

# Franco-German Leaders Meet

PARIS, Oct. 19 (AP)—Leaders of France and West Germany today plunged into an elaborate diplomatic work schedule aimed at making the Bonn government an important cog in the Western defense system.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France met with West Germany Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for a thorough examination of French-German relations. The most crucial issue is the dispute over the status of the coal and steel-rich Saar.

## Progress Noted In Saar Valley Status Case

PARIS, Oct. 19 (AP)—French officials tonight reported some progress was made toward solving the status of the Saar valley. The report came after six hours of conferences between Premier Pierre Mendes-France and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The two statesmen ranged over problems standing in the way of West German sovereignty and rearmament.

A communique issued by the French said in connection with the Saar dispute:

"Some progress was accomplished in the course of this first exchange of views which will be followed by other conversations in the course of the present week as the work of experts advances."

Today's conference was the curtain raiser for a series of big power meetings designed to bring West Germany into a strengthened Brussels alliance and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Saar is the important issue because the French will not act on German rearmament until some agreement on the Saar valley is reached. The French wish to retain the economic union with the steel and coal-rich Saar. The Germans maintain the valley is part of Germany and want at least greater freedom of trade between Germany and the area. It belonged to Germany before World War II.

## 'Captain Video' Testifies on TV Crime, Horror

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—"Captain Video" stepped out of his space suit temporarily today to play a starring role before a Senate subcommittee probing the impact of TV crime and horror shows on teenagers.

The captain, whose off-stage name is Al Hodge and who comes from New York City, said his six-year-old program never mentions the word "kill," makes no use of guns that shoot people dead—but only weapons which "immobilize, but don't pain."

Moreover, he told the subcommittee headed by Sen. Hendrickson (R-N.J.): "We don't use capital punishment. We confine our criminals in rehabilitation centers on the planet Ganymede."

Hendrickson asked: "Captain, is there much tension in your show?"

"Well," said Hodge, "it is an adventure show." He emphasized the word "is."

The committee heard earlier testimony that some television crime and violence shows build up tensions in teenagers which provoke anxiety complexes sometimes followed by violence.

## Tobacco Cancer Will Be Probed

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 (AP)—A broad six-point study seeking knowledge whether cigarettes or other forms of tobacco cause lung cancer or other health hazards was announced today.

It is the first announcement of a big research program headed by the Scientific Advisory Board of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee.

It will include numerous studies of humans, including emotional habits of smokers, as well as tests on animals.

## UN Rejects Red Charges Decisively

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 19 (AP)—The UN Assembly Steering Committee decisively rejected Soviet demands today for immediate debate on American air and sea activity around Formosa and the ocean off the Red China mainland.

It voted 12-2 to postpone the question for 14 days after new and bitter exchanges in the committee between U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. and Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky. Russia and Czechoslovakia voted against the delay.

Lodge said the United States is willing and ready to put the question on the Assembly work program or to postpone it—whatever the rest of the committee wanted. But he asked the committee whether Russian attack on the United States didn't mask another Communist aggression in the making.

France's Henri Hoppenot, supporting the delay move, hinted mysteriously that in a fortnight "events in Europe or here" might have taken a turn that will influence Vishinsky not to press his point. He did not explain what he meant although Vishinsky asked him to.

Vishinsky voiced Russian charges as well as Red China accusations that the United States was guilty of aggression against Formosa, which he called an integral part of China, and against Red mainland China.

## Wood States Doubts Of Leader's Ability

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19 (AP)—Lt. Gov. Lloyd H. Wood, Republican candidate for governor, said today his Democratic opponent, Sen. George M. Leader, would be "putty" in the hands of "selfish political bosses" if elected governor.

Leader was described by Wood as "an inexperienced legislator" who is a "front man" for Matthew H. McCloskey Jr., Philadelphia contractor and Democratic state finance chairman; Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Democratic national committeeman, and Mayor Joseph S. Clark of Philadelphia.

Wood, in a prepared speech to a GOP rally, then said:

"This gang of political opportunists must be stopped in their tracks and with the help of the good citizens of Pennsylvania, they will be stopped."

Issues Statement  
Meanwhile, Atty. Gen. Frank F. Truscott, Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, issued a statement at Harrisburg declaring that "serious dissension has developed in the high command" at Democratic headquarters.

"Conflict between two opposing factions has destroyed all semblance of harmony, according to these reports," he said.

Earlier, Wood issued a statement at Harrisburg declaring cities governed by Democratic administrations have heavier taxes than those governed by Republican administrations.

"The average per capita tax in 11 cities controlled by Democratic administrations was \$21.00 in 1952:

## Hull Is Hit By British Dock Strike

LONDON, Oct. 19 (AP)—British dock workers spread their crippling strike to the big North Sea port of Hull tonight in defiance of an implied government threat to have troops unload ships.

