

Mendes Demands Big Vote on German Arms

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Girl Released Unharmed After Being Held 24 Hours In Textile Mill by Jealous-Crazed Mental Patient

Wake Forest, N.C. — (U.P.) — A jealousy-crazed mental patient who held his girl friend captive in a barricaded textile mill packing room more than 24 hours released her unharmed today and surrendered.

Leaves With Minister
The girl, Jessie Elizabeth Davis, 29, left the building of the Royal Cotton Mills early this afternoon accompanied by her minister, the Rev. George Tillman.

Sheriff's deputies brought out Graham Timberlake, the man who had held her captive since 11:30 a.m. yesterday, and took

him immediately to Raleigh to be committed to a mental institution.

Earlier Timberlake had released the girl briefly but had forced her to return by holding a doctor, Dr. George Corbin Jr., as a substitute hostage at the point of a .25 caliber pistol.

Girl Unharmed
Wake Forest solicitor, J. C. Keating, said "Miss Davis is all right." She was taken home.

Timberlake, 31, a former mental patient, was led out the front entrance by deputies.

Timberlake held Miss Davis in the cotton mill packing room

with his pistol because he thought she was dating another man.

Until shortly after noon, he had resisted with threats to kill all efforts to gain the girl's release. Then finally he said he would let her go if police would summon a doctor to his side.

Wanted To Kill Soldier
Timberlake, who had dated the girl regularly until a few months ago, had offered to exchange his hostage last night for a Ft. Bragg, N.C., soldier whom she had dated.

He said he wanted to kill the soldier, deputies said.

When Dr. Corbin walked into the room where Timberlake had a pistol against the head of Miss Davis, the man suddenly switched his aim to the doctor and told Miss Davis she could go to the rest room.

Returns To Room
He threatened to kill Corbin if she did not return and the woman came back to Timberlake after a brief absence with her sister.

It was about 11:30 a.m. (EST) yesterday that Timberlake forced her into the packing room of the mill where they both worked.

Rearmament Foes Seize Upon Saar Issue for Defeat

Many May Abstain In Assembly Vote

Paris — (U.P.) — Premier Pierre Mendes-France today demanded of a reluctant National Assembly a overwhelming approval of German rearmament, but its enemies were rallying in hopes of administering a death blow.

The Premier intervened dramatically in the agonizing debate with a passionate warning that approval by only a slim margin could be as bad as defeat.

He said strong approval would be the quickest way to get Big Four talks with Russia going and that failure to ratify the accord to bring 500,000 West German soldiers into the NATO forces and to restore German sovereignty would isolate France from her Western Allies.

It was an attempt to turn the tide of opinion in the frankly reluctant Assembly where many deputies, even if they did not vote against the accord, would weaken them by abstaining.

But there were few tonight who believed the Premier would get the overwhelming approval he asked for.

The outright enemies of German rearmament seized upon the explosive question of the Saar, upon whose coal production France depends to maintain her industrial balance with Germany, to try to upset the entire defense package.

The parliamentary strategy already was mapped.

They plan to introduce a motion demanding that the Assembly postpone ratification of the accord until France and Germany have reached absolute agreement on how it should be interpreted. The motion is to be introduced immediately after Mendes-France makes his final and major plea for ratification, probably tomorrow.

Under Assembly rules, the opposition motion must be voted on ahead of ratification itself.

The strategy is the same as that which the Assembly killed EDC, ill-fated predecessor to the present plan for German rearmament, last Aug. 30.

Mississippi Votes To Preserve Segregation

Jackson, Miss. — (U.P.) — Gov. Hugh White today summoned Mississippi legislators to meet Jan. 11 to enact legislation, approved by voters Tuesday, to preserve segregation in Mississippi schools.

In a special referendum Mississippi voters, by a two-to-one majority, ratified a "last resort" amendment permitting abolition of public schools, if necessary, to maintain school segregation.

White said he would fulfill immediately his pledge that if the amendment passed, he would call a special legislative session for Jan. 11 to consider adoption of a long-range school building program to bring institutions for Negroes up to the levels of white schools.

Returns from 1,076 of the state's 1,805 precincts showed a vote of 78,685 for the amendment to 34,465 against.

Youngsters Admit Theft of Yule Balls

Four boys admitted to city police last night that they stole at least 50 Christmas light bulbs from residences on seven streets.

