

New German Army To Mark Turning Point for Post-War Europe

Nation on Road To Being World Power Once More

Editor's note: West Germany's new army will be small; Soviet Russia's is enormous. But the re-emergence of an armed Germany makes a turning point in post-war European history. Many Frenchmen, and many people in other Western countries, foresee the day when armed Germany will overshadow Russia in the world political picture. Following is the last of three dispatches on the German-Russian situation.

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Bonn, Germany — (U.P.)—The birth of the new West German army will be a turning point in post-war European history.

The Bonn Republic will have only 500,000 men under arms. Russia has more than 4,000,000. But the significance of the new German Streitkräfte goes beyond mere figures.

It means the re-emergence of a sovereign Germany. Behind the West German armed forces will be 50,000,000 vigorous, industrious, free people, steeped in proud military tradition.

Germany is already on the way to being a world power again. One reason why France hesitated to agree to German rearmament is that it foresaw the day when Germany might again overshadow Russia as a military menace.

West Germany is enjoying a remarkable boom. Its production, its national income, its exports are soaring.

The index of industrial production, which was 179.7 in November, 1953, reached 202.2 in November, 1954.

The volume of foreign trade, which was \$8,280,000,000 in 1953, reached \$9,960,000,000 in 1954.

West Germany's favorable trade balance in 1954 was \$872,000,000 compared with \$800,000,000 in 1953.

Gains of leading stocks on West German exchanges averaged about 70 per cent in 1954.

Germany in 1954 produced 17,432,104 tons of raw steel, 11,462,069 tons of finished steel and 12,512,000 tons of pig iron.

Russia's total steel production for 1954 is estimated, on the basis of Russian figures, at about 45,000,000 tons. Her pig iron production is estimated at 31,900,000 tons.

Germany's steel production was arbitrarily restricted by the allies from the end of World War II until July, 1952, as a security measure. The restriction was ended when the European coal and steel community—the Schuman Plan—came into being.

Russia had hoped to take over all Germany after the war, by means of rigged elections which would put the Communists in power, and take with Germany the Ruhr steel and coal industries.

Had that happened, Russia would have surpassed the United States in production by 1960.

Now West Germany's unrestricted production, which is growing fast, is added to that of the other West European Schuman Plan countries as an allied asset.

Comparison Figures Difficult
Hard figures of comparison between Germany and Russia are hard to get. Russia has a habit of concealing its actual economic situation by listing its production in percentages as compared with previous years.

But here are some revealing headlines of the last few months, based on dispatches direct from Moscow and on expert analyses of figures made public by Russian agencies:

Soviet steel and iron industry fails to reach goals set for output per man . . . Russian grain harvest unlikely to reach expected increase despite drive to cultivate new land . . . Khrushchev denies bread shortage . . . Communist Central Committee criticizes ministries for deficiencies in spring planting campaign . . . Moscow conference launches drive against inefficiency in building industry . . . Pravda says red tape is clogging production lines . . . Failure of heavy industry to meet iron and steel quotas threatens lag in production of consumer goods . . . Premier of Uzbekistan freed from post . . .

Missed Cotton Quotas
The last headline refers to the ouster of Premier Usman Y. Yusopov of Uzbekistan, Soviet Russia's chief cotton growing republic, because the cotton quota was not fulfilled.

Here are some headlines about West Germany within the last few weeks:

West Germany sets new marks in coal and steel production . . . output of industrial raw materials at highest post-war level . . . shipyards drive ahead in West Germany . . . industry is now second only to Great Britain's . . . West Ger-

