

# Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

## ADENAUER IN WASHINGTON

After his talks with the President, Mr. Adenauer said in a speech before the National Press club that one sentence in the official joint statement contains the basis for the West's attitude toward Khrushchev's demands with regard to Berlin and it is therefore of decisive importance in the present situation. Dr. Adenauer asked us to read this sentence "most carefully."

What does the sentence, which is of such decisive importance, say? It says that the President and the Chancellor "agreed that the preservation of the freedom of the people of West Berlin, and their right of self-determination, must underlie any future agreement affecting the city." Any future agreement, if that sentence is as important as Dr. Adenauer says it is, the President and he are agreed that there may be a new settlement in Berlin, which protects its freedom and its right of self-determination. It means, moreover, that they can imagine an agreement on Berlin made before the reunification of Germany. It means, moreover, that they are not committed to insisting that the freedom and the right of self-determination of West Berlin can be protected only by the maintenance of the status quo.

IF THE spirit and the letter of the Eisenhower-Adenauer statement express the authentic considered view of the Chancellor, then he has been misrepresented in this country by his most ardent supporters. They have been telling us that there should be no negotiations about West Berlin, that any future agreement would be appeasement and a surrender to the Soviet Union. They have been insisting that the fate of the free world depends upon revoking the promise made at Camp David to negotiate about Berlin.

They have, it appears now from the official record, been more royalist than the king, more Adenauer than Adenauer himself.

What happened, quite evidently, is that the Chancellor failed to persuade the President to revoke his pledge to negotiate and having failed, he accepted the President's formula. This formula contains the gist of the matter which is that, provided it protects the freedom of West Berlin, we are prepared to explore and consider and, if possible, to negotiate the new settlement. This is all that the British government and all that the American critics of Adenauer's rigidity, have ever wanted to do.

THE President has refused to tie his hands and he has preserved intact his right to explore the problem of the future of Berlin. Will this mean that in admitting that there is a problem of Berlin and that he is prepared to discuss it with Khrushchev, he is weakening the Western position? It will look that way to some. But on the whole, he will not, I believe, weaken the Western position and rather he will re-insure it for the future.

To be sure there will be some Germans in West Berlin and there will be people elsewhere who, having been taught to believe that any discussion of Berlin is appeasement, will be worried and frightened when Berlin is discussed. That will be too bad and they should be reassured. But the real question at the bottom of the argument is whether the Western position in Berlin will grow stronger if we postpone a negotiation or whether it will deteriorate.

Because I am convinced that time is not on our side in West Berlin, I believe we should attempt now to negotiate a new settlement which protects the freedom of West Berlin. Mr. K. may refuse to agree to such a settlement. It would not surprise me at all. But our diplomatic position in Europe and in the rest of the world will be stronger if we have attempted to make it and if we have identified ourselves with a genuine attempt to reach an accommodation in Berlin.

THERE are two main reasons why I think the Western position in Berlin will not grow stronger. The first is that Eastern Germany is playing an increasingly important role in the upsurge of the Communist economy. It is significant, as Flora Lewis reported in "The New York Times" on Sunday, that the migration from West Germany to East Germany is now half as large as the migration the other way. That reflects

the rising economic levels in Eastern Germany. The stronger the East German economy becomes, the more difficult and the more distant will be its integration with Western Germany.

The second reason for wishing to see a serious negotiation about Berlin in the near future is that it would be very desirable that a political settlement should bear the imprint of Adenauer and de Gaulle. What does the West gain, what do Germany and France gain, by putting off serious negotiations until after Adenauer and de Gaulle have departed?

Does anyone know what Germany will be like after Adenauer? Does anyone know what France will be like after de Gaulle? It does not seem to me wise and prudent to put off into the indefinite future the crucial problem of Germany.

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## National Head Of Women's MOD Work Visits Here

Miss Elaine Whitelaw, national director of women's activities for the National Foundation, sponsors of the March of Dimes, visited briefly in Medford yesterday. Miss Whitelaw is making a tour of the nation, stopping at cities which reported unusually successful Mothers' March campaigns.

The Mothers' March was held on Jan. 28 and consisted of a house-to-house canvass for funds to fight polio, birth defects and rheumatoid arthritis, as well as a "door count" which compiled statistics on persons afflicted with the three ailments.

Medford was one of four cities in Oregon which Miss Whitelaw visited. Others were Portland, Salem and Eugene. An increase in the Mothers' March in Jackson county from \$2,800 in 1959 to \$6,001 this year prompted the national director's interest in visiting the area.

Questions Answered Mrs. Vangie Brain, county Mothers' March chairman, answered four questions which Miss Whitelaw is asking on her tour to aid in compiling a new Mothers' March campaign guide. The questions were, How was the campaign organized? To what was your increase in funds due? How were volunteers obtained? What were questions asked by volunteers?