The youths, aged 11 to 14, admitted taking bulbs from trees or porches at homes on Queen Ann ave., Crater Lake ave., Reddy ave., Crown ave., Berkeley Way, Bennett st., and North Barneburg rd.

Three more cases of missing bulbs had been reported to city police as of this morning. Police said the boys admitted only thefts last night, and not any of those reported Monday.

Theft of six lights from 115 Willamette st. was reported by the occupant. Other thefts last night included seven bulbs from 202 North Barneburg rd.; 16 from 1608 Crown ave. and 14 from 33 North Berkeley Way.

WORKMAN INJURED

Norman A. Dunford, Eagle Point, suffered serious chest injuries early this afternoon in an accident at Medford corporation, according to reports from Community hospital and Medford Ambulance service.

Kennewick, Wash. — (U.P.) — The McNary dam dedication committee will continue in operation to promote further development of the Columbia river basin.



TRYING TO SAFEGUARD hunting and mineral rights, these leaders of "hostile" Miccosukee Seminole Indians meet with Glen Emmons, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, deep in Florida Everglades. Tribe has never made formal peace treaty with government. (International)

Eureka Residents Mopping Up After Tuesday Earthquake

Eureka, Calif. — (U.P.) — Calm Eureka residents went about the business today of cleaning up debris from an earthquake that killed one person, injured 25 others and caused property damage estimated between 1½ and \$2,000,000.

Two small aftershocks, described by University of California seismologists as "mild," followed the original blast-like shock that struck this quiet coastal town of 23,000 shortly before noon yesterday.

No Panic Caused
One aftershock came at 8:55 p.m. yesterday, a second shortly after midnight today. Neither minor tremor caused any panic and the city editor of the local Humboldt Daily Standard said residents were going about the business of "cleaning up with no apparent fear" of further heavy quakes.

University seismologists said that additional mild aftershocks would probably follow during the next two or three days. However, they pointed out that the two follow-up tremors so far recorded were much milder than those that followed the quake at Fallon, Nev., last Wednesday, or the disastrous Tehachapi, Calif., earthquake three years ago.

Homes Damaged
Damage to homes, added to that previously reported in the downtown area, ran unofficial dollar estimates up this morning. Chief of Police C. E. Emahiser said.

State safety engineers from Sacramento were in Eureka checking three badly damaged buildings, the City hall, the Court house and the Crest office building, which was split down its concrete front.

Wreckage from the quake was so widespread in downtown Eureka that Emahiser roped off six central blocks and placed them out of bounds for persons without special business there. The 75-year-old Humboldt county courthouse was evacuated as safe.

Stores Forced To Close
At least 50 stores in Eureka were forced to close because of broken plate glass windows and damaged goods. Individual

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Liberace Confined By 'Mild' Heart Strain
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Liberace is confined to bed with a "mild and temporary heart strain," his attorney revealed today, but the pianist's mother insisted he's "not sick."

Mrs. Francis Liberace said her pianist son, celebrated for his pearly teeth and candelabra, was ordered by his doctor to rest in bed at home "because he has been working too hard."

Shells Burst Near Plane; Practice Firing Suspected
Tokyo — (U.P.) — Three shells burst near a Northwest Airlines plane over Formosa Strait today, but the airliner was undamaged and continued its regular flight to Tokyo.

Nationalist Chinese authorities in Taipei said Nationalist warships were practicing firing in the area but the authorities insisted the shells didn't fire on the plane.

Incident Investigated
The Nationalist Defense Ministry immediately investigated the incident and said it would make a report to Northwest officials tomorrow. A Northwest official earlier said the shells were probably from Nationalist anti-aircraft practice.

"We think that the shell burst came from anti-aircraft practice in the Mount Tansui region," a Northwest official said after a joint investigation with Na-

Dulles Says No Lack Of Weakness Shown In Troop Cutback

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has warned the Communist world that the administration's decision to reduce the size of the armed forces is no sign of weakness.

It is, instead, an indication of the "United States' growing strength in powerful new weapons," Dulles said. The most destructive our weapons, the less we need to depend on large forces of military manpower, he argued.

Not To Pull Troops
Dulles said if the administration decision "is looked upon as weakness, that is a completely false judgment of the situation." And he emphasized no troops will be pulled out of Western Europe which he described as a "prize of unique value" that must be heavily defended.

