

At CENTO Meeting

Military Plan Put on Shelf

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LONDON — Nations of the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) Tuesday shelved plans to unify their military activities under a single commander.

This move, reported by Pakistani and British officials, ended for the time being a year-long dispute within the alliance. It was one of the main issues facing CENTO's ministerial council, which winds up a two-day conference tonight.

Pakistan, with the backing of Turkey and Iran, wanted an American to become the alliance commander for two main reasons.

Examiner OKs Change For Railroad

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Interstate Commerce Commission examiner recommended Tuesday that the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway be permitted to take direct control of the Baltimore & Ohio by an exchange of stock.

Examiner John L. Bradford said approval of the C&O request for authority to effect the takeover would be consistent with the public interest.

Stock Issue
The examiner recommended that the C&O be allowed to issue up to 2,055,398 shares of common stock, par value \$25 a share, in exchange for B&O's outstanding common and preferred stocks, par value \$100 a share.

The ICC said this is the number of shares estimated by C&O to be required to acquire all common and preferred B&O stocks.

The two railroads would maintain separate identities and, to a large extent, separate organizations under the proposal.

The examiner said the two lines generally serve different areas and there is only slight competition between them for traffic. This is especially true, he said, with respect to coal and coke, the principal traffic of each area.

"Such competition as does exist for coal traffic," he added, "is in the nature of market competition between mines and this would not be affected by the proposal."

Concerning other traffic, the examiner found that the two lines have competitive routes from and to some points, but such points are relatively few and the competition for traffic is not severe.

Short of Cars

Bradford said there is a considerable deferred maintenance on the B&O, and the line has a shortage of freight cars that are in good order. This is especially true, he said, of hopper cars.

The examiner also cited the condition of the railroad's motive power and a need for a general rehabilitation program.

The C&O proposes to assist the B&O in solving these problems and in effecting economies by coordinating services, the report noted.

"All of these matters will plainly result in stronger companies, better able to meet the challenges faced by the railroad industry and provide better service to the public," Bradford said.

Salary Boosts Reduce Turnover

SALEM (AP)—A survey by the Oregon Civil Service Commission shows that state employee pay increases approved by the 1961 legislature have cut the turnover in state government jobs.

The survey showed that 8.6 per cent of the state employees quit their jobs in the last six months of 1960.

In the last six months of 1961, only 7.3 per cent left. The salary increase went into effect in the last half of 1961.

Clerical personnel showed the largest turnover in both time periods.

The Pakistanis wanted, first, to tie the United States more closely to CENTO than it now is an associate member.

Secondly they hoped it would begin the buildup of a complex command system, on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization model, in the Middle East.

Britain, with American support, nominated one of her own men, Gen. Sir Charles Jones, for the job.

Both Western powers opposed the idea of trying to transform CENTO into a carbon copy of NATO. Each felt it might be politically perilous to activate CENTO in a way that could anger neutralist as well as Communist opinion. The United States additionally appeared unprepared to increase its current level of aid and participation in the alliance.

CENTO's military activities are confined now to planning operations through a group of military deputies based in Ankara. Each member has a three-star general in the group.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home participated in Tuesday's council discussion, which concerned the scope of Communist penetration in Middle East countries.

U.S. to Aid Air Project

LONDON (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced Tuesday his government will contribute between \$30 million and \$35 million to the development of a British fighter plane designed to take off vertically.

He is en route to Athens, Greece, for the four-day spring meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

The vertical takeoff P1127 was designed by Britain's Hawker Siddeley Aviation Co. and now is being developed under a cost-sharing agreement by Britain, the United States and West Germany.

McNamara said he understood the U.S. dollars will be sent to Britain to aid research in British plants.

The three-power agreement to develop the P1127 was announced in February.

McNamara planned a 24-hour stopover in London for talks and dinner with British Defense Minister Harold Watkinson.



Titov Feted

Cosmonaut Gherman Titov shakes hands with U Thant, acting secretary-general of the United Nations, who greeted the Soviet airman and his wife, Tamara, on their arrival Monday for a reception in Titov's honor at the U.N.

For Juliana's Silver Anniversary

Royalty Arrives in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM, the Netherlands (AP)—Five reigning monarchs and a host of lesser titles converged on Amsterdam Tuesday to help Queen Juliana of the Netherlands celebrate her silver wedding anniversary.

The crown and coronated heads assembled on this traditional holiday of the working class for two days of pomp and ceremony honoring Juliana and her husband, Prince Bernhard.

A Parental Duty

Heading the guest list were Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, the Shah of Iran and Empress Farah, King Olav V of Norway, Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg and her husband, Prince Felix, and Belgium's King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola.

Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was arriving separately after performing a parental duty. Philip was taking Prince Charles to northern Scotland to his new school, Gordonstoun, Philip's alma mater.

Amsterdam's Amstel Hotel was turned into a guest house for the crowned guests and another 100 members of Europe's royal houses invited to the glittering two-day social whirl.

Deferred Until Spring

Juliana and Bernhard will be hosts for their guests tonight at a dinner at the hotel. Then the royal party will take a boat ride through Amsterdam's canal — illuminated for the occasion — and go to a ball at the royal palace.

Juliana and Bernhard actually were married Jan. 7, 1937.

but January weather in the Netherlands can put a chill on even a royal event. The observance was put back until spring.

The festivities began for the home folks on Juliana's 53rd birthday, putting the city in a holiday mood. Hotels were jammed, flags were flying and the tulips were cooperating.

