

On Berlin Question

Britain Backs U. S. Position

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LONDON — Britain sided with President Kennedy Tuesday in a disagreement developing between the United States and West Germany on the Berlin question.

U. S. Ambassador David Bruce called at the Foreign Office at his own request and conferred for half an hour with Foreign Secretary Lord Home.

A Foreign Office spokesman told newsmen Britain has been fully consulted on the line taken by the Americans in discussions with the Soviet Union over Berlin and fully agrees with it.

The comment came after West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had clearly revealed his concern at the direction the American-Soviet talks are taking. He said in Berlin Monday any negotiations must not lead to any form of recognition of Communist East Germany.

It also coincided with instructions to Wilhelm Grewe, West Germany's ambassador in Washington, to return to Bonn this weekend for consultations. Adenauer said it is planned to replace Grewe.

Grewe does not hit it off well with Kennedy and his administration has taken to bypassing him in its diplomatic contacts with Bonn, informed sources have reported.

The American-West German disagreement revolves around suggestions advanced by Secretary of State Dean Rusk for a 13-nation authority to govern the access routes to isolated West Berlin.

Adenauer's government objects to the proposal on the ground that it would open the way to diplomatic recognition of Communist East Germany. In the suggested access authority, East and West Germans would sit together in a high level international body.

As diplomats in London understand it, Adenauer's government does not object to the principle of internationalizing the Berlin access routes, but does not like the idea of sitting with the East Germans as equals.

The East Germans also reject the idea. East German leader Walter Ulbricht said in a Moscow interview published Monday his regime never will accept international control.

At the end of the day, with 30 dead and 29 wounded by terrorists in Algeria, the rebel command in Tunis protested that the Secret Army was trying to starve the Moslems by keeping wage earners cooped up in the Casbah and preventing anyone bringing in food.

The rebels have accused the French government of dealing too softly with the Secret Army.

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Clay Leaves West Berlin; Aid Pledged

Brandt Praises Special Envoy

BERLIN (UPI) — Gen. Lucius D. Clay, sent here eight months ago as President Kennedy's representative to implement the "get tough" policy on Berlin, left Tuesday with a pledge that the United States will defend the divided city "at any price."

In a brief farewell speech at West Berlin's Tempelhof Airport, the veteran of Berlin crises said Berlin "is the keystone for freedom in the Free World and if the city of Berlin is lost, freedom of the world will be lost."

"But the freedom of Berlin will not be lost because we have pledged to hold it at any price," he told West Berliners.

Clay, on leaving his post here, assured West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt that if an emergency arises and Brandt sends for him, "I'll be back on the first plane."

Brandt expressed the thanks and affection of the city for the blockade hero who twice lifted their morale and gave them leadership in the face of Communist threats.

"You are flying home with the thanks, love, trust, and hope of Berliners," Brandt told him.

Clay, who had tears in his eyes, said he would not say goodbye but only "auf wiedersehen."

Clay, who directed the Allied airlift that saved the city during the 1948-49 Soviet blockade, was called back to Berlin after the East German Communists sealed off their sector with the anti-refugee wall Aug. 13.

Although the wall remains, the United States has won its point that its officials have freedom of access in all parts of Berlin and that Western communications lines to the city by air and land are not to be tampered with by the Communists.

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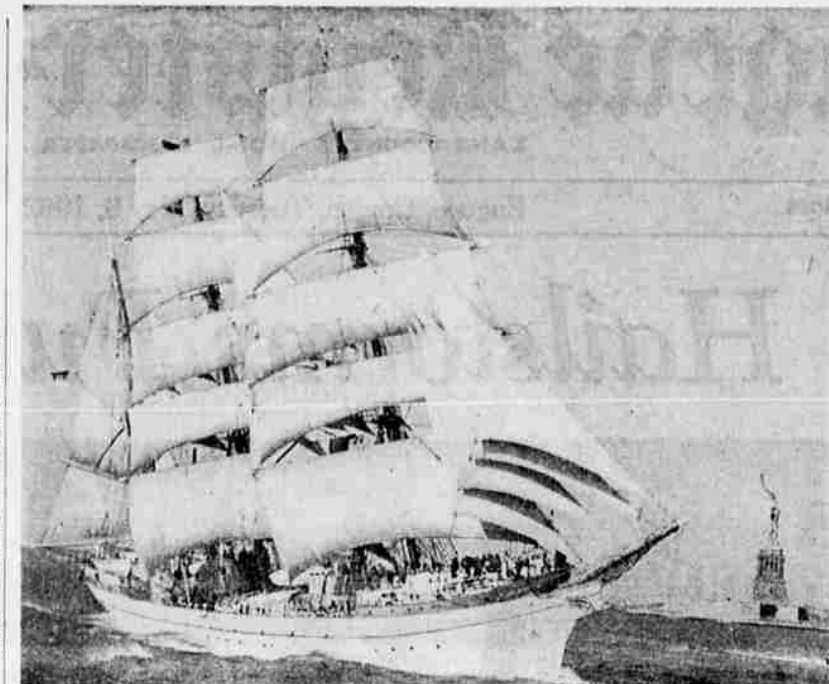
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The German Navy's training ship Gorch Fock approaches the Statue of Liberty as it moves up New York harbor Monday. The three-masted vessel will sail from New York for Kiel next Monday.

