

New Europe Defense Plans Eyed As French Kill EDC

PARIS (AP)—The Western coalition against communism reeled today under France's crushing rejection of the European army plan, but Allied leaders rushed forward new rescue plans.

By a 319-264 vote the French National Assembly voted last night to postpone debate indefinitely on the six-nation European Defense Community Treaty, signed 27 months ago after long and troublesome negotiations to add German soldiers to Western military strength.

The vote on the procedural motion was a clear-cut death blow to the plan which France herself originally proposed. It would have joined 12 German divisions in an

internationally controlled force with French troops and those of Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

For three years EDC had been a keystone of Western defense policy. President Eisenhower termed the French vote a "serious setback" to the free world. Moscow's Communist party organ Pravda was jubilant.

SAD FRENCH
There were sad and troubled French legislators today who said now no one could be sure whether West Germany could be kept oriented to the Allied side with a fighting force the North Atlantic command has been seeking for so long.

Only limited steps can be taken immediately unless the United States and Britain take a bold decision to go ahead without France. Many of the same French deputies who voted down the plan to put German soldiers into a European army have declared they would vote also against any immediate rearming of West Germany, even if she were to pledge her troops to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Many deputies who supported the European army swore to vote against German rearmament without the controls EDC would have provided.

UNOFFICIAL TALK
American diplomats and military leaders here did not take too seriously the unofficial talk heard in the United States that America and Britain might go ahead alone with the rearming of Germany if France tried to slow the pace again.

But sources here were aware that American vexation already has been reflected in congressional curbs put both on the quantity of money voted for Europe and the manner in which it could be spent.

With the idea for a centrally controlled European army decried, American, British, West German and French officials prepared to find a replacement as quickly as possible.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said that talks would be arranged immediately to give Germany her independence, which up to now has been dependent on creation of the European army.

ENDORSEMENTS
French Premier Pierre Mendes-France already has said he would go along with the speedy restoration of sovereignty to West Germany, but he has emphasized that this endorsement does not include rearmament.

Any British-American effort to bypass the French on this likely would precipitate a crisis in the North Atlantic Alliance. The British-American plans for restoring German sovereignty so far have specified that rearmament must wait until Canadian officials in Ottawa said the only logical answer to the Western dilemma was to bring West Germany into NATO.

Top officials in Washington were bitterly disappointed at the French vote but made no public comment initially. Eisenhower, however, in a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, said, "We must not be discouraged. We need not despair."

About the only thing certain in American reaction to the European army crisis was that no single sure fire substitute has been agreed upon by American policy makers. Dulles was reported ready to go ahead with a previously drafted plan for giving Western Germany complete sovereignty in the Western zone — except for the right to rearm.

Reds Leave Guatemala

GUATEMALA (AP)—Supporters of ex-President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman who have been granted safe conduct to leave Guatemala are starting their exodus from exile.

Police said 17 others who "escaped" from foreign embassies where they hid out during last June's revolt against the pro-Communist government have given themselves up and been imprisoned in a jungle camp.

Seven followers of Arbenz left the Mexican Embassy for Mexico yesterday.

Arbenz and several of his top left-wing supporters still are believed to be among the hundreds of refugees in the Mexican compound.

The military government headed by President Carlos Castillo Armas has said the ex-President and top leaders of his regime who are wanted on criminal charges would not be allowed to leave the country.

