

Pentagon Seeks To Improve Maneuverability Of Forces

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—The top U.S. military planners are gambling there won't be a war with Russia over Berlin—this time any way.

This is despite the West's intent to keep its military traffic rolling on the highways, canals and rail-ways and through air to West Berlin whatever the Russians and East Germans do.

Allied convoys will be armed, and if necessary will force their way through barriers and over bombed-out bridges. They won't shoot unless they're shot at. Defense Secretary McElroy's advisers don't think these actions will mean war.

The top planners at the State and Defense Departments think Soviet Premier Khrushchev will push the Berlin crisis to the brink of war. They think the Soviet war of nerves will step up sharply in the next two months.

Their intelligence estimates of

Soviet preparations, however, indicate the Reds are not now making the moves that would be a prelude to World War III.

"But don't misunderstand. The situation is serious. It could get out of hand," says one Defense Department planner.

If war does come, McElroy and his chief aides believe it will be a full-scale world war.

"They don't think the Soviet will start another 'Korea,' using the 110,000-man East German army and air force.

"The East Germans are well-armed with up-to-date Russian equipment," says one Pentagon strategist, "but we think they're unreliable. They might just quit and walk over to our side. At least the Russians can't be sure they won't."

"So the Russians would have to come in themselves. And that means a world war."

The U.S. for its part, will refuse to fight a "limited" war against Russian troops. The reason is simple: the 175 Soviet divisions could sweep across Europe against Allied defenses unless the U.S. throws in a full attack on the Soviet Union by air. That means A-bombs and H-bombs delivered by the Strategic Air Command.

So the Joint Chiefs of Staff have made no recommendations for a major increase in U.S. forces in West Germany. There are no plans, for example, to send another U.S. division.

They are making plans to speed up a little the previously-planned programs for supplying Western Europe. But they plan no major step-up.

They have asked for authority to step up the operational readiness of this country's air and sea forces. This step-up is not aimed at an increase in size, but rather an increase in preparation for quick maneuverability.

So the Joint Chiefs of Staff are rechecking their mobilization plans for buses, although they have no plans for even partial mobilization at present.

They're double checking operations to make certain a third of the Strategic Air Command could be in the air and on its way in 15 minutes.

They're spot checking to make certain that if there were an alert at midnight, the fleets at anchor could be on their way in hours.

They're quietly making certain the 82nd Airborne Division could be on its way in two and a half hours.

And they're double checking their alert measures, air warning and mobilization procedures.

The Defense Department strategists figure the U.S. and its Allies have enough troops in Germany—well enough equipped—to handle the convoys going into Britain.

If the Allies agree, the U.S. plans a series of discreet "maneuvers" to show the Soviets "we mean business." There would be troop and air "maneuvers" of U.S. fleets and planes.

The program isn't final yet. The Pentagon has made its recommendations. The National Security Council now has to decide how far to follow them.

But the general aim is this: to take steps strong enough to convince the Russians the Allies "will not give an inch" in Berlin, but not strong enough to force the world closer to war.

What this fine balance will be is essentially a compromise between the State Department, which wants no provocations, and the Pentagon, which wants to make certain the U.S. is prepared in case someone miscalculates and a war does break out.

Pair Agree; Disagree

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP)—Singer Guy Mitchell and a lumber company owner agree they had a fight but they're at odds on who started it.

Berman testified at a hearing Thursday that Mitchell owes him \$232 for lumber used in building a den. His left eye was blackened, he said, and he suffered injuries to his hands, arms, stomach and back.

Mitchell said he owes Berman no money but that when he rode by him on horseback Wednesday Berman made a slurring remark and threw a couple of punches at him.

Berman denied striking at the singer.

Cleric Backing Prohi Repeal

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Rt. Rev. Chilton Powell, Episcopal bishop of Oklahoma, will be chairman of a 24-member committee assisting in the campaign for repeal of prohibition in the state.

The repeal movement is sponsored by United Oklahomans for Repeal. A statewide television program launched the campaign Thursday night.

Oklahoma has been constitutionally dry since statehood in 1907 and will vote on the issue April 7.

Single Ballot Swings Election

CHICAGO (AP)—One vote in a primary election, it appears, has transformed an electrician into a candidate for mayor of suburban Highland Park.

In the March 3 primary Mayor Robert S. Cushman, a lawyer, got 3,527 votes for reelection. There was one write-in vote, for Daniel A. Vetter, the electrician.

Vetter Thursday filed a statement of candidacy that will put him on the ballot in the April 21 general election.

