

'Great Decisions' Program Starts With Discussion on Divided Germany

Editor's note: The non-profit, non-partisan Foreign Policy Association has launched its seventh annual "Great Decisions" program designed to aid Americans toward a better understanding of events and problems influencing their destiny. The program, which starts today, extends through March 29 and ranges through eight specific discussion topics. The following UPI dispatch is related to the first discussion topic: "Deadlock over Germany—Negotiation or Trigger to Hot War?"

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United Press International
Bonn — President Kennedy is faced with the problems of Berlin and a divided Germany which are as explosive and as apparently insoluble today as when they came into existence 16 years ago.

The Communist regime in East Germany has used the period of deadlock to strengthen its political stature and to tighten its hold on Berlin. The division within Germany steadily grows wider and deeper.

Regularly the West Germans demand reunification and the Communists rebuff them. The deadlock is so firm that several West German politicians have suggested that

the West might as well recognize the existence of two separate German states.

But the official position maintained here in the West German capital is that there is only one legal German state and that the Communist regime imposed on East Germany is illegitimate.

However, this official view has not kept many West Germans from giving up hope of a reunited Germany through free elections by East and West.

The question is, therefore, whether the West should negotiate with the East German regime or wait hopefully for

the deadlock to break. The Russians demand direct negotiation between the two regimes. They are expected to maintain this position in the hope that it will influence the fall elections in West Germany.

It is expected that both Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union and West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt's opposition Socialists will lobby for some new arrangement to better the conditions of the 17 million persons living in East Germany.

Used as Hostages
The Communists admit that they are using these 17 million people and the two million living in West Berlin as hostages.

They are, in effect, pawns in a diplomatic chess game that has been going on since World War II when Germany was divided.

Recently the West German government won a Communist promise to refrain from interfering with traffic into Berlin by threatening to end all trade with East Germany and Russia. But West German leaders realize that this was only one victory in the chess game which involves the world.

They know that the present delicate balance of power in Berlin and Germany could be upset instantaneously and that maintaining the balance depends primarily on the relations between President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Khrushchev previously has used threats against Berlin to force high level diplomatic conferences. It is not unlikely that he may resume these threats to urge Kennedy to take part in a summit conference.

Depends on Kennedy
West Germans believe that much depends on whether Kennedy can make the American position on Berlin credi-

ble and convincing to the Russians. They caution that the Russians may not take him at his word and may try to test him — particularly before the fall elections.

Kennedy sent the following message to the West Berlin magazine "Berlin er Illustrierte" after his inauguration: "The world must know that we will fight for Berlin. We will never permit that city to fall under Communist influence. We are defending the freedom of Paris and New York City when we stand up for freedom in Berlin."

The West German government hopes that the Russians take Kennedy at his word.

HOWARD F. NORWOOD
Former manager of Magnolia Lumber Corp., Inc., Rogue River, Ore.
announces the purchase of the Midtown Motel in Portland, Ore., and extends an invitation to all his former business associates and friends to visit him in his new location

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STATE FISH — California Gov. Edmund G. Brown places several Golden trout in a pond outside the state capitol at Sacramento. The trout, from a pond in the Sierra, are California's official fish. (UPI Telephoto)

The Week in California Legislator Calls for Careful Screening of Proposed Budget

United Press International
Gov. Edmund G. Brown declared that "we can live without a tax increase in California" if the nation's economy climbs at the rate envisioned by the Kennedy administration.

But the governor told newsmen in Sacramento that the future holds some "light, tough going" and he wanted to "leave an escape hatch" on his statement against higher taxes.

Brown gave his views after Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post said that Californians may be faced next year with a \$92 million debt and the possibility of another tax boost.

Post told the State Senate Finance committee that Brown's \$2.8 billion budget this year is barely balanced by using \$110 million in bond funds and \$32 million in surpluses.

"We are rapidly running into very serious financial conditions," he said.

Cut Recommended
In his analysis, Post recommended that the legislature cut \$68 million from the budget, about two-thirds of it from state building construction, which he said appeared to be estimated too high.

But he warned that it was necessary also to screen very carefully the proposed increases in social welfare benefits and education appropriations that were introduced in bills separate from the budget.

At week's end, two survivors of the RB47 reconnaissance plane shot down by Russia left Sacramento for their homes in Kansas after visiting the wives of two missing crewmen.

Capt. John R. McKone, 28, and Freeman Olmstead, 25, spent the night at Mather Air Force base after visiting Mrs. Eugene Posa in Visalia and Mrs. Dean Phillips in Sacramento.

Posa and Phillips have not been heard from since the plane was shot down over the Barents sea last July.

Mrs. Phillips said McKone and Olmstead, recently freed from a Russian prison, were able to tell her little she didn't already know about the fate of her husband, a radar observer.

"I still have hope," she said. Newsmen were barred from talking to the officers.

Dancers: Bare-bosomed African dancers scheduled to appear at the Billmore theater in Los Angeles will have to wear brassieres in their act, the city's police commission warned.

A troupe spokesman said the dancers did not have to wear brassieres in Boston or Philadelphia.

