

Reds Recognize 'Sovereign State'

BERLIN, March 25 (AP)—The Soviet Union announced tonight it is recognizing East Germany as a fully sovereign state. The move was immediately labeled by the U.S. State Department as a phony gesture.

Way Cleared For German OK of EDC

BONN, Germany, March 25 (AP)—The Western Allies tonight cleared the way for final German ratification of the European Defense Community Treaty. They approved constitutional changes that will permit Bonn to raise a 500,000-man army, but barred actual conscription until EDC is ratified by all six participating nations.

This was a compromise worked out after a week of wrangling between the United States and Britain on one side and the French on the other.

The French feared that the German constitutional amendments voted by the West German Parliament last week would give the Germans unrestricted rights to rearm.

After much hesitation and caustic comment from the Germans, the French accepted a British-American compromise formula.

The three Allied high commissioners sent a letter to Acting Chancellor Franz Bleucher saying they approved the amendments making it legal for West Germany to be a member of EDC, and approving a clause giving the West German government responsibility for defense and authorizing conscription of all German men from the age of 18.

Toth to Face Court Martial

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Ex-Sgt. Robert W. Toth, unemployed steel worker, today was ordered returned to Air Force custody for court martial trial on a charge of murder in South Korea.

The ruling, which held that former servicemen can be tried by military tribunals for serious crimes committed before their return to civilian life, was handed down by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Counsel said the case would be carried to the Supreme Court.

The three-judge appellate court ruled unanimously that a provision of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, giving the armed services the right to court martial former servicemen on charges of serious crimes, is constitutional.

Toth, now 24, was at work in a Pittsburgh steel mill on May 13, 1953, when he was arrested by Air Force officers and flown back to Korea for court martial. He and two others were accused of murdering a South Korean civilian caught prowling in a restricted area near Pusan, South Korea, on Sept. 27, 1952.

French Begin Aerial Assault

HANOI, Indochina, March 25 (AP)—French planes dropped streams of firebombs on Vietminh troop positions around besieged Dien Bien Phu today in a tremendous aerial assault.

The French said their American-strengthened air arm inflicted heavy losses on the Communist-led rebels and upset their timetable for renewal of new attempts to crush the northwest Indochina fortress with mass infantry attacks.

In a political development, a former Premier of Viet Nam called for a cease fire, if possible now. Tran Van Rhu, who held the premiership of Indochina's largest state from 1950-52, appealed also to negotiators at the forthcoming Geneva conference to end the war, now in its eighth year.

Dock Strike Settlement Offer Made

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—The shipping industry made a bid today to smash New York's costly waterfront strike. They offered a wage boost plus nearly \$1.5 million in cash for a return to work.

At the same time, the shippers said they will try to get a new Taft-Hartley law injunction against the strike of the old International Longshoremen's Assn., which has cost an estimated \$275 million. Such an injunction ended an ILA strike last October.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner said he tried by telephone during the day to arrange an appointment with President Dwight D. Eisenhower to discuss the gravity of the dock situation. But he said his calls were referred to the Labor Department.

Contacted Eisenhower

The mayor then telegraphed Eisenhower, urging him to intervene in the strike.

In Washington, the National Labor Relations Board ordered a speed up in determining whether the dockers should be represented by the ILA or its AFL rival of the same name. The new order is expected to hasten NLRB procedures by about a week.

Men Will Work

The shippers' retroactive wage offer failed to arouse enthusiasm of AFL leaders, who are aiming at an eventual wage boost twice as large. John Dwyer of the AFL dock union said his men will work but he added:

"This is an attempt by the bosses to help their satellites, the old ILA, get off the hook."

Takes 'Dim View'

The ILA also took a dim view of the offer and its executive vice president, Patrick J. Connolly, told reporters:

"They are trying to bribe people. What we want is a contract. We resent it very much. It will have no effect."

To the port's 24,000 longshoremen, the shippers offered an eight cents an hour wage increase, plus a two cent boost in welfare benefits—all retroactive to last Oct. 1. It gave the dockers until March 31 to accept the offer.

The Soviet announcement, circulated by the East German news agency ADN, said Russian troops would still be stationed in the Soviet zone, a precaution which would assure continued tight control by the Kremlin.

In Washington, the State Department recalled that only nine months ago the East Germans staged widespread revolts, demanding free elections. It said the "entire puppet regime would collapse under the weight of hatred and hostility of the populace" if Soviet troops were withdrawn. Soviet tanks were called out last June to suppress workers' revolts.

Seen As New Move

The Soviet move was seen by observers here as another stage of the long-waged fight by Moscow to win Western recognition of the East German Communist government which was instituted without an election after the Western Powers had set up a central West German government at Bonn.

Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov advanced several stratagems at the recent four-power conference in Berlin to get the East German government recognized.

Refused Recognition

The Western Powers took the position that the regime represents nobody but the Communist party and refused to deal with it.

The West German government, based on popular elections and a Parliament, has been granted authority over nearly all its internal affairs and its foreign policy by the Western Powers, but it is not yet a sovereign government. The Western representatives in West Germany are still high commissioners, not ambassadors.

New Policy Announced On Nazi War Criminals

BONN, Germany, March 25 (AP)—The U.S. High Commission announced today a new policy under which it will be possible to release top-ranking German war criminals from Landsberg prison without announcing their names.

Committee Says Probe On McCarthy to Stand

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Several members of the Senate Investigations subcommittee said today the inquiry into the row between Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Army officials will be held even if some resignations are submitted prior to it.

The senators thus took cognizance of rumors of behind-the-scenes efforts to induce Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens; John G. Adams, Army counsel; and Roy Cohn, subcommittee counsel, to resign in a move to head off the inquiry. They are storm centers of the row. Origin of the resignation reports was not known.

Sen. Karl Mundt (R-Wis.), who will preside at the inquiry, told reporters he personally hadn't heard the rumors before newsmen mentioned them to him, but he added:

"I wouldn't think that any resignations would provide a satisfactory settlement that would make an investigation unnecessary."

"I would say that the nature of the investigation might be affected somewhat by statements, if any, which conceivably might be made accompanying such resignations."

He declined to elaborate that point. Sen. John McClellan (Ark.), the subcommittee's senior Democratic member, said it this way:

"The resignation of any party or parties involved will not settle or resolve this controversy."

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Spring Storm Leaves Four Dead in Wake

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—A vicious spring storm, tailored for trouble, roared across the mid-continent yesterday, leaving at least four dead in three states and a trail of heavy damage. The biggest storm of the new spring season touched off tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri.

Pike Extension Started

WHITE HAVEN, Pa., March 25 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine today officially signaled the start of the 110-mile northeastern Pennsylvania extension to the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The southern terminus of the extension is at the present turnpike at Plymouth Meeting near Norristown. Its temporary northern terminus is at Moosic, near Scranton.

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