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Good	31 Gay	61 All
2 Strive	32 Visit	62 Others
3 Your	33 In	63 You
4 Don't	34 To	64 Be
5 Keep	35 Both	65 Mood
6 Time	36 Con	66 Patience
7 Dear	37 With	67 What
8 You	38 Working	68 Considerate
9 You'll	39 Aggressive	69 Love
10 You'll	40 Pass	70 Pocketbook
11 Watch	41 Sure	71 Cylinders
12 Move	42 Bright	72 Lead
13 Fortune	43 Relatives	73 Headstrong
14 Moves	44 A	74 Today
15 In	45 And	75 And
16 Mind	46 Money	76 Be
17 Be	47 On	77 A
18 To	48 Hurt	78 Take
19 Ones	49 Let	79 You
20 Be	50 Do	80 Minded
21 To	51 Elders	81 You
22 Be	52 To	82 Job
23 Every	53 Or	83 Or
24 In	54 Lovable	84 Good
25 That	55 Remain	85 Listener
26 Contact	56 Social	86 Wish
27 And	57 Accomplish	87 Trip
28 Too	58 And	88 Today
29 Maintain	59 Your	89 Cheerfully
30 Are	60 Counselors	90 Trust

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Weak Signals Boost Hope for Lost Navy Plane Down in Pacific

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—(U.P.)—A search for a Navy PBV amphibian missing in mid-Pacific with seven men aboard took on new vigor today with reports that faint signals were picked up on the international distress frequency.

More than 40 planes, aided by four surface vessels, took off on a gigantic mission of covering 102,000 square miles of water, an area bigger than the state of Wyoming.

YMCA Membership Driver Leaders Announced Today

Medford—R. M. Johnson and Robert A. Boyer, both well known for civic work in Medford, have been chosen as co-chairmen for the annual YMCA membership campaign, it was announced today.

The week-long "Y" campaign for members will begin Feb. 1, following a kick-off dinner for workers Monday evening, Jan. 31.

Johnson, manager of the Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Medford, has been active in YMCA, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout work for many years. He is a Rotarian, a Mason, and a member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite organizations.

Boyer, an attorney, is a member of the Medford YMCA and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been identified in the work of other civic organizations in Medford since opening his law offices here in 1953.

Co-Worker Named
Working with the co-chairmen will be Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, a member of the YMCA board of directors and chairman of the organization's membership and spiritual emphasis committees. Dr. Dierdorff is a member of the Kiwanis club, past president of Toastmasters, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

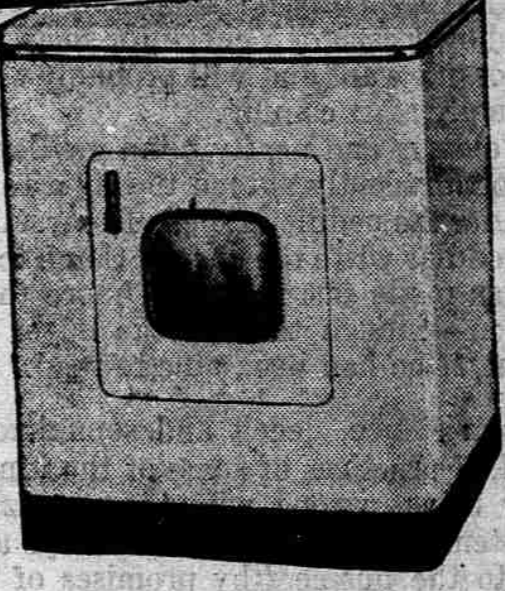
Many organizational activities are scheduled before the campaign opens. The annual meeting and dinner will be held Monday, Jan. 24. The week of Jan. 23 to 29 is "YMCA Week," and Jan. 30 is "YMCA Sunday."

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — When you get the law on you, you are in a sorry mess. Particularly, if it happens to be the New York City Police Department.

It's happened before, and I should have known better. But this time I wrote a piece about a left-handed pen that just came out.

I quoted a lovely lady, who is right handed, about the modern southpaw quill. Her name was Jerelyn Madison. She made a count of hands, right and left, and found that there were a lot more boy left-handers than girl left-handers.

The ink on the papers was hardly dry before I got a sizzling letter from Sgt. Thomas Connors, also right handed, who happened to be preparing an article on left-handed cops in the New York Police Department.

Battle of Statistics
The mail has been going back and forth ever since, with this clown in the middle. The sergeant asked Miss Madison what she meant by saying that one out of every 16 persons winds up and writes port-sided?

"So far as I can find out," he wrote the lady at Fort Madison, Ia., "only one out of every 100 New York policemen shoots left-handed."

Miss Madison replied that she was not counting shooting cops when she did her research. She was interested in writing and whether a pen point should be bent to the left or right for left-handers.

