

Western Germany Added To North Atlantic Alliance

PARIS, May 9 (AP)—Sovereign West Germany bolstered the North Atlantic Alliance today with 50 million people and a commitment to be a reliable partner striving for peace and freedom.

The German Federal Republic joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as its 15th member in an historic ceremony at the Palais de Chaillot, the organization's headquarters. This marked a major defeat for Soviet foreign policy. It climaxed a six-year effort to

enroll the Germans in the community of free peoples.

West Germany plans to field armed forces of 500,000 men trained for atomic war. The chief power will rest in an army of 12 divisions, linked with the forces of six other NATO members through the Western European Union. The Germans are expected to be ready for combat by 1959.

Despite the Russians' defeat, U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned the NATO foreign ministers that basic Soviet policies have not changed. He said the west must not relax its guard against Soviet aggression. Former enemies and former allies alike welcomed Germany as their newest partner almost 10 years to the day after the Nazi surrender in 1945.

One by one, foreign ministers of the NATO powers hailed the decision of the Bonn Republic to side with the Atlantic community in the cold war.

West Germany officially became the 15th NATO member at 10:33 a.m. when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer took his place at the NATO Council table. At the same hour, the black, red and gold West German flag was raised at NATO headquarters, at the military Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe just outside Paris, and at Norfolk, Va., the headquarters of the Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic.

In Washington, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Eisenhower's nomination of James B. Conant, U.S. high commissioner in occupied Germany, as ambassador to the newly sovereign government.

Herbert Blankenhorn, director of the Political Department in the Bonn Foreign Ministry, was appointed West Germany's permanent representative to the NATO Council.

Tax Fight Reopens in Legislature

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Pennsylvania General Assembly, now in the 5th month of its 1955 session, took up the tax budget battle again today with no solution in sight between the contending forces.

This is the situation, indicating a long drawn out fight before the tax issue reaches a climax:

1. The Democratic-controlled House Appropriations Committee resumes hearings tomorrow on its item-by-item study of the state's 1 1/2 billion dollar budget for the 1955-57 biennium. The hearings are expected to last several more weeks.

2. After that the House Ways and Means Committee will conduct separate hearings into Gov. George M. Leader's proposed 500 million dollar tax program. It is built around a classified income tax with rates ranging from one percent on wages and salaries to six percent on various types of investment revenue.

3. The Republican-controlled Senate has indicated that separate hearings will be held by that branch on the proposed budget. GOP leaders claim more than 100 millions can be pared from it. The administration has challenged budget critics to point out where cuts may be made.

Appeal Filed In Photo Case

PITTSBURGH, May 9 (AP)—A newspaper publisher and a photographer appealed to State Supreme Court today from their conviction for contempt of court. They were cited for violating a court ban against photo taking.

The appeals were filed by David W. Mack, publisher of the Greensburg Tribune-Review, and Robert Purdy, a free lance photographer from Pittsburgh. The appeal said "we believe we have suffered an injustice."

Mack, Purdy and five others were cited for contempt for the taking of photos of a convicted murderer in the Westmoreland County Courthouse in Greensburg.

Others convicted were: William Block, publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Andrew Bernhard, Post-Gazette editor; Vince Johnson, Post-Gazette reporter, and Don Bindyke and James Klingensmith, Post-Gazette photographers.

Each drew five-day jail terms.

State College Trio Breaks TV Jackpot

A State College family is some \$2,600 richer today.

Appearing on TV's "Break the Bank" program last night, Mrs. James W. Minow of S. Sparks St. and her twin daughters, Patricia and Susan, answered the required number of questions to hit the jackpot.

They were joined by her husband, Major Minow, of the Air Force ROTC staff at the University, to receive the prize.

21 Meals for \$3.25

In 1934 when McAllister Hall was formally dedicated, the dining room was managed by a caterer. Twenty-one consecutive meals were offered for \$3.25.

