

# TENSION EASES OVER GERMANY

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### Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THERE are arrows in the wind again today. They are of a different color. They seem to be blowing in a slightly different direction.

TENSION in Berlin eases somewhat. Here is how the easing came about:

You will recall that when the Russians threatened to freeze us out of the city by choking off our rail and highway transport we and the British announced that we'd send staff by air. Whereupon the Russians announced they would hold fighter plane maneuvers over Berlin.

A crash ensued. In some way or other, a Russian fighter plane collided with a British transport. All persons in both planes died. The British then said that hereafter they would ESCORT their transport planes with fighters. We followed with a similar statement.

The situation thus created was a ticklish one.

THE Russians backed down. This morning they publicly and officially express regret for the "unfortunate" crash, and their commander on the ground promises the British that in the future allied planes will have unhindered access to Berlin.

The British say the Russian response is satisfactory and cancel plans for assigning lighter escorts to their freight-carrying planes. We follow their lead and so far today our planes are coming and going from Berlin without escort and without interference.

WATCH it. It could be immensely important. It could mean nothing at all. But it does seem to mean that AS OF TODAY the Russians aren't ready to start shooting. Tomorrow, of course, will be another day. What the situation will be then, no one can at this moment say.

THERE is one more point. The British Field Marshal Lord Montgomery ("Monty"), chief of the British imperial general staff, arrives in Berlin, confers with the British, American and French commanders, and later announces that he is to dine tonight with Marshal Sokolovsky, the Russian commander in Germany—apparently at Sokolovsky's invitation.

It might mean much. It might mean little. You will remember that at ALL the foreign ministers and other conferences at which Molotov was taking the hide off us during the day he'd wine and dine with our people at night, apparently as happy as a kitten.

Such are international relations.

FINLAND announces this morning that her delegation to Moscow has agreed with the Russian negotiators on the contents of the Russian-proposed treaty of friendship and mutual assistance. Under the treaty, it is said, Finland will retain her political independence and will

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### Finn-Russian Pact Signed

HELSINKI, April 6 (AP)—A Finnish-Russian friendship and assistance treaty was signed in Moscow today, Finnish officials announced. Details were not available immediately.

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# Draft-UMT Plans Slowed

## CIO Lumber Workers Get Pay Boost

A tentative wage settlement giving thousands of IWA-CIO lumber and sawmill workers in Oregon and Northern California pine industry a 12½-cent hourly pay increase was reached today by negotiators of the Pine Industrial Relations committee and International Woodworkers of America.

The 12½-cent figure follows the pattern set earlier in Portland as settlement of the lumbering industry with fir workers.

Ratification of the union membership and of employers is necessary to put the settlement into effect.

Pay scale for IWA lumber workers now will be about \$1.45 an hour. American Federation of Labor union leaders have asked that their contracts with the pine industry be reopened. The AFL settlement, reached several weeks ago and effective January 1, was for a 7½-cent increase.

Mediators Witness  
The IWA-PIRC agreement reached this morning was signed by Chet Irving of the Pine Industrial Relations committee and A. F. Hartung, IWA vice president from Portland, with two federal mediators, M. C. Garst and George V. Walker, as witnesses.

The 12½-cent raise is retroactive to April 1 and is in full settlement of the union's previous demands for a pay increase, paid holidays and a health and welfare fund.

Members Pooled  
The IWA will begin immediately polling its membership on acceptance or rejection of the settlement and the vote is due to be turned in to the IWA regional office in Portland by midnight April 24. On April 27 the union is to notify the PIRC whether the settlement is okayed by the workers.

No termination date was set in the agreement but both the union and the PIRC reserve the right to re-open contracts for further negotiations.

The settlement affects workers and the pine industry of the Klamath Basin, Northern California, Medford, Ashland, Bend, Prineville and other pine mill operations in the two states.

## This Guy Is Really Stuck

LOS ANGELES, April 6 (AP)—You might say that Raymond Bobbitt is in a rut, except that he's in jail, instead, awaiting another trial.

