

# Red Claim For Germany Irks West

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is expected to protest sharply against Russia's claim it has turned over control of East Berlin to the East German Communist regime.

Top officials foresee, however, a steadily increasing number of harassing moves by the East German Communists in the forthcoming months which could tie up Western traffic to Berlin.

Despite Russia's claim that the East German government has full authority, the State Department is reported prepared to reaffirm its view that Russia remains responsible for four-power control of its sector of the former German capital.

This potentially explosive East-West argument broke out again yesterday when the Soviet commander in East Berlin rejected an American military protest over an incident involving the brief detention of two American congressmen.

Representatives Boland (D-Mass.) and Ostertag (R-N.Y.), along with Mrs. Ostertag and a military escort, were detained by East German police for a time Sunday. The Communists contended that East German laws were violated by their travel in a U.S. Army staff car equipped with radio telephone.

The Soviet commander, Maj. Gen. P. A. Dibrova, said the Russians now regard East Berlin as part of what they now term as a sovereign East German government.

The American protest rejecting any such transfer of authority by Russia can be expected to make these points:

1. The United States does not recognize the East German government, let alone East Berlin as its capital.

2. The Soviet Union remains responsible under four-power agreement for the normal operation of East Berlin. This responsibility cannot be shifted without agreement of the three Western Powers.

Diplomatic officials said it is Moscow's eventual hope to force the West to deal with the East German regime by manufacturing incidents, thus confirming East Germany's alleged independence.

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**YREKA STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** visited Klamath Union High School Tuesday as a part of their privilege day, a field day for honor students of the Yreka High School. Standing, left to right, are Leah Morford, secretary of the group; Harvey Foster, president; Mrs. H. B. Van Hoesen, Yreka High instructor; and Jim Dunham, vice president. Seated is Charles Carlson, principal of KUHS.



"I don't want to scare you, but daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody's going to get spanked!"

# Wood Lumber Suit Settled

PORTLAND (AP)—A million-dollar government suit against E. K. Wood Lumber Co. for losses and cost in the 1951 Vincent Creek forest fire was settled Wednesday with the company paying \$100,000 and a half section of timberland.

# The government had claimed loss of \$500,000 through fire-fighting costs and loss of timber, and asked double damages when it named the million-dollar figure in its suit.

Still pending is a suit for \$2,717,020 brought against the E. K. Wood company by Long-Bell Lumber Co. and Gardiner Lumber Co. The fire destroyed 13 million feet of cold decked logs owned by the Gardiner company and 11,000 acres of Long-Bell timber, the suit says. The complaint alleges negligence on the part of the Wood company in blasting operations in connection with construction of a road. Once the fire started, the complaint says, the company "failed to make any timely or reasonable effort to prevent the fire from spreading."

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# Winnie Observes 81st Birthday

LONDON (AP)—Britain's great man of the 20th century, Sir Winston Churchill, is 81 years old Wednesday.

By his own wish, a quiet celebration was planned with the chief event a birthday luncheon for 12 at his London home hard by the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

The trustees of the Churchill Birthday Presentation Fund launched to mark his 80th birthday announced it had been closed with 258,175 pounds 6 shillings 7 pence—\$725,690.92—in the kitty. Churchill has set aside 150,000 pounds of the fund to endow his country home, Chartwell, as a museum for the "reliefs and memories of my long life." The remainder goes into a trust to aid charities and philanthropies he designates as worthy.

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**Students Tour High School**  
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