

# German Border Changes Will Face U. S. Opposition

BERLIN, Dec. 30 (AP)—Reliable diplomatic sources predicted today that proposals for revision of Germany's western frontier, except for cession of the Saar to France, would be strongly opposed by the United States at the forthcoming German peace treaty negotiations.

It is expected, these sources said, that the United States will not only oppose France's claims to the Rhineland but will reject more modest border changes proposed by Holland and Belgium unless the countries concerned can present satisfactory proof that the people of the area concerned "genuinely desire" a change.

The position of the United States and others on the German border settlements is being outlined among the four major allied powers here for presentation to the foreign ministers council when it convenes in Moscow in March.

The American positions, it was understood here, will be essentially the same as that outlined by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in his Stuttgart policy speech last September, although it is being prepared in more detail to meet the complex claims against Germany expected to develop at the coming negotiations.

At Stuttgart Byrnes declared the United States does not consider the eastern borders of Germany as decided and announced opposition to any claims against Germany in the west—except for the French claim to the Saar. He further qualified this by saying that in return for the Saar, France should "readjust her reparations claims."

There have been strong indications during the past week that Russia will support the United States position with regard to Germany's western frontiers. Soviet supervised and sponsored newspapers in Berlin have launched bitter attacks against the French for the new customs control which they have established over the Saar, and also have criticized Dutch and Belgian claims for border revisions.

## Dance Head Faces Fraud

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—A dance studio manager was under indictment here today, accused of getting GI payments for non-existent dance lessons.

Odd Hagen Foss, 32, manager of the Arthur Murray studio here, was charged with fraud by the government. The complaint said he induced a veteran to apply for GI bill of rights payments for dance lessons.

The veteran had taken lessons before the studio was certified as a training school and was an instructor there at the time the application was made, the complaint said.

Foss is free on \$3000 bond. Hal King, Oakland, Calif., regional manager of the chain of dance studios, said the Portland studio's franchise had been suspended, and the company would repay any amount in a default.

## 55 Motorists Cited In Traffic Check

Fifty-five motorists, caught in a two-way traffic check conducted by state police yesterday, are in for an appearance in justice court today.

The check was conducted simultaneously at the Merrill and Ashland junctions. Police checked for brakes, horns, windshield wipers and operator's licenses, and said that 40 of the offenders were given citations for having faulty emergency brakes.

## Allied Control Council Outlines New German Laws

BERLIN, Dec. 30 (AP)—The allied control council today published a sweeping new law for Germany prohibiting the manufacture, import and possession of all war materials—from atom bombs to daggers and knives.

The prohibitions are contained in control council law No. 43. It includes many provisions for demilitarization of Germany which were previously executed by the four occupation zone commanders in the form of proclamations and directives.

The law requires that Germans declare to the allies any still-existing war stocks, which are to be destroyed or converted to essential peacetime uses. It provides penalties of imprisonment and, in serious cases, death for violations.

## Family Holds Reunion Here

For the first time in 40 years, four sisters and two brothers gathered here to enjoy a family reunion with the arrival of three of the sisters from England.

Mrs. J. W. Quibell, 2222 Garden, was host to her family which included Mrs. Elizabeth Hyde and Mrs. Cissie Smith, both of Hyde, Cheshire, England, and Mrs. Alice Wade, Stockport, England, and the brothers, William Pomroy of San Francisco and Walter Pomroy of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wade left England on the Queen Elizabeth November 22, docking in New York December 1. The sisters spent Christmas with William in San Francisco and arrived here Friday night. They plan to make an indefinite stay of probably four months. William Pomroy had completed plans for a trip to England to visit his family last May but became ill on the train and it was through his efforts that the sisters were able to get passage to the United States to take part in the family reunion.

Quibell is The Herald and News carrier for the Mills addition district and has held this job for the past 13 years, which gives him the title of "oldest carrier" for the paper.

