

West Germany Caught in Debate on How to Restore Relations With Eastern Europe

'Telepuppets' May Take Place Of Men in Space

Washington —UPI— It looks as though the space scientists, eminent doctors all, are trying to do the space working man out of a job.

If they succeed, it will be a case of technological unemployment claiming a victim before the victim ever had a chance to get on the payroll.

'Telepuppets' Planned

Dr. Fred L. Whipple, director of the Smithsonian Institution's Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., says "telepuppets" will build the first platforms from which to launch expeditions to the moon and planets.

As described by Whipple in a report to the Office of Naval Research, telepuppets are remotely controlled robots with television eyes.

They would bear little resemblance to the popular image of a pressure-suited construction worker, with a couple of siphon bottles on his back, going about the job of assembling platforms in space.

Dangerous Business

Whipple rejects the idea of human workers in space on the ground that their suits would be awkward, insufficient, and "probably very dangerous." All it would take to end such a workers' career would be one little meteor traveling fast enough to puncture his pressure suit.

The Russians also appear to prefer mechanical to flesh and blood men for space labor. A Soviet scientific article recently circulated here suggests that moon stations will be built by tank-like robots controlled from the earth by radio.

Bonn —UPI— West Germany, having resolved its quarrels with its Western neighbors, is now caught up in a great debate as to whether and how it should attempt to restore relations with Eastern Europe.

The debate is complicated by the fact that four former German provinces are part of Poland and seven million Germans expelled from them at the end of World War II now live, and vote, in West Germany.

Moribund for years, the question of possible diplomatic relations with Poland and other Communist East European countries was revived during this summer's Big Four foreign ministers conference in Geneva.

The West German foreign ministry, in preparing for all possible developments, drew up a paper on the Polish matter which was brought before the federal cabinet.

Three Courses

It suggested three possible courses — maintenance of the status quo, meaning no relations between Poland and West Germany; an offer to

sign a non-aggression pact with Poland; or a bid offer to establish diplomatic relations with Warsaw.

The cabinet chose the status quo for the time being. But the cabinet discussion sparked a national uproar. The Socialist opposition, always simply marking time, demanded diplomatic relations with Poland.

To this idea, the refugee organizations objected loudly. To restore diplomatic relations with Poland, they argued, would mean abdicating all claims on the former German provinces of Silesia, Pomer-

ania, West Prussia and the southern half of East Prussia.

The Allies agreed at the 1945 Potsdam conference to place these provinces under Polish administration pending the determination of a final frontier in the peace treaty, but a peace treaty has never been signed.

Leader Resigns

Last month, a leading member of the foreign ministry named Friedrich Von Kessel resigned because of opposition to the government's do-nothing policies.

Since then, he has engaged in a bitter exchange of let-

ters with refugee leaders, who have also demanded the dismissal of at least one more foreign ministry under secretary believed to support the idea of diplomatic relations with Poland.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has publicly and privately walked the middle path. On the 20th anniversary of the German attack on Poland, the Chancellor made a radio speech in which he said he and most Germans sympathize with the Poles for the suffering they endured and want to be good neighbors again.

But he did not touch spe-

cifically on the border question.

Adenauer remembers well how he burned his political fingers in 1953 when he suggested Poland and Germany might sometime establish

joint control over the former German territories. The refugee organizations reacted so furiously that Adenauer had to take it back.

The refugees — the 7,000,000 from what is now part of

Poland plus another 4,000,000 from other areas of Eastern Europe make up one-fifth of West Germany's total population. The represent a potent political force.

When the Republic of West Germany was founded 10 years ago, the refugees had their own political party with a comfortable block of seats in Parliament. That party has since withered away and doesn't even hold one parliamentary seat.

But its representatives have wandered into the other parties where they make their strength felt.

Adenauer and his advisers have long assumed that even if it were possible for their refugees to return to their former homes, few would wish to uproot themselves and do so.

But that belief was badly shaken last August when an independent survey showed that 60 per cent of the refugees want to return to their homes. More significant, 70 per cent of those under 21 years of age want to go back.

The end result probably will be to further delay the establishment of Polish-West German relations.

Six Children To One Mother Top Multiple Births

New York —UPI— The highest number of multiple births accepted by medical authorities is six children to one mother, according to "The Guinness Book of Superlatives," although there have been reports of seven children being born.

The reference book's report on multiple births says: "There are two unsubstantiated reports of septuplets. Five girls and two boys were reputedly born at a single birth at Hameinam-Weser, Germany, on Jan. 9, 1600, but the evidence rests mainly on the raising of a statue in 1818. A less reliable instance was reported from Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1918, 11 years after its alleged occurrence in 1907.

None in United States

"The highest multiple births which are medically accepted are those of sextuplets in four instances in which there were no survivors — one of them was in the United States. There are only three examples of quintuplet births with all five surviving.

Here it lists the Dionne births in Ontario, the Diligent births in Argentina and the birth of five boys in Turkey in July, 1944.

"The highest multiple births in the United States have been quintuplets in six instances. The earliest was at Mars Bluff, S.C., (three boys, two girls in 1776), and the most recent in 1948 in Kentucky (two boys and three girls) but in no case did any survive beyond infancy."

One hundred years ago Maine lobsters were caught in nets.

Water Found in Tunnel for Water

Denver —UPI— The city of Denver decided to spend \$50 million on a 23-mile tunnel through the Rockies to bring much-needed water to the eastern slope.

Since last spring, work on the tunnel has been delayed, made more expensive than expected, and finally, in July, stopped altogether for weeks.

The tunnel project keeps striking water, an apparently endless supply of it.

It burst forth from a rock face, under high pressure, at 350 gallons a minute on July 21, at a point nine miles deep in a mountain side. To stop it, so work could proceed, a slab of concrete 53 feet long was poured across the rock face. It took a special, high pressure machine to force cement into the water-seeping fissures.

Engineers believe water speeds from the Snake river into pockets beneath the surface of the mountain and that they have been tapping these pockets. They can only guess whether, boring ahead, they will come upon solid rock — or more water.

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