

Erhard on Way To U. S. To Meet With President Johnson

Common Market, Berlin Situation

Discussion Topics

BONN, Germany (UPI)—Chancellor Ludwig Erhard left today for the United States where he will assure President Johnson that the European Common Market is not turning isolationist.

Erhard was accompanied by Foreign Minister Gerhard Schröder and other high officials.

According to official sources, Erhard intends to tell Johnson he is pleased with the agreement reached by the common market ministers in Brussels Monday. But the real test of the decisions taken there, Erhard is understood to believe, will come during next year's so-called Kennedy round of international tariff reduction talks.

Berlin On Agenda

High on the list of items to be discussed at Johnson's Texas ranch home, where the meeting will take place Saturday and Sunday, will be the situation in Berlin where the Communists have for the first time in two and a half years permitted West Berliners to visit relatives in the Eastern half.

Erhard had planned a meeting with the late President Kennedy last month to discuss policies and get acquainted following his taking over from retired Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in October. But the President was assassinated two days before Erhard's scheduled arrival in Washington. Johnson urged him to reschedule the talks as soon as possible.

Western plans for continued diplomatic probes with the Soviet Union and the future of U.S. trade with Europe were expected to dominate the discussions.

West Germany and the United States approved such probes at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council meeting in Paris 10 days ago.

Need German Approval
But specific German approval of the various measures proposed for discussion with Moscow must now be given, since most of them directly affect Germany.

They include the establishment of military observer posts on both sides of the Iron Curtain to reduce the danger of surprise attack, and any arrangement that would concern Berlin.

Erhard has said he supports any U.S. attempt to discuss these issues with the Soviet Union as long as Germany's interests are safeguarded.

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Foreign Briefs

MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS HELD AT GUNPOINT
KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI)—Two mountain climbers, a Japanese and a Sherpa, reported today they were held at gunpoint for five days by Chinese Communist soldiers at Thakrakot checkpoint in Nepalese territory.

They said the Chinese claimed the mountain they were reconnoitering — Thakpu — was in Chinese-occupied Tibet.

ATTACKING COLOMBIAN INDIANS CROSS BORDER
MARACAIBO, Venezuela (UPI)—Indians attacking across the border from Colombia clashed with police in the Venezuelan coastal town of Paraguaipoa, it was reported today. Unofficial sources said three Indians were killed and "several" wounded in the gunfight.

SWISS TOURIST SHOT BY ISRAELI BORDER PATROL
JERUSALEM, Israel (UPI)—Hans Peter Frei, a Swiss tourist, was recovering in a hospital today from a gunshot wound in the back inflicted by an Israeli border patrol.

Police said Frei, 27, wandered out of a Jordanian settlement where he had spent Christmas with a tourist group, and strayed near the border where he twice reportedly failed to heed orders to halt.

SUSAN HEADS FOR SOUTHERN JAPAN
TOKYO (UPI)—Typhoon Susan, with 153 mile-per-hour winds, was reported moving through the western Pacific towards southern Japan today.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center on Guam said the storm was located 467 miles southwest of Iwo Jima early today, moving northwest at 15 miles per hour.

BRITISH HOUDINI ENGINEERS ESCAPE
LONDON (UPI)—Terence Cuts, the Houdini of British prisons, engineered a Christmas day escape — his 15th — and still is at large, police sources said today.

The 35-year-old escape artist, sentenced to 10 years in October, 1959, scaled a wall at Brixton Prison with a rope to make his getaway Christmas night at a time when security precautions had been slackened, the sources said.

Cuts, described as "the man no jail can hold," has made seven prison breaks and eight escapes from detention schools.

Stocks Close Week With Modest Gain; Chemicals Higher

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks closed with a modest gain today.

Steels were mixed and mostly narrow. Chrysler and General Motors retreated but Ford was firm. Chemicals were higher with Du Pont up around 1 1/2 and Eastman Kodak and Union Carbide up fractions.

AVC Corp., which made a tender offer which includes Monsanto Chemical stock, made some progress. Monsanto also fared well.

Xerox was higher through most of the session, but turned near the close and finished slightly lower.

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Stassen Ponders Republican Race

Former Minnesota Governor Claims Urging by Ike

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen said Thursday night he is considering running for the Republican presidential nomination at the urging of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Stassen, who had served as Eisenhower's disarmament advisor, said he would decide next month and that he has conferred with Republican leaders of several states. If he says his hat into the ring, he said, he will make a "vigorous fight for it," entering some of the primaries.

Stassen said he was one of several persons asked by the former President to consider entering the GOP presidential race so that the party can have the widest possible selection. Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania and U.S. Ambassador to South Viet Nam Henry Cabot Lodge disclosed recently they too had been asked to run by the former President.

One of Several
Stassen said the Republican platform should be based on the policies of the Eisenhower administration and some of the principles of the late President John F. Kennedy, such as the partial ban on nuclear tests and the civil rights fight. The GOP, he said, should sponsor modernizing the United Nations and further disarmament in foreign relations and a balanced budget and full employment at home.

