

CHANGE OF TUNE

Brentano Says W. Reich Isn't Atomic-Arming

BONN, Germany (AP)—Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano said Monday West Germany has no intention of arming itself now with atomic weapons. It might come to that, he added, but not necessarily and not for a long time.

Brentano made the statement, which is a bit different from what the government has been saying, in giving reporters his reaction to the Soviet Union's note warning against atomic bases in West Germany.

The entire note, Brentano said, was based on the Soviet Union's assumption West Germany intends to arm itself with A-weapons. That assumption, Brentano said, "is wrong."

The declaration was in an eight-page statement read by Brentano at a news conference.

Brentano's statement bristled with angry words. He called the Soviet note "incomprehensible" and "grotesque," a "ridiculous threat" and an attempt at intimidation with a view to separating the Federal Republic from her allies.

Previously Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democrat Party had said the Soviet note was calculated to help the Socialist opposition in this year's elections.

Britain to Set Up 2nd Guided Missiles Group

LONDON (AP)—Britain soon will form a second guided missile regiment in reshaping her military forces for the nuclear age, the War Ministry announced Monday.

A statement outlining the ministry's financial needs also disclosed that the army's strength is to be cut in the coming year from the present 375,000 men to 355,000.

A defense white paper issued April 4 called for cutting the total of all the armed forces from 690,000 men to 375,000 in the next five years, but made no breakdown by services.

The missile regiments will be equipped with the U.S. rocket-powered Corporal missile, capable of carrying a conventional or atomic warhead. The first such regiments began forming last month.

The regiments are part of a revolutionary defense program aimed at saving money while giving Britain's military forces a nuclear age "new look."

Lebanon Premier Gravely Ill From Lung Congestion

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Premier Sami Solh, 70, is under treatment at the American University Hospital here for acute lung congestion, the hospital said Monday in a bulletin.

The hospital said his condition was grave but showing signs of improvement.

Solh heads a pro-Western government which won a 39-1 vote of confidence on President Eisenhower's Middle East Doctrine about three weeks ago.

Fernandez Buys Huge B.C. Tract

PORTLAND (AP)—Tom Fernandez of Longview, Wash., has bought 144,000 acres of timberland in British Columbia from the Kootenay Logging Co. of Nelson.

No sale price was given but it was believed to be 1 1/2 million dollars.

The Kootenay firm is owned by six Portlanders—George Van Vleet Jr., Mabelle Van Fleet, Claude Johns, Ralph Cowgill, Frank Dillard and F. Cobbs Jr.

The tract, located some 100 miles north of Spokane between Nelson and Creston, B.C., contains an estimated one billion board feet of timber.

Fernandez, who has extensive logging operations in Oregon's Clackamas River Basin, has not yet announced plans for developing the logging area.

French Novelist Departs Hospital

PARIS (AP)—Novelist Françoise Sagan was discharged from a hospital Monday—two weeks after she suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident.

The 21-year-old author of "Bonjour Tristesse" and "A Certain Smile" left the Maillot Clinic in an ambulance and doctors said she will have to spend several weeks in convalescence. She suffered a broken shoulder blade, several rib fractures and facial cuts.

'Copters Ram in Germany; 1 Dead

AUGSBURG, Germany (AP)—Two U.S. Army helicopters collided in the air near here Monday, killing one officer and an enlisted man and injuring five others.

The two craft were about 75 feet off the ground. Both were destroyed. One was a reconnaissance and the second a transport helicopter. Names of the killed and injured were withheld.



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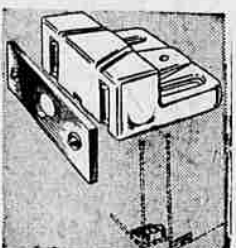
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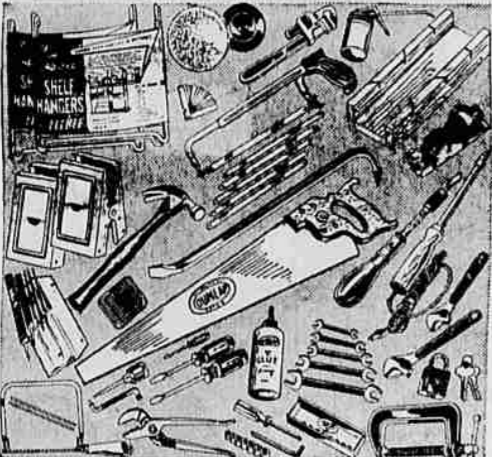


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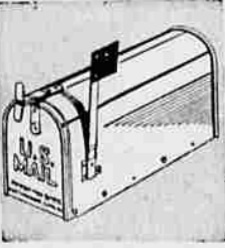
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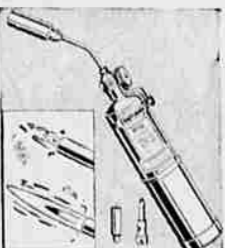
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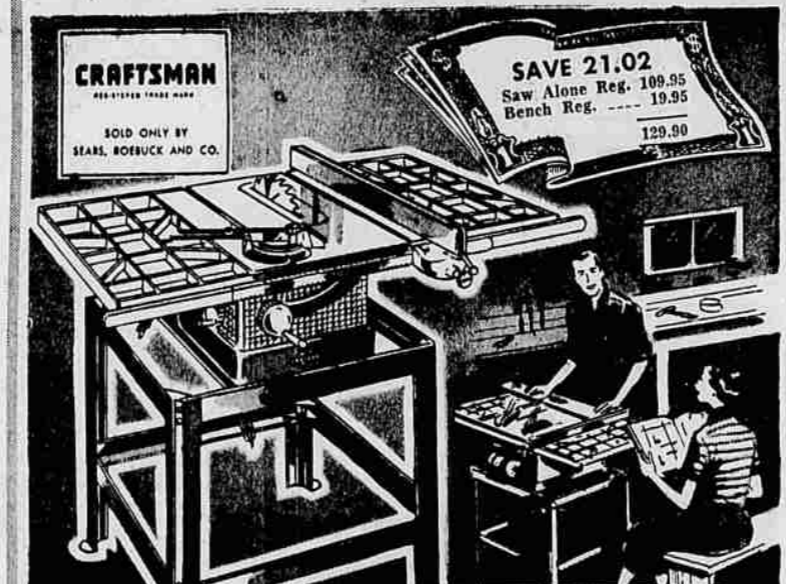


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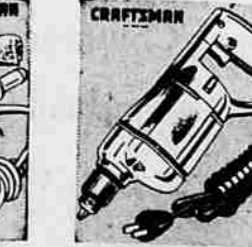
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