Scott Carpenter's Orbital Ride Pushed Back 2 Days

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — The timetable for Astronaut Scott Carpenter's orbital flight has been pushed back at least two days by difficulties in his Atlas booster rocket, according to informed sources.

The exact nature of the problem was not disclosed, but it was learned Monday night that the trouble already has been corrected — in somewhat less time than anticipated.

The kinks in the rocket were discovered when technicians made a close study of a final practice mission run last Friday by the Navy lieutenant commander and the Project Mercury launch crew.

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Mill Burns At Everett

EVERETT, Wash. (UPI) — A fire visible from 90 miles away roared through the Eclipse Lumber Mill Monday night and sent an estimated four million board-feet of lumber up in smoke and flames.

An air-compressor, several acetylene tanks and boilers exploded during the blaze as flames lifted cinders 300 feet in the air and tossed pieces of burning debris over the mill's 3½-acre site and surrounding area.

About 35 of the mill's nearly 200 employees were at work when the fire broke out, but all escaped injury.

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Part of SEC Study

Mutual Fund Sales Subject of Hearing

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WASHINGTON — Nearly one-third of those who buy certain mutual fund shares on the installment plan wind up paying a sales commission of more than 40 per cent, according to figures compiled by federal securities loan investigators.

This point was developed at length Monday as the Securities and Exchange Commission began two weeks of public hearings on the training, fitness and sales of fund salesmen and brokerage employees.

Fund distributors also occupied Tuesday's list of witnesses. Representatives of top brokerage firms are scheduled to begin testifying Friday.

The hearings are part of a broad SEC study of the entire securities industry. Much of the investigation is being conducted in secret.

Richard H. Paul, chief counsel for the inquiry, cited at the end of Monday's session an SEC study of what happened to those who began installment purchases of Axe-Houghton Fund B, a popular mutual fund, three years ago.

Paul said 29 per cent who signed installment contracts with Investors Planning Corp. of America, the Axe-Houghton distributor, had either cashed in their shares or made no monthly payments for at least a year as of last February.

Under questioning, President Walter Benedict of Investors Planning estimated that about \$30 of every \$100 paid by these installment buyers represented sales charges. This would mean the buyer was paying \$30 sales charges for getting \$70 in shares, a 40 per cent commission.

Although Paul did not say so, the SEC believes many fund salesmen have been less than diligent about informing their customers of sales charges.

Investors in mutual funds buy proportionate interests in diversified portfolios of common stocks and other securities. The funds, which have grown in asset value from \$7.8 billion to \$24.4 billion in the past six years, are especially popular with small investors. They provide professional management and a hedge against the risks that might accompany investments in a few individual stocks.

Benedict said if an investor makes a one-shot purchase of fund shares, he pays a sales charge of well under 10 per cent. However, nearly half of all payments made during the first year under a contract calling for monthly purchases over a long period represent commissions.

Paul's questioning suggested that the SEC is debating whether to ask Congress to prohibit heavy first-year commissions under installment contracts.

As hearings resumed Tuesday, another major fund retailer said his salesmen are urged to emphasize the large first-year commissions on installment contracts.

H. L. Jamieson, president of King Merritt & Co., Inc., N.Y., said in a prepared statement that he hopes the present federal inquiry will be helpful.

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Cabinet Office To Handle Isle

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy put all former Japanese islands in the Pacific now under U.S. trusteeship under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department Monday.

The Navy had been responsible for the civil administration of the northern Mariana Islands, except the island of Rota, and the Interior Department has been responsible for the civil administration of the remainder of the trust territory, the Marshalls and the Carolines.

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