The mushrooming 16-day walk-out—swollen by wildcat sympathy strikes and joined by the Communists—is holding up 200 million dollars worth of imports and exports and has posed a serious threat to Britain's whole economy.

Half of Britain's 76,000 dockers and workers allied with the industry are idle. The vast port of London has been closed down as has Birkenhead. Liverpool has been crippled.

But in the main Atlantic port of Southampton, the dock workers rejected overwhelmingly tonight a demand to join the strike.

The decision was made at a meeting near the port as the world's largest liner, the Queen Elizabeth, lay docked stern first ready for scheduled departure on Thursday for New York with the Queen Mother Elizabeth aboard. The big ship moved in backward so as to be able to get out more easily without help in case of a strike.

At Southampton, a rebel group in the Transport Union has defied their leaders and are striking in sympathy with the stevedores.

Only the 9000 members of the National Assn. of Stevedores and Dockers have union authorization for their strike, the core of which is to back union demands that overtime be on a voluntary basis rather than compulsory, as the shipping companies say it must be.

## Party Heads Knew of Reds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—The Senate Internal Security subcommittee today made public sworn testimony that Henry A. Wallace and Glen Taylor headed the Progressive party ticket in 1948 "with full knowledge" the party was under Communist control.

Wallace is a former Democratic vice president. Taylor is now seeking election as Democratic senator from Idaho. He had served a prior term as senator.

The testimony naming them was taken at a closed-door hearing Oct. 7 from Matthew Cvetic, a former FBI undercover man, and John Lautner, a former Communist now a consultant to the Justice Department.

The official transcript quoted Cvetic as swearing that Wallace was chosen as the Progressive party's presidential nominee and Taylor for vice president "because they were two men who were willing to work with the Communist party in this coalition Progressive party."

## 17 Insurance Firms Accused of Fraud

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—The government accused 17 of the nation's health, hospital and accident insurance companies today of misrepresenting benefits they offer millions of customers.

Chairman Edward F. Howrey of the Federal Trade Commission announced the complaints, charging "false and misleading advertising." He said that in a 10-month inquiry of nearly 900 other health and accident insurance companies, the FTC has found hundreds of similar practices and will file additional complaints.

Today's FTC action involved companies in Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Utah, New York, Indiana, Delaware, Nebraska and Arkansas. In some cases, the commission said, misleading statements were made about the extent of coverage of policies; in others there was alleged misrepresentation about maximum benefits or other matters.

"In the aggregate," the FTC said, "the 17 companies named in the proceedings account for annual premiums of 300 million dollars, representing about one-third of the total accident and health coverage on an individual policy basis in the United States."

The commission listed a variety of alleged misrepresentations but no one company was charged with committing all.

## Negro Enlisted By State Police

HARRISBURG, Oct. 19 (AP)—John R. Dudley, 22, the first Negro state police recruit in the history of the Commonwealth, today began training at the Hershey State Police Academy.

Gov. John S. Fine reported that Dudley, a Wilkes-Barre native and one of eight children, passed initial tests and was sworn in yesterday at the Harrisburg police headquarters.

"I am certainly most delighted that another barrier to the equality of man in Pennsylvania has been shattered by the Fine administration," the governor said in a statement.

Col. C. M. Wilhelm, state police commissioner, said there have been several applications in the past from Negroes, but they were rejected for failing to meet stiff entrance requirements.

## Britain, Egypt Sign Suez Canal Treaty

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 19 (AP)—Under close security guard, British and Egyptian diplomats tonight signed a historic treaty to end Britain's occupation of the Suez Canal zone within 20 months. A proclamation held Egyptian police and armed forces in a state of alert after alleged agents of the Communists and the fanatical Moslem Brotherhood had stoned and wrecked two buses near Cairo.

Officials said the altering proclamation was merely precautionary. They explained the incident that prompted it occurred at a youth rally held in the Giza area near the giant pyramid to celebrate 72 years of British military activity in Egypt.

## Dulles Leaves for Rearmament Talks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles left for Paris today, cautiously hopeful that France will agree in a series of meetings beginning tomorrow to decisive action on arming West Germany as a full-fledged partner in the Atlantic alliance.

Dulles said there are "many difficult problems" to be solved in working out the package deal under which West Germany will soon begin forming a dozen divisions. But he declared that these problems can be solved provided European leaders tackle them with a spirit of cooperation and "a sense of high responsibility."

Decisive Meeting  
The conferences will build up into a decisive meeting of North Atlantic Council members on Friday.

Dulles promised that the United States will give "sympathetic and responsive" attention to whatever action the Europeans take for

strengthening their own unity and power.

It was the second time in about three weeks Dulles had explained for a European capital to deal with Germany's future and the fate of West Europe's defense system. His last trip was to London where were laid the basic plans for making West Germany an ally.

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killed plans for a European Defense Community that was to make Germany and France partners in a European military system. The system now proposed will be more loosely organized but it will have Britain's full participation—a great advantage in the eyes of the French government.

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