

Rusk in Germany to quiet German fears that U.S. plans to pull out troops

PONN, Germany (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk arrived today for a series of talks with West German officials expected to center on their concern that U.S. troop strength here will be cut because of the success of a division-size airlift.

Rusk appeared exasperated when asked about the possibility that troop withdrawals would follow Operation Big Lift, which Thursday completed the movement of more than 15,000 troops from Texas to bases in Germany.

"With Big Lift, there is more military power in Germany today than Germany has ever

Aid offered farmers in drought area

By United Press International

A persistent, parching drought clung to the East today. The Agriculture Department offered emergency aid to drought-stricken farmers in 29 states.

Light rains swept the western fringe of the drought area during the night but did little to ease the threat of fire to forest and prairie.

In the East, from the banks of the Wabash to tinder-dry timberland high in New England, water supplies continued to shrivel.

The Susquehanna River was reported "dry" at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for the first time in memory.

Record-breaking heat seared the East Thursday, toppling temperature marks which have stood since the turn of the century.

A year ago, Wisconsin recorded its first snowfall and the temperature dropped into the 20s. Thursday, Milwaukee set a record with 80 degrees, Madison topped a 64-year mark with 79 degrees and La Crosse had a record 79.

Columbus, Ohio, had a record 82, Indianapolis, Ind., had 78, Pittsburgh, Pa., 81 and Buffalo, N.Y., set a record for the third time this week with a 76 reading.

Other records for the day or for so late in the season were set at Marquette, Mich., Albany, N.Y., Portland, Maine, Huntington, W.Va., Toledo, Ohio and Chicago.

Two radio stations at Nashville, Tenn., started playing Indian rain dance music in hope that rain would finally come.

'Federal Aid' signs rapped

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Oregon Highway Users Conference has asked the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads to stop using the term "Federal Aid" on signs posted along road construction projects where federal matching funds are involved.

The conference urged use of the phrase, "Your Highway Taxes at Work," and the term "Federal Highway Trust Funds" in place of "Federal Aid."

The conference is composed of trade associations and private and public vehicle operators.

had in history," he said. "Let it go at that until Sunday."

Aides said Rusk would devote about a third of a speech in Frankfurt Sunday to the question of the U.S. troop commitment in Europe and the matching defense commitment by other members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Today, Rusk unexpectedly added Defense Minister Kai-Uwe Von Hassel to the list of German government leaders he will see.

West German officials have expressed concern that the United States plans to rely more on such large-scale airlifts for its defense plans in Europe and less on troops permanently stationed here. They fear some of the six U.S. divisions in Germany will be sent back to the United States.

To Give Explanation

Rusk said before leaving Washington Thursday that he will explain to new Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and other officials that "we are fully meeting our NATO commitments and intend to do so" in the future.

Asked whether he would give specific reassurances that no early cutback of U. S. forces was planned, Rusk said "I don't think any reassurance is necessary. Look at what we've got there."

Rusk has a busy schedule here and in Frankfurt before flying back to Washington late Sunday. He plans talks with Erhard, retired Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder.

He will take part in a meeting of 31 U.S. ambassadors from Eastern and Western Europe now in progress in Bonn, and on Sunday will participate in ceremonies in Frankfurt honoring the late Secretary of State Gen. George C. Marshall. He is expected to stress U.S. determination to maintain its defensive strength in Europe in a speech at the Marshall ceremonies.

400,000 Troops in Europe

The United States has about 400,000 combat troops, Air Force personnel, and supply and communications men in Europe. About 240,000 of them, including all the combat personnel, are in Germany.

The German concern was based on a speech last Saturday by Roswell Gilpatric, deputy defense secretary, to United Press International editors in Chicago.

Gilpatric indicated that troop reductions were in prospect when he said the United States "should be able to make useful reductions in its overseas military expenditures."

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GUEST SPEAKER — Walter E. Stram, of Woodburn, will be guest speaker at a special meeting at the Sisters Church of Christ Monday evening, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. He will present the "Triumph King of Kings," 316 Bible verses quoted from memory. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

All youths may get draft tests

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Defense Department is considering a plan under which all youths would be given physical and mental tests for the draft at the age of 18, it was learned today.

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Defense officials said the purpose of the change would be to increase voluntary enlistments in the armed services.

They said they believed that more youths would enlist if they knew they were physically and mentally qualified and probably would be drafted five years later anyway.

More than half of the potential draftees now are rejected by physical and mental tests, but it is believed the rate of rejections would be far smaller if they were given to all youths.

Enlistments already provide by far the greater proportion of the recruits for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Only the Army is using draftees. In 1962 there were 324,000 enlistments against 81,000 draft inductions.

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Mme. Nhu says aid paid back

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu said Thursday night the United States had extended more aid to Communist Yugoslavia than had been given to her Southeast Asia country, which was fighting communism.

"We have paid back with 14,000 casualties a year... with our blood," she said, while Yugoslavia "has paid back nothing."

The First Lady of South Vietnam said her country wanted to become more independent but did not want to lose all U. S. aid. Some aid to her country recently was withheld.

"We are not beggars," Mme. Nhu said. "Your gift is not just a one-way gift. We paid back with blood."

She said aid to her country was closely controlled while Communist Yugoslavia received help without limitation.