Eighteen months ago he went to San Quentin prison because a woman detective in a drugstore caught him stealing a box of candy.

Bobbitt served his sentence and came back to Los Angeles. He returned to the same drugstore. The same detective, Mrs. Elva Bartlett, arrested him again. She says Bobbitt was making off with a \$4 box of chocolates.

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However, the armed services indicated further expansion is in prospect in their federal register notice yesterday of a public hearing in Juneau, Alaska, May 4, on plans to restrict the Aleutians area. A spokesman for Secretary of Defense Forrestal said the whole matter was aimed at "regularizing" what already is going on.

There was no official indication here of what is going on. But McChort field in Washington state disclosed last Friday that 28 C-82s—flying boxcars—are making "routine" flights to Alaska.

## Confer On Red Restrictions



Gen. Lucius D. Clay (left), American military governor in Germany, and his British counterpart, Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson (right), are in Berlin to discuss what action would be taken against travel restrictions imposed in the Soviet zone separating Berlin from Western German zones.

## Red-Dominated Italian Labor Group Calls Strike

ROME, April 6 (AP)—The communist-dominated Italian General Confederation of labor called a nationwide general strike today for April 12-15 days before the Italian national elections.

The confederation charged that the Mafia (Black Hand), with political support, was responsible for the killing of 35 Sicilian labor leaders and said the strike was being called in protest.

Earlier, executive committee members of the confederation said the strike specifically would be a protest against the disappearance of

## Jews Cut Down Six Britons

JERUSALEM, April 6 (AP)—Jews in military and police uniforms killed six British soldiers and stole arms in a raid on a British army camp south of Haifa today, authorities in Haifa announced.

The slain Britons included the commanding officer of Pades Han-nah camp. A Jewish source in Jerusalem said the underground group Zvai Leumi carried out the attack.

Haifa police said the attackers overpowered the sentry at the gate to the camp, about 25 miles south of Haifa. The sentry was forced into a guardroom, where he and three others were stood against a wall and shot in the back, the police said.

The raiders were in the camp about 30 minutes before making good their escape. Police said they made off with an ungunned but armored half-track vehicle.

Thousands of cheering Jews welcomed the first large food convoy to get through to Jerusalem in 10 days.

Fifty trucks made the dangerous run through Arab road blocks to get food to Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews, whose rations are running dangerously low.

## Coal Strike Spreads Today

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 6 (AP)—The soft coal strike spread today to the eastern Pennsylvania anthracite field.

Miners reported but refused to work at a dozen collieries in this section and the nearby Ashland district. A preliminary check showed nearly 6000 men idle.

John Eagan of Pottsville, a board member of district 9, United Mine Workers, said the stoppage "apparently is in sympathy with the bituminous miners."

"It's something the men decided themselves," Eagan told a reporter. "There hasn't been any order by the district, and the district has not sanctioned the strike."

Operators said they had no advance warning.

Edward A. Lynch, personnel director of the big Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron company, said he had "no idea of any grievance."

## Armed Force Confab Held Delay Cause

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Hopes faded today of having either temporary draft or universal military training bills ready for the senate this week.

"We'll be lucky if we get a bill by the first of next week," Chairman Gurney (R-S.D.) told reporters after a closed door session of the senate armed services committee.

Gurney said the change in plans for speedy action results from a decision to call in the heads of the three armed services for separate sessions this week.

Gurney said demands of some senators for an immediate increase in airpower had closed down his legislative timetable.

Air Expansion  
Some senators are demanding that the United States air force be expanded immediately to a 70-group program instead of the 55-group now included in administration plans.

"We plan to call up the air forces first," Gurney said. "Later we will hear from the ground forces and the navy."

"The size of the air force is one of the questions that must be decided before we send a bill on to the senate," Gurney said.

Gurney said the committee also faces these issues:

1. A demand that all veterans of World War II who served at least 90 days be eliminated both from draft and possible service in the national guard or reserves.

The original administration proposal would subject veterans to 18 months and were not members of a reserve unit.

