

Six Hours

Soviets Halt U. S. Convoy

BERLIN (AP)—The Russians Wednesday halted an outbound U.S. Army convoy for almost six hours in their first interference with Berlin traffic since tensions over the divided city eased in March.

U.S. authorities promptly lodged a strong protest and the Soviets allowed the convoy to continue on its way to Grafenwoehr, in West Germany, for a tank firing exercise.

There was no immediate indication whether the incident meant the Soviets were turning on the heat again. The last previous Soviet harassment, in March, had been in the air corridors linking Communist-surrounded Berlin to West Germany.

U.S. Officers Wounded By Red Fire

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—Four U. S. Army officers were wounded Wednesday in one of South Viet Nam's biggest victories over Communist guerrillas in a month. Another American sergeant was injured in a fall in another sector.

The four officers—two field advisers and two helicopter pilots—were struck by bullets and flying metal and windshield fragments when their helicopter was hit by Communist fire. The aircraft apparently was landing close to the target of a Vietnamese infantry attack when it was hit.

Clay Injured

One of the wounded officers was Lt. Frank R. Clay, son of Gen. Lucius D. Clay, President Kennedy's special Berlin adviser.

Clay, senior adviser to the Vietnamese 7th Division, was hit in the arms and legs by flying fragments of aluminum and plexiglass as bullets ripped through his helicopter.

All four were flown to Saigon for medical treatment, but only one—a pilot—was kept in a dispensary for further attention. He was suffering from a heel wound.

Attack Successful

The damaged helicopter was one of 14 that landed Vietnamese forces to take part in an attack in the Mekong River delta area south of Saigon.

Vietnamese military authorities said 55 guerrillas were killed and 18 captured in the battle.

President Ngo Dinh Diem's government also announced that 34 Viet Cong guerrillas were killed and 25 captured in actions Tuesday and last Friday.

The sergeant was injured Wednesday in a fall over a trip wire for a defensive land mine, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said the soldier's injuries were not serious. His name was not announced.

Later in the day, a U.S. Army supply convoy heading for Berlin passed through the Soviet check-points without delay.

The U.S. protest was sent to Maj. Gen. Andrei I. Solovyev, Soviet commander in Berlin.

The convoy consisted of four trucks, two trailers and 26 soldiers of Co. F of the U.S. 49th Armored.

The Soviets complained that no advance notice had been given. The convoy commander said notice was unnecessary, although it is sometimes given as a matter of courtesy.

First Checkpoint

At 6:15 a.m. it crossed into the Communist area that surrounds West Berlin. The first Soviet checkpoint on the 110-mile highway to West Germany is at Babelsberg, a suburb on the southwest edge of the city.

When the Soviets refused to allow the group to proceed, the convoy commander protested.

A higher level protest went to the Soviet headquarters at Karlshorst about five hours later and the convoy was cleared 28 minutes later, the U.S. Army said.

The last time there was trouble about a U.S. convoy on the autobahn was Dec. 1. The Soviets held it up 75 minutes, saying that its papers were not in order. After a change in the written orders, the convoy was allowed to go on.

Ordinary cars and trucks on the highway—about 90 per cent of the traffic—are controlled by police of the Communist East German regime. Official traffic of the American, British and French occupation forces in Berlin is still checked by the Soviet Union.

Key Procedure

This procedure is considered important by the Western Allies as a Soviet recognition of their right to be in Berlin.

President Kennedy has proposed internationalization of the autobahn, and proposals about it have been circulating among the Western Allies. The United States has suggested 13-nation authority, with representation for the East Germans.

The West German government feels this is giving too much recognition to the East German Communist regime, and wants authority maintained by the United States, France, Britain and the Soviet Union.



Political Battle

Columbus Dispatch photographer Glen Cumberledge caught this photo Tuesday night during a wild-swinging battle at the Franklin County (Ohio) Democratic reorganization meeting in Columbus. An insurgent group tried unsuccessfully to unseat Chairman Walter F. Heer Sr. Head down toward camera is Felix DiPaolo, a door guard for the central committee meeting. He was one of two men hurt and taken to a hospital for treatment.

GOP, Demo State Chairmen Clash on Medical Care Bill

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon Republican Chairman Phil Roth went along with most of the American Medical Assn. stand on medicare Tuesday night in a debate clash with Democratic State Chairman E. D. Spencer. Spencer, as expected, supported the Kennedy Administration backed King-Anderson bill to put medicare for the elderly into the Social Security program.

The two state party leaders met in a televised "Headline Reaction" debate over state station KOAP. Portland State College professor Marko Haggard was the third panelist.

Roth described the Kennedy medicare proposal as a "foot-in-the-door" that would "end up with the nationalization of our medical profession," the AMA contention.

He said the present Kerr-Mills law, which aids states in paying hospital bills for the needy elderly, maintains the nation's traditional "basis of consent."

Roth criticized what he called the "compulsory" features of the Social Security proposal.

Spencer said present plans have failed to provide medical help for elderly persons that need it. He said under the present Kerr-Mills Act, an applicant has to be "a pauper" to qualify.

Spencer said the King-Anderson measure "certainly has no socialized medicine at all," and is supported by a number of doctors.

Haggard accused the medical profession of using "scare words" instead of facts in its fight against the bill.

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Storms Batter Midwest Again

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Thundershowers and rain doused the top of the Midwest Wednesday after storms hit the central section for the second consecutive night.

Winds with gusts of more than 50 M.P.H. were clocked in eastern South Dakota Wednesday. Rain fell from the Dakotas eastward to Wisconsin and Michigan. Bemidji, Minn., was swamped by more than 3 inches of rain in 24 hours.

At least five apparent tornadoes dipped into Minnesota Tuesday night, knocking down some buildings and utility lines. But no injuries were reported.

A twister ripped down a drive-in theater screen and pushed a railroad freight car off the track in Fairbault. Scores of farms were damaged in the Ellendale area.

Tornadoes also were reported

in Owatonna, Geneva, Hartland, Grand Meadows and Albert Lea.

Heavy rains set off scattered flash floods. Firemen in St. Cloud used boats to rescue motorists from a flooded underpass.

Winds buffeted northwestern Wisconsin during the night, flattening a number of barns and sheds, damaging several homes and injuring at least one person.

An area around Thorp in Clark County was hit hardest. Many trees and utility poles toppled in Sparta in Monroe County.

A tornado damaged two farm houses near Leavenworth, Kan., and touched down briefly in Leavenworth.

Mostly fair weather prevailed in other sections of the country. Hot weather continued in the Southeast and other parts of the

South, with some of the warm air extending northward into Illinois, Iowa and Indiana.

It was cool in New England in some Western sections with temperatures in the 30s and low 40s.

Group Installs UO Professor

Norman D. Sundberg, associate professor of psychology in the University of Oregon, is president of the Oregon Psychological Assn. for 1962-63.

Sundberg was installed last Saturday at the meeting of the Oregon Assn. and the Washington State Psychological Assn. in Portland.

Two papers by UO graduate students were read at the May 18-19 meeting at the University of Portland.

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