Others meeting with Miss Whitelaw were Mrs. Herb Colley, Medford March chairman, Mrs. E. O. Graham, Jacksonville chairman, and Mrs. Harold Gilbert, Medford, chairman of the Jackson

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

### Puny Protector Was No Match for Storm

It was a glorious, late-summer day; the sun was warm and bright. There was a hint of fall in the air. The garden spiders had cast their shimmering webs from nearly every flower stalk and weed. Late-flying bees were gathering what nectar they could from tardy blooms. The summer was passing.

The homeowner looked out across his garden and watched the air-borne dragonflies as they zig-zagged for mosquitoes. As he watched, two gauzy-winged tiger swallow-tailed butterflies came fluttering into the yard. One was flying a few inches above the other; the lower one was obviously leading the way, the other adjusting its flight to correspond.

It was apparent the "pairing up" was being carried out for the purpose of protection. The one flying high was evidently a male. Wherever the female flew, the other was always hovering a few inches away. He was ever ready to render aid or repel any or all enemies.

### Flew at Stick

The man held a slender stick toward the pair, the male flew at the stick in puny rage. The female paid no attention, but continued to sip nectar from the late flowers. Thinking he had won the conflict with the stick, the male hovered again in the female's vicinity; the man withdrew the stick.

A bird swooped down, changed its course at the last minute and sailed away, missing the two butterflies by a scant two inches. Once again the male seemed to take all the credit for saving his mate. He was her knight in sparkling gossamer; her protector and constant guardian. If a sudden gust of wind sprang up, he was affected by it before she was for he was a little higher in the air. By his actions she seemed to know what to do, for at times like this she settled lower among the flowers and the robe by escaped the sudden gusts.

It seemed so futile, the protection he so willingly offered, for he would be powerless against even the lesser of the enemies. There were agencies of a hundred types that seemed eager to destroy them.

### Storm Brews

Suddenly a heavy mass of cumulous clouds rolled up

county chapter of the National Foundation.

Miss Whitelaw was accompanied by Mrs. Dee Burdick, Portland, state chairman of women's activities, and Walker Larsen, Portland, state representative for the National Foundation.

opened floodgate, the rain fell in pouring torrents. It beat down the flowers and drove the two butterflies into the sodden ground. The frail wings were quickly tattered and torn; they became mere shreds in the downpour. Protector and protected had no chance against the shattering impact of water.

Little rivulets formed as the water eddied in its mad haste to find its own level. To the helpless butterflies it was a raging torrent; they whirled away together on its tiny crest, like two autumn leaves on a river of no return.

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## Ailing Sgt. York Fights Illness, Federal Claims

Pall Mall, Tenn.—(UPI)—The red-haired giant from the Tennessee hills fought with his conscience on a mountain top before he could convince himself that duty to his country outweighed his convictions.

Alvin C. York, then 29 years old, prayed almost all night on the mountain. Then on a November day in 1917 he walked out of the hills and enlisted in the U. S. Army. A rifle had been his constant companion since boyhood, but he didn't hold with killing another human.

A year later the Argonne Forest of France, he wiped out a German machine gun battalion by killing 25 German soldiers and capturing 132. The late Gen. John J. Pershing called him "the greatest civilian soldier of the war."

### Now Bedridden

Sgt. York, now 72, bedridden by years of illness, fighting a huge income tax claim from the federal government, hard-pressed to make ends meet, is asking the government he served to give him a Social Security pension. His

present income is a \$60 monthly disability pension and \$10 monthly as a Medal of Honor winner.

York was hailed as the nation's greatest hero on his return from the war but he steadfastly refused to sign sheafs of contracts that were offered. He finally agreed to a movie version of his life in 1941 in the belief it would be a "public service" with World War II approaching.

That movie caused a lot of his trouble. In 1950 the government filed a tax claim against him alleging he owes

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\$85,442 for an estimated \$150,000 he received from the motion picture. The case has been repeatedly delayed, and York says all the money went for medical bills.