2. A demand that the top limit or required registration be lowered from 45 years. The chairman said some senators want to limit the registration "from 18 years to 30 or in the 30's."

## Steel Mills Close Plants

PITTSBURGH, April 6 (AP)—Output of the big United States Steel corporation began to reel under impact of the soft coal shutdown today. Meanwhile, 7000 anthracite miners struck in sympathy with the 400,000 idle bituminous United Mine Workers.

Inaugurating its first heavy cut-back of the walkout, "Big Steel" closed two rolling mills, three more blast furnaces, and 17 open hearths at its Pittsburgh-Youngstown works.

This means the loss of 4000 tons of steel daily, a corporation spokesman said. The Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation, U. S. Steel subsidiary, now has seven blast furnaces banked and 21 still operating in this region.

In Maryland, the Bethlehem Steel company ordered lay-off of 3200 workers at its Sparrows Point plant. The firm has three blast furnaces and eight open hearths idle there.

Two Decatur, Ill., steel fabricating plants cut back their working hours by 20 per cent.

A truck mine driver was beaten and four truckloads of coal were dumped when 40 or 50 men halted operations of a coal-loading ramp at Cumberland, Ky.

## US Soldiers On Parade In Trieste

TRIESTE, Free Territory, April 6 (AP)—Five thousand American soldiers carrying full field equipment paraded through the streets of Trieste today to celebrate U. S. Army Day.

They marched a full hour along the city's scenic Adriatic waterfront. The troops, representing the U. S. force in the free zone, were accompanied by American tanks and motor vehicles.

An estimated 100,000 spectators lined the three-quarter-mile route applauding and shouting "Vive America."

## Pacific Campus To Lose Bee Tree

FOREST GROVE, April 6 (AP)—The bee tree—a landmark on the Pacific university campus since the school's founding—will not be around for the school's centennial next year.

## Operators OK Dicker With Lewis

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Obeying a court order, soft coal operators offered today to meet with John L. Lewis on the mine pension dispute.

The operators proposed a conference at 1 p. m. (PST), just three hours after the offer was made.

There was no immediate indication whether Lewis would accept or reject.

A court order issued Saturday by Federal Judge Matthew McGuire under the Taft-Hartley act required the operators to act.

The court also directed Lewis and his United Mine Workers to end the 23-day-old soft coal strike and negotiate the dispute over pensions for retired miners.

Lewis has given no hint whether he will bow to the order to end the strike, which spread today to the Pennsylvania hard coal fields.

The operators' proposal was signed by several leading mine owners.

The walkout in the anthracite field, apparently in sympathy with the soft coal diggers, caught government and even union officials by surprise.

No Comment  
One federal attorney expressed belief it may speed court action against John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers for ignoring a back-to-work order in the soft coal walkout.

There was no comment from the White House. Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters he had not heard of the anthracite strike until it was mentioned at a mid-morning news conference.

The first inclination of the government had been to allow Lewis a little more legal rope before asking a court to stop him and his union in contempt in the soft coal dispute.

## Hoffman Up For ERP Post

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—President Truman awaited today the formal acceptance of Paul G. Hoffman before naming the Studebaker corporation head to direct the European recovery program.

Hoffman returned to Washington today from Japan, where he went with Undersecretary William H. Draper Jr. to make a survey for the army. He was expected to contact Mr. Truman during the day. Lunched with Army Secretary Royall at the Pentagon was on Hoffman's program.

White House sources said privately that Hoffman is Mr. Truman's choice to head the multi-billion dollar program to stop communism in Europe.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross would not confirm that Hoffman will be appointed. He did tell a news conference that Hoffman is returning to the city.

Without waiting for this last step, the president last night directed the reconstruction finance corporation to turn over at once the \$1,105,000,000 advance which congress authorized.

## No Red Planes Seen Over Berlin

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 6 (AP)—The pilot of the first American plane from Berlin this morning said he didn't see any Russians.

"We saw no planes at all," said the pilot, Lt. Bernard Knight of Seattle, Wash. "The weather was so thick we couldn't have seen them if there had been any. We were in the soup from five minutes after leaving Berlin until we landed here."

