

In Moscow

Red Summit Assembles

MOSCOW (AP) — Leaders of the Soviet bloc assembled here Wednesday to plan measures to deal with economic problems at home and the growing power of the Common Market in Western Europe.

Present were premiers and party chiefs of seven East European countries with Mongolia and Red China represented by observers. The absence of foreign ministers indicated foreign affairs would be discussed only generally. Representatives of each government were present.

Omitted from the list was Albania, the little country on the Adriatic which has fallen out with the Kremlin and has been supported in its independent stand by Communist China.

South Korean Youths Defy Protest Ban

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A thousand students defied a martial law ban on demonstrations Wednesday and marched on the U.S. Embassy to protest the beating of a Korean by two American Army officers.

A triple row of police Jeeps blocked their march before the students reached the embassy, and the students withdrew after an appeal by Maj. Gen. Kim Chin-wi, commander of the Seoul garrison. Then they split into small groups and tried to reach the embassy through alleys and side streets.

Again they were met by police, who arrested more than 100 of the demonstrators. There was no violence.

It was the first student demonstration since the May 1961 coup put South Korea under military rule. The march coincided with the Memorial Day holiday honoring the 140,000 South Koreans who died in the Korean War.

The students demanded speedy conclusion of a status of forces agreement giving South Korea jurisdiction over U.S. military personnel who commit offenses while off duty.

The U.S. Army has charged two lieutenants—Davis W. Swanson, 25, of Galesburg, Ill., and Thomas M. Wilde, 25, of Wadsworth, Ill.—with severely beating a South Korean caught stealing at a front line base late last month.

Seoul newspapers have reported two other recent incidents of Koreans being beaten by American servicemen.

Chief among the problems facing the group was the constant problem of agriculture. Farm production has consistently fallen behind industrial production in the bloc, by sharp contrast with the Common Market area.

Prices Raised

In a dramatic step last week the Soviet government increased the retail price of meat 30 per cent and butter 25 per cent.

The aim of the operation was to raise more money to build fertilizer and farm machinery plants and to pay Soviet farmers more so they will work harder on the cooperative and state farms.

The Soviet Union is not alone with its agricultural troubles. Throughout the Communist bloc farm production has not kept up with comparable areas in Western Europe.

In Poland an abnormally wet, cold May threatens loss of part of the potato and grain crops. That spells hard times as well for East Germany, which has had persistent crop trouble and has drawn on Poland.

Market Worries Reds

One of the biggest problems facing the meeting is in the Common Market, whose increasing power and self sufficiency has begun to eat into markets normally available to Czechoslovakia and other Communist countries.

The increasing power of the Common Market has raised Communist eyebrows. Communist leaders have long preached that the private enterprise systems of the West are expanding more rapidly than the Communist areas with the possible exception of the Soviet Union itself.



(AP Wirephoto)
Miss Deanna Chu, 23, right, former Hong Kong secretary, is greeted by her sister, Barbara, 25, of Berkeley, Calif., after she arrived in San Francisco Tuesday night from Hong Kong. Deanna is among the first of several thousand Chinese refugees scheduled to come to the U.S. under President Kennedy's emergency program.

Sisters Reunited

Boun Oum Agrees To Attend Meeting

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Premier Prince Boun Oum has agreed to go to the rebel-held Plaine des Jarros Thursday to meet with neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma and pro-Communist Prince Souphanouvong to discuss formation of a coalition government.

Souvanna warned that if an agreement is not reached by June 15, he will go back to France where he has been vacationing.

Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, deputy premier and strong man of the regime, said the delegation will return to Vientiane Thursday afternoon.

Phoumi said that besides the issue of the defense and interior ministries he does not think there are any other difficult problems to settle at the three princes' conference.

In a future coalition he will head, Souvanna wants to keep both defense and interior portfolios. Phoumi said if Souvanna wants to have these two jobs he must give the government evidence that he is really neutral and that he must tell "us he is neither with us nor with the other side (Souphanouvong)."

Meanwhile, British Ambassador John Addis cabled Prince Souphanouvong asking him to send a personal emissary immediately to the southern provincial capital of Saravane to arrange for the release of two British embassy officials and two British doctors captured by the prince's Pathet Lao guerrillas last week.

D-Day Ceremonies Held in Normandy

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By United Press International

OMAHA BEACH, France—American and French officials paid tribute here Wednesday to the allied troops of World War II who fell 18 years ago on the Normandy beaches as they stormed ashore to launch the invasion of Nazi-held Europe.

American Ambassador James M. Gavin, a paratroop general in the U.S. army who landed behind Utah beach to the east with his men that fateful day, headed officials at a visit to the cemetery above the cliffs of Omaha Beach where 10,000 American soldiers are buried.

First Town Freed

A religious ceremony was held and then Gavin and his wife visited Ste. Mere Eglise, a scene of bitter fighting during the invasion.

Ste. Mere Eglise was the first French village to be liberated.

Gavin was received by Mayor Jean Masselin in front of the town hall and reviewed a French honor guard. Masselin raised the American flag, a gift from Tom Murphy, a Washington University professor.

"Ste. Mere Eglise is proud to be the first village in France to have received the American paratroopers," Masselin said. "We consider our town the symbol of the European liberation."

Gavin replied: "I don't feel as if I am in a foreign country since all the inhabitants of your town are personal friends of mine and it is just like being at home in a village back in the states."

Village Unchanged

Ste. Mere Eglise, which hardly suffered during the invasion, looks today almost as it did on June 6, 1944.

The traces of war have long been swept from Omaha and Utah beaches, where American troops waded ashore into a hail of heavy German fire.

A battered hulk of a sunken American landing craft which can be seen off-shore at low tide is the only war relic left behind on Omaha Beach.

Beach huts and cafes now dot the once-lonely shore. For this reason, parts of a new

movie about the D-Day landings, had to be filmed last summer on beaches on the island of Re, off the Atlantic coast of France.

Other Towns Rebuilt

Caen, St. Lo, Falaise, Vire, Isigny and other Normandy towns which were almost destroyed in the fighting have rebuilt completely.

But off the little seaside town of Arromanches are still to be seen the remnants of the once top-secret "Mulberry harbor," built to shelter allied shipping soon after D-Day. It consisted of old cargo ships filled with concrete and sunk off shore. The tops of many of the sunken vessels still can be seen.

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