



DEMONSTRATOR DOWNED — West German policemen pull students from sidewalk in front of Harnack House in West Berlin. The demonstration was to protest a Spanish party — in Harnack House — being celebrated in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War. —UPI Telephoto

## West Germany's Location Ideal For Refugee Groups To Operate

BONN, Germany (UPI)—Shooting men erupting from two buses storm the Yugoslav Embassy in suburban Mehlem, setting it afire and killing a guard.

In Frankfurt, a man who sells guns for a living teaches the starter of his car, which explodes, killing him instantly.

Three men in Munich kidnap a former French colonel from his hotel room, spilling him across Germany and into France in an ambulance.

An Algerian is shot dead on Bonn's diplomatic row as he tries to evade his pursuers by turning into the Libyan Embassy.

All were the work of conspiratorial organizations which have made West Germany their playground for almost 20 years.

The government is concerned about such activities, and proposes to amend the criminal code to permit early and protective police action against underground political groups.

West Germany's borders are open, millions of refugees from the East live here or have passed through the country and one million foreign laborers are employed here, making this a fertile field for secret political brotherhoods.

Mentions Some Groups Justice Minister Ewald Bucher, defending his proposal to move more vigorously against them, mentioned some of the groups in a recent letter to Parliament.

Three French underground organizations have been or are now active in this country. The "Red Hand," a semi-official terrorist group, is the best known and most feared. Others are the Secret Army Organization, usually called the "OAS," and the National Council of Resistance (CNR) formed around such former government offi-

cial as ex-Premier of France Georges Bidault. Both the OAS and the CNR are anti-Gaullist.

The "Red Hand" is believed to have been the outfit that kidnaped former Col. Antoine Argoud of the OAS from his Munich hotel and returned him to Paris for trial. Bidault himself was in Germany briefly but went to Latin America when Bonn denied him political asylum.

Yugoslav Group Active The Ustachi of Croatia, also known as the "Trup," have been active here since the war.

It was that group which attacked the Yugoslav Embassy in Mehlem two years ago. Ustachi refugees often get into knife fights with groups of Yugoslav workers who came here for industrial training with the

permission of Marshal Tito's government.

Refugees from the Soviet Union and the East European satellites are organized in a variety of groups, several of which are believed to train individuals for subversive work in Russia. In recent years, at least two of the professional Soviet assassins assigned to kill leaders of such organizations have defected after having carried out one or more successful missions.

Bucher proposes the criminal code be amended to provide a maximum sentence of one year or an equivalent fine for forming an organization "which has withheld from authorities information about its purposes or aims, which, if known, would cause its prohibition."

# Federal-State Land Disputes Spark Odd Results

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A murderer got off scot free. Children were refused entry to public schools. Murders at a Veterans Administration facility lost the right to vote. A 4,000-acre private farm within Yellowstone National Park escapes all local property taxes.

These are just a few of the bizarre outgrowths of a federal-state dispute over land jurisdiction in various sections of the nation.

Because of it, an estimated one million Americans who reside in federal enclaves live in a legal limbo — without the rights and privileges of other citizens.

To unravel the jurisdictional tangle, the Justice Department again has asked Congress to enact legislation permitting the government to return to the states legislative dominion over many federally-owned islands of land.

Stateless Citizens The government holds exclusive jurisdiction over more than 5,000 individual pieces of real estate in various parts of the nation. The residents are in effect citizens without a state.

They often are deprived of many state services — the right to vote, to hold public office, local police and fire protection, public schools, welfare benefits, the use of public libraries.

Because they have no right to access to local courts, they encounter legal disadvantages with respect to marriage, divorce, probate of wills or even the services of a local coroner to sign a death certificate. However, under a 1940 law, the states were given the power to collect state income, sales and gasoline taxes from them.

Under the proposed bill, the government would retain title to the lands and the right to its use. But in cases where legislative jurisdiction is not necessary, the land would be given back to the states.

About 5 per cent of all public lands would be affected by the bill. Legislative control already is vested in the states on the remainder, 85 per cent.

