

'Bonntagon' To House Defense Ministry For Germany's Newly Organized Army

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of three dispatches on the birth of Germany.

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Bonn, Germany—(UPI)—A yellow bulldozer tore into a hillside on the outskirts of West Germany's boomtown capital of Bonn the other day, chewing deep brown furrows out of the earth.

On that site within the next couple of years will rise a new \$10,000,000 Defense Ministry building to house 5,000 officials. Germans, recalling Washington's famed Pentagon, already have dubbed it the "Bonntagon."

When completed, it will be the heart and nerve center of the 12-division, 500,000-man military force this resurgent nation has undertaken to raise at the urging of nations which crushed Hitler's Wehrmacht 11 years ago. Theoretically, West Germany

began to rearm on May 5, 1955, the day the occupation ended and the nation became sovereign again.

Actually the early stages of rearmament have been slow and painful—so slow that the government has been charged with dragging its heels. A long parliamentary fight had to be waged before the basic arms legislation could go through.

Every kind of technical difficulty dogged the military planners, even though they had prepared for five years for this day. Even now only about 10,000 men are under arms. The sight of the blue-gray, American-cut uniform of the new West German soldier still is so rare in most cities that people turn around and gape at one on the streets.

Plans on Time
But Theodor Blank, blunt-spoken former labor union boss who heads Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Defense Ministry, insists that the arms timetable will be met.

By the end of this year, Blank says, West Germany will have 96,000 men under arms—64,000 in the army, 12,000 in the air force and 8,000 in the navy. The remainder will be administrative personnel.

Adenauer and Blank assert that the 12 army divisions will be raised, trained, armed and ready for action by the beginning of 1959.

Fears voiced in Western capitals that West German youth would actively resist rearmament are proving groundless.

That does not mean that young West Germans will troop with cheers to the colors. The average young German's attitude toward military service does not differ greatly from that of the American youngsters. He has to do his period in the service. He knows it and that's that.

Blank and his defense planners are trying to make service in the new Bundeswehr as painless and different as possible from the barrack-bashing, saluting and spit and polish of the old Wehrmacht.

The uniforms, to the noisy disgust of old generation Germans, bear no resemblance to the Wehrmacht field gray. Parade ground drilling is cut to the

barest minimum. Barracks will be commodious and comfortable. Recruits must get proper rest periods after heavy training. They can wear civilian clothes off duty though Blank doubts they will do so.

The United States is training the first officers and non-coms. But once there are enough trained German instructors, they will take over.

The United States also has undertaken to furnish the first \$1 billion worth of heavy equipment.

And by the time the new "Bonntagon" is completed, a new military power will have risen on the continent of Europe. With 12 divisions to back her industry driving power, West Germany will be indisputably Western Europe's strongest nation.

Federal Court Term To Open Here June 5

Ten cases have been tentatively scheduled for pre-trial conferences by United States District Court Judge Gus J. Solomon for a federal court term in Medford starting June 5.

Pre-trial conferences will be held starting at 10 a.m., June 4. Trials will start at 10 a.m. June 5 in the federal court rooms in the post office building here. Four attorneys will be admitted to practice law in federal courts Monday, June 4. They are William R. Deatherage, Walter D. Nunley Jr., Leo V. Nuttman and Julian Herndon Jr.

Cases Scheduled
Cases scheduled for pre-trial conferences include Nancy J. Copeland vs. Montgomery Ward and company, Inc., personal injuries; Fred Burgoyne vs. George P. Davis, services; Juanita Bird vs. Howard De Sully Hodson, personal injury (auto); the Associated Press vs. Rogue Valley Broadcasters, Inc., contract; Frances Ringstaff vs. Pacific Greyhound lines, personal injury.

St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company vs. California Pacific Utilities company, agreement—fire damages; Alvera E.

McDonald vs. Sears, Roebuck and company, damages—personal injuries; Claude Easton Bird vs. Howard De Sully Hodson, damages—personal injuries; Howard De Sully Hodson vs. Claude Easton Bird et al, damages—personal injuries; and U.S.A. vs. Best Lumber company, Inc., contract—damages.

Also scheduled are three jury trials concerning internal revenue. They are U.S. vs. James V. Adamek and Nell J. Hollenbeck; U.S. vs. Wilbur Merchen and Nell J. Hollenbeck; and U.S. vs. Noble Standley and Nell J. Hollenbeck. The trials are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. June 11.

Medford residents on the jury panel, which will report in the federal court room at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, include George Barnum, 1646 Spring st., Emma H. Frymire, 901 North Central ave.; Fred Robinson, 1409 Euclid ave.; H. C. Vernon, 229 Berrydale ave.; Wayne Wakefield, 1018 Woodrow lane; Amos Walker, 427 East Main st.; Norma L. Wallace, 803 East Jackson st.; S. C. Watkins, 1528 Terrace dr.; Audrey Wisdom, 217 West Sixth st.; Alva I. Yoakum, 309 West Jackson st.; Glenn Yost, 518 Haven st.; M. V. Younger, Edgevale orchard; James E. Zach, 111 Summit ave., and Minnie Zahnow, 528 Broadman st.

Other Jackson county residents who are on the panel are E. L. Mathews Jr., 135 Oak st., Central Point; Kenneth Paulson, Shady Cove; Lee Port, Jacksonville; William Stockton, Butte Falls; Fred Straube, Jacksonville; Albert Straus, Gold Hill; Alex Tummers, Central Point Market rd., Central Point; Ray Vogel, Willow Creek rd., Central Point; William Walch, Eagle Point; George Frank Ward Jr., 350 Avery st., Ashland; Lewis Wyant, Lake Creek; H. D. Wyckoff, 560 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland; Ray Zulaufl, Phoenix; and Leo Zupan, 139 Wimer st., Ashland.

Peddicord Gets Six Months for Contempt

Portland—(UPI)—Blind William Clarence Peddicord, confessed bomber of the Meier and Frank department store here last year and under sentence to 20 years in the state prison, will serve six months in the Multnomah county jail before he starts his prison term.

Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins handed down the six month term yesterday for a contempt of court charge stemming from when the blind chemist balked at testifying last week in the trial of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joyce Keller, as an accomplice in the extortion plot.

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