## Law Smiles As House Entered

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 6 (AP)—For all his judicial power, State Supreme Court Justice Nelson Corn couldn't even spring his baby grandson from imprisonment last night.

Like uncounted thousands of other tots, 15-month-old Robert Baxter Case wandered into the family bathroom and accidentally shot the bolt.

Justice Corn delivered several opinions through the door with no results whatever.

The Habeas Corpus action was finally carried out by Fireman Delbert Gee, who did a second-story job while the law smiled.

## Tulelake May Be Site Of Land Drawing

TULELAKE, April 6—Chances are good that the next bureau of reclamation homestead drawing, which will probably be scheduled for next December or January, will be held here, according to Ray R. Best, regional director of the bureau of reclamation, who met with members of the chamber of commerce and the Tulelake Merchants association recently.

He stated that he would make that recommendation to the bureau headquarters at Washington, D. C., and urged that interested organizations and individuals also petition reclamation officials to that effect.

Consideration had been given to having the March 15 drawing here but lack of time to prepare for radio broadcasts cancelled the plan.

The American Legion hall is large enough to accommodate spectators, he stated, and a 90-day notice on the next drawing will give ample time to prepare for broadcasts.

On the suggestion of A. A. Rodenberger, it was decided to invite Merrill and Mallin to assist Tulelake in putting on a program for the drawing.

## Snow Covers Klamath Area, Blocks Roads

Snow which alternated in blizzard and lazily falling style, covered the Klamath basin Monday night but came down in full force in the mountain passes. The Oregon state highway department warned motorists of slick roadbeds and advised chains.

Cars coming into Klamath Falls late Monday were stalled for considerable time on Sun mountain as eight inches of new snow on an icy slick made traveling hazardous. One motorist reported a trailer across the road and a number of heavy northbound trucks held up. Chains failed to bite into the snow on higher stretches.

Buses were running on schedule but drivers of the heavy vehicles said it was "very slick." Standing was going on with state highway crews working on Sun mountain. Willamette pass, Hayden mountain of the Greensprings and Quartz mountain.

Temperature ranged from 23 down to 20 degrees in the Klamath Falls vicinity, 14 on Sun mountain, 16 on Hayden.

Caretaker Ed Morse of the Lake of the Woods Summer Home Owners association advised The Herald and News Tuesday morning from Harriman lodge that it had been snowing at the lake since April 1, and at least another 12 to 14 inches had fallen in the last 24 hours.

Morse advised that no cars attempt the trip to the lake. The snow was heavy over the week-end and the two bulldozers operating for Klamath county were forced to cease operations Friday and Saturday. They started up again Tuesday morning and were working toward the Jackson county line on the east side of the lake.

Precipitation for the stream year to date was 9.63 inches as compared to a normal of 9.36. Last year at this time it was 7.99 inches. Maximum Monday was 41.

## Draft Boards Ready To Go

COLUMBUS, O., April 6 (AP)—The first batch of 18 to 25-year-olds may be drafted within 90 days after congress enacts a proposed emergency selective service act, Major General Lewis B. Hershey said today.

The wartime director of selective service told interviewers nationwide draft machinery will be clicking soon after the draft becomes law.

Hershey estimated 50 to 60 per cent of the personnel active on selective service boards during World War II will be available again.

However, he predicted some difficulty in hiring clerks and renting office space.

Hershey, here for Army Day observances, expressed doubt many fathers would be drafted under the peacetime measure. He said:

"We went pretty easy on fathers during the war and I imagine few, if any, of them will be taken under this peacetime measure."

## Montgomery To Confer With Soviets

BERLIN, April 6 (AP)—Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, chief of the British imperial general staff, conferred with the three western commanders in Germany here today on the Berlin crisis. He planned to dine with the Russian commander tonight.

Tension eased somewhat after the Russians publicly had expressed official apology for the crash of a Soviet fighter with a British transport plane yesterday which cost 15 lives.

