Khrushchev's Feeling of Urgency On Germany Felt From Two Causes

Editors Note: Following is the last in a series of articles by Walter Lippmann, New York Herald Tribune syndicated columnist, whose dispatches appear regularly in the Mail Tribune. Lippmann writes of his recent interview with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

By WALTER LIPPMANN

It was clear to me at the end of a long talk that in Khrushchev's mind the future of Germany is the key question. I sought first to understand why he thinks the German problem is so urgent, and so I asked him whether, since a settlement was so far off, a standstill of five or ten years might not be desirable. He said this was impossible. Why? Because there must be a German solution before "Hitler's generals with their 12 NATO divisions get atomic weapons from France and the United States. Before this happens there must be a peace treaty defining the frontiers of Poland and Czechoslovakia and stabilizing the existence of the East German state. Otherwise, West Germany will drag NATO into a war for the unification of Germany and the restoration of the old Eastern frontier.

His feeling of urgency then, springs from two causes: his need to consolidate the Communist East German state —known for short as GDR—and second his need to do this before West Germany is rearmed. He said several times that he would soon bring the German question to a head. Quite evidently, the possibility of nuclear arms for West Germany is not immediate. Bonn does not now have the weapons and although the possibility of it is real enough, the more immediately urgent consideration is, no doubt, the need to stabilize the East German regime, particularly in view of the flow of refugees.

Committed To Showdown

My general impression was that he was firmly resolved, perhaps irretrievably committed, to a showdown on the German question. But it is evident also that he dreaded the tension — he referred to this several times—and is still looking for a negotiation which will work out a postponement and an accommodation.

In the talks it transpired that he is thinking of the problem as having three phases.

The first is what he considers the real and also the eventual solution. He has no hope, however, that the West will now accept it. His thesis is as follows. The two Germanys cannot be reunited. The West will not agree to a unified Communist Germany and the Soviet Union will not agree to the absorption and destruction of the GDR by West Germany. There are in fact two Germanys. The way to proceed is, then, to "codify" the status quo in the form of peace treaties with what he called the three elements of Germany. These three elements are West Germany, East Germany, and West Berlin.

This codification would require de facto but not diplomatic recognition of the GDR. It would fix by international statute the position of West Berlin as "a free city," with its right of access and its internal liberty guaranteed by the presence of "symbolic contingents" of French, British, American, and Russian troops, by neutral troops under the aegis of the U.N., and by the signatures of the two Germanys and the four occupying powers.

'Fallback' Position

As I said above, Khrushchev does not expect at this time to reach this solution. He has, therefore, a second position which he called a "fallback" position. This is essentially that of the Soviets at the last Geneva conference of the Foreign Ministers. It would call for a temporary agreement in the Russian view but not in our view this temporary agreement would have a short and fixed time limit of perhaps two to three years. During this time the German states would be invited to negotiate on a form of unification — perhaps though he did not say so specifically in this talk, a kind of loose confederation. At the end of the fixed period of time, if a new agreement about West Berlin along the lines I have outlined previously was reached, it would be embodied in a treaty. If no agreement was reached, the legal rights of occupation would lapse.

This German solution was, as we know, refused by the West. But if there is to be another round of negotiation, variants on it are likely to be the substance of the bargaining.

Third Position

If this fails, Khrushchev's third position is that he will sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany. Then the GDR will in the Soviet view be sovereign over the rights of access to West Berlin. If the Western powers refuse to do business with the GDR and use force to enter West Berlin, then the Soviet government will use the Red Army to blockade West Berlin.

Though it would be foolish to undervalue his determination, the threat is not quite so fierce as is sounds. For he most certainly does not want a military showdown, and "doing business" with the GDR is a flexible and not a rigid conception.

I have confined myself strictly to reporting my understanding of the Soviet policy on Germany. If I may venture an opinion of my own, I would make these points.

First, Khrushchev will not precipitate a crisis until he has had a chance to talk face to face with President Kennedy.

Second, he will surely sign a separate peace treaty if he cannot negotiate a temporary accommodation which is described under his "second position."

Third, the crucial points which will determine whether the German question is resolved by negotiation or goes to a showdown are whether the prospect of nuclear arms for Germany increases or diminishes, and whether or not we say that the freedom of West Berlin, to which we are pledged, can be maintained only by a refusal to negotiate about this future.

