

Kennedy, De Gaulle, Khrushchev proving to German people they're indeed wanted

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President Kennedy has gotten in his licks in West Germany and next week it will be President Charles de Gaulle's turn.

And if it is any balm to the German ego, another distinguished visitor also is proving to the German people that they are indeed "wanted."

This latter is Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev who ostensibly is to help East Germany's Communist strong man Walter Ulbricht celebrate his 70th birthday. Khrushchev will stay on the eastern side of the wall, and so his route will coincide neither with that of Kennedy nor of De Gaulle.

Yet there is a suspicion that his motives are not too different from those of the other two.

In the West German press there is speculation that Khrushchev already has made preliminary moves toward a contact with West German Assistant Chancellor Ludwig Erhard who is scheduled this fall to step into the shoes of outgoing Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Talked With Both Sides

It is speculated that a first move was made through Berthold Beitz, a representative of the German Krupp industries, who recently talked with Khrushchev in

Moscow and followed that up immediately with long, and so far secret, talks with Erhard in Bonn.

A further preliminary was Moscow's clear indication that it hoped to step up trade with West Germany.

The Soviet-German trade agreement expires at the end of this year and must be renegotiated.

All this leads up to Khrushchev's current visit, and the further interesting line of speculation that results from the wall which the Communists threw across Berlin on Aug. 13 two years ago, have not been entirely as expected.

In an earlier visit to East Berlin last January, Khrushchev conceded that the wall had created "certain discomforts."

But a more troublesome aspect of what the Hamburg newspaper Die Zeit calls the "wall complex" appeared in the cool reception given by West Berlin businessmen to Soviet attempts to increase contacts either by diplomats or trade missions.

Affects Soviet Relations

The "wall complex" also clearly must affect Soviet relations with any West German government, whether it be Adenauer's or Erhard's.

It seems possible, therefore, that beyond helping Ulbricht to

celebrate his birthday, Khrushchev also will tell him that some of the harsh conditions pertaining to the wall must be relaxed.

This is not to imply that the wall will, as did the walls of Jericho, come tumbling down.

The Communists in recent weeks broke one additional hole through the wall to provide access to East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport. Another step may be to lift at least partially the present total ban against West Berliners wishing to visit the East Zone.

In his own German visit, President Kennedy sought to reassure the Germans specifically and Europe in general that they never would be abandoned by the United States. De Gaulle's position that the opposite might eventually be true gave, he said, aid and comfort to the enemy.

CATS GET IT ALL

ABERDARON, Wales (UPI) — Miss Ada Tilley, 81, left all but \$140 of her \$182,000 estate for the treatment of sick cats, her will revealed Sunday.

"I feel very hurt," said Mrs. Tilley's niece, Mrs. Doris Williams, who cared for her aunt for the last eight years of her life, but was cut out of the will.

Emergency aid being supplied to farm areas

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said Friday the department is supplying emergency assistance to farmers in drought areas of 12 states.

The states affected by drought are Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Utah.

Freeman said drought conditions, coupled with the late May freeze in the central plains, had caused the winter wheat production forecast as of June 1 to be reduced 72 million bushels from the April 1 forecast.

Other effects of the drought included:

—Hay prospects are below average for the nation, mainly because of limited soil moisture in the central states.

—Pasture conditions in the United States on June 1 were only 76 per cent of normal.

—Yield prospects for late spring potatoes in the South have been cut, as have prospects for other vegetable crops in the East and Midwest.

The Agriculture Department today estimated about 60 million acres will be planted with wheat this fall and next spring for harvest in 1964. This compares with less than 50 million acres devoted to the 1963 wheat crop.

The anticipated rise in wheat

acreage was based on the fact that farmers voted down the administration's proposed 1964 wheat program calling for strict production and marketing controls in return for high price supports. The alternative program now in prospect for the 1964 crop calls for price supports of 50 per cent of parity, payable only to those producers who comply with their acreage allotments. Few farmers are expected to comply.

In a review of the wheat situation, the department estimated exports in the current marketing year at 630 million bushels, with exports in 1963-64 jumping to 675 million bushels.

The carryover on July 1, start of the new marketing year, is expected to be 1,165,000,000 bushels.

The department today estimated cigarette production during July, 1962-June, 1963, at a record 542 billion pieces, up 12 billion from 1961-62. Of this total, about

515 billion were consumed by U.S. smokers last year.

The department said cigarette consumption for 1963 as a whole is expected to gain modestly over 1962, but the continuing rate of gain has slowed considerably from 1957-61.

