

Halfway Mark in Russian Ultimatum Finds Berliners Anxious, Unafraid

Editor's Note: United Press International Foreign News Editor Phil Newsum is on a tour of Europe and the Middle East. In the following dispatch from Berlin, he tells how the feeling there is one of being "apprehensive but unafraid" at this halfway point of the six months the Russians gave the Western Allies to get out of the city.

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor
Berlin — (UPI) — The Russian ultimatum to the Western Allies to get out of Berlin by May 27 reached its halfway mark today and found West Berliners "apprehensive but unafraid."

Both they and their American allies here are convinced the Russians fully intend on May 27 to hand over to the Communist East Germans the land and air controls that are Berlin's lifelines.

American military sources here carefully avoid talk which might entangle them in a political situation, and they are carefully avoiding talk which the Russians might interpret as threatening.

But their conversation leaves no doubt that military plans have been prepared for an emergency and that they believe they can carry them out.

Officer Coins Phrase
It was an American briefing officer who coined the phrase "apprehensive but unafraid." Conversations by this correspondent with West Berlin business people bear him out.

Here, only a thin, at times almost imaginary, line divides East and West. Sometimes it runs along a quiet residential street. At others, it might be an impressive marker such as the Brandenburg Gate. An East German customs officer stands guard there, amid rubble marked off on the one hand by ruins of the old Reichschancellery and on the other by the foundation which once was that of the American Embassy.

Business in gaily-lighted, prosperous West Berlin goes on as usual.

But there is no one, either in East or West Berlin, who does not seem aware of the May 27 deadline, first announced by Russian Premier

Nikita Khrushchev three months ago and reiterated with threatening overtones in Moscow 48 hours ago.

Germans and Allies are convinced here that a real crisis is at hand. They do not believe it will erupt the moment the East Germans take over the communications controls.

TV's 'The Dingaling Girl' Called Ding-Dong Play; Playhouse 90 Still Champ

By WILLIAM EWALD
New York — (UPI) — Over its first half Thursday night, CBS-TV's Playhouse 90 had a ding-dong play on its hands in "The Dingaling Girl."

J.P. Miller's tracing of a young mother who was peeled out of her cocoon and transformed

William Ewald into a Hollywood divinity was as fresh and true and swift-footed as anything TV has unwrapped this season.

Those first 40 minutes or so dealt with the young lady's discovery, her audition at an actors studio-type school and her initiation into Hollywood's preposterous castle-civilization. It was a slab that contained some searching performances by Diane Varsi, Eddie Albert and astonishingly enough, comedian Mort Sahl.

A really marvelous chunk of satirical playing by Sam Jaffe in the role of the school nabob; and a short scene in a screening room dominated by Harry Townes that was crisply perfect.

But inevitably, Miller's story, once moved into the Hollywood fantasy world, stumbled into a familiar ditch. Corruption, decay, surrender of values, loss of self—all of these things happened in proper and due and predictable

course. I don't know really whether Miller can be blamed. The trouble with Hollywood, of course, is that it is a burlesque of itself. A writer who tries to grind out a feeling, honest picture of it, can not avoid falling into a burlesque of a burlesque, an exaggeration of something already bloated with exaggeration. The writer ensnares himself inside a no-exit Disneyland Park.

Nevertheless, despite its flaws, "The Dingaling Girl" proved pretty engrossing and as a study of human beings who cede their human beingness to the traffic of commerce, it was an admirable try.

Playhouse 90 is still champ. The Channel Swim: CBS-TV's "Great Challenge" show on March 29. "Is American Journalism Meeting Its Responsibilities?" will feature Barbara Ward, J. Russell Wiggins, Eugene Pulliam, John Fisher and Sig Mickelson.

The following challenge show on April 5, "Is The American Public Getting the Information It Needs?" will offer James Hagerly, James Reston, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Robert Sweeney and Charles Sprague.

George Gobel will guest on the CBS-TV Garry Moore show April 7-Gobel did some 30 shots on the old Moore morning show after Moore introduced him to TV.

CENTRAL POINT Grandmothers Meet

By DORIS HUGHES
Central Point — The Crater Grandmothers club met for a dessert luncheon Feb. 16 at the home of Mrs. Oscar Minnick. Nineteen members and five guests were present.

Mrs. Walter Gebhard presided at the business meeting which followed dessert. Mrs. Carl Hoover, chaplain, read a poem entitled "The Gentle Gardener."

