cannon and an array of rocket missiles designed for atomic warfare.

Hoge said the U. S. Army here is stronger than ever before because of atomic weapons, plus improved training.

MORALE IS GOOD

"They give us a capability of inflicting greater losses on an aggressor," he explained. "They also make it possible for the army to make a closer stand on the Iron Curtain. It is the intention of all NATO to hold as much of the present ground as possible, including Germany."

"Atomic warfare training plays a part in everything we do—attack or defend—on all levels." The general, who will retire Jan. 31 after 38½ years service, described the morale of American troops overseas as excellent.

Hoge will be succeeded by Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who now commands the U. S. 7th Army, with headquarters at Stuttgart.

Researchers Design New Atom Device

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP)—Scientists of eight midwestern universities are designing an atom smasher which will generate energy of 20 billion to 30 billion volts, it was revealed Saturday.

The huge cyclotron also will be easier and cheaper to build and operate because of a newly-discovered method of increasing the intensity of the device's beam more than 100 times greater than any present machine.

Full details of progress will be released at a meeting of the American Physical Society in New York Jan. 27-29.

The work is the product of scientists banded together as the Midwestern Universities Research Assn. It includes research workers from the universities of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Purdue and Iowa State College.

MACHINE POWERFUL

Prof. John H. Williams of the University of Minnesota said the powerful machine will enable physicists "to move one step closer to understand the makeup of all matter."

J. M. Jauch, State University of Iowa physics professor, said a site for the machine would be chosen convenient for all scientists engaged in the project.

Prof. Donald W. Kerst of the University of Illinois, inventor of the betatron, heads the design group.

The secret of the increased energy with less complex construction and operation lies, he said, in newly designed fixed field magnets operating continuously on direct current. Previous designs used pulsating current magnets.

MONEY NEEDED

The machine would require a huge area, involving a magnet field 600 feet in diameter.

Protons would spin around this 4/10ths-of-a-mile circle 400,000 times every second, accelerated by thousand-volt "shoves" to their final great energy.

With member schools already pledged to give \$10,000 apiece for necessary research, it is hoped that construction could begin next year with completion in five to seven years.

Much more money will be needed, however, before the project can be started.



AGREEMENT DRAWN—Signatures to a 7-state Interstate Compact for Development of the Columbia Basin's Water Resources were formalized Saturday by members of various delegations. Left to right (seated) are: Charles H. Hetzel, Salem, Ore.; Jack V. Roger, Wenatchee, Wash.; Lloyd I. Wallace, Polson, Mont.; and R. P. Parry, Twin Falls, Idaho; (standing) Hugh A. Shamberger, Carson City, Nev.; F. A. Banks, Coulee Dam, Wash., representing the Federal Government; and L. C. Bishop, Cheyenne, Wyo. George D. Clyde, Salt Lake City, Utah, was not present.

Highway Program Unwise, Byrd Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) Saturday attacked as thoroughly unsound a presidential commission's proposal for a multi-billion dollar highway program financed in part by revenue bonds outside the federal budget.

NEA Official Is Dubious Of Highway Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—An official of the National Education Assn. said Saturday that President Eisenhower's multi-billion dollar highway building program will discriminate against education unless similar help is provided for building schools.

J. L. McCaskill, legislative director of the 1,000,000-member teachers organization, said in an interview that he fears some states may use for highways money that should go for schools if federal highway grants are expanded greatly without commensurate aid for school construction.

There is a 370,000 classroom shortage at present. NEA regional meetings agreed unanimously this winter that \$1,000,000,000 in federal money is needed annually for the next five years to make up the deficit.

McCaskill said he feared the states may be tempted to use school funds for road building "because they get a dollar's worth of highways for every 50 cents they put up" under the government's "matching" road grants.

McCaskill believes more federal money is needed for road building but said "every argument in favor of it is equally applicable to schools and, in some cases more urgent."

Mr. Eisenhower will submit a 10-year \$101,000,000,000 highway program to Congress Jan. 27. The proposal, made by a presidential Roads Commission, would more than double federal-state spending, with the national government putting up 30 per cent of the total.

The President will send Congress another message Feb. 15 dealing with the school shortage. He has not indicated whether his recommendations will include federal aids for construction.

Funds Urged For Planning John Day Dam

WASHINGTON (AP)—Six Northwest senators expressed hope Saturday that President Eisenhower would ask Congress Monday to appropriate adequate planning funds to prepare the John Day Dam for early construction.

A joint statement was issued by Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore.) and five Democrats, Sens. Neuberger of Oregon, Jackson and Magnuson of Washington, and Murray and Mansfield of Montana.

"The Pacific Northwest needs the power, employment and other benefits this great multi-purpose project will provide at the earliest possible moment," the six said.

"An appropriation of 1½ million dollars would enable the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the first year of necessary work preliminary to construction."

The dam, to be located on the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington, would have an initial installed capacity of 1,195,000 kilowatts.

The statement recalled that the Senate on two occasions last year voted to appropriate \$700,000 for planning of the project, only to have the item eliminated in conferences with the House.

Air Force Orders C-119's Grounded In Arctic Action

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The Air Force Saturday ordered all C-119 aircraft participating in "Exercise Snowbird" grounded until a special engine inspection can be completed.

The Air Materials Command ordered the inspection after four cargo and passenger combat aircraft developed engine trouble in less than a week while flying here from the United States to take part in Arctic maneuvers.

Paratroops were forced to bail out of the planes over Tennessee, Montana, South Dakota and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Officers said that "Exercise Snowbird" which has been scheduled on other troop and aircraft movements would not be affected by the C-119 inspection.

TO WRECK BUDGET

In one of his rare differences with the Eisenhower administration, Byrd said the Clay commission proposal would completely destroy the budget and the federal debt limitation.

"If they can set up a corporation to borrow money outside the budget and the debt limit to build roads, they can do anything," Byrd said. "This corporation wouldn't own any roads or have any assets. At least, the Reconstruction Finance Corp. had loans and the Commodity Credit Corp. has crops as assets."

Byrd proposed that Congress cut the 2 cents a gallon federal gasoline tax to ½ cent, and let the states increase their own revenues from gasoline taxes. Then the federal government would finance its aid to primary, secondary and urban roads on a matching basis by continuing the present levy on lubricating oil, and by means of the ½ cent gas tax.

To Attend Meeting

The director of the graduate placement service at the University of Oregon, Karl Onthank, will attend the fifth annual conference of the Western College Placement Assn. in Seattle, Wash. next week.

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