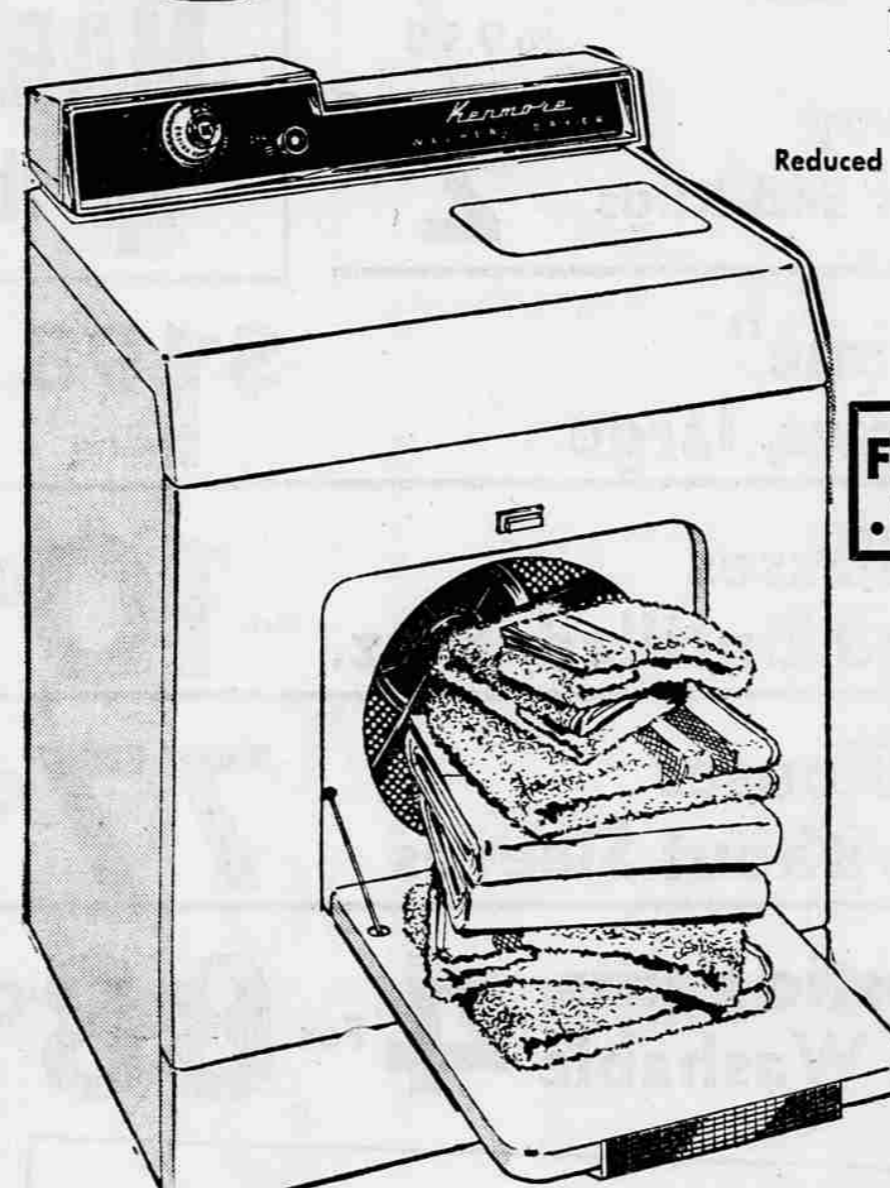
### Suffers Many Ailments

Since 1942 he has been stricken with lobar pneumonia, heart trouble, high blood pressure, a hemorrhage in his right eye and a stroke that left him almost paralyzed. He has been confined to his bed since the stroke six years ago, and the gigantic 6-foot-2, 270-pound physique has wasted away.

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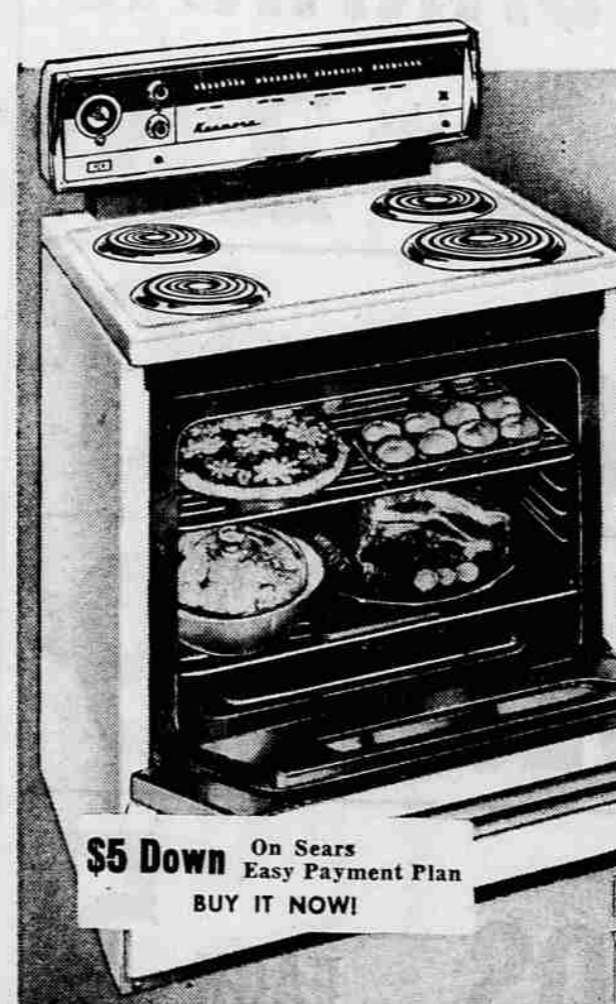
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