

Dulles Says Russia Meddling in Goa Affair

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Conant 'Boast' East Germans Say

Communist Organ Declares Berlin Statute Invalid

Four-Power Status Said Non-Existent

Berlin — (U.P.) — The East German Communists said today American Ambassador James B. Conant was "boasting" when he said the United States would hold to the four-power status of Berlin.

The savage new attack on West Berlin and the United States was published in the official Communist newspaper Neues Deutschland which has hinted repeatedly at a new blockade of Berlin.

Neues Deutschland said Dr. Conant should know the four-power statute on Berlin "has not existed for a long time" because "the West itself trampled it in the mud."

The official Communist organ thus appeared to proclaim invalid the four power laws under which the United States, Britain and France occupy Berlin with Russia, supply it and have the right to free movement to Berlin through the Soviet zone.

View Government as Puppet
It was another East German effort to bolster the "sovereignty" of the East German government which the Western powers — and the Bonn government — recognize only as a puppet state under the Soviets.

Only Monday Soviet Maj. Gen. P. A. Dibrova, the Russian Berlin commandant, stressed again the sovereignty of East Germany and the Soviet sector of Berlin. He did this by rejecting a British protest against a border shooting and referred it to "the proper authorities of the German Democratic Republic."

Today's blast against Conant and the West Berlin officials followed a series of boasts by the East Germans that they will decide "who" travels to West Berlin and "how." They accompanied it with new threats against barge and highway traffic.

Demand Liability Insurance
There still was no clear explanation of how the Communists intended to apply their latest threats. They said Monday that Western vehicles reaching the isolated city through 110 miles of Communist territory must have East German liability insurance as of Jan. 1.

This could be a threat either to stop Western traffic or to levy high insurance rates. Already they have imposed high highway taxes.

The threat to close canal traffic — which supplies one-fourth of Berlin's supplies — was coupled with demands the West Germans negotiate with the East German government. This Bonn has refused to do although low-ranking trade groups have met frequently.

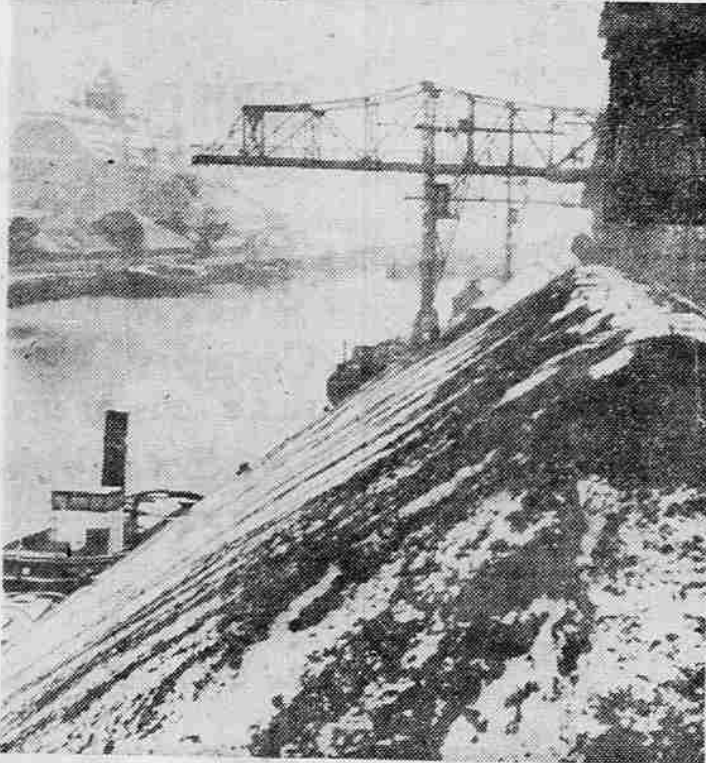
Nation's Aerial Defenses Tested in Practice Alert

Colorado Springs, Colo. — (U.P.) The mobilized defense forces of the United States and Canada staged a seven-hour war practice alert last night and early today.

The alert, "Operation Crackerjack," was flashed throughout the North American defense communications network at 7 p.m. (PST) last night by headquarters of the Continental Air Defense Command here.

Planes Ward Off 'Enemy'
It was terminated at 4:06 a.m. (PST) on CONAD orders.

Within minutes after the practice alert was called, interceptor planes were in the sky over the continent to ward off simulated "enemy" attacks.



'EMERGENCY PANTRY' — The fuel in West Berlin's "emergency pantry" is coal — this is one of the huge piles reserved in the event that Soviet blockade threats come true. Contemplating a traffic blockade by the Communists, West Berlin has stored supplies to feed and warm their area for six months or longer. East German Reds set the stage for a new blockade by refusing to renew permits to West Berlin's barges to bring supplies through Communist territory.

