

Russian Army in East Germany Said at 'Most Dangerous' Stage

Heidelberg, Germany — The Soviet Union's 22 Red Army divisions in East Germany are at their "most dangerous" stage of the year for the West, U.S. Army authorities said today.

They said the Russian troops, equipped with atomic weapons and other latest-type arms, are at peak combat readiness and will be until a new training cycle starts in December.

"From our viewpoint, the period of September and October is the most dangerous," a spokesman at the U.S. Army's European headquarters here said.

"That is the end of the Soviet annual training cycle and

prior to the release of discharges and receipts of recruits. Their forces during these two months are at their highest state of combat readiness of the year.

Soviets Making Changes
While the United States is carrying out a sweeping face-lifting of its own 200,000-plus army in Europe for future atomic warfare, the Russians have been making similar preparations, officers at this key U.S. headquarters disclosed.

Gen. Henry I. Hodes, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army in Europe, told United Press: "There has been no decrease in Soviet forces in East Germany, despite their propaganda claims to have cut them. They have improved their weapons, brought in tactical atomic arms and new tanks and are constantly improving them."

U. S. Army authorities here estimate that Soviet forces in East Germany total some 400,000 men, organized into six armies and supported by a tactical air force.

Battle Ready
A spokesman said the Soviet divisions in East Germany are maintained at approximately 70 per cent wartime strength and can take to the field effectively on short order.

Authorities here said Soviet soldiers are conscripted each October and serve three years in the army. The arrival of recruits in East Germany, they said, takes place in November and December when the annual training cycle begins.

This replacement system enables at least two-thirds of a unit to consist of veterans at all times. The U.S. Army proportion in Germany is about one-half or less.

U. S. authorities estimate the strength of the Red Army in Russia itself at 175 divisions, or roughly three million men.

Elkins Resorts To Fifth Amendment

Portland — Racketeer James B. Elkins, whose disclosures touched off Portland's vice probe, pleaded the fifth amendment Monday in refusing to answer questions about tape recordings.

Also declining to answer questions was Raymond F. Clark, an Elkins employee.

The two had been subpoenaed by Thomas E. Maloney, attorney for Howard Loneragan, a Spokane race track figure, faces trial on a conspiracy charge. Loneragan is seeking to have a tape recording the state has said it will suppress as evidence. The hearing began Sept. 23.

Elkins and Clark both said there is action pending against them in court and that they felt testimony about tape recordings might tend to incriminate them. Circuit Judge Martin W. Hawkins upheld their right to refuse to testify.

Elkins previously has talked freely before grand juries. Circuit Court trials and the Senate Rackets Committee.

He and Clark were convicted of a federal wiretap charge. The case had been appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Oregon, Air Force In Search Agreement
Salem — An agreement between the state of Oregon and Fourth Air Force defining responsibilities of air search and rescue by the State Board of Aeronautics was signed today by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

Under the pact, the Air Force has been designated by the continental air command as coordinator of air search and rescue operations in the eight western states.

The Oregon agreement is part of a cooperative national search and rescue plan. In it air searches for lost civilians and lost civil aircraft, other than airlines will be the responsibility of the Oregon air search and rescue organization. Military planes and airlines will be the responsibility of the Air Force or Coast Guard.

Hunters Blamed for Eight Oregon Fires
By UNITED PRESS
Hunters were blamed today for at least eight fires in Oregon but all of the blazes were reported under control.

Seven of the hunters' fires occurred in the Baker district, John C. Hunt, fire control officer for the Bureau of Land Management said. Largest was a blaze which covered 500 acres in brushy area of the Snake river canyon.

Another camper's fire was reported in northern Tillamook county. Smoker's carelessness was blamed for a nine-acre blaze in Douglas county.

With precipitation moving in over the state the weather man warned that lightning still posed a fire threat.

OSC Fraternity Pledges Total 535 for Record
Corvallis — Pledges at Oregon State College's 30 fraternities totaled 535 at the end of the first rush period Monday, a new record.

Mass Asian Flu Shots Unnecessary

Berkeley — Wendell M. Stanley, Nobel Prize winner and one of the world's foremost authorities on viruses, believes there is no need for mass immunization against Asian flu.

"It's a mild disease," he said Monday. "You don't have to worry about it too much."

Stanley disagreed with a panel of doctors who said in San Francisco last Friday that mass immunization would do more harm than good and might even cause some deaths.

"When and if the vaccine is available," he said, "it might be a good idea to use it. But I wouldn't recommend mass immunization. There simply is not enough Asian Flu around to warrant it."

"Much of the disease called Asian Flu is probably the common cold or some other flu strains."

Stanley first developed a flu vaccine while at Princeton in 1942-44. He has since moved his virus laboratory to the University of California.

He said the Army has been using that vaccine for the past 12 years. He said it has proven 75 per cent effective during outbreaks.

Dave Beck's Remarks Puzzle To Schunk
Portland — Mayor Terry Schunk said today he has no idea why Teamster Chieftain Dave Beck should have referred to him in a keynote speech to the Teamster convention in Miami Beach.

Beck told the delegates that Schunk had been exonerated by jury trial after being "pilloried" by the Senate Rackets Committee headed by Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas.