Defendant Slashes Courtroom Witness

PITTSBURGH, May 9 (AP)—A defendant slashed a witness with a knife in a courtroom today just as his trial was getting under way.

Court officials said the defendant, John Stringer, pulled out a small knife and cut his brother-in-law, Ashby Graves, 35, on the face and mouth.

The slashing occurred just as Stringer was brought before Judge Russell H. Adams in Allegheny County Criminal Court. Deputy sheriffs, tipstaffs and police subdued Stringer.

Graves was treated for cuts at the courthouse first aid room, then taken to Mercy Hospital. Deputy Sheriff Rodger Shaw, who helped subdue Stringer, sustained cuts of both thumbs.

Railroaders Will Receive Weekly Pay Installments

HARRISBURG, May 9 (AP)—Railroad workers in Pennsylvania would receive their pay on or before Thursday of every week under a plan passed in the House today by a single vote more than necessary.

Unless otherwise fixed in the employment contract every railroad or sleeping car manufacturer would have to pay each employee by Thursday all wages "earned during the seven-day period ending on Tuesday of the preceding week."

The change would be effective July 1 if approved by the Senate and governor. It won House approval 107-89, one vote over the constitutional majority of 106.

1st All-Sport Banquet

Plans for the first "S" banquet for varsity lettermen who were members of the Varsity Club were made in 1927. Before this time, athletes from each sport held its own banquet.

Convict Killed Prior to Prison Baseball Game

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 9 (AP)—A convict was stabbed to death in the prison yard of Graterford Penitentiary today while prisoners gathered for a baseball game between the prison team and Villanova University.

Warden Charles G. Day said the victim, Nathaniel Albritton, 28, of Burlington, N.J., was found at the far end of the yard with deep chest wounds. He was pronounced dead at the prison hospital.

Prison authorities said several men were rounded up for questioning but there were no indications as to the cause of the stabbing or what happened to the weapon used.

Albritton was sent to the prison in 1947 after he was convicted of burglary in Philadelphia.

His death was the second fatal stabbing at the prison in less than a month. On April 20, Leslie Young 32, of Philadelphia, was killed with a prison-made knife that has never been found. Another prisoner, William Fashaw, 24, of Philadelphia, was charged with murder for Young's death.

Mills Named Head Of Phi Mu Alpha

William Mills, sixth semester music education major, has been elected president of Phi Mu Alpha, men's music national honorary fraternity.

Other officers are Thomas Williams, vice president; James Valone, secretary; Francis Taylor, treasurer; Stanley Michalski, warden; Frank Podleiszek, executive alumni secretary; and David Andre, historian.

Members of Phi Mu Alpha and their guests will present live musical programs from 8:30 until 9 p.m. Wednesdays on WDFM.

State May Use Guard To Get Economic Data

HARRISBURG, May 9 (AP)—Pennsylvania's adjutant general looked today toward using members of the state National Guard to supply information on statewide economic conditions to government leaders.

"Members of the National Guard form a vast network of humanity covering the state and as such are capable of providing the Commonwealth with valuable information on regional economic conditions," said Adj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Jr.

Geisinger to Head Commerce Group

J. Bruce Geisinger, sixth semester business administration major, has been elected president of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional commerce fraternity.

Others elected were: Robert Simmons, fourth semester arts and letters major, vice president; James Bucher, second semester arts and letters major, secretary; James Kline, fourth semester business administration major, treasurer; John Hess, fourth semester business administration major, master of rituals.

Football Limitations

Athletic minded students who frequently played with their crude footballs in the early 1870's were banned from playing too close to Old Main by the College's administration. The sedate body issued an ultimatum declaring that football games were to be kept on the "other side of the ellipse" meaning to stay outside of the shadow of the building.

Postal Pay Boost Approved by House

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—The House, risking a presidential veto, approved an average pay raise of 8.8 per cent for postal workers today.

Democratic leaders said the Senate would take up the bill Wednesday, and that its chances of passage were good.