Mme. Nhu addressed 5,000 University of Texas students who whooped wildly when she said "I hear you have the No. 1 football team in the United States."

The Nhu party was to fly from Dallas to Phoenix, Ariz., at 4 p.m. EDT today, where she was to continue her revelation of the "other side of the coin" concerning the regime of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam, her brother-in-law.

She referred to criticism about beatings suffered by three newsmen who witnessed a burning suicide in her country by a Buddhist monk. Mme. Nhu said more about that incident made the news than about a French reporter who was shot in the back and killed during race riots last year in Oxford, Miss.

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Jones successor named by GOP

BEAVERTON (UPI)—Beaverton businessman Elwin Paxson won the Washington County Republican Central Committee's endorsement Thursday night for the House seat soon to be vacated by State Rep. Robert Jones, R-Portland.

Jones is scheduled to resign Oct. 31 to become a Multnomah County circuit judge. The Washington County Commission will meet to name a successor the next day.

Paxson won Republican Party approval on the third ballot when he collected 55 votes to 40 for Forest Grove publisher Hugh McGilvra, 3 for Mrs. Harold Strawn, a West Slope housewife, and 2 for former legislator Leon Davis of Hillsboro.

The ballots came after the committee defeated a motion by Margaret Mosher to endorse all four hopefuls.



TO SING HERE—The Crusader Quartet from Northwest Christian College, Eugene, will present a program Sunday morning at First Christian Church. Public is invited.

Soviets delay action at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI)—A new small-power draft resolution to ban all nuclear tests was stalled today by Soviet foot dragging.

Informed sources said the eight non-aligned countries sponsoring the resolution were withholding submission of the measure in hopes of achieving an advance consensus of the nuclear powers.

These sources said the Soviet Union had not yet agreed to accept the resolution as prepared. The United States, they said, agreed to the measure in principle but was holding off a definite commitment until the Soviet position is declared.

Action in the General Assembly today was confined to an afternoon speech by Bolivia's President Victor Paz Estenssoro.

South Africa and Yemen also occupied the attention of diplomats.

The 56-nation Afro-Asian group pressed for an early Security Council meeting to consider further action against South Africa because of its refusal to change its apartheid policy of racial segregation.

No date was set for the meeting requested Thursday by 27 African and Asian countries, but Tuesday was considered a likely time.

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Sailors describe sea buffeting

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (UPI)—Ten bearded, bleary-eyed sailors, some weak from seasickness and a diet of peanut butter, pulled into port here today after five days of helpless buffeting aboard a disabled ship in the hurricane-whipped Atlantic.

The trip was tiring, they said, but they were not scared.

"After we rode out the first night we got confidence and from then on we weren't worried at all," said Chief Warrant Officer Walter F. Ganey of Norfolk, commander of the decommissioned destroyer escort USS Fogg which broke away from a tow vessel last Saturday.

He said the ship, which was on its way to a mothball fleet in Orange, Texas, when its tow line parted about 60 miles off the North Carolina coast was a tight one. The only leakage that developed during the day-long battering by 40-foot waves was in a forward compartment. This was promptly sealed off.

"It was choppy out there all right," the 49-year-old veteran sailor told newsmen shortly before sitting down with the nine others to their first warm meal in five days. "You might call it tough fishing."

Except for a brief period when the Coast Guard cutter Chilula was attempting to attach a towline to the drifting

RETAIL SALES UP

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Retail sales in the United States for the week ended Oct. 19 totaled an estimated \$4.8 billion—about one per cent higher than the previous week and 6 per cent more than the same week a year ago.

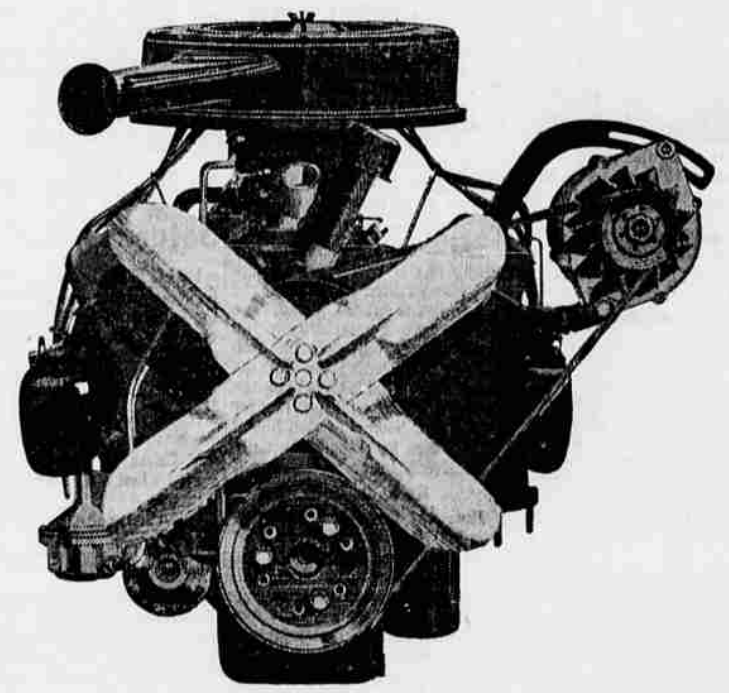
The Commerce Department said Thursday that for the four most recent weeks in the survey sales this year were running about 5 per cent more than the comparable period in 1962.

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