

German People Caught in Middle of Big Four Talks on Reunification

Bonn, Germany (UPI)—The West and the Soviet Union each insist a reunited Germany should be molded in their own image.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers, meeting in Geneva to discuss the German problem on that level for the first time

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What Is The Law?

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Can a Second Hunter Claim a Wounded Deer?

While hunting in a heavily wooded area, Mike shot and wounded a deer. The deer was able to move rapidly after being hit by Mike but left an obvious trail of blood. However, before Mike managed to catch the deer and bring it down, it had been shot and killed by Joe and he had loaded it in his pickup. Both Joe and Mike claimed the deer. Who is entitled to it?

Wild animals are normally treated as unowned property with ownership going to the first person to reduce the wild animal to his possession. The early law required complete control of such animals for possession. Under this law, it was normally necessary to hold or carry the animal before possession was obtained. Later the judges changed their idea of possession as it relates to wild animals and gave the animals to the person who "had deprived the beast of its natural liberty."

Wounding Required

The new rule merely required a wounding of the game in such a way as to make escape improbable. If a wild animal is unable to escape the trackdown he is no longer free and is possessed by the hunter who wounded him. However, there have been many cases that have raised the difficult question of mortal wounding. Maybe the deer that Mike wounded would have escaped if Joe had not intervened. In such a case the deer belonged to Joe.

Thus, the seriousness of the injury to the animal and the probability of his escaping into the woods where he is once again free determines the outcome of the case.

Question of Escape

In another type of case, persons engaged in the business of raising fur-bearing animals are often faced with the question of the ownership when an animal, being raised for profit, escapes. On one occasion a silver fox escaped from a farm in Colorado and was shot by a local resident. The ancient law required that the possessor of a wild animal had to remain in "hot pursuit" of the animal in order to retain his possession and ownership of the beast. The Colorado court refused to permit the old rule to control the outcome of the case and awarded damages to the owner of the fur farm. The court reasoned that the silver fox was not indigenous to Colorado and since the local citizen who shot the fox knew it was being raised for profit he could not prevail. However, ownership in wild animals will normally be lost if they escape in their normal habitat and are not recaptured within a short period of time.



STANDING CHEEK-TO-CHEEK, Dinah Shore and Fred Astaire accept congratulations in Hollywood after receiving TV Emmy Awards for best actor, actress.

since 1955 will seek to determine whether there is any hope of compromise somewhere between the two poles.

The Germans are in the middle. While they are the people who will be most directly affected by any agreement or disagreement at Geneva, they have the least influence on any decisions to be reached there.

Free Elections

As Germany looks on, these are the issues to be taken up at Geneva:

Question: How is Germany to be reunited?

Answer: The Western Powers — the U.S., Britain and France — and the West Ger-

man government believe the nation should be reunited by means of free and secret general elections. They probably would agree to the establishment of some kind of East-West German group commission to try to write an all-German election law and perhaps a second group to try to arrange greater freedom of movement of persons and publications across the East-West German frontiers before elections are held. But the West German government must remain sovereign until such elections are held.

The Soviet Union says reunification can come about only as the result of a confed-

eration of the existing East and West German governments. The Big Four, the Soviets insist, no longer have any responsibility for arranging reunification. All-German elections must be indefinitely postponed. Khrushchev told visiting West German Socialists recently that he could not approve any elections in which "the 50,000,000 people under the Adenauer regime would impose their majority on the 17,000,000 living in East Germany."

Peace Treaty

Q: What about a German peace treaty?

A: The Western powers and West Germany say that only

the sovereign, freely elected government of the whole of Germany may negotiate and sign a peace treaty with the victorious powers of World War II.

The Soviet Union proposes that the wartime Allies now sign a peace treaty with each of the existing German governments, and has even suggested that some sections of the treaty might be different for each Germany.

Q: What should be the international and military status of a reunited Germany?

A: The Western powers and West Germany believe the government of a reunited Germany must be free to choose its allies, and to join defensive and other alliances.

The Soviet Union argues that a reunited Germany must be forbidden to join any military alliances directed against any of the Allies of the Second World War.

Should Be Unchanged

Q: What about Berlin?

A: The Western powers and West Germany say that Berlin's present status should remain unchanged until the nation has been reunited as the

result of free elections. That means that Western troops should remain in West Berlin, with right of unhindered access to the city across East German territory, until that time.

The Soviets say the "occupation status" of West Berlin must end forthwith. Originally, Khrushchev demanded the withdrawal by May 27 of all Western troops in West Berlin. But during his March visit to East Germany, he modified that slightly to say that "token" units of Western and Soviet plus perhaps some United Nations troops might remain in West Berlin for the time being. No Soviet troops have been stationed in West Berlin since the war, as there are no Western troops in East Berlin, seat of the Communist East German government.

Q: What should be Germany's future boundaries?

A: The Soviets say that the Oder-Neisse line must remain unchanged. They refer to it as the "peace border." The former German territories east of this line were placed under "Polish administration" pending the signature of a peace

treaty under the terms of the Potsdam agreement. The area includes a total of 40,000 square miles, from which more than 7,000,000 Germans were expelled following the end of World War II.

Final Disposition

The Western powers usually have claimed the final disposition of the Oder-Neisse territories must await the negotiations of a peace treaty with an all-German government. But there are differences within the Western camp.

French President Charles de Gaulle said recently he thought Germany's borders should remain unchanged after reunification, and this was interpreted to mean he thought the Oder-Neisse line should be Germany's permanent eastern frontier. President Eisenhower displayed a map during a recent television speech on which the Oder-Neisse territories were shown as part of Poland. The Soviets, and the West Germans, both publicly suspect this was deliberate.

The West German government recognizes that Germany has little, if any, chance of re-

gaining the Oder-Neisse lands, but believes it should demand a high price from the Soviets and Poles for formally renouncing its claims.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Kitchen Pests

The ninth meeting of the Applegate Kitchen Pests was held May 5 at the home of Mrs. Daisy Herriot. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mike Elmore. Tommy Piette and Randy Hvall led the salute to the 4-H and United States flags.

The secretary, Wayne Stoner, called the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Old business included discussion on different ways to hunt in groups for bottles. The collecting is to raise money for a three-day trip being planned for July 10 through 13.

We were all supposed to plan a menu for a meal between the last meeting and this meeting. We all told what type of menu we had planned. David Pittcock and Bobby Piette gave a demonstration on how to wash dishes. David washed the dishes and Bobby told what he was doing. They are planning to give the demonstration at the county fair to be held in August.

Randy Hvall gave a demonstration on how to measure dry and liquid ingredients. The leaders said his demonstration was good.

This was the last meeting between now and July 21. Our mothers were invited to this meeting and many of them came. They were invited to see how we conducted our meeting.

After the meeting we were served refreshments by our leaders. We also had entertainment conducted by our game leader, Virgil Prowell. Jimmy Christensen is to bring the refreshments for our next meeting.

David Pittcock, Reporter

HUSBAND NOT HELPFUL

Blyth, England, (UPI)—Mrs. James Tate tied her opponent in last week's local elections, but lost when the other candidate's name was pulled out of a hat to break the tie. Sunday her husband informed her he hadn't voted in the election.

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