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E. German Police Ring Berlin To Halt Rush for Food

Roads Patrolled, Police Ride Trains

Berlin—(U.P.)—The East German government ringed Berlin with heavily armed police today to halt a final rush for "Eisenhower food parcels" before next Saturday's deadline.

Food seekers who ran the tightened blockade said Communist police armed with machine pistols stopped Berlin-bound traffic 50 miles from the city and turned back thousands of hungry East Germans.

People's police were said to be patrolling secondary roads and checking trucks, bicycles and pedestrians to enforce the ban on picking up free food in West Berlin.

Reds Ride Trains

Reinforced police guards rode all trains into the city. Other police units backed by Communist strong arm squads patrolled railway and elevated stations in Berlin suburbs.

However, an estimated 100,000 of the free parcels were distributed today, about half of them to residents of the Soviet zone outside of Berlin.

They brought the total for the 17 days of the program to about 2,500,000 free food parcels distributed. The number was expected to climb sharply between now and Saturday when the distribution will stop for 12 days until a new program gets under way.

Communist authorities also adopted terror as a weapon in a fight to save their harvest and avert starvation.

The Neue Zeitung, U. S. high commission newspaper, reported police arrested farmers and farm laborers throughout the Soviet zone during the week end and charged them with delay in harvesting crops.

The flight of thousands of farmers to the West in the last year has produced a critical shortage of agricultural labor. The government has appealed in vain to workers, city dwellers and housewives to volunteer to help harvest crops.

Phoenix Works on Water Difficulty

Phoenix—(U.P.)—"Everything possible" is being done by the city council and mayor to alleviate Phoenix's water troubles, according to Mrs. Kathryn Stancliffe, mayor.

She pointed out a new city ordinance setting water rationing during the present emergency, which divides the city into two zones: users west of Pine st. shall irrigate on the odd days of the month, and persons east of Pine st. on the even dates. Watering will only be between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the alternate days.

The ordinance adopted last night imposes a maximum penalty of \$50 fine or 10 days in jail, or both. She invited everyone's cooperation during the emergency and stated that the current pump installation will take time to test its results. The mayor also pointed to the low underground water table all over the valley, which has affected the city's wells.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Salem city council has rejected a proposal to establish a police traffic division.

More French Workers Join Spreading Work Stoppages

Paris—(U.P.)—More than 1,000,000 government workers and employees in nationalized industries were on strike today in a spreading work stoppage which crippled railway, postal, telephone, telegraph and gas services.

Coal production also was severely hit by refusal of miners to enter the pits.

Gas service was reduced to a trickle. Subway and bus workers debated a renewal of their week end walkout.

Labor vs. Government

Ground service personnel at airports voted a 24 hour walkout. Merchant seamen at Marseilles already were out and employees of the nationalized electric system warned they would stay home.

The strikes and slowdowns were labor's answer to the economic measures proposed by the right wing government of Premier Joseph Laniel.

His cabinet, employing decree making powers granted by the National assembly, published a number of orders yesterday aimed at streamlining the swollen French bureaucracy and putting nationalized industries on a profitable basis.

Economic Troubles

Included were measures providing for tougher retirement and pension qualifications, more rigid job requirements, and higher rents.

Labor accepted these decrees as proof it would be asked to bear the burden of Laniel's effort to get France back on its economic feet.

Last week they sought to warn Laniel off such a program by a strike of 2,000,000 government and nationalized workers. Those walkouts were largely in sympathy with a strike of 200,000 post and telegraph employees.

Copco Rate Increase Hearing To Be Held By PUC Here Aug. 18

Salem—(U.P.)—State Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said today that David Don, PUC chief engineer, will preside at a hearing in Medford August 18 into application of California Oregon Power Co. to increase its rates an average of about 20 per cent in Oregon to bring in an estimated \$2,459,000 a year.

The hearing will open at 9:30 a.m. August 18 in the Jackson county courthouse.

Officials To Study Evidence

Heltzel said today he anticipated that Copco probably would conclude its "case in chief" in one day. Then the hearing will be recessed "in the public interest" to give PUC officials and others time to study all the company's evidence, expected to consist of several exhibits as well as testimony presented.

Copco serves the Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Roseburg areas. It also supplies power wholesale to Ashland, which has its own municipal system.

Copco, in its formal application to the PUC for the rate increase in Oregon, said it had experienced an "unprecedented increase" in its system load, from 73,550 kilowatts in 1945 to 270,550 kilowatts in 1952.