Two Bond Issues, One Annexation Approved In County Districts

Bond issues totaling \$67,000 were passed and 14 commissioners and directors were elected in the county yesterday. Eight water districts, three rural fire districts and one sanitary district held annual elections.

Voters in South Bear Creek sanitary district approved 43 to 10 a \$40,000 bond issue for construction of trunk and lateral sewer lines.

Also in the South Bear creek district, Jack W. Bush, 3761 South Pacific highway, a write-in candidate, defeated incumbent Edward Stevens, 33 to 20, for a three year term as director.

Man Reports \$110 Theft To Police
George A. Cummins, 708 1/2 West Sixth st., reported to city police that he was knocked unconscious at his home Saturday night and robbed of about \$110.

Cummins told police that he met a man at the Veterans Club, 42 North Front st., had a few drinks and then took him to his home to watch television. The man attacked him with a knife, Cummins said, and he was knocked unconscious.

According to the police report he did not recover until 12:30 p.m. Sunday, at which time, he told police, he discovered \$80 missing from his billfold, and \$30 from a small bank, fishing reel, clothing and food were also stolen.

Crackerjack's success might not be announced for several days or weeks, if ever, CONAD said. Its official announcement said only that "elements of the Strategic Air Command are being used in the exercise in an attempt to penetrate the air defense system."

Reserves Ordered Out
An estimated 400,000 civilian aircraft spotters are on alert. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, National Guard and Reserve units were ordered to emergency duty about five hours before the initial signal. Word that the gigantic exercise had started leaked out about 2 p.m. (PST). Monday when these members of the defense forces were suddenly called to duty.

It was announced on Oct. 18 that a test would be conducted, but actual timing was a well-kept secret.

A \$27,000 bond issue for the extension of water service and erection of fire hydrants, was approved 39 to 4, by voters in the Grand View water district.

Mrs. Jacquie More, Buckshot hill rd., was elected to a five year term as commissioner and Floyd W. Fogelquist, Roberts rd., was elected to a one year term.

Medford Rural fire district voters approved annexation of land between Griffin Creek and Griffin Creek road, 18 to 3. Harper Hamilton, 2199 Crestbrook rd., was elected to a five year term as director.

Other Commissioners
Other commissioners elected in water districts were: Kings Highway, Claude L. Gunter, 1596 South Peach st., five year term; Maple Park, John Klukker, 1123 Bens lane, two year term, and Edwin C. Rutter, 1298 Sunset ave., five year term; Kenwood, Herman W. Newland, 1134 Morrow rd., five year term; Elk City, B. Sam Taylor, Beall lane, Central Point, four year term; Jacksonville Highway, Charles Hoppe, Lozier lane, three year term; Midway, Eddie Berteau, 2640 Howard ave., five year term; and Charlotte, Anne, Jack W. Bush, five year term.

In the Central Point rural fire district, Claude Hoover, Sticky lane, was elected to a five year term as director. Glenn Hutchinson was elected to a five year term as director in the Rogue River rural fire district.

Voting was light in all districts. Only 10 votes were cast in the Midway water district; 11 in the Maple Park district and 53 in the South Bear Creek sanitary district where voters passed a \$40,000 bond issue.

Road Conditions

Prospect — Pavement bare; raining; 2 inches snow roadside.

Siskiyou — Foggy, snow pack and icy; 12 inches new snow; 20 inches roadside.

Green Springs — Snowing; pack beginning to slush; 8 inches new snow; 9 inches roadside.

California — Highway 99 almost normal throughout except for spots of icy conditions.

Highway 82, Crater Lake National Park — Open through park; Anne Springs to rim closed; 8 inches new snow; 8 inches on grounds; chains or snow tread tires advised. Higher altitudes — Chains advised or carrying recommended.

Giant Tax Slash Possibility Voiced By Private Group

Income, Corporation, Excise Cuts Seen

Washington — (U.P.) — A group of business and tax experts today voiced the possibility of a giant slash in income, corporation and excise taxes next year and recommended that the biggest cut be in income taxes.

A seven-man subcommittee of the committee for economic development (CED), a privately-endowed organization, said a three to four billion dollar cut was possible. The bulk of the cuts, the group said, should be in income taxes with biggest reductions in the middle and higher income brackets.

But six leading economists advised Congress against cutting taxes in the 1956 election year. Not Needed by Economy
They agreed unanimously in testimony before a Senate House Economic subcommittee that the booming economy doesn't need — and shouldn't have — the stimulus of a tax cut.

Some said any budget surplus for the next fiscal year should be used to improve highways, schools and other services. Others felt a reduction in the national debt should have first priority.

Among the CED subcommittee members proposing tax cuts were Beardsley Ruml, author of the nation's pay-as-you-go income tax withholding system, and Walter Williams, undersecretary of commerce and a member of the CED's board of trustees.