Interview Sobering

I have been asked many times since we left the Soviet Union to come to London whether I found the whole interview encouraging or depressing. I found it sobering. On the one hand, the evidence was convincing that the U.S.S.R. is not contemplating war and is genuinely concerned to prevent any crisis, be it in Laos, in Cuba, or in Germany, from becoming uncontrollable. On the other hand, there is no doubt that the Soviet government has a relentless determination to foster the revolutionary movement in the underdeveloped countries. This relentless determination springs from an unqualified faith in the predestined acceptance of Communism by the underdeveloped countries. The Soviet government has great confidence in its own military forces. But it regards them not as an instrument of world conquest but as the guardian against American interference with the pre-destined world revolution.

I was sobered by all this because I do not think there is any bluff in it.

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Use of Nylon by American Industry Doubled Since 1950

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD
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New York — (UPI) — Although nylon is best known as a glamour fiber used in stockings, sweaters, and rugs, it has all the human qualities useful in commerce and industry.

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The use of nylon by American industry has doubled since 1950 — from 10-12 million pounds to 25-30 million pounds last year.

As an engineering material, nylon is especially useful in the chemical, mechanical and electrical industries where its chemical and corrosion resistance and its insulation characteristics have opened new sales for the plastic.

Qualities of Nylon

Nylon parts have high strength and wear resistance and offer high resilience, according to its manufacturers. One of its most appealing features, however, is its frictional characteristics. A nylon part generally requires little or no lubrication when used as a sliding surface.

Evidence of nylon's growing use in industry was seen recently by the entry in the National Metals Show of the Polymer Corp., an industrial plastics manufacturer.

Development Pioneered

Polymer has pioneered the development of nylon in semi-finished shapes for industry since 1946. Through its research nylon has bridged the gap from textiles to industry, largely through discovery of means for producing it in rod, plate, strip and tubing shapes.

Polymer says it now produces and maintains one of the widest assortments of nylon shapes and sizes to be found anywhere.

Typical industrial uses for nylon shapes are for machining and stamping into gears, cams, valves, washers, rollers, insulating blocks, and general wear parts in machinery.

Representative end uses are as bearing retainers in missile gyroscopes, as gears and cams in electric razors and appliances, as rollers guiding oven doors, or as casters for rolling heavy machinery and furniture.

Varied Uses

Polymer noted that nylon also can be manufactured into high strength, corrosion resistant hose and tubing for conveying liquids, gases and air. These are used as hydraulic brake lines of trucks and buses, as ink and lubricative lines in large printing presses, as syrup dispensers in soft drink machines, and in a wide variety of situations in chemical processing, where nylon offers resistance to acids, caustics and solvents.

Polymer recently began production of a new nylon which it said promises to expand considerably the applications of nylon in industry. A unique technique enables it to produce this new fiber in semi-finished shapes in massive sizes never before available. These sizes are expected to be most useful as wear parts in heavy machinery.

Used in Powders

In addition to semi-finished shapes, nylon also is used in powders which are suitable for a wide range of uses, such as an additive to floor waxes, lubricants and other products and as coatings for metal parts such as metals and glass.

Consumer applications include coatings for dish racks, metal windows, screens and door frames, and furniture.

Committee Okays Highway 42 Bonds

Salem—(UPI)—A bill to unfreeze $4 million in bonds for Highway 42 won 5-3 approval from the Senate Highways Committee Monday.

Senate action on the House approved bill is expected later this week.

Voting against the bill in committee were Sens. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie) and Melvin Goode (R-Albany).

The bill got bogged down last week when absence of committee members combined with some opposition left it short of the necessary four votes to send out the bill with a "do pass" recommendation.

Duncan Concerned By Milk Price War

Salem — (UPI) — House Speaker Robert B. Duncan said Tuesday he and any other consumer is "grateful for any cut in the cost of living" but he expressed "great concern" over what appears to be a milk price war in the making.

Milk prices have been slashed by several cents in the Willamette valley and the House food and dairying committee has scheduled an investigation for Thursday night.

Duncan said such a cut is "not healthy if its result is the financial ruin of the producers of Oregon upon which we depend for a steady supply of wholesome milk and milk products."

NOT A FIGHTER

Melton Mowbray, England—(UPI)—Caesar began his army career Monday with a sentence of 14 days in confinement. Caesar is a two-year-old Alsatian and he went AWOL last week on his day in the service. He took one look at the war dog training school his master and boiled. Caesar was found Monday—in a nearby pet food factory.

Oregon Economy Said Looking Up

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said Monday Oregon "is shaking off the effects of the recession and is back on the truck for an expanded economy."

The governor cited these signs from a planning and development report as "solid evidence" of an upturn:

—More than $5 million in industrial plant expansion and new plant projects reported during March.