Important for Princess

The queen and her consort rode in an open carriage behind crowds of Amsterdam's festooned streets. Behind them in another open carriage were their four daughters—Crown Princess Beatrix, 24, Irene, 22, Margaret, 19, and Marijke, 15.

Police said a million persons witnessed the procession.

The festivities are of special importance for Marijke, for she is now entering the full public life of the Dutch royal family.

The young princess has been nearly blind since birth, an affliction that led to a stormy period in her parents' marriage. Desperate to help her daughter improve her sight, Juliana six years ago came under the influence of a faith healer, Greet Hoffmans. Bernhard disapproved, and the issue became a matter of public controversy. Finally the government stepped in and Miss Hoffmans was sent away.

Alabama, Oklahoma Start Long Haul to Election Day

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Candidates in Alabama and Oklahoma Tuesday start the long haul toward Election Day as voters mark their choices for party nominations.

The primary balloting, highlighted by attempts of two former governors to win Democratic gubernatorial nominations, will be followed by runoff elections later this month for candidates who do not get more than half the votes cast today.

Texas voters make their party choices Saturday. Primaries are scheduled in four more states—Florida, Indiana, New Mexico and Ohio—next Tuesday.

The two former governors who have climbed back into the political ring are James E. Folsom of Alabama and Raymond D. Gary of Oklahoma. Neither Gov. John D. Patterson of Alabama nor Gov. J. Howard Edmondson of Oklahoma can succeed themselves under their state's laws.

Gary, governor from 1955 to 1959, hopes to be the first man elected to more than one term in the executive mansion since Oklahoma gained statehood in 1907.

Third Term Try

Folsom is trying for his third non-consecutive term in Alabama, but his attempt has shared billing with nine Democratic congressmen battling for eight available places.

Because of a loss of population in the 1960 census, Alabama's House delegation has been reduced to eight seats. The Alabama Legislature could not agree on a formula for redistricting.

Three of the nine Alabama representatives will seek to qualify in their districts Tuesday for a statewide low-man-out runoff May 29. Six already have qualified for that showdown because they face no Democratic primary opposition in their districts Tuesday. Two of the three with opposition are expected to win handily but a three-way fight is expected in the 2nd District, including Birmingham, between Rep. George Grant and

attorneys Albert Roemer and Starr Smith.

Folsom, governor from 1947 to 1951 and 1955 to 1959, is one of seven candidates in a state where the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election. The others are Birmingham Police Commissioner Eugene Conner, state Sen. Ryan Degraffenreid, Atty. Gen. MacDonald Gailion, Bruce Henderson, Wayne Bodie Jennings, and former Circuit Judge George C. Wallace. All have pledged to try to maintain racial segregation in Alabama.

Gordonstoun Cold Showers Wait Charles

ELGIN, Scotland (AP)—Prince Charles, 13, heir to the British throne, Tuesday entered Spartan Gordonstoun School.

The private school's most famous "old boy" is Charles' father, Prince Philip.

Gordonstoun officials promised to treat Charles like any of the other youngsters. But the prince got a royal reception when he arrived with his father.

Capt. Ian Tennant, Gordonstoun's board chairman, Headmaster Robert Chew, Warden Henry Brerton, Charles' Housemaster Robert Whitby and others greeted Charles and his father.

Charles solemnly shook hands with all of them. Gone was the puckish humor that he displayed when he left London Airport Tuesday morning for the flight to Scotland.

The headmaster, who like other officials will call the "new boy" Prince Charles, introduced the prince to the student "head-boy," aged 18, who will call Charles simply Charles.

Then Philip left. Charles was free to spend the rest of the day settling in.

Classes — and Gordonstoun's famed morning cold showers — start Wednesday.

Democratic Sen. Lister Hill, in the Senate since 1938, has primary opposition from Donald Hallmark of Montgomery and retired Adm. John Cronmelin.

12 Demo Candidates

Gary is one of 12 Democratic candidates in Oklahoma. Three withdrew from the race early. His strongest opposition is expected to come from the 1958 runner-up, W. P. Bill Atkinson of Midwest City, a builder; state Sen. Fred Harris of Lawton; Lt. Gov. George Nigh of McAlester, and Preston Moore, of Stillwater, former national commander of the American Legion.

If none gets a majority, the two high men fight it out in a May 22 runoff election.

Henry Bellmon, a wheat farmer and former state Republican chairman, is expected to win the Republican nomination easily. The state has never elected a Republican governor.

Sen. Mike Monroney, seeking his third term, is a heavy favorite against three opponents in the Democratic primary.

Four of Oklahoma's six congressmen, split 5-1 for the Democrats, have primary opposition. The toughest fight is expected in the widespread 6th District of rural western Oklahoma where Rep. Victor Wickersham, a Democrat, faces Jim Bullard of Duncan, floor leader in the Oklahoma House, and Attorney Hoyt Shadid.

Six Seek Governorship

The Texas Democratic primary Saturday has six men shooting for the gubernatorial nomination.

They are: Gov. Price Daniel, seeking a fourth two-year term; former Secretary of the Navy John Connally; Atty. Gen. Will Wilson; former State Highway Commission Chairman Marshall Formby, former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, and Don Yarborough, the only avowed supporter of the Kennedy administration.

Seeking the Republican nomination in Texas are Roy Whittemburg, a publisher, and Jack Cox, a drilling contractor who ran in 1956 as a Democrat but has since switched allegiance.

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