The subcommittee said the tax cut should be possible even if federal spending in fiscal 1957 rises slightly for defense, schools and highways.

More Power Said Need of Northwest

Portland — (U.P.) — A private power company spokesman said today the electric load growth in the Columbia Basin has been so great that more money must be spent to keep up with industry expansion in the area.

Allan A. Smith, attorney for Pacific Power & Light Co., read a statement at the final day of a two-day Congressional water and power resources subcommittee hearing here on the Hoover Commission report.

Smith said that in 1933 the load of the region was 1,200,000 kilowatts. Since then, he said, the load has grown to more than eight million kilowatts and by 1965 would reach 14,500,000 kilowatts.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) attacked the Hoover Commission by saying, "the prejudice of Hoover task force commission members against further multiple purpose projects was so apparent that to hamstring river development was a foregone conclusion."

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), was the principal objector. Morse condemned the report as biased and loaded in favor of private power. He said an analysis of the report indicated the commission was for getting the government out of the power business which he said would be damaging to the region.

Nevada, Oregon Brand Officials Set Meeting

Salem — (U.P.) — Livestock brand inspection officials of Nevada and Oregon will hold a conference Thursday at Winnemucca, Nev., to discuss mutual problems on border movements of animals.

M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief, and Roy K. Nelson, brand supervisor, will represent the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Ellsworth Announces Plan for Reelection

Roseburg — Harris Ellsworth, congressman from Oregon's fourth district, will be a candidate for reelection, he said Monday.

He has represented the district ever since it was formed in 1943.

The congressman is now en route east, stopping to visit daughters on his way to Washington. The announcement of his candidacy was released here before his departure.

Whopping Military Spending Approved By Ike, Conferees

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Presidential Eisenhower and his top defense and budget advisers agreed today on a military spending budget of roughly \$34,500,000,000 for next year.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson told newsmen after an hour and a half conference with Mr. Eisenhower that there was no major change in military announced plans to keep military spending at that level in the fiscal year starting next July 1. "It will be tough," Wilson said. "We think we can make it."

The big problem which confronted the conferees was bigger

Council Will Hold Annexation Hearing At Meeting Tonight

Public hearings on two annexation proposals will be held at the regular Medford city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. today.

The hearings are for Medford residents to express their opinion on annexation of about 1,200 acres southeast of the present city limits and about a three-block area in Siskiyou Heights extension. Elections will be held in both areas for residents in those areas to decide on annexation.

Dates, polling places and election officials probably will be set at the council meeting. Other items
Also on tonight's agenda are continued hearings on annexation of California Pacific Utility property on Groveland ave. and on two lots at the corner of Murray and Columbus aves.

Other agenda include: Consideration of accepting Oak st. project and Eastwood Sanitary sewer projects. Consideration of ordinances assessing property owners for paving on Hamilton st. between 13th st. and 106 feet south of 11 st., and paving on East Jackson st. from Lindley st. to Berkeley way.

City Manager Robert Duff will report to the council on a request from Southern Oregon Humane society for increased compensation, on purchase of police cars, on destroying ballot box contents from the last election, on a proposed airport development, and a storm sewer system in Laurelhurst addition.

Teen-Aged Couple, Baby Die in Flames

Tigard, Ore. — (U.P.) — A teen-aged couple and their two-month-old son died early today when fire destroyed a home east of here.

Graham Young, Washington county coroner, identified the dead as Lloyd Oren Trump, 17; his wife, Doris, 16, and the baby, Monte Edward.

State Policeman A. F. Grabhorn said he discovered the fire about 4:40 a.m. and turned in an alarm summoning the Tualatin fire department. He said the end of the house where the heating stove was located was engulfed in flames and that the three-bedroom home was leveled in a matter of minutes.

The coroner said one body, believed to be that of Mrs. Trump, was found near the front door. The other bodies were in the bedroom.

Employment Here Continues Better Than Last November

Employment in Jackson county during November continued to be better than during the comparable period last year, according to the monthly report of the Medford office of the state employment service.

At the end of the month the office estimated the number without jobs to be 1,360, including 250 women, or 5 per cent less than Nov. 30 last year. The seasonal rise in unemployment was reflected in the fact that the total was 42 per cent higher than at the end of October.

The report showed that lumber activity held up well during the month, although heavy snow and rain during the middle of the period caused several shut downs. Most of the employees affected, however, were back at work by the end of the month. Barring further storms, the report said, there is no indication of any extensive or long continuing layoffs, and employees anticipate steady employment except for such shut downs as may be forced by bad weather.

Minimum hiring activity is expected during January and February, the seasonal low-employment months of the year. During November, unemployment compensation claims were filed for 2,324 weeks of unemployment, fewer than in November, 1954, when there were 2,600, but triple the 748 weeks filed for in October.