"I'm more interested in getting America to move on these big steps than being a candidate," he said.

Mansion in Morocco Given to Mrs. Kennedy

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—Princess Ialla Aicha of Morocco paid a two-hour visit with Mrs. John F. Kennedy Thursday and presented the former First Lady with a century-old mansion in the Middle-East of Morocco.

The mansion was a gift from King Hassan of Morocco, brother of the princess.

Castro Fair Play Committee Seeking To Quit Business

By FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY
NEW YORK (UPI)—The pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) quietly is seeking to go out of business, it was learned today.

In its stormy 27 months of existence, the committee — financed originally by the Castro Cuban delegation to the United Nations — has engaged in street brawls, been investigated by Congress, and more recently, tied in by implication with the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Registration Denied
Suspected presidential assassin, Lee H. Oswald, a self-confessed Marxist, identified himself to authorities on his capture as a chapter chairman of FPCC in New Orleans and Dallas. The FPCC claimed he was never a registered member but the Federal Bureau of Investigation dug up correspondence between Oswald and V. T. Lee, the FPCC national chairman.

Informed sources said FPCC began disintegrating even before the Dallas tragedy. Many of its original 29 sponsors—the list included Truman Capote.

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

By United Press International

Stock	Bid	Ask
Bank America	61 1/2	62 1/2
Bank of America	21	22
Bank of California	21	22
Bank of New York	21	22
Bank of the West	21	22
Bank of the South	21	22
Bank of the North	21	22
Bank of the East	21	22
Bank of the Middle	21	22
Bank of the West Coast	21	22
Bank of the Pacific	21	22
Bank of the Mountain States	21	22
Bank of the South Atlantic	21	22
Bank of the Gulf	21	22
Bank of the Florida	21	22
Bank of the Alabama	21	22
Bank of the Georgia	21	22
Bank of the Louisiana	21	22
Bank of the Mississippi	21	22
Bank of the Tennessee	21	22
Bank of the Kentucky	21	22
Bank of the Virginia	21	22
Bank of the North Carolina	21	22
Bank of the South Carolina	21	22
Bank of the Florida	21	22
Bank of the Alabama	21	22
Bank of the Georgia	21	22
Bank of the Louisiana	21	22
Bank of the Mississippi	21	22
Bank of the Tennessee	21	22
Bank of the Kentucky	21	22
Bank of the Virginia	21	22
Bank of the North Carolina	21	22
Bank of the South Carolina	21	22

British Press Joins Labor Party in Demanding Investigation of Fire Aboard Greek Cruise Ship

LONDON (UPI)—The British press and Labor party opposition demanded a government inquiry today into the fire which burned the Greek cruise liner Lakonia at sea and took as many as 155 lives.

The demands came because the ship sailed from Southampton and most of the passengers were Britons on a Christmas cruise into African waters. Some have charged that the Lakonia crew panicked and misbehaved. The captain of the Lakonia and other passengers praised the crew.

Thursdays Patrick Gordon-Walker, the Labor party's spokesman on foreign affairs, presented Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home with a demand for a British inquiry into the tragedy.

"Whatever the technical registration of the ship, the passenger were almost wholly British and the cruise was organized by agents in Britain," Gordon-Walker said.

A large segment of the press quickly endorsed this viewpoint. "Whatever inquiry is carried out under Greek law, only a British inquiry can fully satisfy people in this country," commented the mass circulation Daily Mirror.

The Daily Mail said in an editorial: "The government cannot just wash its hands of the Lakonia disaster," the Mail added.

Text of Appling's Announcement on Campaign Rejection

SALEM (UPI)—Following is the full text of a statement issued by Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., declaring he would not be a candidate to succeed himself in office during the 1964 campaign.

"When I was asked to assume the responsibilities of the office of Secretary of State in January of 1959 I did so conditioned on a number of pledges: that I would be free to act according to my own convictions; that I intended to administer the office aggressively and not simply as a passive minister; and that, if confirmed by the voters, I would serve for a total of six years.

"I am now approaching the fulfillment of those pledges. These years of responsibility have brought many gratifying opportunities for innovation and for improvement in the public service. In a period during which the work load of the office has increased substantially, better methods have made possible economies totaling nearly one million dollars. Work in connection with the administration of our state institutions has been similarly rewarding in terms of improved program and enhanced human values for those in state care.

"I am especially privileged to have served under the initial appointment, and during the administration, of Gov. Mark Hatfield. He has my respect, my support, and my gratitude.

"The question now presented is the seeking in the election next year of still another four year term as Secretary of State. If the question were isolated unto itself the decision would be easy: few Americans of active mind and deep concern for the well being of our state and nation would not be stimulated by the opportunity and the challenge of being in the mainstream of evolving public affairs.

"A man, however, is very often the creature of many responsibilities; a responsibility to his family; to the education of his children; to himself; and his business associates; to his employees.

