

Eastern Germany Protests Failure Of Consumer Supply

BERLIN, Germany (AP)—"Where are the diapers?" "What's happened to the fish supply?" "All out of margarine again?" "Not even any wrapping paper in the stores!"

Waves of criticism against the supply and quality of consumer goods is whipping through Communist-ruled East Germany.

A survey of the Soviet zone's controlled press shows that this criticism is widespread. It hits so sharply the state-controlled production and distribution systems

that new purges of the planners may be impending.

Unlike booming West Germany, the Russian zone still has food rationing and shortages in many fields. Its economy is integrated with that of the Soviet bloc. Much of its output goes to the Soviet Union. The Russians drain it off in reparations or in "trade" at rates fixed arbitrarily by Moscow.

Now this economy is further strained by the Communist government's strenuous efforts to expand and equip its new national army.

The public criticism makes no mention of Russia's exploitation of the East German economy. But it hits hard at the planners, the producers and especially the state-owned stores which control most of the distribution.

Communist party papers in Halle and Zwickau demand that "the quality of consumer goods be immediately improved by strict application of our new production methods" and insist on improvement of supply and service in the state-owned food stores to "give our people the better break which they deserve for their hard work."

In Schwerin, the Norddeutsche Zeitung complains angrily about the quality of sausage sold in the state-owned stores: "In a purchase of 100 grams we got 35 grams of meat."

Schwerin's Der Demokrat complains: "Again—no fish. Not even in the state stores. Where are they?"

A newspaper in Halle said there wasn't a shop in the city that had paper bags or wrapping paper for purchases.

New Range Drill Tested

LAKEVIEW—A new and improved Fremont range drill, which embodies the main features created by its local inventor, is being tested by the Fremont National Forest this week on the Che-waucan Range allotment, it was announced by John E. McDonald, forest supervisor and Jack Groom, in charge of range management.

The Fremont drill was built in the local forest shops by Nathan Smith, shop foreman, and John Kucera, who until a few months ago was in charge of range improvement on the Fremont. The ideas of the two men were incorporated into a drill for sowing areas on rough range areas, and these included exceptionally high wheels and planter units which operated individually of each other so that one could raise to pass over a rock while the others continued along the ground.

The model built was used in the fall of 1951 to plant several hundred acres of grasses on the Che-waucan. Last winter, the machine was taken to Arcadia, Calif., where Forest Service engineers used it as a model for further tests, then built smaller wheels and heavier parts.

The new model arrived here last week and was being tested in planting about 70 acres. The machine has now been sent to Vernal, Utah, for further tests, then will be used in the Harzey Camp area of South Warner. It was explained that if this method is successful, the cost of clearing range can be greatly reduced and the work speeded up.

Flynn Loses Court Battle

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Errol Flynn has lost another court battle, this time with his former wife, actress Lily Damita—to the extent of \$105,712.90.

The latest decision in the long dispute, handed down yesterday by Superior Judge Clarence L. Kincaid, paralleled one by Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle in 1950. The latter one is on appeal. The actor's attorneys said the Kincaid decision also will be appealed.

Miss Damita's lawyers obtained the award after they claimed Flynn has paid nothing on \$1,500-a-month alimony since the appeal of the 1950 decision. Judge Doyle held that a property settlement Flynn made with Miss Damita was not part of the divorce decree and thus could not be changed. It provided Flynn was to pay the alimony and the income tax on it.

Judge Kincaid ruled Flynn owes \$61,160 in income taxes on the payments and is in arrears \$40,550 in his alimony.

He awarded Miss Damita's attorney \$5,000 in fees and the actress 1 per cent interest from the date each alimony payment became due.

Driver Dies In Car Game

FT. PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—Manslaughter charges were filed yesterday against John Henry Jones, 29, driver of an automobile which collided with another machine during a game of "chicken" at the St. Lucie Airport.

The car driven by Jones collided head-on Sunday with one driven by Henry Hayward Peterson, 24, who was killed in the crash.

The two men, each with a young woman companion, were playing a game in which drivers race their cars toward each other to see which will be the first to turn aside.

Jones and both young women were injured. The cars were demolished.

INSPECTION
TOKYO (AP)—U. N. commander Gen. Mark Clark and U. S. Ambassador Robert Murphy flew to Korea today on an inspection trip.



HUGE HELICOPTER TAKES TO AIR—The U.S. Air Force's XH-17, largest helicopter ever built in this country, rises above the runway at the Hughes Aircraft plant at Culver City, Calif., where it was built in what the Hughes company described as its first flight. It had risen off the ground a few feet in previous tests. The craft, equipped with rotor blades measuring 125 feet from tip to tip, is intended to carry heavy equipment such as artillery, bridge sections, trucks, etc.

Shrinking Dollar Causes Flip In Investment Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, Vermont Republican, said today the Democrats have cut the value of the dollar so much

Short Shift For Killer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—It took only an hour and a half to dispose of a murder case here yesterday.

Ninety minutes after Warren S. Jones, 48, was charged with murder in the baseball bat slaying of Mrs. Stella Russell he was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Jones waived a preliminary hearing and grand jury action and pleaded guilty.

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DEPA Cuts Northwest Power

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Electric Power Administration ordered effective Wednesday, certain restrictions on use of power in the Pacific Northwest to protect defense production in that area.

The order prohibits electric utilities of the region—now undergoing a period of water shortage—from delivering power to any new customer using more than 50,000 kilowatt hours a week under any new contract entered into after Sept. 1, 1952.

The agency said the order is not to be confused with a proposed order which, if issued, would impose general limitations on the use of electric power throughout the Pacific Northwest area affected by the water shortage.

The latter order, the agency said, has not been issued and is still being considered in rough draft form by the electric utilities of the area.

This is not expected to be issued unless water and weather conditions make it absolutely necessary, the agency said.

With respect to the order on new customers, however, the agency said the expected demand for electric power in the area exceeds the supply during the fall and winter and threatens defense production.

"When the likelihood of an electric power shortage this fall and winter became apparent at the end of August, 1952, the electric utilities of the Pacific Northwest area began to cut off their customers whose contracts permitted interruption or termination," the agency said.

"This action has made unnecessary up to the present the rationing of electricity being served firm loads, because electric utilities having some excess power are making it available to the utilities in short supply."

The agency added that this assistance would be lost if those utilities having some excess power supply were to start serving customers which had been interrupted by other utilities.

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