

On Berlin Issue

U.S., Russia Still at Odds

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WASHINGTON—After nine months of exploratory talks, the United States and the Soviet Union disagree completely on how to tackle the problem of negotiating a Berlin settlement.

U.S. officials are becoming discouraged about breaking the deadlock, but intend to go on trying for a while.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk held a lengthy meeting Wednesday with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin but failed again to get Moscow to work out a Berlin access agreement without demanding withdrawal of Western forces from Berlin at the same time.

The East-West dispute presently overshadows very serious differences among the Western allies as to what should be negotiated with the Soviets, if negotiations ever become possible.

The United States favors a 13-nation authority to control access routes to West Berlin. West Germany is opposed.

A compromise seems likely, and Rusk is due to meet with West German Ambassador Wilhelm Grewe in a day or so to talk about resolving the differences. But, unless the prospect of serious negotiations with the Soviet Union opens up, the prospective U. S.-German agreement will contribute nothing toward a Berlin settlement. However it may contribute substantially toward an improvement in relations between the Kennedy administration and German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Easing of Bonn-Washington tension probably will not contribute to the betterment of Paris-Washington relations. There seems at the moment to be a loss of confidence between top leaders of the two allied countries, due to very substantial policy differences. These include conflicting aims for Western alliance.

Rusk and French Ambassador Herve Alphand met Monday for a long, rambling discussion of Franco-American difficulties, and they are expected to have another talk in the immediate future.

French President Charles de Gaulle considers that President Kennedy is following an unwise course in tackling an impossible task in sounding out the Soviets on a Berlin deal. Kennedy has taken the position that the United States must explore every possibility of avoiding a war over Berlin, regardless of what the Allies think.

Rusk's meeting with Dobrynin illustrated the limitation which disputes in the Western camp impose on the probing. Rusk was able to talk about access only in very general terms, associates said, because he had to keep the Berlin discussion within the limits of agreed Western policy.

No Serious Problem

This presents no serious problem, so long as the Soviet position is unchanging. It would present a very grave problem for the Kennedy administration if the Soviet position should become more flexible and the possibility of detailed exchanges on the access issue opened up.

Rusk and Dobrynin met for an hour and 45 minutes and the State Department, acknowledging lack of any progress, said "the discussions reflected the well-known positions of each side." Officials privately confirmed that this meant that Dobrynin reaffirmed the Soviet demand that the Western powers get their troops out of Berlin and give the city of West Berlin a new status, more to Soviet liking.

The access issue, according to Dobrynin, could only be settled as part of a package deal providing for a new free city.

Filipinos Plan Borneo Claim

MANILA (AP) — Government sources said Thursday the Philippines will soon make a claim to British North Borneo.

Whether the claim will be to sovereignty or merely in support of private rights of ownership apparently remains to be decided.

North Borneo is included in the proposed Federation of Greater Malaysia. President Diosado Macapagal was reported weighing the possibility of merely endorsing the claims of the heirs of the sultan of Sulu to proprietary rights over North Borneo.

Britain maintains that the sultan sold the territory to the founders of the British North Borneo Company back in 1878. The heirs of the sultan contend the sultan merely leased North Borneo and never relinquished ownership.

'Medicine' Painting

"Medicine" of the Navajo Indians invokes ancient curing ceremonies. A beautifully wrought sand painting is made and the medicine man touches various symbols in it and then various parts of the patient's body. At the end of the ritual, the sand painting is destroyed and with it, the Navajo believes, goes the illness.

Engineers Reelect Wages President

PORTLAND (AP) — P. R. Wages of Portland has been re-elected financial secretary and business manager of local 701 of the Hoisting and Portable Engineers Union in a court-supervised election.

Wages was picked for another three-year term. Eleven other union administration-endorsed candidates also were elected.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford ordered the election supervised following a court suit brought against union officers by six members.

Parents Get Good News

OLYMPIA (AP) — The A. L. Loobey was happily surprised Wednesday by word their soldier son had been rescued safely from a Laotian village where he had been hiding from pro-Communist forces since Sunday.