Worse Than D.C. The plight of the residents of these federal enclaves is far worse than that of the residents of the District of Columbia. Washington residents were given the right to vote recently in federal elections. And Congress has provided a complete code of laws and governmental machinery — from business license taxes to libraries — for the dis-

America's nonvenomous anaconda rivals the rattlesnake by its size as the world's largest snake, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

strict. But not so for other federal enclaves.

The lands covered by the bill include some military installations, national parks and public lands, post offices and other public lands — but only those lands where exclusive jurisdiction was vested in the government when acquired.

The legislation insists that return of jurisdiction to the states be a two-way street. The government agency which oversees the land would have to be willing to cede jurisdiction, and state authorities would have to be willing to accept it.

Once this was accomplished, local authorities would extend services and impose obligations on the federal residents, just as they do to any other resident of the state.

Some Odd Results The present legal snarl has produced some odd results.

In 1964, the Montana Supreme Court reversed a lower court conviction of a confessed murderer named Tully on grounds the crime was committed on a military reservation under exclusive federal control. It was later established that the government had never taken jurisdiction on the small annex to

the reservation where the killing occurred.

The constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy prevented Tully's retrial in a state court, and he got off free.

A small portion of the Baltimore-Washington parkway runs through Ft. Meade, Md., where the government holds exclusive jurisdiction. Maryland state police patrol the parkway under concurrent jurisdiction with U.S. park police. They refer to arrest speeders or investigate accidents on this one stretch of the heavily-traveled road.

Oases of Land

In Yellowstone National Park, there are a number of private-owned oases of land within

the park, including a 4,000-acre farm, whose owners have never paid local property taxes.

Legal authorities believe these residents may be unable to pass the land on to their heirs because Montana and Wyoming courts are not available to them, and there is no federal probate court to process wills or deeds.

Maryland state courts ruled that nurses and other permanent residents of the VA facility at Perry Point, Md., which is under exclusive federal jurisdiction, had no right to vote in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and some other states, children who lived on several federal enclaves were denied the right to attend local public schools.

The problem was resolved when the government agreed to pay once given jurisdiction over full tuition for the students as though they were out-of-state residents — and it is still paying the heavy toll, much to the continuing irritation of the U.S. Department of Education.

Fear Racial Segregation Congressional opponents of the proposed legislation have voiced fears that some Southern states where racial segregation is an official policy might extend discrimination to federal areas.

Opposition also stems from some persons living within these exclusive federal islands who now escape an estimated \$10 million a year in state personal property and real estate taxes.

The bill has failed to pass five previous congresses. Its prospects in the 89th Congress are uncertain.

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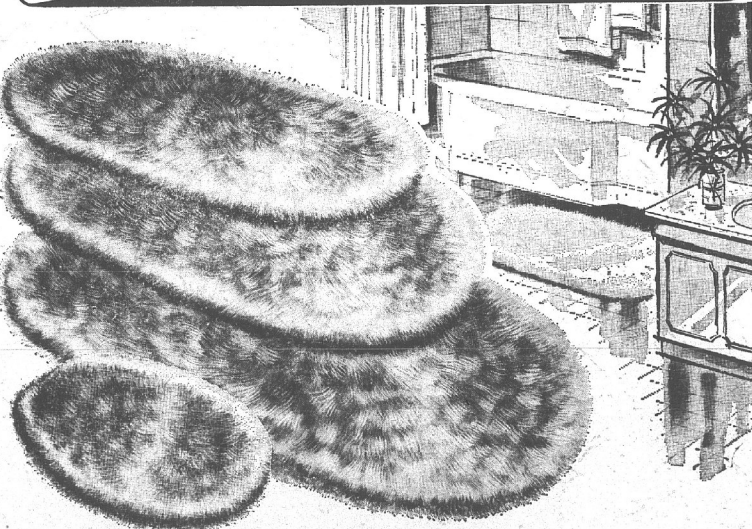
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