

US Officials Seeking New West German Defense Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a week of worry and soul searching, U.S. officials are fairly confident today that a formula will be found in a reasonable time for arming West Germany as a partner in the anti-Communist defense of Western Europe.

But there is far less confidence that this formula will promote European unity. Some other device may have to be found for that.

As Washington views the situation, the tragedy of French destruction of the proposal for a European Defense Community is that EDC would have served both devices.

Diplomatic authorities say privately the first dangers of the EDC defeat apparently have been weathered successfully.

There had been deep concern here about a violent reaction in West Germany, including angry statements against France, outbursts of extreme German nationalism and the like. State Department officials said that has not happened. They regard as encouraging the moderate tone of German reaction, based on the theme of getting on with the task of strengthening Europe's defenses and unity.

Another fear was that American reaction might take a violent swing. Some officials now concede that perhaps EDC was oversold as a solution for Europe's troubles. If it failed, there was always a certainty that some other European defense plan, however much less desirable, would have to be found.

The ways still open in a practical sense appear to embrace only two possibilities.

First, the American and British government now favor solving the German rearmament problem by making West Germany a member of the 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Second, should the NATO plan fail, London and Washington appear to have an understanding that they must then try to rearm Germany directly. They would prefer to do whatever they do with the approval and cooperation of France.

Britain has already proposed an eight-nation emergency conference to begin drafting a new plan for West German rearmament. It was reported yesterday that the United States was inclined to agree to the proposal, although no formal word has been received from Britain on it.

The rearmament of Germany under NATO — or directly without NATO membership and perhaps over the objection of France — would appear to work against European unity.

It would seem to put new values on nationalism in Europe, to recreate some of the situations which existed before World War II insofar as distrust between France and Germany is concerned.

Balanced against this, in the eyes of officials here, is the strong pro-European policy and leadership of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government. Yet it is a government headed by an old man. Another of the unknowns of European politics which causes concern here is what will happen when Adenauer ceases to exercise a powerful influence on West German conduct.

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PICTURED WITH ENGINES bound for Korea, from left, Miles B. Crowley, diesel superintendent for Great Northern; Mrs. K. R. McEwen, clerk, and A. W. Nelson, roundhouse foreman.

Korea Given GN Engine

An old "war horse" has come out of retirement to aid the cause of peace. No. 1130, a retired steam locomotive used by the Great Northern railroad for over 50 years, will go back into active service, this time in South Korea.

The old coal burner has been completely overhauled and painted in the G.N. Superior, Wisconsin, shops and presented to the American-Korean Foundation organization for shipment to Korea where it will be put to work on South Korean lines.

The old-timer, coupled to No. 2452, another ancient donated by the Erie lines for Korean duty, passed through Klamath Falls Tuesday on their way to San Francisco on the last leg of the overland journey.

The Great Northern locomotive was built by Cooke in 1901 and is a class P-7 consolidation engine. Weight including coal tender is 112 tons. The tender has a capacity of 10 tons of coal.

The old timer was headed for

Polio Cases Now Leveling Off

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public health service said Thursday "It appears that a definite 'leveling off' has been reached in new polio cases and that 'the peak is now being approached.'"

There were 2,210 new cases of infantile paralysis reported over the nation last week, only three more than the 2,207 in the week ended Aug. 21 and 27 fewer than the 2,237 in the corresponding week a year ago.

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Reds Return Allied War Dead

SEOUL (AP) — Bodies of 150 more Allied war heroes, including 85 Americans, were received from the Communists in the Korean neutral zone south of Panmunjom today.

The Reds informed the United Nations Command that tomorrow's delivery of 250 war dead would include 138 Americans, 1 Briton, 18 Koreans and 93 of unknown nationality.

All Allied bodies are being moved to the port of Pusan en route to identification laboratories in Japan.

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Committee Tells Communist Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Un-American Activities Committee says the Communist party has switched college-educated organizers from white to blue collar jobs in its drive to "colonize" the nation's basic industries.

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