Montgomery arrived today by plane. He will dine tonight with Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky, the Soviet commander in Germany. Montgomery said he had every intention of keeping the date, arranged before the plane incident. He said Sokolovsky "is an old friend of mine—a very old friend."

Conference Held  
Montgomery went from the Gatow airport to British headquarters to confer with Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, the British commander, and his staff, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the U. S. military governor, joined the conference. Later the three went to Gen. Robertson's home, to be joined by Gen. Pierre Koenig, the French commander.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the house of commons Britain is pressing for an immediate investigation of the plane incident.

Bevin said of the western dispute with the Russians in Berlin:

"If there is good will, it is capable of solution."

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Answer OK  
British officials said the Russian response was satisfactory and immediately cancelled plans to assign fighter plane escorts, beginning today, to all air transports coming into Berlin. The United States followed the British lead. U. S. and British planes flew in and out of the city today without escort.

Tension in Berlin eased off somewhat.

The official Russian account of yesterday's crash incident said the Russian fighter plane hit the British ship as it was trying to land. The official British account quoted eyewitnesses as saying the fighter pilot was "frolicking" when he hit the British plane.

The British plane, carrying 14 persons, including two Americans, crashed in the Russian zone of the city. All aboard were killed. The bodies lay in the wreckage nearly 12 hours before the Russian command finally gave its consent early today for their removal. The Russian fighter hit the ground in the British sector of the city. The pilot's body was removed four hours after the crash.

## Wade Crawford Presents Proposal To Congress To Forestall Payment From Fund For Schooling

Wade Crawford, leader of liquidation forces on the Klamath Indian reservation, has presented a statement to congress which he hopes will forestall an anticipated move by Forrest Cooper of Lakeview to ask an appropriation of \$30,000 to pay tuition of Klamath Indian children attending Klamath county public schools.

Cooper is counsel of the interstate association of public lands counties and is interested in obtaining payments for Klamath county in lieu of direct tuition from Indian children. The money would come from tribal funds.

The tribal general council recently upheld a recommendation by Crawford that no tribal money be paid to the county for schooling, for reasons of double and triple taxation. Previously a suggestion had been made that the Indians pay the county about \$90,000 supposedly due for back tuitions.

Crawford's statement to congress recalls that the Oregon supreme court has ruled that Indian children may go to public schools in the district in which they live, and he quotes figures assertedly proving that Klamath county is not out nearly as much money for Indian

education as Cooper would be trying to collect.

Total cost of Indian education in this county for 1947 was \$41,273.30, Crawford says, while the county recovered \$24,323.60 from the Indian bureau and from the state of Oregon. Therefore the county itself is out \$16,951.70, rather than \$30,000.

Crawford also argues that the Klamath Indian tribes' treaty with the United States guarantees the Indians an education and "as long as congress holds the Indians as wards of the government, it should live up to the agreement and the Indians should not have taxation without representation . . ."

The December 31 school census showed 12,832 children of school age in Klamath county, of which only 239 Indian children are attending county schools. Crawford argues that many Klamath county residents of other nationalities are not tax payers yet their children attend public schools, so that further tuition payments assessed the Indians would be discriminatory.

In view of the county school cost record, Crawford says he feels that Cooper "is cold-blooded and has his fingers in the grab-bag because the

Klamath Indians have a little money left . . . it is my firm belief that Mr. Cooper is using his position and influence, directly and indirectly, with Congressman Stockman and Senator Cordon to take away from the Klamath Indians \$30,000."

As for the claim that the Klamath do not pay taxes which eventually wind up in school funds, the same as money from other taxpayers, Crawford points out that some Indians pay personal property taxes, some pay income taxes and that indirectly Indian timber which has gone to local lumber companies has furnished the county hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes.

"If you take tribal funds now for Indian education, the Indian is being taxed double and triple."

Particularly the excess taxation would be evident in the case of some 96 Indian children who are now going to private or government schools and paying their own way, Crawford says.

Crawford charged that "there are people in this county who are opposing liquidation of the reservation that do not want the Indians on the tax rolls, and at the same time are trying to take tribal funds for school assessments."