—Six new plant openings and expansions totaling $1.8 million and involving 170 jobs during the month.

—Three expansion starts costing $475,000 which will create 40 new jobs.

—Announcement of four new projects totaling $2.9 million and involving some 100 new jobs.

AMENDMENT OKD

Salem — (UPI) — The Senate Health and Welfare committee Monday approved an amendment that would wipe out all present claims by the state against relatives under "the relative responsibility act."

Accusations Made In Pact Involving OSC in Thailand

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Otto E. Passman has accused the Foreign Aid Agency of a "deliberate attempt to withhold or conceal pertinent information" about a controversial foreign aid contract in Thailand.

The Louisiana Democrat, chairman of the Foreign Aid Appropriations subcommittee, made the charge during a closed door investigation several weeks ago. The testimony was made public Tuesday.

The contract, recently canceled, was made in 1954 with Oregon State College and involved Kasetart University in Thailand. Total costs ran to over $2 million.

Said Information 'Denied'

Passman said no foreign aid mission had ever refused to discuss future projects before. "It was in this one country, where we had uncovered a deplorable mess, that we were denied this information," he said.

Passman's accusations were prompted by an order sent to Thomas Naughten, director of the Foreign Aid Mission in Thailand. It said budget estimates on future foreign aid projects could not be disclosed to members of Congress.

Passman said he wanted "the record to indicate there was something in Thailand you possibly thought this committee should not see, or else this cablegram would not have gone out."

Accusations Denied

But D. A. Fitzgerald, deputy director for aid operations, denied Passman's accusations.

"This was not a put up job to deny particular information in Bangkok," he said.

Fitzgerald said the secrecy directive to the foreign aid director in Thailand was based on a 1957 Budget Bureau order.

Passman rejected Fitzgerald's denials. He said the order was an attempt to hide the details "about a contract that was as stinking as has ever come before this subcommittee."

Passman said one of the aid officials in Thailand who had recommended canceling the Oregon State contract subsequently was demoted by foreign aid headquarters in Washington.

Boating Accident Brings $100 Fine

Gresham—(UPI)—A $100 fine was meted out in Gresham Justice Court Monday to Glen Miller, 24, Forest Grove, in connection with a Columbia river boating accident Saturday.

Miller's 13-foot outboard runabout was involved in an accident in which a 26-year-old Troutdale man, Benton Randolph Yost, apparently drowned. Search for the body continues.

Miller was charged with failure to provide enough life preservers for himself and three other passengers. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Sidney Bartels.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT

Mildred Collins, Medford, driving while under the influence of intoxicants, $3.

Sarah A. Walser, failure to stop, $15.

Jerry R. Hemingway, violation of basic rule, $15.

Chester W. Turnbull, no vehicle license, $25.

Melvin Fields, violation of basic rule, $15.

Joan K. Ford, failure to stop, $15.

Fendis M. Mincks, no operator's license, $5.

John A. McNess, no motor vehicle license, $5.

John R. Reid, failure to stop, $15.

Cecil R. Roberts, speeding, $15.

Thomas A. Thompson, overheight load, $15.

Patrick H. Shaw, 517 West Fourth st, Medford, reckless driving, $150.

CIRCUIT COURT

Horace James Burrow vs. Lillian May Burrow, divorce decree.

Mary M. Drager vs. John Dragger, divorce decree.

Leslie Simpson Simpson vs. John Leslie Simpson, divorce decree.

Lois Jean Wells vs. Freddy Ervin Wells, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Curtis James Payne, USS Ranger, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., and Nebs Florence Taylor, box 217, Gold Hill.

MORE HOUSING DUE

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Monday the Housing and Home Finance Agency has authorized increases in the number of units of low cost private housing in Portland.

CRISIS DISCUSSED— Democratic Congressional leaders pose for photographers outside the White House after a meeting with President Kennedy at which they discussed the Cuban crisis and Soviet Premier Khrushchev's threat to intervene. Speaker Sam Rayburn called the situation "serious." From left, they are Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., Rep. Carl Vinson, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, and Sen. Hubert Humphrey. (UPI Telephoto)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three men and a women's editor. Each week is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been presented to responsible agencies and counselors. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Shirley T. — If he mentions the past, he'll never get a decent job.

Arthur T. — I'd have to worry from day to day that the truth would come out.

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Shirley T. — My husband is a skilled accountant. In fact he was too skilled, because it led to his downfall. He had to find a way with some embezzlement by some fancy figure juggling. But no. He wound up instead with a prison sentence for fraud. Basically he's a law abiding person. Part of the blame for his crime is mine, I admit, for splurging, nagging, and dragging us down into heavy debt.