But President Eisenhower has indicated he would veto any increase going beyond 7.6 per cent. Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield feels the same way.

Summerfield wrote Rep. Martin (R-Mass.), the House minority leader, yesterday that he "could not, in good conscience," recommend that Eisenhower sign the legislation. He added it would create new inequities in the Post Office Department while failing to correct existing ones.

Nevertheless, the House passed the bill 328-66. It would add 179 million dollars a year to the payroll for the nation's 500,000 postal workers.

Eleven Pennsylvania Democrats and 13 Republicans voted today for an administration opposed bill to give postal employees an average 8.8 per cent pay raise. The bill passed 328 to 66 and was sent to the Senate.

Only Republicans King and Simpson in the Pennsylvania congressional delegation voted against the bill. Democrats Walter and Kelley and Republican Mumma were not listed as voting. Another Democrat, Eberharter, was announced as paired for the bill.

"This legislation is now so drawn as to make it utterly impossible for any postmaster general to administer it with fairness," Summerfield told Martin.

"The legislation would create serious pay distortions. It would raise the pay of some as much as 9 per cent, while leaving at only 7 per cent the increases of many employed at like duties. . . . It would destroy the concept of equal pay for equal work."

While there didn't seem to be much doubt that Congress would send the 8.8 per cent to the White House, leaders were uncertain that it could be passed again over a veto. A two-third vote in each branch of Congress is required to override a presidential veto.

Bills Signed By Governor

HARRISBURG (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader today signed a bill authorizing appropriation of county funds for use in distribution and storage of federal surplus foods in fourth to eighth class counties.

The distribution of surplus food in those counties has been handled by county commissioners without actual authorization by law.

The governor also signed bills to: Provide for adequate lighting and a safe supply of water for use in schools including private and parochial schools.

Remove the need for detailed advertising of proposed resolutions calling for continuing special taxes or license fees in municipalities. Set up the order of payment to persons holding liens on properties sold to pay delinquent taxes.

Provide that no sale of real estate for payment of delinquent taxes shall be invalidated by proof that a written notice of the sale was not served by the county treasurer.

Research in Coal Uses Proposed

HARRISBURG, May 9 (AP)—The Leader administration today suggested creation of an advisory coal research board to develop new uses and increased markets for Pennsylvania coal.

The five-man group would be established in the Mines Department and would be given \$500,000 in state funds under provisions of an administration bill introduced in the House of Rep. by William J. Reidenbach (D-Lackawanna).

The measure calls for appointment of the board by the governor with the mines secretary and commerce secretary acting as ex-officio members. Members would have to be familiar with "the technology or economics of the anthracite or bituminous coal industry."

Board members would receive expenses and \$25 a day pay for board business.

With the approval of the governor the board could make contracts or agreements "in carrying out its objectives." It also would be able to make grants to public and private scientific schools, institutions and associations "in the accomplishment of its power."

The measure would be effective immediately upon becoming law.

Graybash to Head Engineering Group

The newly-elected officers of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers are Peter Graybash, president; Sheldon Brown, program vice president; Jerome Scheib, membership vice president; Marvin Trimas, secretary; Charles Brooks, treasurer; and Alan Knappenberger, student council representative. The faculty advisor for the group is Benjamin Neibel, associate professor of industrial engineering.

The purpose of the organization is to bring men from industry to campus to speak about modern industry trends.

Transportation Unit Elects Caryl Head

New officers of Delta Nu Alpha, transportation fraternity, are William Caryl, sixth semester business administration major, president; Houston Elam, seventh semester business administration major, vice president; Richard Pettit, fourth semester business administration major secretary; and William H. Shaw, fifth semester business administration major, treasurer.

Edward Frankenfeld, seventh semester business administration major, is historian and Jay Best, sixth semester business administration major, alumni officer.



The strength of an elephant, the biceps of a bull . . .

See what he is at the

HE-MAN CONTEST

7:30 Tonight Rec Hall