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American Army Convoys Stopped At Crossing Point

Pressure Increased By Reconnaissance

BERLIN (UPI)—Soviet troops mounted a major threat to the Allies' single highway link between this isolated city and West Germany today. The United States immediately protested to the Soviet Union.

A U.S. Army convoy was being held at the Soviets' Babelsberg checkpoint at the West Berlin end of the 110-mile autobahn through East Germany. Second in 24 hours.

It was the second time one of the convoys had been held up in 24 hours. Another U.S. Army convoy moved down to the autobahn and joined it.

The Soviets also partially blocked the autobahn between Babelsberg and the West Berlin crossing point a mile away with more than a dozen armored personnel carriers.

Each side increased pressure on the other with aerial reconnaissance flights over the other's checkpoint, using helicopters, artillery spotter planes, transports and a single Soviet jet fighter.

U.S. Berlin Commandant Maj. Gen. James H. Polk met with the British and French commanders for an hour and three-quarters to discuss the tense situation. They "will continue to keep it under review," an official spokesman said.

The crisis escalated rapidly from a relatively commonplace disagreement between a Soviet control officer and a U.S. convoy commander Thursday.

The Soviet control officer demanded the U.S. commander order his men to dismount and line up at the side of the road to be counted.

The commander, as the U.S. Army claims is its four-power right, refused.

But the Russians said the personnel carriers would continue to block the autobahn until the new East-West controversy is settled.

Audit of Books Discussed Today

After 1½ hours this morning of charges and counter-charges, statements and contradictory statements, County Commissioner Edwin Taylor and R. J. (Bob) McNeil, Medford businessman, appeared no closer to obtaining a "complete and impartial audit" of the Howard Prairie concession books.

Taylor said at first he only wanted to see the regular audit made by County Auditor George Stacey. Later in the public meeting he said a complete audit should be made to show concessionaire Bob Johnston's profit and loss statements.

Johnston, of Johnston Stores, Medford, in a prepared statement said he would have no objections to revealing his Howard Prairie earnings to a duly appointed official or official group if it "would serve a constructive purpose."

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U.S. Registers Strong Protest Against Block

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States today made a protest "in strong terms" to the Soviet Union against the blocking of American military traffic to and from West Berlin.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk summoned Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin to his office to express the U.S. objection.

Officials said Rusk demanded an explanation. Dobrynin promised to consult Moscow. Also emphasizing the seriousness of the situation senior diplomats of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany gathered at the State Department to confer on the matter.

This most tense U.S.-Soviet controversy in several months was raised Thursday night by President Kennedy with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during their two-hour White House conference, it was disclosed today.

Disclaims Knowledge
Officials said Gromyko, when asked by Kennedy why the Russians were holding up U.S. military convoys, replied that he did not know the facts about the incident but would endeavor to find out.

The White House said today the President was being kept abreast of the Russian harassment on the West Berlin access routes.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger declined to make any definitive comment except to note that Dobrynin had been called to the State Department earlier by Rusk.

The senior diplomats who met to discuss the situation shortly after Dobrynin left Rusk's office comprise an allied "steering committee."

The snarl over the access routes to encircled West Berlin tended to raise questions about whether the Soviet Union was really anxious for more cordial relations with the United States.

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'Don't Ignore West,' Hatfield Tells Republican Party Hopefuls

'Dark Horses' Are Welcome, Governor Says

Conference Hears Keynote Address

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI)—Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield warned potential 1964 Republican presidential nominees today not to ignore the West.

Backers of two front-runners—Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller—indicated they had no intention of doing so.

The youthful governor, often mentioned as a possible GOP vice presidential nominee next year, keyed the opening session of a three-day Western Republican conference. An estimated 1,000 delegates from 13 states were present.

'Dark Horses' Welcomed
He appealed for Goldwater and Rockefeller, who will be here in person Saturday, to enter Western primary elections and said he would welcome "public" dark horses to try their track for time and distance.