HAMS ALL
MILWAUKEE (AP)—All the Hams are radio hams. Carl Hamm operates station W9DWH, Mrs. Hamm W9UNY and Carl Jr. K9HEX.

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BY ROY HULL

Only Surprise Of Revolt Is The Matter Of Timing

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign News Editor
CAIRO (UPI)—Whoever holds Baghdad holds Iraq.

There is little surprising in the Iraqi revolt. The only surprise is the matter of timing. The lighted fuse finally reached the powder keg.

But the point now is that Premier Abdel Karim Kassem holds Baghdad and has the air force to back him. Col. Abden Wahab Shawaf's second division may be the most powerful in Iraq, but as far as is known here, it has no air support and has more than 300 miles between it and Baghdad.

Baghdad remains the military key, despite the obvious economic value of the oil fields, presumably in rebel hands. The proof lies in the military preparations against the revolt Kassem long expected.

The newly-created fifth division screens the city, while the third division, led by Kassem in the revolt against King Faisal, is stationed a few miles to the north. All, including the air force, apparently are loyal to the regime.

The actual military situation in Iraq remains obscure, with the only known facts that the borders are generally closed to air, rail, and road traffic and all foreigners in Baghdad are warned to stay off the streets to prevent a repetition of last July's bloodshed.

Conflicting claims of the Baghdad and rebel Mosul radios reduces it to a propaganda war whose outcome no one is yet willing to predict.

The important Mideastern radios still are noncommittal and most Mideast nations are bending backwards to avoid predictions or taking sides.

However, the outbreak was as predictable as the time and tides and may determine the whole course of Mideastern events. Kassem, an obscure brigadier at the time of the July revolt, now is a man who wants to stay in power. He is considered non-Communist but may have gone so far in surrounding himself with Communists that it is impossible to withdraw.

The Baghdad police are Communist controlled and the air force is in charge of a man with known Communist sympathies.

In fact, some Mideastern sources say that Kassem is a prisoner of his own forces in Baghdad and would be killed if he attempted to leave the capital.

Whatever the outcome of the present outbreak, there is no doubt that the results will be judged as a victory or defeat for Communism in the Middle East.

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CITY BRIEFS

Rummage Sale — Insurance Women of Klamath Falls will hold a rummage sale at Clyde's and Art's Towing Service, Eighth Street and Klamath Avenue, on Saturday, March 21.

Palm Sunday Breakfast — Friendship Court No. 11, Order of Amaranth, will hold its annual Palm Sunday breakfast at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at Bing's Cafe. Members and their families are invited.

United Church Women — of Klamath Falls will hold a general business meeting at 1:30 p.m. on March 23 at the Congregational Church. Women at Pelican City Sunday School will have their devotions. Communion will be served by the Rev. Marshall McKinney.

Food Sale — Bethel No. 61, International Order of Job's Daughters, drill team is holding a baked food sale at Low Cost Market in the Town and Country Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Square Dance — Merry Mixers will square dance Saturday night, March 21, at the South Sixth Community Hall. Hank Kuempel of Lakeview will be guest caller. Please bring potluck dishes. All square dancers are invited.

Grange Practice — Poe Valley Grangers aiming for first and second degrees will practice Monday, March 23, and jointly with Lost River members Wednesday for degree conference by the two units Thursday. All meetings are at 8 p.m. in the Poe Valley Hall. Members and officers are urged to attend.

Happy Hour Club — will meet at the home of Helena Horton, 234 North Third Street, on Tuesday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Box Social — The Cow Belles' old-fashioned box social at the Willard Hotel on Saturday night will not be a Dutch auction. Time limits will be set for bidding on the supper boxes. Coffee and silver furnished. Cards and dancing for entertainment. Call Mrs. Homer DeLamater for further information.

Easter Party — Women of the Moose, Chapter 467, will hold their annual Easter party for the children of Moose members only, ages up to 12 years, on Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hall. There will be entertainment for adults.

Birthday Dinner — for Women of the Moose, Chapter 467, and Loyal Order of the Moose 1108, whose birthdays are in March will be honored at a free birthday dinner March 28 in the Moose Hall at 6:30 p.m. All members are invited and urged to attend.

Home — D. T. Moore of 1874 Academy Street is home from Hillside Hospital and would enjoy seeing friends and neighbors again.

Peace Memorial — Chapter of Presbyterian Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting, 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 22. Stan McClellan, delegate to a Sacramento meeting will give his report on the conference. All men are invited.

Neighbors — of Woodcraft, Thimble Club, will meet in the KC Hall 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, for potluck.

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