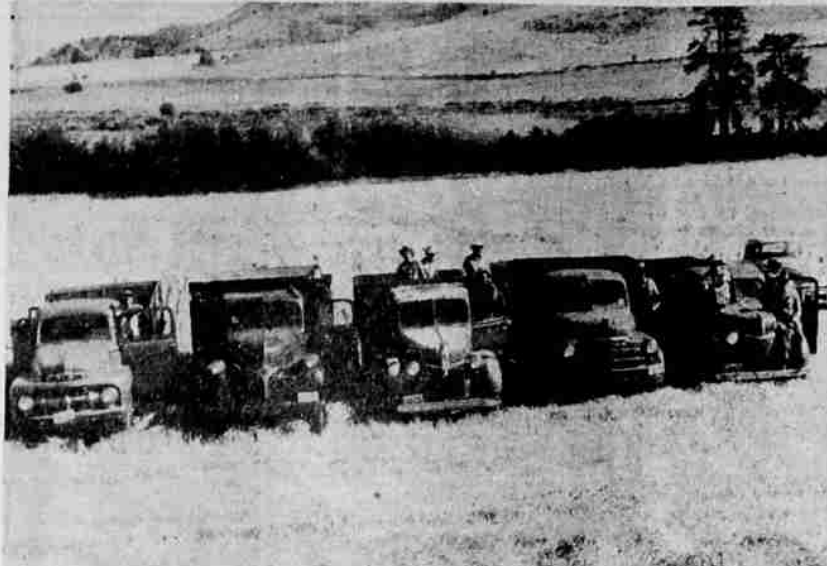
In Buenos Aires, the Argentine government announced that five air force planes will fly to Guatemala Wednesday to pick up 120 refugees from the Argentine Embassy. They will be flown to the Argentine capital.

The remaining 72 refugees in the embassy will be taken to Argentina as conditions permit, an Argentine communiqué said.

ARMY

MANILA (AP)—A proposal for the formation of an 80,000-man U. S. trained and equipped Philippine army will be taken up at Sept. 4 defense talks here between U. S. Secretary of State Dulles and Philippine Vice President Carlos P. Garcia, an informed source said Tuesday.

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Today's Women

By DOROTHY ROE
AP Women's Editor

Today it's fashionable to have a baby and go on about your normal activities up to the moment of leaving for the hospital.

Fifty years ago things were different. Etiquette ruled that no lady appeared in public while in a "delicate condition," and the maternity dress was unknown. Most expectant mothers were sentenced to months of solitary confinement before the blessed event.

The woman largely responsible for changing the national attitude was a young widowed dressmaker named Mrs. Lane Bryant, who made the first maternity dress for one of her customers in 1904. Tomorrow, top members of the fashion and retailing world are meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the maternity dress and the retail chain built up by its creator.

Highlight of the event will be a fashion show of maternity garments, ranging from slacks and play clothes to suits and evening gowns, created by some of the top fashion designers of Europe and America. These are clothes glorifying the waiting period, cunningly devised to make the expectant mother a glamorous and graceful creature.

One American designer, the exclusive and expensive Charles James, was so captivated by a maternity suit he designed for the show he included the silhouette in his regular fall collection (for non-expectant customers) under the title, "The Maternity Look."

The saga of Mrs. Bryant's progress from her meager uptown New York flat to a skyscraper store on 5th Avenue and branch stores throughout the country is a typical American success story.

The impact of the maternity dress in changing the attitudes and activities of millions of women is even more than that. Today there are scores of successful manufacturers of maternity garments, but

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The occasion was the opening performance by a group of Indian dancers making a goodwill tour of the Soviet Union.

Deputy Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Lazar M. Kaganovich headed a large Soviet government delegation in the boxes, and most of the foreign diplomatic corps was on hand.

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Michigan Plans For Labor Day

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams has declared a state of emergency in Michigan over the long Labor Day weekend in an effort to reduce an anticipated high traffic death toll.

Williams signed an emergency declaration yesterday giving legal status to his previous act of calling out units of the Michigan National Guard to aid in patrolling state highways.

Michigan led the nation in highway deaths over the Fourth of July weekend with 33 fatalities. During the emergency period, from noon Friday to noon Tuesday, Sept. 7, intensive air and ground patrols will cover state highways to seek out traffic violators.

Some 700 state National Guardsmen have been mobilized. They will draw full federal pay and allowances and will serve with local law enforcement agencies. Citizens were called on "to exert extraordinary efforts" to obey traffic laws, all law enforcement agencies were told to "exercise special vigilance," press, radio and television were asked to publicize "the importance of care and caution," and Williams urged "that special prayers be offered in all

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