But Dulles' warning to the Communists did not stem the controversy over the proposed man-power cutbacks in this country. A growing number of Democrats were questioning the President's plan to trim the armed forces by 403,000 men within the next 18 months.

Wants Expanded Program
Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) said today it would be "wise and prudent" for the President to withhold such action until Congress enacts some form of expanded military reserve program. Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), chairman-designate of the House committee, had questioned the wisdom of the cutback earlier.

'Junk Mail' Order May Be Reconsidered
Washington — (U.P.) — If you are peeved about your mailbox being stuffed with a growing volume of unaddressed advertising circulars, take heart.

A high postal official told the United Press today the Post Office department will soon reconsider its regulations governing this so-called "junk mail."

The department ruled in August, 1953, that such mail — usually circulars or other advertising matter — could be sent without names or addresses but marked merely "householder" or "postal patron."

A department spokesman said that in the past four months there has been a sudden spurt of complaints about "junk-mail" — about 1000 critical letters, to be specific.

Ships Disabled As Heavy Winds Lash West Europe

London — (U.P.) — Winter blew into Europe today with near-hurricane winds and raging seas that disabled or damaged more than a dozen ships and sent storm lashed waters of the north Atlantic over seawalls of Britain, Belgium, Holland, Ireland and Germany.

The seas were the roughest and the winds the highest since the disastrous storms that breached Dutch and Belgian dikes nearly two years ago.

Nine Deaths Caused
At least nine deaths were attributed to the storm, in addition to the scores of lives imperiled aboard crippled ships.

Two persons were killed in Britain, including a five-year-old girl who was hit by a falling chimney pot. Six persons died in traffic accidents in Italy blamed on fog and freezing temperatures. One man burned to death in wind-fanned flames aboard the British ship "Laurantian Valley" which caught fire in the Kiel canal.

Thirty-one passengers, including 21 Americans, reached safety after nearly 36 seashore hours aboard the disabled French steamer Cote d'Azur off Calais, France. The steamer ripped a hole in its side early Tuesday while trying to enter Calais harbor. Two powerful tugs finally brought it into port today.

Reports of storm casualties came from all over Europe and this was the dismal prelude to Christmas at sea.

Seek To Save Freighter
Two German rescue ships were trying to save the crew of the leaking Swiss freighter "Jura" north of Bremerhaven.

The Swedish steamer "Petra" was being watched off the German coast by a Royal Air Force plane which reported that the ship had lost its front mast.

A big German fishing boat was in distress in the North sea and reported one of its sailors washed overboard and probably drowned.

Best Yule Shopping Season Nears Close; Safety Appeals Made

Scurrying last-minute Christmas shoppers were winding up Medford's best Yuletide shopping season this week.

Stores which have remained open until 9 o'clock each evening this week will close for the Christmas week end at their regular hour Christmas eve, to permit employees to spend that evening with their families.

Business at the Medford branch store of the Oregon Liquor Control commission was nearing its seasonal peak.

Ask Holiday Care
Police and fire department authorities again were hoping that the accident and fire toll over the long week end would not turn the holiday into a time of tragedy.

Drivers who have partaken too freely of Christmas libations were urged to use taxis, or to call the police department for assistance, rather than attempting to drive while in no condition to do so.

The fire department warned again that Christmas trees are highly inflammable, and appealed for caution.

Friday, Dec. 24, will be a full holiday for virtually all federal employees except those in the post office, where regular crews supplemented by seasonal employees will work straight through to make all deliveries by Christmas. Postmaster Moore Hamilton said the office is keeping current, and plans to make delivery of all late-arriving packages Christmas morning.

Mail Tapering Off
Monday was the big day at the post office, Hamilton said, when there were a record-breaking 85,000 cancellations of outgoing mail. Yesterday's total dropped to 65,000, and today's will be even lower, he stated.

City employees will wind up their work at noon Friday, with the rest of the day a holiday, fixed last night by the city council.

State employees will work a full day Friday. Gov. Paul Patterson yesterday declined to name Dec. 24 a legal state holiday.

Schools in the county will be closed the week after Christmas. Most of them will conduct the last day of school Thursday, Dec. 23, with the vacation ending on Monday, Jan. 3. At least one school, Oak Grove, will be in session Dec. 24. Reports have not been received from four of the county's 21 active school districts.

