

## Patrol Harassment Expected In Berlin

BERLIN (UPI)—Interference with Western Allied patrols in East Berlin may be the next Communist move to restrict Western rights here.

The East Germans have opened a propaganda campaign against the tours of East Berlin made many times daily by American, British and French military sedans.

The Western Allies consider the regular patrols a sign that all of Berlin is still under four-power rule. The Russians claim this rule no longer exists.

Significantly, the propaganda attacks have coincided with Russian harassment of Western Allied convoys on the highway to the West through East Germany.

Western officials think the propaganda campaign might be an end in itself, part of the effort to whip up anti-Western feeling in East Germany.

But they do not rule out the possibility that the campaign might be designed to lead to serious harassment of the patrols.

The patrols have had difficulty from time to time since the Communist wall was built on

the East-West Berlin border Aug. 13, 1961.

A few were stoned. Others were hemmed in by Eastern police cars and their passage blocked for a short time.

But in the last few weeks a concerted propaganda campaign against the patrols has been going on and this has been regarded by many in the West as a sign the Communists are planning to stir up new trouble.

Maj. Gen. Helmut Poppe, whom the East Germans call their East Berlin commandant—a title not recognized by the Western Allies—last week charged the Western Allied soldiers were pulling down East German flags in East Berlin and engaging in other "gangster" actions.

The East German news service ADN accused Western military vehicles of causing a long series of traffic accidents in East Berlin.

And almost daily the Communist press publishes letters, said to be written by indignant East Berliners, denouncing the patrols.

Any attempt to halt the patrols or seriously interfere with them would be sure to cause a grave international incident.

The military value of the patrols probably is negligible. They have nothing to do with the vital right of access to West Berlin. The highway on which convoys travel does not run through East Berlin but runs out of West Berlin directly into East Germany.

But under four-power post-war occupation agreements with the Russians the Western Allies have the right of free movement in East Berlin, considered the Soviet sector of the city.

## Mothers Club Schedules Tea

Oregon State University Mothers Club will stage the annual fall tea on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. P. Ellingson Jr., 1700 Fairmont.

Mrs. H. O. Juckeland, chairman, invites all women of the area to attend the affair which is given each year as a welcome to mothers of freshmen and new students at OSU.

## Hearty Folks Return To Rugged Life On 'Loneliest Island In The World'

SOUTHAMPTON, England, (UPI)—A party of 198 men, women and children turned their backs today on the comforts of modern England to return to the rugged, simple life of Tristan de Cunha Island in the South Atlantic.

They were scheduled to start the long voyage to "the loneliest island in the world" aboard the chartered Danish ship *Bornholm*.

The group was the main body of the island's total population, which was removed two years ago when a volcano eruption forced them to leave their tiny British-administered island.

Two advance parties totaling 64 men have gone ahead to prepare the island to be lived on again, now that the volcano has subsided.

Eleven Tristaners chose to remain in England. Five others died here, mainly of pneumonia and related ailments attributed to the harsh winter weather. Eight babies were born during the islanders' stay in England.

Victor Rogers, 50, his wife and their three children are among the islanders who chose to face the cold weather and complexities of modern life in Britain.

"We are happy to stay," Rogers said. "My younger children will get a better education. Life is much harder on Tristan."

The rocky island was inhabited in the early 1800's by fishermen, shipwrecked seamen and other persons who arrived by chance at the isolated spot of the normal shipping lanes and lacking a harbor.

Tristaners learned to eke out a living by fishing, raising sheep and growing potatoes.

## 60 Flee Cuba In Small Boat To Escape Food And Water Shortage

BEAUMONT, Tex. (UPI)—Sixty Cubans who faced starvation on the seas to escape food and water shortages on their Communist-held island were being considered today for political asylum in the United States.

Immigration authorities were expected to announce today what disposition would be made of the refugees, including 16 children and 16 women. They docked here Wednesday night.

They were rescued Tuesday from an overcrowded 25-foot sailboat in the Yucatan Strait between Cuba and Mexico. The British freighter *Essequibo* plucked them from the turbulent sea where they had drifted two days without food.

Stormy seas had hampered their sailing in the fishing boat. They said friends, armed with

automatic weapons, guarded them while they rowed in five small boats from beaches in Pina Del Rio and Oriente Provinces. Five miles from shore, after

rowing eight hours, they rendezvoused with the sailing vessel and started sailing toward Mexico. Sailing was thwarted by the battering seas and erratic winds.

A refugee student explained the reason for the exodus: "In Cuba there are not enough shoes manufactured and some people go barefooted. There is not enough water

in some areas and eggs are rationed so strictly that only people under eight and over 65 are allowed to eat them.

"After a while you get sick of this."

Despite the rugged voyage, the refugees appeared in good condition.

The refugees declined to identify themselves to newsmen because they feared reprisals against their families in Cuba. They are members of 15 different families.

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