

# West Germany's Decision To End Funds To NATO Puts New Burden on America

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Washington — (U.P.) — For United States taxpayers there is \$350,000,000 worth of annual bad news in the dispatches from Bonn. Maybe a lot more.

Bonn is the capital of West Germany—a valued ally and a member of the North Atlantic Treaty alliance (NATO). The West German government has informed Washington, London and Paris that after May 5 it will stop paying some \$762,000,000 into the NATO treasury.

That is the annual West German contribution toward the cost of maintaining NATO forces stationed in Germany. The charge was assessed and accepted before West Germany had a defensive army of its own. West Germany has no defensive army now. But it has voted to have one and intends to divert the NATO money toward

building up its armed forces. Whether West Germany is well or badly advised in refusing further payments to NATO will be disputed. But, it does appear that the payments will end this spring.

That means the United States taxpayer will pick up part of the tab. It raises another obstacle to a balanced budget in the fiscal year 1957 and to a tax cut by vote of the Congress now in session.

**Three Way Split**  
The German contribution has been divided this way: \$350,520,000 to the U.S.; \$266,700,000 to Great Britain; \$144,780,000 to France. Some of the payment to Great Britain was for distribution among Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada and Denmark, whose NATO forces in West Germany are assigned to the British, administratively.

The blow will fall heaviest on the French and British, although the sums they receive are smaller. It will be heaviest on them because their currency is weak and off the dollar standard. West Germany, where they will pay the costs of their occupying

troops, has strong money. The German mark has been through the wringer but hard work and a lot of help from outside have put that free nation on a sound financial basis. The mark is worth as much today in terms of the U.S. dollar as it was back there in 1914 when the Kaiser escorted Germany into World War I.

It is possible that the French or British, or both, might plead comparative poverty and ask the U. S. to pick up some of

their new NATO costs in Germany. When Prime Minister Anthony Eden recently was in Washington he said the British could stand on their own feet henceforth. But he qualified that statement a bit with respect to defense costs.

**One Way Out**  
Any way to slice it, the added burden on the U. S. taxpayer will be at least \$350,520,000 which is enough to scramble President Eisenhower's 1957 budget estimates. It will be that

much unless U.S. NATO costs are cut. There is a way out on some of that added costs, but the Pentagon won't take it.

The United States is paying \$200,000,000, probably considerably more, annually, to maintain overseas more than 400,000 de-

pendants of American officers and enlisted men. Other NATO nations do not so indulge their military on such overseas duty, probably on the theory that a man or woman does not join the armed services with any guarantee of home life in the field.

**Disadvantages Outweighed**  
The Pentagon party line is that the advantages of sending

families with overseas troops outweigh disadvantages. President Eisenhower supports the party line. A question unanswered, however, is how the women and children would be protected if the Soviet Union suddenly made western Europe a World War III battlefield—how would their military fathers and husbands have time to fight and to

move their families to safety in, for example, Spain?

An extreme viewpoint on that recently was stated by Sen. George W. Malone, (R-Nev.).

"They'd all be in the salt mines," he said, "within a fortnight."

**REVERSE TWIST**

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—A house crashed into two cars here. Police said the two-story frame house was being moved to a new location when it snapped its cable, rolled down a grade and hit two cars, "flattening" one of them.

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## Stevenson Uninjured In Tractor Accident

Timberline Lodge, Ore.—(U.P.)—Adlai Stevenson got a jolting but was not injured Monday when a snow tractor in which he was riding on Mt. Hood hit a hidden bump, rolled over and fell 35 feet into a gully.

Stevenson, who has been staying at Timberline Lodge since a Saturday night speech in Portland, was taking a short sight-seeing trip on the slopes of the mountain with several other persons when the accident happened.

John Macone, a Timberline Lodge official, was driving the Sno-Cat, a tracked vehicle, and Stevenson was sitting beside him when it hit the outcropping of rock or ice which had been partially covered with snow. A heavy wind was blowing up at the time

Also riding in the vehicle were Ralph Wiese, district forest ranger; State Rep. Alfred Corbett of Portland, and Dennis Stack, a photographer from Los Angeles.

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## Discovery of Still Leads to Prison Riot

Sugar Land, Tex.—(U.P.)—Prison officials said yesterday that "rough and raw" home brew set off a two-hour visitor's day riot of more than 100 convicts at Sugar Land prison yesterday.

The convicts set mattresses afire and smashed windows until tear gas and fire hoses were used to break it up. No one was hurt, according to O. B. Ellis, general manager of the Texas

Prison system.

Ellis said guards found a still where the prisoners had made the "chock" beer—prison slang for home brew—with sugar stolen from the kitchen. Parts of it were hidden in their lockers, he said.

Ellis said most of the men taking part in the riot "smelled to high heaven," and many of them were "high."

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