Hatfield spoke particularly of Oregon's May 14 primary, the West's first, predicted the candidate who wins his state will gain the "momentum" to carry California's June primary and the national convention at San Francisco.

Of Oregon's primary, he said: "I will not go to anyone on a silver platter."

Others Invited
Although he mentioned only Goldwater and Rockefeller as "prominently mentioned" potential Republican nominees, Hatfield said he welcomed to the "public forum" former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the GOP's unsuccessful 1960 nominee. Nixon has denied that he is a candidate for the 1964 nomination.

Supporters of Rockefeller and Goldwater arrived at this college town, population 50,000, to push for their candidates, although neither has formally announced he is running.

George Hinman, New York national committeeman closely associated with Rockefeller, told newsmen Thursday night that "responsible leadership" of the party was uncommitted to a presidential nominee and intended to remain so.

Hard Fight Seen
Reiterating that he expected Rockefeller to be a candidate for president and to enter both the early New Hampshire and the California primaries, Hinman said:

"It will be a hard fight in both but I think he can carry them."

He said the New York governor had received "extremely warm" responses to personal appearances in "areas that reputedly are Goldwater Country." He mentioned northern Illinois, West Virginia and Virginia.

Clifford White of New York, director of the National Draft Goldwater committee, met briefly with newsmen on his arrival Thursday night and said the senator "is gaining strength all the time."

Mrs. Judy Fernald of Montclair, N. J., secretary of the Draft Goldwater group, told UPI: "It's the first real draft movement probably since George Washington." She said women party workers are overwhelmingly behind the Arizona senator.

VEENER MILL PLANNED
REDMOND (UPI)—Construction is scheduled to begin immediately on a green veneer mill planned here by Jefferson Plywood Co.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers this evening. For Saturday morning, increasing cloudiness. Saturday, Rain Saturday night or Sunday morning. Low tonight 48. High Saturday 68.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 2:18 a.m.
New Moon Oct. 17
Prominent Star Capella, in north.

Visible Plants 9:04 p.m.
Saturn, due south 9:08 a.m.
Jupiter, higher in south 12:44 a.m.
Mercury, rises 6:29 a.m.

Negotiations for Sale of White Stag Halted
PORTLAND (UPI)—Negotiations for the sale of White Stag Manufacturing Co. of Portland to Genesco Co. of New York have been broken off. White Stag president Harold Hoch said Thursday.

GOP HOPES FOR GAIN
EUGENE, Ore. (UPI)—The Republicans hope to gain at least seven Congressional seats in the 13 Western states.



RUBBLE REMOVED—Italian Alpine troops dig a car out of the mud and rubble at Longarone, Italy, following the Vajont dam flood. One official described the town as "just a coffin now; just one huge mud-covered coffin." (UPI)

Adenauer Hands Resignation To Bonn President

BONN (UPI)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, for 14 years head of the West German government, today formally tendered his resignation to President Heinrich Lübke.

Adenauer, 87, traveled from his chancellery to the presidential palace next door at mid-morning to report to Lübke on his trip to Berlin Thursday and to hand in his resignation.

Photographers called on short notice took pictures of Adenauer handing Lübke a large white envelope. Only a half hour later were reporters told the envelope contained Adenauer's resignation.

According to a schedule agreed on several days ago, Lübke will announce to parliament Tuesday he has accepted Adenauer's resignation, but asked him to remain on as a caretaker until a successor is elected by the two parties forming the government coalition to form the new government.

Lübke is to send Erhard's nomination to the parliament Wednesday. The lower house will vote on the nomination without debate.

As the Christian Democrats, which Adenauer and Erhard lead, and their partners, the Free Democrats, together have a majority, Erhard's election is a sure thing.

Jones Indicted by County Grand Jury

A Jackson county grand jury late last evening indicted Rance Jones, 24, of Los Angeles, on a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Jones, who was arrested by Oregon state police Sept. 29, was indicted in connection with the assault earlier that day of Joseph Albert Josephson, 51, of Prospect. Jones was originally charged with grand larceny, auto. He was arraigned on that charge Sept. 30 with bail set at \$3,000.