Winter Officially Arrives Today
Winter arrived — officially — at 1:25 a.m. today.

This is the time of the winter solstice, when days are at their shortest and nights their longest. Today technically is the shortest of the year, although most nights during the next few days will be about equally long.

From the latter part of the week until next June days will get progressively longer until the summer solstice.

Council Studies Sale of Property For New Ply Mill

Medford's city council last night agreed to negotiate with officials of the Fir-Ply, Inc., new rough plywood plant, for sale of an industrial site on city-owned Camp White property.

The council indicated it would handle negotiations itself, and not delegate that authority. Members said they would deal directly with the company, and negotiations will be on the basis of the appraised value of the property, about \$200 to \$300 per acre.

Members also indicated that city property will not be sold to the company if any privately-owned land in the area is made available at a comparable price.

Decision Needed
Ro E. Henry, Grnts Pass, a director of the new company, acted as spokesman, and stated that the company would have to have a decision within 10 days on a site on which to locate machinery to be delivered in about two months.

Plans for construction of the new mill in the Medford area were announced last week. Included will be an installation costing more than a half-million dollars with a payroll of 100 to 110 men.

The mill will produce a rough grade of construction plywood, unsanded. Sales will be handled through another company to be organized later.

It is hoped plant construction can begin around Jan. 1. (See story on Page 16)

Nancy Morse Married In South Carolina
Hartsville, S. C. — (U.P.) — Miss Nancy Morse, daughter of Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, was married here last night to Charles Hugh Campbell Jr., of Hartsville. The couple was en route to a honeymoon in Nassau.

The bride, a dancing instructor in the department of physical education here, was given in marriage by her father.

Her sister, Amy Ann Morse, a University of North Carolina student, was maid of honor. Another sister, Judy Mary Morse, was a bridesmaid.

The bridegroom is employed in the sales division of Sonoco Products Co., here.

19 Newly-Born Babies Reported at Hospital
Sacred Heart hospital today reported there are 19 newly-born babies now in its nursery — the largest number the hospital has ever had at one time since it was founded in 1912.

They range in weight from just over two pounds to about ten pounds. The smallest is a girl born about two weeks ago. She will remain there another six weeks, and is now in a special "Isollette" which was installed the night she was born, the gift of Providence guild.

Extra bassinets have been added to accommodate the Christmas rush of babies. Four of the youngsters were to leave the hospital today, but more are scheduled to arrive, according to Sister Helen Yvonne of the obstetrics department.

Previous record number of babies there at one time was 14.

Weather

FORECAST: Valley fog tonight and Thursday until noon. Otherwise fair through Thursday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 26-28. High Thursday 45. Temp. Highest Yesterday 51. Lowest this Morning 26.

Crater Lake Now Operating on Wintertime Schedule; Staff's Preparations Listed

Crater Lake National park is now operating on its wintertime schedule, according to Superintendent Thomas J. Williams.

He said that many people insist the lake is more beautiful in winter than in summer, and he added that plans are complete to receive visitors who know of the wintertime splendor of the park and the winter pleasures available there on one-day trips during the holiday season.

Kim Accessible
The rim viewpoint overlooking the lake is accessible from two directions — Medford on the west and Klamath Falls on the southeast, via Highway 62 while connects them through the park. Snowplow crews are prepared to operate around the clocks, Williams reported, and the route is kept continuously plowed out,

being closed not more than a few hours during a storm.

Roads are being patrolled by rangers, and telephones are in place for emergency use.

Should Check
Williams pointed out that because winter weather is unpredictable, fog may obscure the lake itself at times, and he advised those planning a trip to the park to check park headquarters on weather and road conditions, where someone will be on duty for this purpose from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. All motorists entering the park must have chains, but much of the time they will not be needed, particularly on cars equipped with snow tires. Gas and oil are not available in the park in the winter.

A warming hut is kept open

week ends and holidays at the rim, and light refreshments may be purchased there. Tables are provided for those bringing a lunch. During the holiday season, the warming hut will be kept open every day, weather permitting.

Two Ski Trails
Two ski trails, one for beginners and one for advanced skiers, are maintained by park rangers, who also provide emergency first aid and general guidance of all winter activities. A park naturalist is on duty during the week and by prior arrangement on week ends to give special information about the natural features of the park.

Early this week, snow was 21 inches deep at park headquarters.

Medford Stores To Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 Tonight