"We thought it wasn't going to be a very pleasant Memorial Day," Loobey said. "But it turned out pretty good."

Sgt. Merle Loobey and Sgt. L.C. Virgil Murphy, Van Buren, Ind., U.S. military advisers to Laotian troops, were picked up by helicopter Wednesday near Houei Sai, on the Laos-Thailand border.

The elder Loobey said he and his wife spent a restless night after they were notified by the Army Tuesday afternoon their son was missing. The son, 31, had been stationed for three years in Okinawa with the Airborne Special Forces and was sent to Laos two months ago. He has been with the Army for the past 12 years. The father is a carpenter.

U.S. Soldiers Spend 3 Days In Jungle

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — "We were about 30 yards from him. If he had been in firing position, I guess we'd have done him in."

Sgt. Merle Loobey, 30, Olympia, Wash., was quietly giving an account of how he and Sgt. L.C. Virgil Murphy, 33, a medical corpsman from Marion, Ind., survived three days in the Laotian jungle on one shared cup of coffee and came within a heartbeat of killing a pro-Communist guerrilla.

Loobey, who is attached to an intelligence unit of the U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group in Laos, and Murphy were cut off Sunday when guerrillas overwhelmed a 70-man outpost of the Royal Lao Army near Ben Houei Sai.

Six other members of the American group made their way back soon after the attack but Murphy and Loobey were cut off trying to reach a radio to warn their colleagues of an impending attack.

"There was a long enemy column coming in on my right," said Murphy.

The two men ducked machine gun and mortar fire until another column closed in from the left. They managed to evade most of the guerrillas but one spotted them.

"When he saw us he backed up and hit the brush," Loobey said.

Stayed in Brush

The two sergeants had carbines but were under orders not to fire except in self defense. By the time the lone guerrilla recovered and started firing the Americans were safely fleeing through the jungle.

"We hit the brush and crawled under and stayed there all day," Murphy said.

Their food packets contained only one cup of coffee with cream and sugar. It was not until noon Monday that the guerrillas moved far enough away that Murphy and Loobey felt safe to light a fire for the coffee.

They finally were rescued by a helicopter which spotted their smoke flares.

Soviet Diplomat Leaves



(AP Wirephoto)

After Talk

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin clasps his hands as he sits in a limousine outside the State Department Wednesday following nearly two hours of talk with Secretary of State Dean Rusk. They discussed East-West differences over Berlin.

Back to Work

Carpenter Ends Visit To Colorado

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AP) — It was back to work Thursday for astronaut Scott Carpenter.

Thursday's schedule called for the Navy lieutenant commander to join his fellow astronauts and Project Mercury officials in a study and evaluation of the films Carpenter took during America's second orbital flight last week.

Carpenter, his wife and four children arrived at their home here Wednesday night after a flight from Denver, where earlier on Memorial Day the Colorado-born spaceman had wound up a three-day visit to his home state.

By Saturday morning, all seven astronauts are scheduled to be at the Air Force base to receive awards from several civic groups on Virginia's lower peninsula.

Walter C. Williams, Project Mercury operations director, and Lt. Col. John S. Powers, the project's public information officer, arrived in advance of Carpenter to be ready for the film-evaluation study.

There was no indication how long Carpenter and his fellow spacemen would remain here.

Carpenter indicated Wednesday he hoped to return to Boulder, Colo., his hometown, early next month — to deliver the commencement address June 7 at Boulder High School, where he graduated in 1943, and to speak the next day to the graduating class at the University of Colorado.

The climax to Carpenter's Colorado visit came as he rode at the head of a Memorial Day parade through Denver before a crowd estimated at 300,000 — one of the largest in the state's history. Powers said it was the biggest crowd to greet an astronaut outside of New York City.

Some three hours before the Denver celebration, Carpenter said goodbye to his mother, Florence Carpenter, at Boulder.

Negotiators Pessimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for Western Union and the Commercial Telegraphers Union make a last-ditch attempt Thursday to forge a new labor contract. Both sides were pessimistic about the chances of averting a strike.