It contemplates a construction program of \$75,000,000 in Oregon spread over five years to \$15,000,000 a year. Copco noted that inflation had increased its costs and that it never has had a general increase in its rates.

However, Heltzel said all the evidence would be studied with extreme care before the PUC makes its decision after the hearing.

Most Business in Oregon

Copco is a California corporation, but it does 80 per cent of its business in Oregon. Its lines extend north to Springfield, west to McKinley, about 19 miles east of North Bend, east to the new North Umpqua projects almost as far east as Diamond Lake, and more southerly, to Lakeview. In California, its lines extend to Crescent City to the west, Yreka, Etna and Dunsmuir to the center, Tulare, Alturas to the east and Pit River and Delta to the south. It is not serving customers in Alturas to the east and Pit River and Delta to the south.

Army To Give Names Of Americans Listed As Dead in Red Camps

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army this week will begin releasing the names of about 1,000 Americans reported by the Communists to have died in Red prison camps, a spokesman said today.

The Army said it is cross checking the Communist list of dead prisoners with its own information and will notify next of kin before beginning to make the names public. A spokesman explained, however, that the Communist list is not accepted at its face value as completely accurate.

Armistice Agreement

The list of soldiers who died in prison camps was handed over by the Communists last week end in accordance with a provision in the armistice agreement.

Radio Peiping reported yesterday that the list contained 481 non-Korean soldiers and that another 569 have been reported as dead in a previous list handed over by the Communists in December, 1951.

While confirming the Radio Peiping report as substantially correct, a spokesman said the Army is not accepting the total as final. He pointed out that discrepancies were spotted immediately in the 1951 list, and for this reason the Army has never notified the next of kin of existence of the Communist report.

Even after cross checking the Communist list, the Army will not state officially that the soldier had died in a Red prison camp. Rather it will report to the next of kin that the Communists have reported him dead.

Army officials, frankly admitted that the Communist total of men who died in prison camps was not as large as had been expected.

They had looked to the Red list to give a clue as to what happened to thousands of American soldiers unaccounted for in the war, and also to explain in part the discrepancy between the number of prisoners to be returned by the Communists and the large number which the United States believes the Communists hold.

Iowa Governor in Medford for Visit

Gov. William S. Beardsley of Iowa and his wife have been visiting their son Blaine Beardsley, 121 King st., and his family since Sunday. Governor Beardsley will return to Iowa today, but will plan to remain here for another week.

Beardsley is serving his third term as governor of Iowa. When asked his impressions of the Rogue valley, he said, "Well, I'm from the mid-west, you know, and anyone would naturally fall in love with the country out here."

Beardsley went on to describe the tremendous resources, the beautiful scenery and the friendly people to be found in the Rogue valley as "the things everyone is looking for."

This is Beardsley's second trip to the Rogue valley. He also visited here last fall.

Russians Demand Full Compensation For Downed Plane

Bohlen Reiterates Responsibility Denial

Washington—(U.P.)—Russia formally demanded today that the United States make full compensation for a Soviet transport plane shot down over Korea July 27, the State Department disclosed.

The department said U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, when presented with the demand in Moscow, stuck by the previous U. S. position that the United States had no responsibility for the lost plane because it was in the war zone.

The Russians claimed the plane was over Red China when it was shot down.

Soviet Claim Denied

The Soviet Union in a protest July 31 claimed four American fighters invaded Red China and attacked the IL-12 transport while on a routine flight from Port Arthur to the Soviet Union.

This government replied August 1 that the Soviet claim was false. It said confirmed information in the hands of U. S. military authorities showed the plane was shot down by an Air Force fighter plane over Korean territory.

The United States said it deplored the loss of life in the Korean zone of hostilities and "the responsibility therefore must rest with those Soviet authorities who flew the Soviet aircraft through Korean territory."

Compensation Demanded

The State Department said Bohlen was called to the Soviet foreign office today "and handed another note on the IL-12 incident."

"The Soviet note alleges that a further investigation of the incident has been made by the Soviet Union and it demands that compensation be made," the department said.

"Ambassador Bohlen, when presented with the Soviet note, reiterated that the facts in the case were those contained in our note of August 1."

A department spokesman said only a summary of Russia's note has been received here. A decision will be made later whether a reply should be made.

Longshore Group Faces Suspension

Chicago—(U.P.)—The AFL Executive Council recommended today that the International Longshoremen's Association be "suspended" on charges of waterfront racketeering.

The council voted to recommend to the AFL's 72nd annual convention in St. Louis next month that the longshoremen be suspended until they comply with a cleanup edict.

