

# France Fights German Arming

LONDON, Sept. 28 (AP)—France, thrice invaded by German hordes, today proposed a seven-nation armaments authority to put the brakes on any runaway West German rearmament. The United States, Britain and Germany promptly opposed the plan.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France made the French proposal at the opening of a nine-power conference on granting West Germany sovereignty and rearming the Germans within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer offered his own plan to the conference, calling for an end to the nearly ten years of occupation of his country by U.S., British, and French troops. He renewed the Bonn government's offer to join NATO and an enlarged Brussels alliance in order to contribute to Western defense. He promised to limit West German rearmament to the quota fixed by the French-killed EDC unified army plan.

Adenauer, in trouble back home after a demand tonight by the Free Democrats on German reunification, evidently was seeking quick and tangible benefits to his country from the conference.

Two major problems arose during today's session:

1. Mendes-France proposed that the French-German dispute over the Saar be settled as part of a "package deal" that would include an agreement on West Germany. Other delegates feared this would complicate the conference. The French and Germans have differing ideas about the future of the coal and steel producing border territory which for generations has been a bone of contention between them.

2. Combined U.S.-British-German opposition to Mendes-France's plan for a European armaments authority. Instead they want NATO to control the West German buildup. Adenauer, with full British-American backing, proposed giving NATO more powers to ensure that NATO controls would be effective.

# Ridgway Sees Need of Power In Atomic War

DENVER, Sept. 28 (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said at President Eisenhower's headquarters today that with survival of the nation at stake in any atomic war, there probably would be need for more armed manpower than ever before.

Ridgway, Army chief of staff, made the statement at a news conference after he and Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens had given the President a progress report on building up combat strength.

"We see a very definite possibility that a war in which atomic weapons were freely used may result in a need for increased manpower, rather than decreased," Ridgway declared.

"The stakes in the next world war are survival. It's not something you can play with. The whole survival of our people as an independent nation may be at stake."

Ridgway's remarks appeared to imply criticism of any advocates of relying on air power and atomic weapons at the expense of a reduction in ground forces strength.

In reply to a question, the general said the United States now has 25 divisions, including six in training. But he would not say whether he is satisfied with that strength.

# Death Toll Reaches 80 In Indian Rail Disaster

BOMBAY, India, Sept. 28 (AP)—The known death toll in India's worst railroad disaster climbed to 80 late today as rescue workers continued to pull bodies from a flooded river 50 miles from Hyderabad.

At least 100 persons were injured, 29 seriously.

Five cars of the Hyderabad-Kazipet express hurtled into the racing waters early today when a flood-weakened bridge collapsed. An estimated 600 dozing passengers were aboard.

# British OK Rearmament Of Germans

SCARBOROUGH, England, Sept. 28 (AP)—Britain's Laborites today endorsed West German rearmament—but by a margin of less than two per cent. They kept control of their party's foreign policy in the hands of moderates led by former Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

The moderates' narrow victory at the Labor conference weakened the 71-year-old Attlee's influence in West European Socialism. It also brought small comfort to the nine-power London foreign ministers' conference discussing West German rearmament.

Aneurin Bevan's defeated left wing followers trooped out of the seaside conference hall more jubilant than the victors. They interpreted the outcome as a sign of mounting strength.

The delegates approved by a vote of 3,270,000 to 3,022,000—51.8 per cent—a motion by the Attlee moderates calling for a West German contribution to Western defenses.

A Bevanite motion calling for a ban on arms for the Germans was defeated 3,281,000 to 2,910,000—52.9 per cent.

The closeness of today's balloting was due to the fact that while the local party organizations were strongly on Bevan's side as usual, the big trade unions which have supported Attlee solidly heretofore were divided on German rearmament.

During the debate Attlee, speaking in the tones of a schoolmaster, asked the conference to avoid taking "a sterile and negative" step that would tie the hands of any future Labor foreign secretary.

# Israeli Freighter Seized In Canal by Egyptians

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 28 (AP)—Egyptian gunboat seized a small Israeli freighter today as it tried to run Egypt's blockade on Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal.

Egypt charged the vessel fired without provocation on a cluster of Egyptian fishing boats, killing three persons.

Israeli government spokesmen in Jerusalem quickly denied the charges and said the vessel was unarmed. They accused Egypt of violating international agreements permitting free passage of all ships through the Suez.

Israeli officials conferred with their delegates in New York on a possible U.N. Security Council test of the case. Israel long has sought a showdown on Egypt's 7-year blockade of Israeli shipping through the vital waterway.