The union has authorized a strike if no agreement is reached by midnight, when the present contract expires.

The telegraphers are asking for a 16-cent-an-hour pay increase, more fringe benefits and some job reclassifications over a two-year period. Western Union has said it has made a counter-offer of about 7 cents in each of the years with additional increases for some workers with special skills.

The union says the average hourly wage is now \$2.29, not including Western Union messengers.

The company says its offer amounts to a 3 per cent to 3½ per cent increase and that this adheres to President Kennedy's formula for anti-inflationary wage settlements.

Turks Split Over Fate Of Prisoners

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A bitter dispute over the fate of political prisoners has shattered Turkey's first parliamentary government since the 1960 revolution.

Premier Ismet Inonu announced his resignation Wednesday night after his Republican party and the Justice party, which joined in forming a coalition government, deadlocked on the issue.

President Cemal Gursel, the country's strongman, still is the main power in Turkey, but formation of a new government could prove difficult since none of the four parties in parliament has a majority. Inonu's uneasy partnership with the Justice party lasted seven months.

Inonu had committed himself to a gradual and limited amnesty program for more than 500 imprisoned former officials of ex-Premier Adnan Menderes government. Menderes was executed after he was overthrown by an army coup led by Gursel.

The Justice party, which includes many former Menderes supporters, Tuesday endorsed a program of immediate release of all imprisoned Menderes officials serving terms up to 10 years and indicated it would seek across-the-board amnesty later.

Luncheon Date

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Mark O. Hatfield had a luncheon date in Salem Thursday with Sir David Ormsby-Gore, British ambassador to the United States, and Lady Gore.

12-Year-Old Adventurer

Mine Shaft Yields Victim

SHAMOKIN, Pa. (AP) — The body of an adventure-loving schoolboy was recovered from a 550-foot mine shaft Wednesday, ending an all-night search by weary rescue workers.

The youngster, Kenneth Schickley Jr., 12, of Shamokin, plunged down the abandoned shaft Tuesday night while chasing a squirrel.

His battered body was found by two coal miners on top of an old mine buggy on an offset some 450 feet down the shaft. "Oh my God, my God," wept

the youngster's father as news of his son's discovery was relayed to the top of the shaft by portable telephone. Then he collapsed.

The two miners who found the body were John Varano of Shamokin and Joe Garcia of Kulpmont. Both had been lowered into the 8-foot-wide shaft and after several hours of probing they found the youngster.

Kenneth fell into the mine about 8 p.m. Tuesday night when a wooden brace on which he was standing gave way.

Body of Young Boy Found In Abandoned Mine Shaft

GHOST PINE CREEK, Alta. (AP) — A mother's vigil and a father's hope ended when their 4-year-old son was found dead Wednesday night 34 hours after he tumbled into an abandoned mine shaft.

Rescue workers found the body of Kenny Kowalchuk caught between the steps of a mine ladder 54 feet below the surface. His head was buried in loose earth and the two-man team said the chubby dark-haired boy appeared to have suffocated. He also had broken bones.

Mine officials believed his fall started a trickle of loose earth that eventually buried him.

The body was raised gently to the surface in the bucket of a power shovel. Unknown to officials, the mother was in the hushed crowd at the pithead.

She rushed forward just as the bucket was lowered to the ground. A policeman restrained her while the body was taken to a funeral home at nearby Three Hills.

Faint cries of "Daddy, Daddy," soon after Kenny plunged through the weak earth and timber covered shaft Tuesday raised hopes that the boy would be found alive. But the shaft soon fell silent, and the last hours were spent in grim realization of what lay ahead.

Kenny's father wandered aimlessly around the scene as rescue workers dug deeper and finally shattered his hope.

Some of Kenny's 11 brothers and sisters took up the grim vigil at varying times. Speaking of the shaft, one said, "Nobody knew better than Mon and Dad how dangerous it was."

At the time, the boy was supposed to have been at a Boy Scout meeting. Instead, he decided to hunt frogs with a chum, Billy Kreiger, also 12.