U.N. call girl report probed

UNITED NATIONS (UPI)—Secretary General Thant said last week he has asked U.N. officials to investigate charges that a call girl ring is operating inside the headquarters of the world body.

The charges have been made in New York newspapers over the past three weeks. A woman accredited here as a temporary press correspondent was charged in a city court Thursday with prostitution.

Four rescued from Red Sea

CAIRO, U.A.R. (UPI) — The British destroyer Agincourt Friday rescued four U.S. Philco Corp. civilian employees who made an emergency landing in the Red Sea in their chartered U.S. Air Force amphibious plane.

The destroyer was reported en route to Aden with the four men. The U.S. Embassy here said they

were all reported uninjured.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman identified the men as chief pilot D.A. Van Epps, captain James Andrews, second pilot and navigator A.D. Hesko, and flight engineer Michael Fleischer. He did not know their home addresses.

The chartered Grumman plane from Wheelus U.S. Air Force Base in Libya, left Cairo Thursday en route to Aden. An air-sea search was launched when contact was lost with the plane after it reported engine trouble.

One of the search planes spotted it floating south of Port Sudan, dropped food and water, and gave the position to the destroyer.

Oregon's CD agency moves

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's civil defense agency, emasculated by the legislature and scorned by the federal government, moved Saturday into its new headquarters.

The new three-member coordinating staff is moving into a 50-by-90 foot office in the basement of the Capitol Building.

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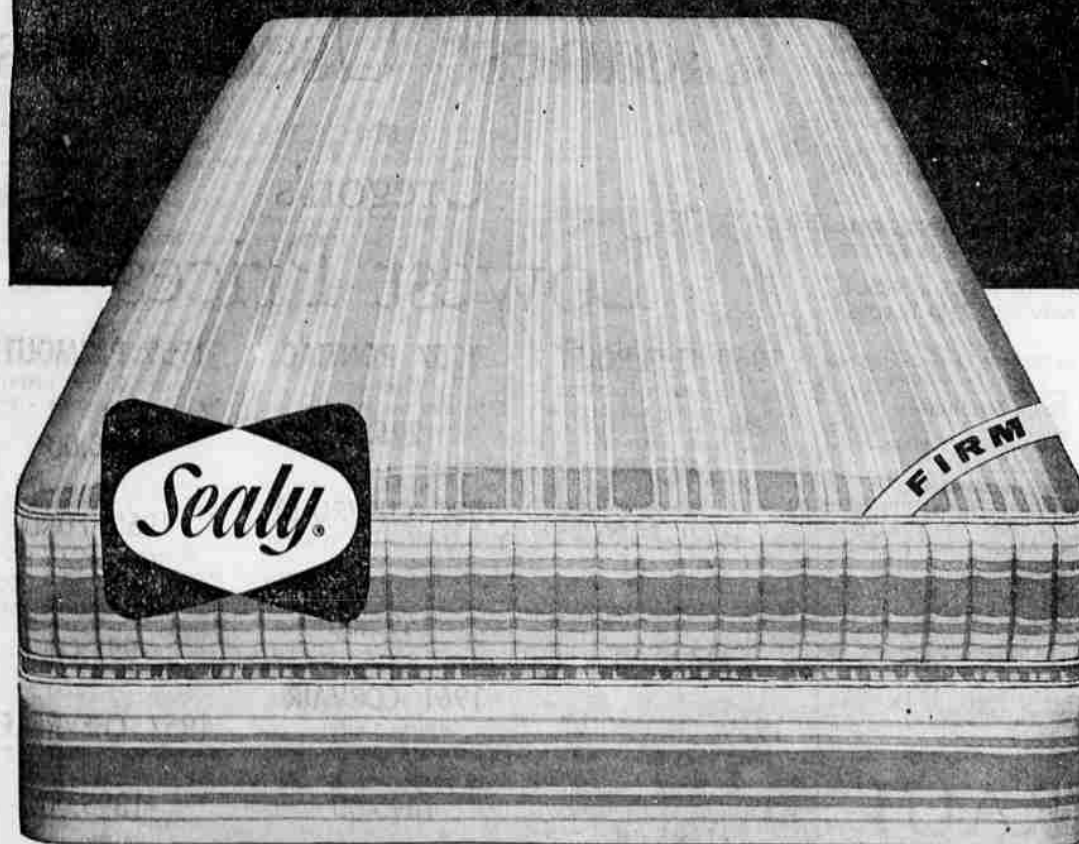
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