Hearing: A 24-year-old football halfback said he thought one of the pilots had been drinking before the crash of an Arctic Pacific C46 that killed 22 persons including 17 members of the California

Polytech football team. The testimony of halfback James H. Fahey at a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing in Oakland was contradicted by a stewardess who said she was positive neither pilot had been drinking. Medical reports gave no indication that there was alcohol in the pilots' blood, witnesses said.

Bonelli: William G. Bonelli, former California liquor czar now living in Mexico City, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles for income tax evasion. Bonelli failed to report more than \$102,000 in income for 1952 and 1953, evading taxes of more than \$60,000 for the two years, according to Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas R. Sheridan.

RECEIVES TICKETS — G. M. Joyce (right), trainmaster here for the Southern Pacific railroad, acted as master of ceremonies during Friday night's retirement party for Robert (Bob) Holmes, Southern Pacific district passenger and freight agent. He presented Holmes two round trip tickets to Honolulu, Hawaii. The Holmes will leave San Francisco by jet plane on St. Valentine's Day. About 200 people attended the banquet at Kim's restaurant.

SP District Agent Honored At Banquet

Veteran Southern Pacific railroad man Robert (Bob) Holmes was honored at a banquet at Kim's restaurant here Friday night on the occasion of his retirement.

Holmes, district freight and passenger agent, thought friends were taking him to the Medford Chamber of Commerce banquet and was surprised as he entered the banquet room to strains of "He's A Jolly Good Fellow." Approximately 200 people, whose names read like who's who in Pacific Northwest railroading and the shipping world, stood up to give him a thunderous applause.

Mrs. Sonia Griffith, Grants Pass, played the welcoming organ music. As guests seated themselves for the dinner, a blare of band music heralded the arrival of a railroad band. Members of the impromptu group, Bob Church, I. A. Mirk, Jack Walker, Dr. Milo Kubalek and Don Larson, each wore engineer's caps and red bandanas.

Holmes joined the band for a few minutes to demonstrate his dexterity with the cymbals. He led some singing and sang a solo, "South of The Border."

Increased By 6.7 Per Cent
The bureau points out that total levies on property increased by 6.7 per cent over the previous year.

Medford ranks fourth among cities in the 10,000 and over classification in the per capita combined tax paid by its citizens.

Residents of Medford pay a combined property tax of \$2,796,380 which averages out to \$114.76 per person. This is exceeded by Portland with a per capita combined tax of \$147.74; Springfield with a \$126.48 combined tax; and Eugene with a \$119.25 combined tax.

City's Per Capita Property Tax Ranks Next to Portland

Residents of Medford pay the highest per capita city property tax of any of the 14 cities in Oregon outside of Portland having a population of 10,000 or more, according to a report prepared by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

The property tax levy for city purposes in Medford during the 1961-62 fiscal year was \$873,623. This averages out to \$36.06 per person.

This total is exceeded only in Portland where the per capita city property tax is \$45.23. The next highest city in the 10,000 and over classification is Roseburg where the per capita city tax is \$35.13.

The per capita city tax levy for other incorporated cities in Jackson county includes Ashland, \$18.35; Central Point, \$16.36; Jacksonville, \$13.78; and Gold Hill, \$21.72.

In its report the bureau compares the property tax levies in the 220 active incorporated cities in Oregon. Exceeded \$200 Million

The report points out that for the first time in history the total property tax in the

FTC Regulations To Be Reviewed
Oregon businessmen will have a unique opportunity to learn more about Federal Trade Commission regulations at a conference to be held in Portland Feb. 7.

The conference will outline current policies and regulations of the FTC, with special emphasis on advertising and the Robinson-Patman Antidiscrimination Act, according to Leon Garoian, extension marketing management specialist at Oregon State college. Meetings will be held in the Department of Interior building, 1001 NE Lloyd Blvd., starting at 9:30 a.m.

Principal speaker at the conference will be John R. Helm, director of the bureau of consultation for the FTC, Washington, D.C. Walter W. Harris, attorney in charge of the Seattle branch office of the FTC, will also appear on the program.

Reservations for the conference, and for the luncheon, can be made by contacting the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The conference is being sponsored by the Oregon State College Cooperative Extension service, Portland Better Business Bureau, Portland Retail Trade Bureau, and the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Mortuary Accepted Into Fellowship
The Perl Funeral home, Sixth st. and Oakdale ave., Medford, has been accepted into the fellowship of the Order of the Golden Rule, an international organization of funeral directors.

Funeral director - members of the Order are selected for their ability to uphold the ideals of this world-wide organization which is 30 years old, an organization spokesman said.



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fiesta's Seattle office in 1927. In 1931 he was made traveling agent in Spokane and five years later was advanced to general agent there. In February, 1942, he was made district freight and passenger agent at Medford, a position he has held for the past 19 years. His territory extends from the California line north to Oakland, Ore., with an assistant district freight and passenger agent at Roseburg. Holmes was married in 1924 to Helen Strang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strang, Medford pioneers. Strang operated a drug store here for many years.

The railroad agent has been active in the Medford Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Elks club, American Legion and Rogue Valley Country club. He was the subject of a feature story in August, 1960, issue of the Southern Pacific Bulletin, the company magazine.

Holmes' successor is to be announced soon.