It was while hunting frogs that the two spotted the squirrel. Young Kreiger said that Kenneth chased the animal into the open mine shaft and started climbing in after it. As he was trying to get back out, the brace broke. Billy, who also had been in the shaft, managed to scramble to safety and summoned help.

The mine, owned by Sam Bressi of Kulpmont, had been closed for about two years, but was scheduled to reopen in two or three weeks.

The boy, a sixth grader at the Stevens School in Shamokin, was one of six children in the Schickley family. He had three brothers and two sisters.

Five of Family Killed in Blaze

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) — A father and his four small daughters died in a fire that destroyed their home near here Wednesday night.

Paul Francis Hayes, 27, and his daughters ranged from one to five years of age burned to death.

The wife and mother of the victims, Mrs. Ruth Hayes, 22, told authorities she woke up and found the house full of smoke.

Mrs. Hayes said she managed to escape through a window but was unable to get back inside the flaming house later.

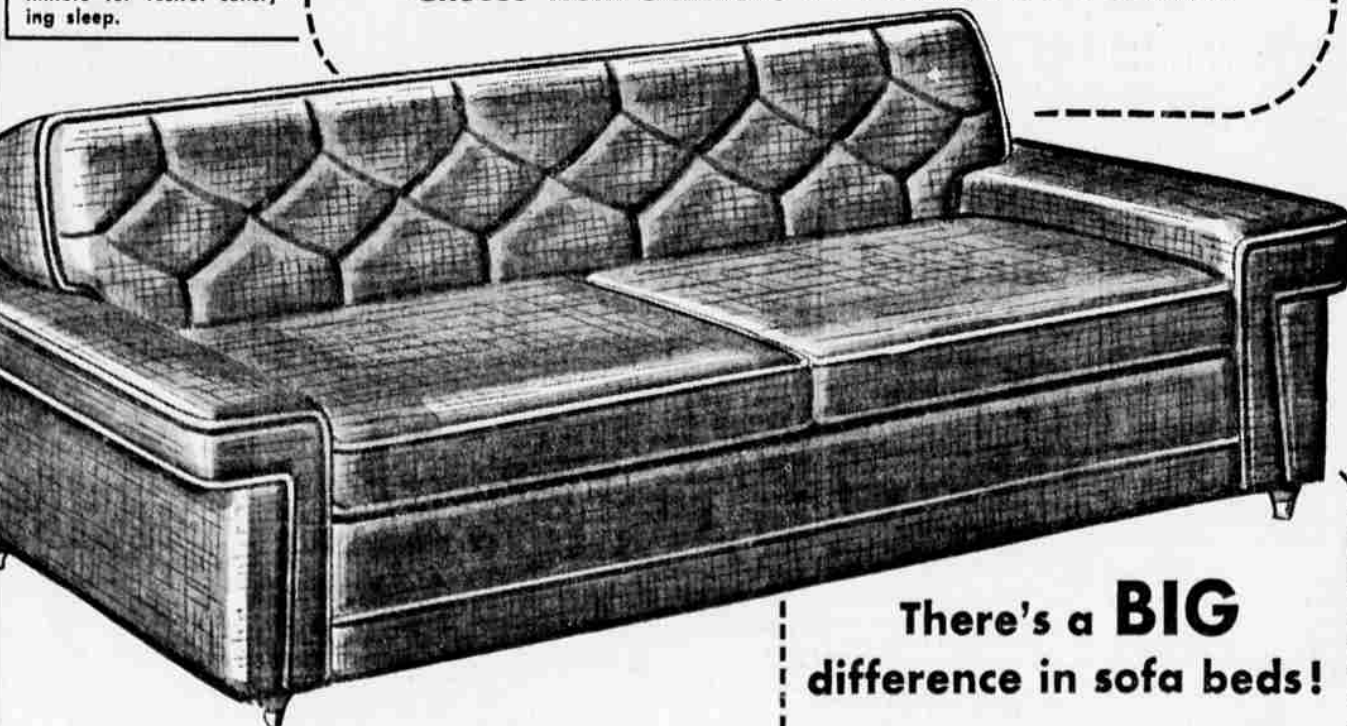
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