George Meany, AFL president, said the suspension vote was "the milder of the two steps we could have taken." The other alternative would have been outright expulsion, unprecedented in AFL history.

Meany said the council decided to give the longshoremen a "little more opportunity to do the things they say they are trying to do."

"This is not the final step," he said.

Suspension would mean that the longshoremen would have no vote in AFL affairs, none of the rights and protection afforded member unions, and would pay no dues to the parent organization, Meany said.

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Telephone System To Pass On Tax Cut

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Four Men Start Terms In Oregon State Prison

Four men were taken to Salem today by Sheriff Howard Gault to start terms in Oregon state prison.

They were David Clinton Crockett, 31, Lander, Wyo., and Donald Edward White, 32, Billings, Mont., who were sentenced to indeterminate periods not to exceed 15 years for burglary by explosives; Monte Joe Treadwell, 33, James, Tex., sentenced to four years on a forgery charge; and Alfred Bernard Tudy, 62, Camp White, sentenced to an indeterminate period not to exceed four years for a sex crime.

Police Apprehend Two Escapees; One Man Still Sought

AWOL Servicemen Caught at Ruch, LA

Two AWOL servicemen who escaped from the Jackson county jail late Sunday were in custody today, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

A third escapee, Floyd Earl Denno, 23, of Sun Valley, Calif., is still at large.

Army Pvt. Arnold Fay Grisham, 19, of Box 524, Jacksonville, was apprehended at about 9 p.m. yesterday by Don Smith, a part time Jacksonville and Central Point policeman, Gault said.

No Struggle

Grisham was taken without a struggle at a shack on Forest creek near Ruch, according to the sheriff.

Marine George M. Edwards, 20, of Box 73, Butte Falls, was arrested at 12:45 a.m. today in Los Angeles by Los Angeles city police, who had "staked out" a building which Edwards was known to frequent. He reached Los Angeles by bus, LA police reported.

Grisham was lodged in the felony tank last night at the county jail. Deputies reported that he had half of a hack saw blade in his shoe when he was brought into the jail.

Edwards probably will not be returned to Jacksonville county unless he waives extradition, sheriff's deputies said. California will not extradite him, they stated.

Both Edwards and Grisham face sentences of three to five years in prison on jail break charges if they are brought to trial in Jackson county.

Denno, who was jailed on a larceny by bail fee charge, is believed to have left this area, according to DeArmond Leigh, chief deputy. More information on his whereabouts may be obtained when Edward's statement to Los Angeles police is received, Leigh said.

Jack Benny Visits Medford on Way to Canada Vacation

Radio and television star Jack Benny was taking it easy in Medford today while en route to a vacation in Canada.

Traveling with writer Irving Brecker, Benny stopped off in Medford last night while Brecker visited his family in northern California. The famous comedian said that his plans were indefinite, but that he expected to drive to Seattle after leaving Medford.

Benny was scheduled to play a round of golf at the Rogue Valley Country club at 1:30 p.m. today. Others in the foursome were Harry Watson, manager of the Medford hotel where Benny is staying; Al Williams, professional golfer at the country club, and George Harrington, one of the state's outstanding amateur golfers.

Standing in the lobby of the Medford hotel, where his presence drew no particular attention, the casually dressed Benny explained that his main purpose on his trip is "just to relax."

O'Dwyer Reported Divorced in Mexico

Cuernavaca, Mexico—(U.P.)—Suit has been brought in the civil courts of Cuernavaca by attractive former New York fashion model Sloan Simpson for a divorce from former U. S. Ambassador William O'Dwyer court records revealed today.

A Mexico City newspaper columnist said the divorce already had been granted by the court.

Court officials said all documents in the case have been withdrawn from the archives by the governor of Morelos state, Gen. Rodolfo Lopez de Nava.

Under Mexican law, divorces are granted by the court but must be approved by the governor of the state in which action is brought before they become final.

Butane Gas Truck Burns on Siskiyou

A truck loaded with butane gas caught fire and burned on the Siskiyou summit yesterday, state police reported.

The truck, driven by Daniel Hatcher, Yreka, caught fire when a connection blew up, officers said. Hatcher received only minor burns, but the truck was demolished. The fire was brought under control by the state forestry department.

Japanese Threaten U. S. Military Strike

Tokyo—(U.P.)—More than 100,000 Japanese employed by the U. S. military forces threatened today to tie up military shipments to Korea for 48 hours, beginning tomorrow, with a nationwide strike against a new labor contract offered by the American forces.