The pen lady said she personally knew a lot of people, including a few cops, who can draw from a hip or shoulder holster with either hand.

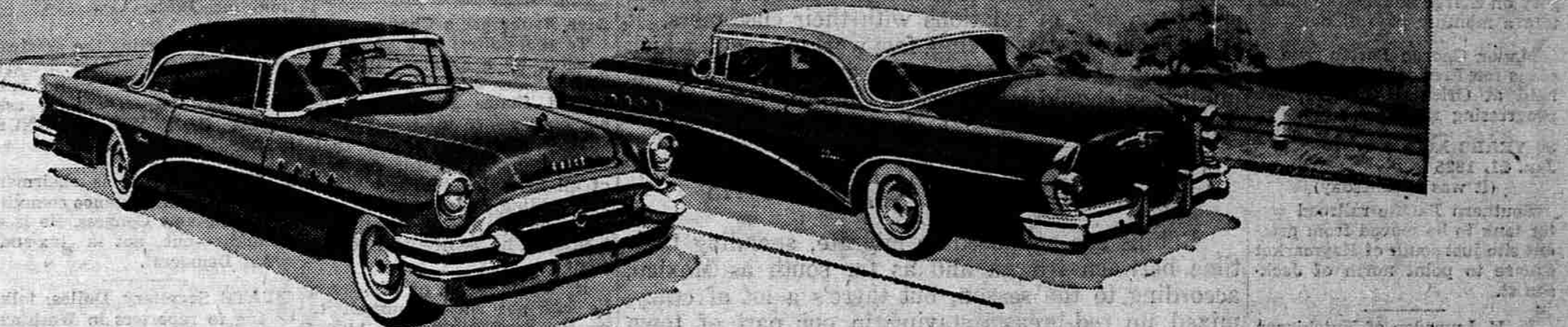
"Also," she wrote Sgt. Connors, "Many's the man or gal who writes left handed but shoots pool or golf right handed, and so there!"

Miss Madison gave the New man motion picture reaches pre-war level . . . West Germany to inaugurate first post-war civil air line about March 1 . . .

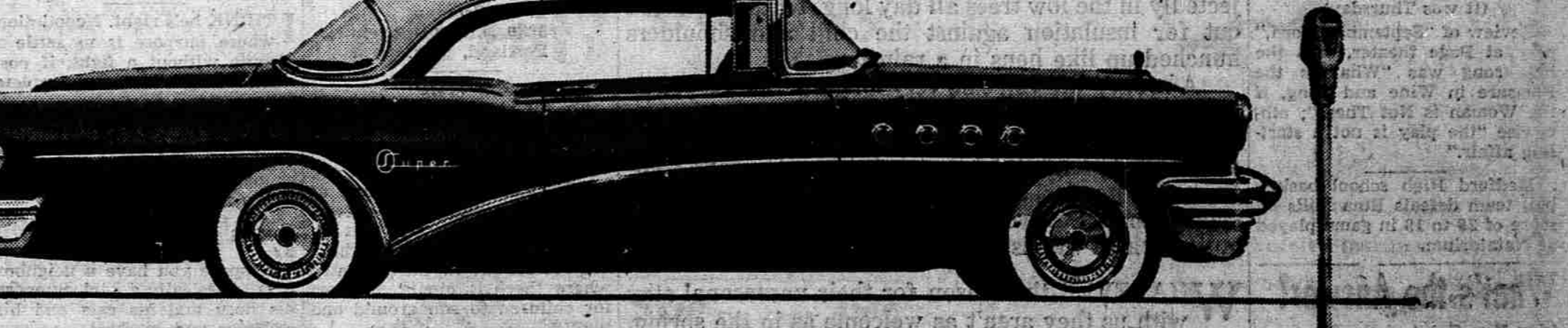
In the first 10 months of 1954 German industrial production increased nearly twice as fast as that of Great Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, according to German figures.

As things are going, it should not be many years before West Germany is a real world power.

Then may come the time for a reappraisal, possibly somewhat agonizing, of the relative positions of the German colossus and the Russian colossus.



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