"These responsibilities, which I cannot and would not push aside, must be borne by me, and by me alone. They make it impossible for me now to seek another term as Secretary of State in the election next year.

"I shall, therefore, not be a candidate to return to the office I now hold. I shall, of course, discharge the duties of the office vigorously and to the best of my ability during the remainder of the present term.

"This announcement should in no sense be interpreted as a turning away from public responsibility in the years that lie ahead. The people of Oregon have been most gracious to my family and to me, and generous in the high honor and privilege for service they have paid us. I shall continue to endeavor to repay that debt in community service, in the work of my political party, and in government, in whatever capacity, to the limit of future circumstances permit me.

"My family and I can never really repay, nor even adequately acknowledge, the debt we owe the people of Oregon who granted us this privilege of service, the wonderful people of both political parties throughout the state who became our friends, and the press who gave us fairness of treatment in providing that vital link between the people and their elected officials. We can only be humble and grateful."

Plans for Logging Institute Are Made

CORVALLIS—Program plans have been announced for the third Oregon Logging Safety Institute scheduled Feb. 7 and 8 at Oregon State University.

The institute is being sponsored by the Timber Operator's Council Inc. and the OSU School of Forestry. The two-day program is designed to give logging operators the latest information on accident prevention. Discussion leaders will represent industry and industrial accident insurance companies.

The first day's program will cover the need for accident prevention on logging operations and "causes and cures" of logging accidents. The second day will be devoted to the "how" of woods accident prevention.

Registration forms will be mailed to logging operators by Jan. 10. Additional information or registration forms may be obtained by writing the OSU School of Forestry, Corvallis.

'Watch Dog' Agency Spent \$47.8 Million To Prevent Waste

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The federal "watch dog" agency spent \$47.8 million last year to see that the government wasted as little money as possible, it reported today that its investment paid off with a saving to the taxpayers of \$247.5 million.

In other words, for every dollar spent by the General Accounting Office (GAO), there was a return in savings of more than 55.

The five-to-one ratio was a considerable improvement over the previous year when the GAO paid out \$48.2 million to produce savings of \$162.8 million—a return of slightly more than three-to-one.

The latest figures were contained in GAO's annual report for the fiscal year that ended last June 30.

The 42-year-old agency is an arm of Congress and was created to keep a continual and wary eye on the spending practices of the many federal departments and offices.

It employed 4,659 people during fiscal 1963 to determine exactly how the government spent \$90 billion or so that it collected from the taxpayers that year.

The GAO turned out hundreds of reports and audits on hundreds of activities and forwarded them to Congress and the agencies involved.

The \$247.5 million in savings described in its report was made up of "refunds, collections, measurable savings, and other financial benefits resulting from the work of the GAO." Actual refunds totaled \$29.1 million, according to the agency.

The GAO's biggest concern was the Defense Department. This is by far the biggest federal agency, spending more than half of the entire budget.

Among some of the GAO findings and subsequent savings noted in the report: —The Army and Air Force were spending about \$66 million a year more than they should on repair and maintenance of non-combat vehicles because of practices that were "wasteful and inefficient."

—Over a four year period the services lost at least \$18 million in unrecoverable overpayment to military men.

—The Army could have saved as much as \$5.7 million in contracts on the Redstone and Jupiter missiles had it bought certain parts directly from a manufacturer and supplied them to the contractor rather than have the contractor sub-contract for the components.

Stock Exchange Trading Figures In 1963 Impressive

NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Stock Exchange is reporting some impressive figures on volume of trading this year, a big 10-digit number breaking a 34-year record.

The old record stock volume of 1,124,800,410 stood since one of the wildest years in the long history of the exchange, 1929.

But old timers, while not disparaging this year's market activity and its recovery from the slump of mid-1962, can cite statistics to show that for turnover, the trading of shares available for transactions, the dying year of 1963 ranks well down the list.

More Shares
Traders and investors today have far more shares in which to deal than did those mostly unfortunate individuals who were caught up in the swirl of 1929's hectic trading.

The turnover this year has been running at about 15 per cent, the average of shares listed is at about the 8 billion mark.

But in 1929, the average number of shares listed was only about 942 million, about one-eighth of those recorded now—and the per cent of turnover in that hectic year was 119, or about eight times the rate at which it has been showing this year.

Elmer C. Walzer, former UPI financial editor, gave an illustration of what these differences mean when he compared the market break of May, 1962, to the crash of 1929. On the last Tuesday of May of last year, sales were 14,750,000 shares, second only to the 18,410,000 shares traded Oct. 29, 1929. But

the market was seven times higher on the basis of shares listed, Walzer noted, and to duplicate the big day of 1929, the sales would have had to reach 112 million shares.

Turnover Higher
The approximate 15 per cent turnover this year has been slightly higher than the 13 per cent of last year, but as recently as 1955 it was as high as 19 per cent.

In the records dating back to 1900, this would be far down the list. Not even 1929 approached some of the earlier years of the century in this respect.

Innocence Voiced To Murder Charges

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