

Allied Shake-Up Seen in Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP)—Diplomatic officials yesterday forecast a major drive by East German and Russian authorities to shake the Allied foothold in Western Berlin in the months ahead.

East Germany Reneges On Ouster Threat

BERLIN (AP)—Premier Otto Grotewohl beat a hasty retreat Wednesday night—apparently on orders from the Kremlin—after indicating the Soviet Union might be willing to withdraw troops from East Germany without waiting for the West to pull out.

The revised version of a statement the Communist East German Premier gave a news conference made clear the Kremlin was not retreating on its stand that Soviet troops will stay as long as Western armies remain.

Grotewohl, in an expansive mood, had told a news conference in East Berlin his regime expected to open talks soon with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev about withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany.

Under questioning by Western newsmen, Grotewohl said "perhaps" the Soviets would stick by their old stand that the Western troops leave Germany, too.

Six hours after the news conference the official East German news agency ADN put out a correction changing "perhaps" to "naturally"—thus emphasizing that the Soviets intend to stay in Germany as long as Allied powers do.

Grotewohl told newsmen he interpreted Khrushchev's speech Monday in Moscow as meaning that the Soviet leader was ready to negotiate a troop withdrawal. Khrushchev was vague and spelled out no terms.

In demanding Westerners get out of West Germany, Khrushchev had promised that the Soviet occupation functions in East Berlin would be handed over to the Communist satellite regime.

Strikers Close Chrysler Plants

DETROIT (AP)—Striking unionized office workers and engineers shut down 16 Chrysler Corp. plants employing 24,000 workers Wednesday.

Chrysler and the UAW reached agreement five weeks ago on a new contract covering the firm's 70,000 hourly rated production workers, but left terms for white-collar workers hanging.

Neither side has indicated when bargaining may be resumed. It was broken off with Tuesday's walkout to support union demands for area wide seniority and an automatic progressive step-up in pay, among others.

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Argentine Head Stops Coup Try

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Argentine President Arturo Frondizi last night smashed an attempted Government House coup led by Vice-President Alejandro Gomez.

Gomez was reported to have demanded Frondizi's resignation with a pretension of having armed backing.

Frondizi in turn demanded that Gomez resign and now he may have to do so.

Frondizi said Communists are behind the strike. It is seen as a test of strength between him and supporters of exiled ex-dictator Juan Peron who are lined up with the Communists.

There was some speculation that Frondizi might ask for a leave of absence or even resign as the powerful labor groups pressed their test of strength.

The showdown may give the answer to just how much power exiled Peron still wields in Argentina.

A leading former Peron henchman, John William Cooke, was one of the first jailed after flying back from Uruguay after Frondizi proclaimed a state of siege.

Frondizi took to bed with gripe and fatigue but some informants say after six months of civilian administration the military has again executed a virtual coup d'etat, with the president only a front man in the clash with the Peronistas.

In defiance of the state of siege ban on public demonstrations, the state oil workers union ordered a 48-hour nationwide strike to begin at midnight.

600 Planes Available If Berlin Airlift Needed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States could muster more than 600 aircraft for another Berlin airlift if such action should become necessary in the current disagreement over control of East and West Germany.

Air authorities disclosing the figure Wednesday said it would include a number of 500-mile-an-hour jet planes.

More than 300 long-range four-engined airliners are included in the civil reserve air fleet.

Eleven Die in Crash Of Refueling Tanker

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Eleven Air Force crewmen died Wednesday in the flaming wreckage of a KC97 refueling tanker.

The four-engine plane was blazing, witnesses reported, before it descended to treetop level with its doomed crew.

It blew apart and fell with a series of deafening explosions in a residential area on the Isle of Hope, 10 miles southeast of Savannah.

It crashed a few minutes after a 2 p.m. takeoff from Hunter Air Force Base. Two houses were wrecked. A civilian, working in his garden, was burned severely by burning wreckage.

Flames covered the crash area after the tanker clipped the tops off several trees and plowed a swath 100 feet wide and 300 feet long into the ground.

The plane apparently lost an engine, said Maj. Robert H. Reed, Hunter public information officer. It dumped some fuel, he explained, after taking off in an effort to gain altitude.

Frightened residents thought the plane would hit a school or a nearby playground, but it crashed half a mile away.

"As the plane skimmed by," said Reva Odom, Savannah Morning News staff writer, "a member of the crew was seen leaning from a window and waving."

Pieces of torn and twisted wreckage from the shattered plane covered lawns in the housing development.

The aircraft missed the residence of Mrs. Kathleen L. Barbour by only a few feet. Her house was damaged by the flying debris.

Stassen's List of GOP Candidates Omits Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold E. Stassen hoisted a new "dump Nixon" banner Wednesday—right in the middle of the White House lobby.

Emerging from a conference with President Eisenhower, Stassen gave reporters a list of four men he said he considered GOP presidential possibilities in 1960. Glaringly omitted was the name of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Carpenters May Quit AFL-CIO; To Vote Today

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Secession from the AFL-CIO was threatened yesterday by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the world's largest craft union.

Hours after 2000 delegates to the national convention had rejected their indicted President Maurice Hucheson without opposition, they empowered the brotherhood's 15-member General Executive Board to vote today on whether to pull out of the AFL-CIO. Some 1200 delegates lined up behind the resolution.

In Washington, AFL-CIO sources had no comment on the resolution, which said AFL-CIO leaders were "threatening and jeopardizing" the brotherhood and trying to "discredit and impugn" its leadership.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council has asked Hucheson to answer charges of alleged corruption in the Carpenters union with its 839,000 members.

Hucheson sent AFL-CIO President George Meany word last week that he couldn't be present before the council with a statement because he had to attend the preliminaries of the convention which began Monday.

On Monday, Hucheson mailed to the council a copy of the statement given convention delegates in which Hucheson said he was innocent of charges that he tried to bribe an Indiana right-of-way official in the state's highway scandals. Hucheson is under indictment in Indiana.

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