

Big 3 to Sign German Treaty

BONN, Germany, May 23 (AP)—The Allied Big Three foreign ministers gathered here tonight to sign the pact that will set the West German keystone into the ramparts of Western defense against Communist aggression.

After final talks tomorrow and possibly Sunday to iron out three still unsettled points, they are due Monday to sign a peace contract with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer granting nearly full sovereignty to 48 million Germans living on this side of the Iron Curtain.

Then they will fly to Paris to sign an accompanying European Defense Community treaty Tuesday that will put some 400,000 rearmend German troops into a million-man, one-uniform European army. Terms of the EDC treaty were completed at Strasbourg today by ministers of the six participating nations—West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

In this weekend of decision, the Big Three foreign ministers are meeting on German soil for the first time since World War II.

U.S. Secretary of State Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman are giving official approval to an accord denounced by Communist East Germans as a threat of civil war and by Socialist West Germans as a hazard to ultimate reunification of the nation.

Adenauer's government coalition suppressed the domestic opposition today, for the moment at least, by voting down Socialist demands for a full-dress debate on the treaty in Parliament. The Socialists charged Adenauer was trying to bind the Germans to an accomplished fact without telling them what the consequences would be. Adenauer's spokesmen countered with a broadcast statement that the text will be made public after the signing and Parliament will have full opportunity to debate its points when it comes up for ratification.

Army Demotes Dodd, Colson

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The Army today "broke" the two brigadier generals involved in the Koje prisoners' revolt fiasco in Korea. It reduced them to the rank of colonel, and ordered a formal reprimand for their immediate superior.

Demoted were:
1. Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, the Koje commandant who was seized and held for several days by the Red POWs until their "ransom" demands were met.

2. Brig. Gen. Charles F. Colson, the man who agreed to the prisoners' terms for releasing Dodd.

Both were reduced to their permanent rank of colonel. As a result, each will lose \$133.38 a month in pay and \$34.20 in rent allowance.

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The World At a Glance

Allied Planes Destroy Huge Red Supply Depot

SEOUL, Saturday, May 24 (AP)—Allied war planes struck the greatest air blow of the Korean War Thursday and Friday, turning a huge Red supply and arsenal complex into what one pilot called "a little hell."

For 36 hours planes of every description rained destruction on the center sprawling along the banks of the Taedong River south of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Agreement Reached In Telegraph Strike

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Agreement was reached today for settling the 51-day strike of Western Union employees. The walk-out will end Monday if the workers approve the pact.

The agreement provides pay raises for the 30,000 employees, but it goes into effect only if the government agrees to a boost in telegraph rates.

Indians Die in Fire

TAHLEQUAH, Okla., May 23 (AP)—Ten members of two Indian families, nine of them children, burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their tiny home after it was hit by lightning.

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'Scientist X' Indicted In Atomic Spying Case

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—A federal grand jury today returned a three-count perjury indictment against Prof. Joseph W. Weinberg, the long mysterious "Scientist X" accused by a House committee of slipping atomic secrets to an alleged Red spy.

Ceylon to Hold Elections

COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 23 (AP)—Ceylon's three-million voters start general elections tomorrow to decide the future course of this strategic British Commonwealth island in East-West affairs.

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House Passes Slashed Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The House tonight passed a \$6,162,600,000 foreign aid bill after cutting \$1,737,400,000 from President Truman's requests. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Temporarily dominated by Republicans, the House sliced \$726,500,000 on the floor in addition to \$1,010,900,000 which the Foreign Affairs Committee previously trimmed from the President's \$7,900,000,000 program.

Backers of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) lead the forces demanding the cuts. They overrode more moderate reductions proposed by supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Democratic absenteeism gave the Republicans control during crucial voting today and yesterday.

The cuts reduced military aid to Europe by \$829,000,000 and trimmed a total of \$908,400,000 from economic aid for Europe and the Far East.

The explosive Middle East and Latin America were left untouched.

The administration was unable to salvage the original bill, despite a warning from Speaker Rayburn that the United States had lost air superiority to Russia.

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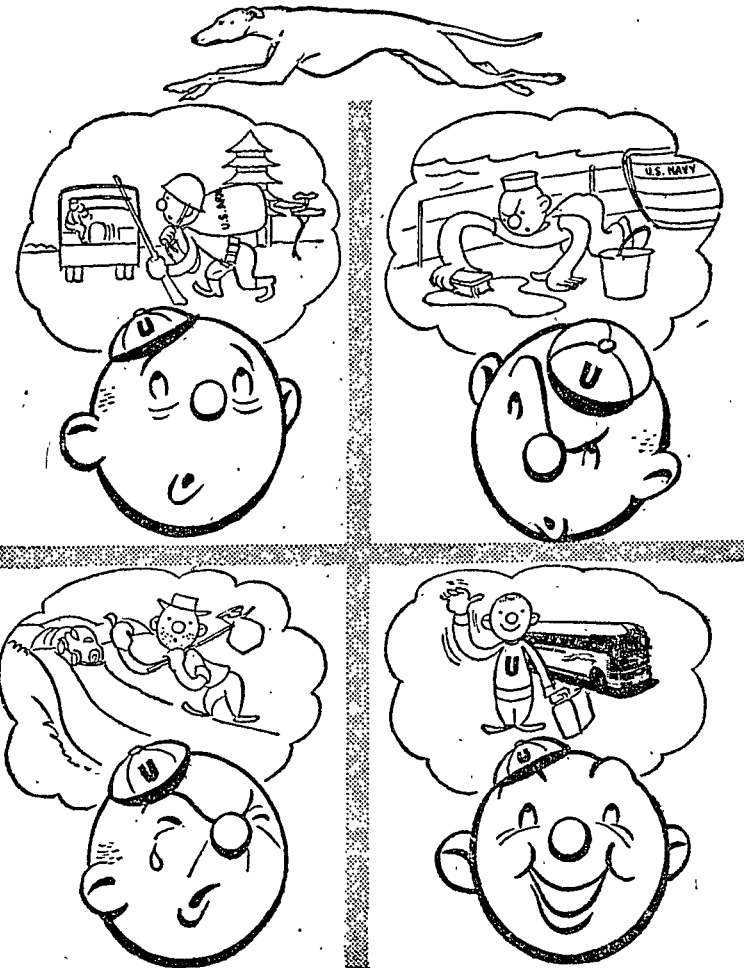
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