Two unions claiming a total of 125,000 members in U. S. employ yesterday reaffirmed their decision to call the first national strike against the American forces.

Leaders informed Labor Minister Zentaro Kosaka the strike would begin at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Draft Issue Calls For 23,000 Men

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department today issued a draft call for 23,000 men for October. All will be inducted into the Army.

The October call, the first since the Korean truce, will bring to 1,538,430 the number of men inducted into the military service since the start of the Korean war.

The 23,000 figure is the same as draft calls for July through September.

Weather

FORECAST—Fair through Wednesday, low tonight 55; high Wednesday 92-95.

Temp. Highest yesterday 57. Lowest this morning 55.

Truce Violation Charge May Be Requested of UN

Action Pondered By United States If POWs Withheld

Prepared to Get Tough, Dulles Says

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States may ask the United Nations to accuse the Communists of violating the Korean truce if they fail to return all prisoners of war, including those convicted of so-called crimes.

Officials said a UN appeal is one of several steps under consideration. They said no final decision will be made until more evidence is obtained about the way the Reds are carrying out the POW exchange.

U. S. May Get Tough

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who arrived last night from an eight day trip to the Far East, made it plain that the United States is prepared to get tough with the Reds if they withhold any United Nations prisoner for any reason. He said, however, that it is too early yet to know for sure whether any POWs are actually being withheld.

Returning GIs are bringing back reports that the Communists are withholding some UN prisoners because they have been convicted of instigating insurrection.

Precaution Taken

Questioned about these reports, Dulles said "precautionary measures" are being considered to make sure all UN prisoners are freed. He noted that there are a "considerable number" of North Koreans and Red Chinese in UN custody who have been convicted of serious crimes.

"Naturally," he said, "they would not be returned until the prisoners who have been sentenced by the Communists are returned to us."

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—More Americans strolled to freedom here today as the first shipload of returnees left Inchon and the first plane carrying the sick and wounded neared home.

The Communists ended the first week of "Operation Big Switch" by freeing 100 Americans and boosting the total of U.S. soldiers repatriated during the past seven days to 648.

Of the total, 17 stretcher cases were aboard a military transport plane expected to reach the West coast tomorrow and 328 rested on the decks of the transport Gen. Nelson M. Walker as it left Inchon today on a two week voyage homeward.

Watch for Communists

In addition to the Americans released today, the Reds freed 25 Britons, 25 Turks and 250 South Koreans and promised to free 100 more Americans tomorrow.

Uninformed counter-spies mingled with former prisoners aboard the Nelson Walker, watching the movement of certain Americans accused of accepting Communism and plotting to further the Red cause at home.



OUSTED—Hans Jendretsky (above), chief of the Berlin branch of the East German Communist Party, has been ousted for supporting an "enemy faction" which wanted to appease anti-Communists. The "faction" reportedly proposed a "soft" policy to appease East Germany's angry population.

October Start Set For All-Inclusive Charity Campaign

The first all-inclusive campaign for charitable funds to be conducted by the new United Medford Crusade will start about the first of October, it was decided at a meeting of the group's board of directors last night.

The campaign will be preceded, during September, by an intensive campaign of education and information, to let the residents of Medford know just what the United Crusade is, how it operates and what are its objectives.

One Organization

Spokesmen pointed out the organization was formed this summer to provide a means by which all charitable donations may be made to one organization, rather than to a number of fund-raising groups. It is designed to provide a way in which an individual may, through the gift of one lump sum or payroll deduction, take care of all his charitable donations for the year.

In some ways it is like the old Community Chest, and it also embodies some of the ideas of the Medford Plan. If it works the way it is intended, it will eliminate the need for both.

Movement Grows Rapidly

The United Fund plan has grown rapidly throughout the nation in recent years, and has had considerable success. Chief beneficiaries of the plan would be merchants who at present are solicited many times during the year for various groups dependent on gifts, and the agencies themselves who now depend upon their own independent campaigns for funds, in competition with other similar groups.

Robert Wilcox Wins College Scholarship

A four-year scholarship to the school of veterinary medicine at Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical college at Fort Collins, Colo., has been awarded to Robert F. Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wilcox, old Military rd., Medford.

Wilcox will be one of six reciprocity students from Oregon to be exchanged with six students from Colorado. The scholarship was awarded to him through Oregon's State Board of Higher Education.

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Members of the county court will meet with department heads "to get their ideas," and Todd will sit in on the meetings to coordinate the ideas in the plans for the annex, Commissioner Robert Lyle said.

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