Josephson, who was hospitalized at Sacred Heart hospital, had been beaten about the head, officers said, and later his car was stolen. State police located the Josephson car abandoned at Ft. Klamath and arrested Jones north of there on Highway 232.

Mrs. Robert Church, wife of the chief meteorologist at the Medford office of the U. S. weather bureau, is being returned to Medford this afternoon from Friday Harbor, Wash., where she suffered head injuries when hit by a falling tree.

Mercy Flights Inc., left for Washington about 11 o'clock this morning along with a nurse, to return Mrs. Church to the Rogue Valley hospital.

According to information received here, Mr. and Mrs. Church were vacationing at a summer home on Lopez Island in the San Juan Islands off the coast of western Washington.

They were clearing the property when Mrs. Church was hit by the falling tree Thursday evening about dusk. She was flown from there to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island Thursday evening where she was hospitalized.

Church is expected to drive back to Medford.

Italian Rescuers Search Through Mud for Victims

BELLUNO, Italy (UPI)—Rescue workers searched through 25 miles of mud today for the thousands of bodies believed buried in "one huge coffin" by a speeding wave of water and debris.

An estimated 4,000 persons were killed late Wednesday night when a landslide plunged into the Vajont Dam reservoir.

Rezoning Proposal Draws Opposition From Area Residents

A proposal to rezone certain properties along Barnett rd. and Ellendale dr. from limited commercial or multiple family down to single family met with stiff opposition at last night's meeting of the Medford planning commission.

Several property owners, three of them represented by counsel, appeared at the meeting to protest the proposed changes. The commission finally voted to continue the matter.

Commission President Elwood Hedberg reminded the audience at the beginning of the meeting that the matter had been placed on the agenda by motion of the commission itself in order "to review" the zoning in the area of the two streets.

Zoned Commercial
"Much of this land has been zoned commercial for some time now," Hedberg said, "yet there had been no commercial development on it."

Hedberg said the commercial zone perhaps "puts a false value" on the property. He said the commission was concerned at the amount of undeveloped commercial property in the city.

But the property owners, several of them speaking through their lawyers, Frank J. Van Dyke and Manville Heigel, argued that no "changes" have occurred in the vicinity of the property which justified reducing the zoning to single family.

If anything, they argued, the changes which have taken place tended to argue for leaving the property zoned as it was at limited commercial or multiple family.

Cites Completion of Work
To support his contention, Van Dyke cited completion of the Interstate 5 interchange at Barnett rd., the new railroad crossing at Barnett rd., completion of the Highland dr. extension, and the traffic generated by Rogue Valley Manor, St. Mary's High school and Rogue Valley hospital.

Commissioner Hank Hart asked for a show of hands on whether the property should be rezoned to multiple family. All property owners present voted against the proposal.

At the suggestion of Hedberg, the matter was continued until the next regular meeting Nov. 14 in order to give the commission time to study the situation further.

Outbreak of Botulism Adds Another Patient
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—The latest victim of the rare but deadly botulism outbreak was reported in "very critical" condition today.

The patient, George Breault, 54, was placed in a respirator after the virulent food poisoning began to affect his respiratory system Thursday.

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VOLCANO ERUPTS ON ALASKAN ISLAND
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI)—A volcano erupted Thursday on Augustine Island about 180 miles southwest of here, hurling smoke and debris 12,000 feet into the air and setting fire to trees on the island.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

KENNEDY CONFERRING ON BERLIN CRISIS
WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy conferred today for 45 minutes with his top diplomatic and military advisers about the new crisis involving access routes to West Berlin.

DAMAGED SUGAR REFINERY IN PRODUCTION
MOSES LAKE, Wash. (UPI)—Sugar beet processing began again today at the Utah-Idaho sugar plant which was rocked Sept. 24 by an explosion that claimed seven lives.

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