

West Germans Gain Independence Today

BONN, Germany, Thursday, May 5 (AP)—West Germany joins the ranks of independent nations today, and a big economy ax swings down on U.S. forces that have occupied this country for 10 years with British and French troops.

The big change comes automatically as soon as British and French high commissioners deposit their documents ratifying treaties restoring sovereignty and permitting Allied troops to remain only as defense forces. The United States and Germany already have taken this step.

Ike Will Adopt 'Wait and See' Chinese Policy

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower outlined today a "wait and see" policy for dealing with Communist China on a possible cease-fire in the Formosa Strait region.

The President also told a news conference this country has no present intention of stationing big or permanent land forces on Formosa to help Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek defend that Chinese Nationalist stronghold.

And he said he expected the Chinese Reds to provide ample clues as to their intentions if they strike at the offshore islands of Matsu and Quemoy. This country has indicated its readiness to defend those islands if the Reds attack them as a prelude to moving against Formosa.

Eisenhower was brief and almost casual in his discussion of the Pacific situation. His manner as much as his words suggested he may regard the tension there as having relaxed somewhat in recent days.

Eisenhower also was asked how he would go about distinguishing a "local" attack on Quemoy or Matsu from one that was aimed at capturing Formosa.

His answer: If the Communists attacked with a strength far in excess of what was needed for a local attack, then it would be fair to assume the onslaught had a broader purpose.

Besides, the President added, the Chinese Communists never have talked about taking the islands for their own sake, but have consistently declared their intention of capturing Formosa.

Duff Opposes Leader

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—A charge that Democratic Gov. George Leader was breaking his campaign promises and making "false and fake statement" was made today by U.S. Sen. James H. Duff who denied he was responsible for the present state deficit.

Viet Nameese Decide Fate Of Bao Dai

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, May 4 (AP)—Seven hundred municipal and provincial officials from all parts of South Viet Nam met today to decide whether Chief of State Bao Dai should be stripped of his powers or deposed.

By car, truck, plane and horse-drawn cart they poured into Saigon for a "States General" Assembly, the nearest thing to a popular National Congress Viet Nam has ever had. They were in all kinds of costume, from the stylish white sharkskin suits of Saigon to the blue silk jackets and red headclothes of the Cham tribes.

Before them were two proposals, both indicting the Chief of State who has remained in France a year while his country was beset with war and postwar problems and torn by civil strife.

The first, drawn up last week by a National Revolutionary Committee, would oust Bao Dai.

The second, apparently sponsored by Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, would oblige the ex-Emperor to yield his powers, first to the Premier and then to a popularly elected National Assembly.

This scheme could produce a constitutional monarchy with Bao Dai as figurehead ruler or a republic with a figurehead President like those of France and Italy.

"Now the gravy train has come to the end of the line," commented one veteran of the occupation. "This is what it will mean for the Allied forces:

Strict Economy
Strict economy is the order of the day. No more castles on the Rhine for Allied high-ups. The allies dependents already have lost some occupation frills, such as vast numbers of cheap domestic servants.

Allied troops in general will be required to observe German law. The Allied courts that tried their various nationals for offenses have faded out. Military offenses will still be tried by courts-martial, but the soldiers will be liable to civil suits in connection with road accidents and similar matters.

Customs-free Goods
The soldiers will be able to keep their most valuable privileges—the right to buy customs-free goods in the servicemen's stores. This means continued access to cheap cigarettes, coffee, tea, liquor, perfumes and other luxuries at prices far below German costs. But rations on some of these items have been cut at German request, such as the present limit of 10 packs of cigarettes weekly for U.S. soldiers instead of 15.

Foreign Trade Bill Survives Senate

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—The Senate defeated three attempts to make major changes in President Eisenhower's foreign trade program today and pushed closer to a final vote on the key legislation.

Sen. Matthew Neely (D-WVa) pleaded in vain for an amendment which would have limited oil imports to 10 per cent of domestic consumption. Imports reached a level of 13.6 per cent last year.

The Neely amendment was rejected on a standing vote.

Red Pilots Strike at Matsu

TAIPEI, Formosa, Thursday, May 5 (AP)—Communist jet fighters yesterday challenged Nationalist planes for the first time in the Matsu area, underscoring reports of an ominous Red air buildup on Formosa's approaches.

The Chinese air force said four MIG15s attacked four propeller planes which were on patrol off the coast 50 miles north of the Matsu Islands and about 150 miles north of Formosa.

A communique reported the four Nationalist planes—presumably single-seat fighters—returned undamaged. No damage to the MIGs was claimed.

Other Nationalist planes attacked five small gunboats in Amoy harbor across Formosa Strait. The air force said one of

the gunboats was set afire and two others were damaged.

The big news, however, was the appearance so near Formosa of the fast Communist jet fighters of the type that fought in the Korean War.

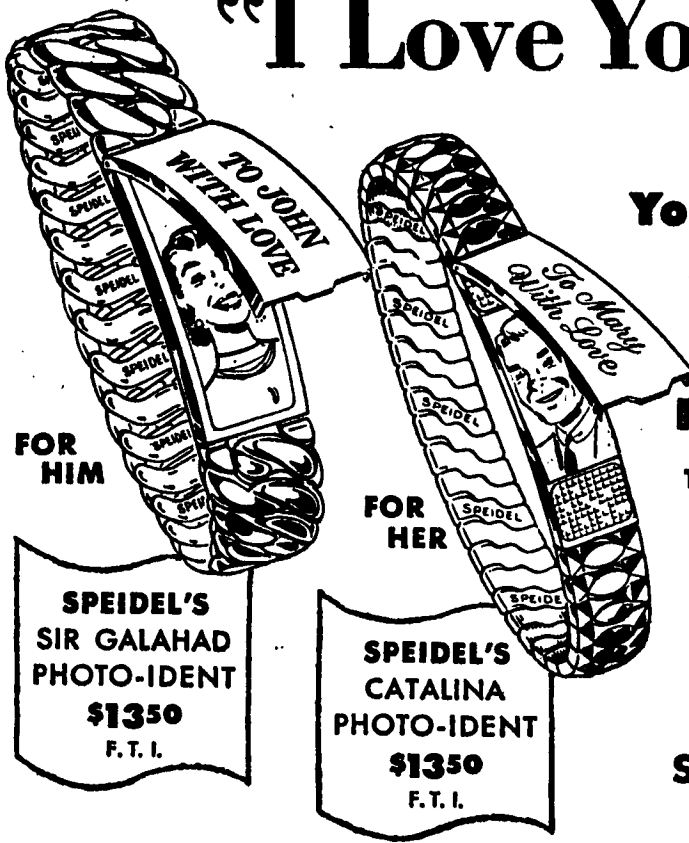
The Interior Ministry's Tatao News Agency asserted the Red land and sea buildup was moving ahead steadily along the southeast coast, from the Quemoy area 175 miles northward to the Matus. Tatao, which claims underground contacts on the mainland, said the Communists were organizing "dare-to-die" units to lead attacks on the island outposts.

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