Schuck said today, "I do disapprove of the procedures of the McClellan Committee. Even so, I didn't take the fifth amendment as Mr. Beck did."

The Mayor added, "I don't know anything about Mr. Beck's case or his situation. A duly constituted court of law should determine whether he is guilty."

DRILL CHAMPION DIES
Butte, Mont. — Walter Bradshaw, 84, known as "the last of the hardrock drilling champions," died Monday.

CALENDAR
Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Tuesday:
7:30 p.m. — Medford Lady Lions, home of Mrs. Alan Jewett, 6 South Groveland avenue.
7:30 p.m. — Medford Parents Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. Glenn Stewart, 317 Maple st.

8 p.m. — Alpha Chi Omega alumni group, home of Mrs. Joe Hearin, 2517 East Main st.
8 p.m. — Chapter BE, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Fletcher T. Fish, Phoenix.

8 p.m. — Pythian Sisters, Pythian bldg., Fifth and Grape sts.
Wednesday:
10 a.m. — Providence Guild of Sacred Heart hospital, social room at hospital.
10:30 a.m. — Lake Creek Extension unit, home of Mrs. Carl Webb, Eagle Point.
10:30 a.m. — Upper Applegate Extension unit, Upper Applegate Grange hall.
12:30 p.m. — Chapter CP, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Robert A. Elliott, 432 Ardmore ave.
12:30 p.m. — Townsend Harmony auxiliary club, Carpenters hall, 123½ West Main st.
1 p.m. — Chapter CG, PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. W. K. Johnson, 1807 East Jackson ave.
1 p.m. — Past Chiefs club, with Mrs. Don Ross.
1:30 p.m. — Central Point Garden club, home of Mrs. W. I. Sutherland, 562 Garfield ave.
1:30 p.m. — Griffin Creek Community School club, school cafeteria.

Police Teletype Network Statewide

Salem — Teletype connections among Oregon's law enforcement agencies were statewide today with the addition of five agencies in the Ontario area to the network, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported.

Latest to join the system were city police at Ontario, Vale and Nyssa, the Malheur county sheriff's association and the Oregon State Police headquarters in the area.

Separate state police stations also have been set up at Roseburg and Coquille.

The new additions bring to 75 the number of law enforcement agencies participating through 39 sending and receiving points.

Tourists Increase But Spending Down

Salem — More tourists entered Oregon this year than ever before, but they spent less money than last year.

Carl Jordan, director of travel information for the State Highway department, said more than 1,400,000 out-of-state cars poured into Oregon this year—about 45,000 more than in 1956.

However, the \$130 million they spent was under the record of \$141 million paid out last year.

Jordan said he thought the drop off in spending was due to more budget consciousness on the part of vacationists.

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Norwalk, Ohio — Ellis Dotson was awarded \$16,000 in a traffic accident damage suit Monday after his wife testified that since the accident her husband "can't kiss the way he used to."

Terry Schunk's Wife Rests After Surgery

Vancouver, Wash. — Mrs. Terry Schunk, wife of Portland's mayor, was reported doing fine today after undergoing abdominal surgery here Monday at Permanente hospital.

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Circuit Court Gets Dalles Boy's Case

The Dalles — Juvenile Judge James Hunt Monday turned the murder case of 14-year-old Lawrence Glenn Zink over to Circuit Court.

The Zink boy confessed attacking Mary Matthews, 9, of The Dalles with an axe the morning of Aug. 16. The girl, who died of injuries the following day in a Portland hospital, had been spending the night outside in a sleeping bag with a girl friend, Barbara Heldt, 11. The Heldt girl also had been attacked, but was not seriously hurt.

Three Portland doctors who examined the boy at the request of the court testified that their examinations indicated the Zink youth was "dangerous" to society. They recommended he be committed to a mental institution.

Defense Attorney Earl Bernard, Portland, said he agreed with the findings of the panel of doctors, but District Attorney Harry Hogan told the judge that even if the youth was committed to an institution as a juvenile, he would seek a grand jury indictment against the boy.

Transient Arrested on Bad Check Charges
Wilber Dale Phipps, 25, transient, has admitted to cashing four bad checks in a five-day period for \$113, city police said today.

He was arrested by Klamath Falls police Wednesday on charges of issuing a fictitious check while he was attempting to convince the "Medford bank" the checks were good, detective Lt. Lyle Perkins said.

Phipps was seen walking down the street in Klamath Falls by a Medford business man who had received one of his checks, said police. Phipps took the man to the telephone company and had him call the Medford bank to convince them the checks were really good.

The man called the city police instead of the bank and police kept Phipps on the phone until Klamath Falls police could be called and told to arrest Phipps on a warrant held in Medford.

Perkins said he patiently listened to Phipps talk until Klamath Falls police arrived and placed him under arrest.

Missing Newspaper Woman Feared Dead
Joliet, Ill. — A crusading newspaperwoman missing since last Wednesday has been all but given up for dead by police who today turned their effort to locating her body.

State police conducted a five-county search for Amelia Molly Zelko, 47, Monday but discovered no trace of her. The missing woman has not been seen since she left the offices of The Spectator last Wednesday.

"She was obviously spirited away," Joliet Police Chief Joseph R. Trizna said, "and by now we are no longer hopeful she will turn up alive."

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