## Nazi Doctor To Die

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 30 (AP)—Dr. Friedrich Mennecke, former SS lieutenant-colonel, was sentenced to death, and three of his subordinates were given prison terms today by a German criminal court which convicted them of the Euthanasia murder of hundreds of inmates of the Eichberg insane asylum.

It was the first war crimes trial of Germans by a German court. The victims also were Germans, some of the hundreds of thousands of mental and physical defectives exterminated during the war by the nazis.

The court found Dr. Mennecke guilty of ordering the slaying of 1000 asylum inmates as part of his "scientific experiments."

The convictions and sentences may be appealed to a German supreme court at Frankfurt and also are subject to review by the American military government, without whose approval no death sentences may be carried out.

Never plunge glass and pottery cooking dishes into cold water. Soak to loosen crusts or burned food. Wash as usual.

## Panthers Back In Their Cage

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 30 (AP)—A Railway Express car containing three panthers was en route to Los Angeles today after the animals' campaign for freedom had delayed the trip more than 48 hours.

The campaign did not win their freedom but it did win the animals a private car.

The panthers, being shipped from Dallas to California, escaped from their cage in a Texas and Pacific railroad baggage car early last Friday while en route to El Paso.

Dr. Noble Hamiter, trainer and shipper of the animals, arrived there yesterday from Dallas and decided it would be safer to put them in another car rather than attempt to re-crate them.

Armed only with a chair and a piece of pipe two feet long, Hamiter prodded the animals into an empty car.

The panthers had not been without food during their prolonged stay in the car but they had been without water for 24 hours.

A small dog, some chickens and a barrel of fish that had been traveling with the panthers were unharmed.

## Police Busy Over Weekend

Nathan Copperfield, 29-year-old Klamath Indian from Beatty, in the city jail on a drunk charge, Saturday night started a one-man riot with other inmates of the drunk tank and had to be locked up by himself after officers had quelled the disturbance.

In police court this morning Copperfield pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was fined \$25 and given an extra 10 days.

According to police report, the Indian beat and kicked two other drunks.

Robert Bickman, roomer at the Cozy Hotel, was fined \$35 and given a 10-day sentence this morning for giving liquor to an Indian, Henrietta Johns, who was jailed on a drunk count. Bickman and the Indian woman were arrested in his hotel room Saturday night.

Three traffic arrests were made by police over the weekend. Walter Gustave Eschenbeck, 205 Commercial, was cited to come to court this afternoon for a violation of the basic rule on S. 6th; Robert M. Farrand, 405 Martin, was cited for making a U turn on 7th between Main and Klamath, and Keith Elbert Henry, 2215 Vine, posted \$5 bail for running a red light.

Five drunks appeared in court this morning and six drunks posted bail over the weekend.

## Melhase Case Row Looms

By way of answer to charges made in an equity suit regarding the estate of Gus Melhase, Klamath pioneer who died March 28, the defendants, Winfred W. Cleghorn, John C. Cleghorn and the Withrow-Melhase company have entered a motion to have several lines of the original complaint stricken from the record.

The original suit was filed by George F. Ketsdever, William M. Melhase and Eva E. Soule, representing the heirs of the Melhase estate.

Their complaint charged that the Cleghorns, owners of half of the Withrow-Melhase company, had persuaded Melhase to transfer his half of the company—which includes the building of the Hall hotel—to them, and also to make gifts to them amounting to some \$75,000, thereby disinheriting the rightful heirs to the estate.

The defendants' motion asks that several phrases which infer that the transfer was made "without any consideration whatsoever" be stricken from the complaint.

A. W. Schaupp and D. E. Van Vactor are attorneys for the Cleghorns, and J. H. Carnahan is representing the plaintiffs.

Judge Charles H. Combs of Lakeview has been assigned to conduct the case.

## Special House Committee Levels Blast At Russians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Charges of economic enslavement, political terrorism, religious repression, broken promises and ambitions for military power were leveled against Russia today by the special house committee on postwar economic policy.