Maj. Amin Shaker, a spokesman for Egypt's military regime, said the 500-ton Bat Galim opened fire with small automatic weapons on the fishing boats near the Red Sea coast village of Sharm El Shekh, 25 miles from the south entrance of the canal.

A boat was overturned and three fishermen were wounded, he said, several others were wounded, according to Shaker, who said the Egyptians did not return the fire. He said the freighter and its crew of ten were seized by an Egyptian gunboat and placed under arrest in Port Tweekik Bay pending an investigation.

It was the first time since Egypt clamped down the blockade during the 1948 Palestine War that an Israeli vessel flying the blue and white Star of David flag of the Jewish state had tried to make way through the canal.

# Leader Charges 'Irregularities' In State Funds

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 28 (AP)—Sen. George M. Leader, Democratic candidate for governor, said tonight there are "shocking irregularities" in the interchange of funds between the State Liquor Control Board and Gov. John S. Fine's budget office.

"It is inconceivable but nevertheless true that the governor's office and the Liquor Control Board have become part of a curious interchange of state funds to build up the illusion that liquor profits were millions of dollars more than they actually were."

Leader, in a prepared speech, pointed to the governor's financial report for the first half of the current biennium which showed liquor store profits at 44 millions for the year ending May 31. The net yield, he said, actually was \$39,917,000. He added:

"During that year, cash transfers amounting to 44 millions were made by the Liquor Control Board to the general fund and it is this figure which turns up in the governor's report as 'liquor store profits,' when the designation is false and misleading."

"Against the 44 millions handed over to the general fund by the Liquor Control Board is a 'loan' of 15 millions the general fund handed back to the Liquor Control Board."

"In other words, the general fund received only the net amount of 29 millions from the state stores fund and not 44 millions as erroneously reported in the governor's financial statement."

# McCarthy Issue Denied by Hall

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—The chairman of the Republican National Committee said today the battle raging around Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy will have no effect on the November elections and added: "The American people are sick and tired of the whole situation."

GOP chief Leonard W. Hall gave this estimate while answering questions after a National Press Club luncheon.

One of McCarthy's friends, Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind), said that when the Senate considers a censure vote against the Wisconsin Republican it must remember that the Communists are out to discredit McCarthy.

# Delaware Students Rebel At Segregation End

MILFORD, Del., Sept. 28 (AP)—Only a third of the 1562 pupils enrolled at Milford's formerly all-white school showed up today on the second day of a boycott against the end of racial segregation.

Meanwhile, there were signs that a boycott against enforcing the Supreme Court's integration ruling may be spreading to other southern Delaware communities.

A majority of the pupils at the all-white elementary school in the small town of Lincoln, seven miles south of here, were missing from their classes today. And in Laurel, 12 miles to the southwest, a meeting was called for tomorrow night to "formulate plans for residents . . . to vote on desegregation."

## Increase at Milford

Dr. George R. Miller, state superintendent of public instruction, announced that 509 pupils—53 more than yesterday—showed up this morning at the Milford school. And a crowd of adults estimated at 100 and notably smaller than yesterday—stood quietly on the streets outside the school.

For the second day ten of the Negro high school pupils who previously had to attend out-of-town all-Negro schools, arrived for classes in private cars and school buses. School officials heard reports that the other Negro pupil had decided to return to a school in nearby Dover.

## Reopened by Board

Milford's combination elementary-high school was reopened yesterday on orders of the State Board of Education after the local board resigned. An attempt by local school officials to institute racial integration met with threats of violence.

State and local police continued to patrol the streets to control any possible demonstrations. They also escorted the Negro pupils to their homes after class.

Only 36 of an enrolled 140 pupils appeared this morning at the only school in Lincoln.

# Wood Calls Opponent 'A Captive'

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Sept. 28 (AP)—Lt. Gov. Lloyd H. Wood, Republican gubernatorial candidate, today described his Democratic opponent, Sen. George M. Leader, as "a captive candidate."

"He cannot think for himself; he cannot act for himself; he cannot decide for himself," said Wood.

"He must turn to his political masters for advice and direction."

Wood, in a prepared speech, said Leader could not make "a single move" in the election campaign until he received the approval "from the Pittsburgh bosses and the contractor political strategists, headed by Matt McCloskey."

McCloskey, a Philadelphia contractor, is Democratic state finance chairman. Wood went on:

"The Pittsburgh gang of ward politicians and contractor boss McCloskey have a big stake in this election. Their stake is patronage and millions of dollars in state contracts in a public-b damned policy."

"They care not for the welfare of the citizens of Pennsylvania as long as their empty pocketbooks are fattened. They care not for educational needs of the children of this state unless they are in position to grab the contracts to elect new buildings."

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