Desire by Soviets For India To Use Force Charged

Secretary Defends Portuguese Statement

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles charged today that Russia has been trying to get India to use force in its dispute with Portugal over the territory of Goa.

Dulles made the charge at a news conference at which he defended a joint U.S.-Portuguese statement on Goa which has infuriated India.

Dulles said he gave very careful consideration to the statement issued last Friday, and that he felt it was appropriate to express feelings on Soviet statements aimed at fomenting trouble in the Goa area.

The controversial statement, which Dulles issued jointly with visiting Portuguese Foreign Minister Paula Cunha, referred to Goa as a "Portuguese province."

The phrase infuriated the Indians because they have insisted that Goa is not a province but an unwilling Portuguese colony which should be turned over to India.

Dulles also told newsmen: 1. Communist China has been steadily building up airfields in the Formosa Strait area. But U.S. intelligence so far has not indicated that the Red Chinese are making preparations to attack Nationalist Chinese holdings in the area.

2. The United States hopes both Israel and her Arab neighbors will see the benefits to all concerned in a solution to their dispute. So far no concrete step toward a solution is in sight, but the possibilities for agreement exist.

3. It is always possible that Communist East Germany will cut barge traffic to Berlin but the United States has no reason to think this will happen now. He said the United States will hold Russia responsible for interruptions in canal traffic under the 1954 agreement assuring the West of communications with Berlin.

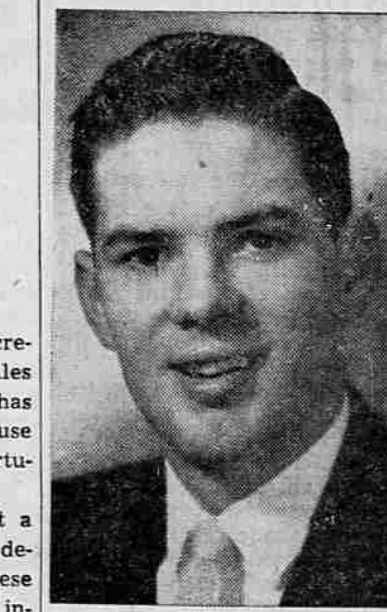
Diplomats said earlier that Dulles would have to speak out personally to get the United States off the hook with India on the Goa controversy.

High officials at the American embassy in New Delhi considered the Dulles statement a major diplomatic blunder which has inflamed the Indians more than U. S. aid to Pakistan. Indian Foreign Secretary Subimal Dutta summoned U.S. Ambassador John Sherman Cooper to a 30-minute private conference Monday to discuss the matter.

Position Still Neutral
Officials here emphasized that the United States has not changed its policy on Goa and is still maintaining a strictly neutral position in the controversy.

The Dulles-Cunha statement actually was aimed at rapping Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Russian Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev for bitter anti-Western statements they have been making during their tour of India and Burma. It implied said Dulles and Cunha discussed Russian "allegations concerning the Portuguese Provinces in the Far East" and did not consider these and other remarks by the two Soviet officials as contributing to peace.

The Russians had said they thought Goa belongs to India.



TAP CHAIRMEN—Greg Milnes, upper photo, junior at Medford high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Milnes, 15 North Groveland ave., has been named chairman of the Jackson county Teens Against Polio campaign for the coming March of Dimes fund-raising drive. Nancy Adams, lower photo, high school sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adams, Fairview pl., is co-chairman. Both also have been named to represent the youth of the county on the executive committee of the county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. —(Landis-Shangle photos)



French Socialists Ponder Decision

Paris — (U.P.) — The powerful French Socialist Party today called a National Council meeting that could determine to a great extent the outcome of the French parliamentary elections.

The Socialists, with 104 members, are the largest group in the National Assembly. They were to decide today whether to ally themselves with former Premier Pierre Mendes-France or to fight him.

Socialist Party Secretary-General Guy Mollet already has twice publicly sided with Mendes-France during the past week, and it was believed he would press the party to form an alliance with Mendes-France's Radical-Socialists.

It already was considered certain the UDSR (Social Democrat) Party with 16 members and eight affiliates would join Mendes-France along with the Social Republicans (Gaullists) who have 72 seats. Mendes-France was believed to command at least half the Radical Socialists' 69 members and seven affiliates.

The grouping would form a new non-Communist left of center bloc that could return Mendes-France to power.

BE A BLOOD DONOR

G. W. Newberry Dies; Conducted MBC Here

George W. Newberry, 70, of 334 North Holly st., died in a local hospital last night. Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Newberry conducted the Medford Business college here for several years.

Weather

FORECAST: Fog or low overcast tonight and early Wednesday with partial clearing by noon. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday night. Low tonight 35. High Wednesday 45.
Highest Yesterday 43
Lowest this Morning 38
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 58

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