The committee report—the sharpest official criticism of Russia on Capitol Hill since the Soviet Union went to war with Germany—demanded that the United States assert "positive leadership" in European economic affairs.

Simultaneously it asserted that if Russia actually is found to be using German war plants to rearm, the western allies should

denounce the entire Potsdam Big Three agreement and demand that the Soviets "evacuate Germany completely."

First reaction to the committee's document came in the form of a protest against "headline hunters" by Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.), retiring chairman of the house foreign affairs committee.

Bloom told reporters the committee should have submitted its evidence, "if it has any" to the state and war departments for investigation. He contended the report would do "far more harm than good" in current diplomatic negotiations.

The state department declined any immediate comment.

## Youths Held In Holdup

James Lee, 24, who was ordered to leave Klamath Falls early in December, and a 18-year-old Klamath Falls boy are being held in jail at Sacramento in connection with an armed robbery, according to word received by officials here.

The nature of the robbery was not disclosed, but officials were asked to check up on the pistol used, which is believed to have been stolen here.

Lee, according to police records, had been in Klamath Falls for several months and was arrested three times. The last time, early this month, he was given a 90-day suspended sentence for vagrancy and ordered to leave town.

The other youth is well known to the police and juvenile office, and was known to have been armed when he left town several days ago.

## Rail Crossing Wreck Kills 2

MOUNT VERNON, Dec. 30 (AP)—A father and his six-year-old daughter fought for life in the Skagit county hospital here today as the aftermath of an automobile-train collision which yesterday morning killed the wife and mother and a three-year-old daughter.

The dead were Mrs. Elva Trautman, 35, and Donald, 3, of East Stanwood.

Etrien Trautman, 32, the husband and father, was said by hospital attendants to have a brain concussion, severe lacerations and a broken ankle. The daughter, Carol, received multiple head wounds, concussion and cuts.

The accident occurred shortly before noon Sunday at the Fir (formerly Conway) railway crossing.

State police said Trautman apparently drove his car onto the crossing directly in front of a Great Northern passenger train, southbound from Vancouver, B. C. to Seattle. The impact hurled Trautman 92 feet from the crash scene. The others were dragged in the car.

Identification papers on Trautman indicated the family had recently moved to East Stanwood from Anacortes, police said.

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## Case Of Beer Costs \$1700

WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 30 (AP)—Jack Bitting, manager of a liquor store, sold a case of beer for \$3.65 Saturday. After the customer left, Bitting remembered he had placed a paper bag containing \$1700 in cash and checks in the beer case which was taken away. The money was put there because he did not want to take the store receipts with him overnight.

Bitting has appealed to the customer to put in another appearance—with the money.

## Theatre Man's Death Told

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30 (AP) Albert J. Finke, 51, vice president of the Evergreen Theatres corporation which operates motion picture houses in Oregon and Washington, died after a heart attack here yesterday.

Finke, who went to Seattle after the first World war and managed theatres in Seattle, Bremerton, and Bellingham, established a company with Al Rosenberg of Seattle to operate show houses in several Washington cities. In 1935 this company was merged with two others to become the Evergreen Theatres corporation, and Finke moved here.

Finke, prominent in civic affairs, leaves the widow, Marie, formerly of Bellingham, a daughter, and a son.

## Accident Victims Said Recovering

Clinton Barrett, 20, son of Mrs. Ora Barrett, route 3 box 305, who suffered the loss of his right eye in an accident at Weyerhaeuser Timber company late Friday, was reported recovering at Hillside hospital today. It is understood that Barrett was stacking boards when one struck him in the eye.

Tom Watson, 40-year-old employee of the American Box company, Chiloquin, was recovering from a broken leg received Friday night in a fall downtown in Klamath Falls. He is a patient at Hillside hospital.

Another industrial injury was reported from Hillside when Al Hendrickson, Southern Pacific employe, suffered an injury to the left foot on December 23. He is also improving. Hendrickson is a resident of Los Angeles.

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