The seed sale was reported to be successful. A report was made concerning the health of Mrs. Royal Greenman. The club had sent flowers to the hospital for her. The group sang an Oregon Centennial song which was

written by Mrs. O. T. Wilson, one of the members of the club. Some of the women wore old fashioned dresses, some of which were 100 years old or older.

For the next meeting, the women decided to dress in pioneer clothing, and have pictures taken of the group. The pictures along with the song written by Mrs. Wilson, will be sent to the club's national magazine.

The mystery package was won by Mrs. O. T. Wilson. Joining the club were Mrs. Ted Hill, Mrs. John Korner and Mrs. Cora Card. Mrs. Henry Muller and Mrs. Ray Britton were visitors.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on March 16. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. T. Wilson at 431 North Second st., Central Point.

Jim Conger, Don Ryan and John Caster attended a State Farmers interview at Roseburg, Saturday. The three boys are in their junior year at Crater High school. The State Farmers award will be made at state convention in Corvallis, March 16. The boys each have a project investment of \$2,500.

The requirement for the State Farmers degree is to have an investment of more than \$500, and an outstanding record in both leadership and supervised farming program through the three or four years in high school. This is the only degree a boy may receive on a State level.

Many people have expressed their appreciation of the Crater FFA News Bulletin, a booklet which is published by the Crater FFA chapter. Crater chapter boys making reports in the Feb. 25 issue were Clayton Banry, Gary Evans, Gilbert Harrison and Dave Redmond. Boys on the staff are Nathan Banry, editor; Howard Misner, assistant editor; Larry Ryerson, cartoon editor, and Tom White, staff secretary.

Miss Joan Dobrot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dobrot, of Scenic ave., Central Point, was selected as one of the 60 member concert band at Oregon State college. She is a graduate of Crater High school and is in her freshman year at college.

Wednesday, Riley Potter left Rogue Valley hospital to return to his home on the Blackford ranch near Central Point. Visitors at the Blackford home during Potter's illness were his three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Frazier, Mrs. Ruth Young and Mrs. Opal Lake from Idaho. Also here from Idaho was Potter's brother, Milton Potter. Another brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Potter, were here from Vancouver, Wash. The visitors all left this week except Mrs. Frazier who remained to help care for her brother.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Officials at Hearing

By RUTH RAUSCH
Cave Junction — County Judge Raymond Lathrop and County Commissioner Louis Ringette, representing the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, the county court and Josephine county chapter Redwood Empire association, and Mrs. Robert Rausch, representing the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, attended the hearing on the Crescent City harbor improvement project before a board of Army engineers this week.

Judge Lathrop and Ringette made formal presentations in support of the improvement. The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce testified in support of the improvement as a means toward low cost transportation for both the annual timber cut and as a factor in developing the minerals in the area.

The Western Mining Council is planning a meeting of gold miners in Cave Junction sometime in May. Efforts are being made to obtain notable speakers for the program.

Cave Junction city council postponed the regular meeting scheduled for Monday night, due to no pressing business to be settled.

Carma Varner and Melba Savage were recent visitors in Eureka, Calif., for several days.

Representatives of the armed forces for women will be at the Illinois Valley High school Feb. 26, to give talks and to arrange interviews with junior and senior girls.

Planning to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon

Education association in Portland March 18 and 19 are High School Principal Vernon Larson, Richard Eddy and Les Adkins.

A general building chairman was appointed by the World War I Veterans Tuesday night. Plans were made for remodeling the grounds and main building.

4-H Club News

Table Rock Packrats

Instead of a business meeting Feb. 23 we went to a furniture store to see the different colors in the rooms and furniture. After we went to the antique store. We were amazed at the prices of the antiques and the antiques themselves. Since we had been studying the shade, tints and primary colors our leaders decided to take us to those places.

After we had gone to both places our leaders treated us to some refreshments.

Anita Pierce, Reporter

Sis-Q Guide Dog 4-H Club
Tuesday, Feb. 14, a meeting was held in the Ashland YMCA. Those present were Mary Lee Gray, with Rita; Denny Retter, with Rave; Patricia Knapp, with Zeno; Lucinda Wright, with Quail; Nyla Murray, with Zandra; Sharon Roderick, with Meg; Mrs. Glascock, with Vidor; Lee Jackson, with Rhea; Cynthia Holtgrave, with Smoky; and Joyce Gunther, with Prince.

New uniforms were discussed, and a date set for the

next meeting, which will be held March 10.

In the last part of March, nine of these dogs will be sent back to San Rafael, Calif., for final training, and we expect six German Shepherd puppies to be brought up from

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there. Mr. Roderick, trainer and leader, was also there to conduct the training session.

Lee Jackson, Reporter

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