



MOVING INTO FINALS are these seven Rose Princesses for 1959 Tournament of Roses at Pasadena. One will be named Rose Queen next month. From left, front: Diane Price, 18; Pamela Prather, 19; Thea Corcoran. Rear: Diana Rassmussen, 18; Kathleen Ransoms, 17; Marilyn Thrasher, 18, and Carole Mark, 18. All are college girls.

Rapacki Plan Seen Step To Ease Russian Troops Out of Poland

Editor's note: In the diplomatic backrooms where policy is aired before East-West conferences, U.N. sessions and foreign affairs debates, the words "Rapacki Plan" are much heard these days. Some experts believe this plan of Poland's foreign minister may yet form a basis of a start toward disarmament on both sides of the Iron Curtain. A veteran foreign correspondent analyzes it in the following dispatch.

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Bonn, Germany — (UPI) — The proposal, by Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki for neutralizing Central Europe militarily may be an attempt to ease Soviet troops out of Poland.

So believe West German and other diplomats who have studied carefully Rapacki's previous plan of a year ago, and the latest plan made public in Warsaw.

Pope to Observe 77th Birthday

Vatican City — (UPI) — Pope John XXIII's 77th birthday Tuesday will be a holiday for most residents of this tiny "city state," but for the Pontiff himself it will be just another working day.

It will be distinguished mainly by the fact that it will be one of the few days in the month since the new Pope's election on which no major ceremonial is planned.

The anniversary of the Pope's birth comes four weeks to the day after his election as "supreme pastor" of the world's half-billion Roman Catholics and three weeks after his coronation.

Over the week end, Pope John took formal possession of the Basilica of St. John in Lateran and paid a visit to the Basilica of St. Clement, named for a 1st-century Pope who lived on what is now its site.

Most of the heat that the earth gets from the sun hits the equatorial regions. Some of it is reflected right back into space. The rest is absorbed, heating the land and evaporating ocean water. Some of the remaining heat is radiated into space at night, but most of it is carried by moisture-laden air or ocean waters to the surrounding areas and toward the poles.

Rapacki's latest proposals call for great-nation agreement that no army in Central Europe not already equipped with atomic weapons shall receive them in future. Atomic strength on either side, the Poles reason, thus would be stabilized.

Thereafter, his plan foresees discussion and eventual agreement to reduce both the existing conventional and atomic forces in Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Proposes Atomic Ban
The Polish Foreign minister's original plan, as published, called for simple agreement that no atomic weapons be on the ground in Germany, Poland or Czechoslovakia. No mention then was made of conventional weapons or forces.

It was this omission that caused most Western powers to reject the first Rapacki scheme out of hand. It would have left the Soviets, with their armies massed in East Germany and Poland, with a great superiority of force over the U. S. forces in Europe, whose strength depends to a great extent on

their atomic weapons rather than on numbers of men and conventional weapons.

But Rapacki's newest plan, at first glance, pretty well meets this criticism.

West Germans who still oppose it now say the chief difficulty is that it does not attack the key problem of Central Europe, which is the continuing division of Germany into two states, one free, one Communist.

Better Reaction Noted
Nevertheless, the reaction here to the newest version of the Rapacki plan has been much less violent than it was to his first scheme.

For one thing, many diplomats here are convinced that Rapacki is not just a tool of the Moscow Communist bosses, but really is trying to conduct an independent foreign policy.

Poland's chief difficulty, and the most delicate part of Poland's relations with the Soviet union, is the continuing presence of Soviet troops in Poland itself, and to Poland's west in East Germany. This bulk presence seriously restricts Polish sovereignty.

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