We've learned our lesson. During his term, I went to work and I'll keep at it until Art gets back on his feet. But in seeking a job he insists upon telling all. I urge him to use a few white lies. He can mention the names of a few small concerns under "previous employers," and say that he left them to better himself in a large organization.

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Arthur T. — Nobody is going to roll out the red carpet for an associate who has served time, and especially for a bookkeeper or an accountant who succumbed to temptation. But I may be able to convince an employer to give me a chance, if I lay my cards on the table and tell him the truth.

I'm a topnotch worker. I made one bad mistake which I've paid for. Now I must start all ever, just like a college kid, with no references.

While this might get me past the front door, I'd never have a moment's peace, and constantly worry about being found out. It would be awful, working under a cloud all the time.

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The Council: While we admire Shirley's loyalty and sympathy towards Arthur, we deplore her advice that he falsify his credentials, even as an expedient toward getting inside the door of a business office. His eye would be more on that door than on his ledgers, as he watched it for the inevitable "tink" that would tie his present to his past. It would be "Les Miserables" all over again, with Arthur playing Jean Valjean, the quarry.

The wiser course would be for Arthur to avail himself of the placement facilities sponsored by organizations dedicated to the welfare of ex-cons who have vowed to hold on to that "ex" forever! Some of these groups have achieved such high "make good" records on the part of the workers they've recommended, that employers show no hesitation in accepting their candidates.

One such sponsoring group, for example, is Dismas House in St. Louis, Mo. "In the past year or so," says the Jesuit priest in charge, "we have found jobs for approximately a thousand former jailbirds. Not a single one has failed us."

Other recourses are The Prison Association, 135 E. 15 st., New York City, and The Osborne Association, 114 E. 30 st., New York City — the latter founded by the late Thomas Mott Osborne, a former warden of Sing Sing. He served time in Auburn Prison secretly and incognito, to get the "feel."

The straight and narrow lies ahead for Arthur. White lies, Shirley, might make it seem wiser for a brief time, but they wouldn't be worth the risk. The truth is the better risk, especially since the arms of a compassionate community, represented by bodies such as the above mentioned, are eager to take it from there.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20): 3-6-19-22-27-33-38-44-47-50-55-59-70-76

TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21): 2-You'll-4-Avoid-8-Be-12-Out-14-Of-18-Ideas-20-Ahead-24-Of-28-Trouble-32-Don't-34-Friends-38-Be-42-Too-46-Your-50-Self-54-Necessarily-58-Can-62-Disagree-66-Feel-70-Someone-74-Bored-78-Stars-82-Work-86-Pleasant-90-Day-94-Bad-98-Money

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 22): 2-13-40-61-67-72-83-88

CANCER (JUNE 23-JULY 22): 1-18-56-60-63-68-74

LEO (JULY 24-AUG. 23): 4-11-14-17-36-43-81-87

VIRGO (AUG. 24-SEPT. 23): 1-16-30-34-58-66-90

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23): 10-12-15-35-46-49-52-69

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22): 18-21-23-25-31-38-79-83-89

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 22): 37-39-42-57-64-77-84-88

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23-JAN. 20): 5-7-20-22-28-41-45

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19): 49-52-54-65-71-73-75

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20): 1-8-9-26-32-40-51-62

Good, Adverse, Neutral

McNamara Issues Code of Conduct

Washington — (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has issued a code of conduct governing defense personnel's acceptance of gifts and use of cars and other government property.

Military and civilian personnel were instructed to report to the Justice Department any offer of "gift, favor or hospitality" that might be considered an attempted bribe.

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Laotian Cancels Washington Trip

Washington — (UPI) — The United States may have received a setback in efforts to solve the Laos crisis by Laotian neutralist leader Souvanna Phouma's sudden cancellation of his trip to Washington.

Souvanna, former Laotian premier now visiting Nikita Khrushchev in Russia, called off his Washington trip Tuesday night in an apparent huff because Secretary of State Dean Rusk would be out of town Thursday, the day he wanted to come.

Officials here said it was too early to predict what effect this would have on negotiations for a cease fire in Laos. It would depend partly on what agreements Souvanna, a powerful figure in Laotian politics, made in Russia.

Souvanna had been scheduled to come Tuesday or today, but delayed the trip to visit Khrushchev at his Black Sea resort. Rusk had a long-standing speaking engagement in Atlanta Thursday and asked Souvanna if he could come later.

Tuesday, Souvanna responded by calling the whole thing off. He also apparently was miffed over lack of any assurance he would get to see President Kennedy.

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