

Ike Says Berlin A-War Not Impossible

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower yesterday ruled out ground warfare in Europe and said everyone might as well understand that nuclear warfare over the Berlin crisis is not "a complete impossibility."

Nasser-Kassem Feud Flares After Revolt

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The long-simmering feud between President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic and Iraq's Premier Abdel Karim Kassem broke into the open yesterday with a barrage of angry words.

It was an aftermath of the revolt against Kassem in Iraq and it set up a new Arab choice between left and right.

The day brought the bitterest of all Nasser's denunciations of Kassem.

Nasser's outburst came after the leftist Iraqi government in Baghdad announced it had crushed the revolt in northern Iraq led by an anti-Communist pro-Nasser Iraqi officer, Col. Abdel Wahab Shawaf.

The revolt broke out Sunday around the oil city of Mosul, 220 miles northwest of Baghdad. Kassem's regime announced Tuesday it was crushed completely.

In a speech to a crowd of anti-Iraqi demonstrators at the presidential palace in this Syrian-UAR capital, Nasser launched his attack on Kassem, declaring he was "following a hostile policy toward the UAR."

Senate Passes Draft Extension

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate voted 90-1 yesterday to continue for four more years the peacetime military draft of men 18 to 25 years old.

Passage of the measure was hastened by concern over the Berlin crisis. Sen. Richard B. Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said it would "tell the Kremlin the United States means what it says."

The bill now goes to the House, which already has voted for the four-year extension, to consider one Senate amendment. The House is expected to agree to the change—continuation for another four years of the extra pay now given medical men.

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news conference against pressure from some powerful congressional Democrats to bolster the nation's defenses with more money, missiles and men—particularly men.

If Congress persists in providing more manpower for the Army and Marines, the commander in chief said, he supposed he'll have to put them "some place where it's nice, to keep them out of the way, because I don't know what else to do with them."

A bit plaintively, Eisenhower said that every time something called a crisis develops, whether it is Sputniks, Quemoy or Korea, "everybody has an answer."

He pleaded with the country to stand steady, to avoid hysteria and going "a little bit off half-cocked." Because of the actions and attitudes of communism, the President said, "we are living and we are going to live in a tense period."

He said it would be ruinous to be "pushed off" time and again, by something suddenly described as a crisis, from a defense plan which he said represents the nearest approach to a consensus of those people who are best informed on the subject.

While he was at it, Eisenhower took a dig or two at what he termed wisecracks of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

He didn't think much, he said, of Khrushchev's suggestion for

making West Berlin a free city and garrisoning it with Soviet as well as French, British and U.S. troops.

He took a series of swipes, too, at critics of his defense program, and at those who say it ought to be strengthened regardless of whether this throws the budget out of balance.

Key Democrats fired back, in a manner to indicate they still intend to write their own ticket on defense.

Eisenhower said he was tired of talking about "the idea of balanced budget against national security," and he added "I say that a balanced budget in the long run is a vital part of national security."

Space, Rail Stocks Pace Market Gains

NEW YORK (AP)—Further gains by space-age shares and a technical rally by rails helped give the stock market a moderate advance in active trading yesterday.

The gain produced another record high in the Associated Press average.

Gains and losses of from fractions to about a point prevailed among most key stocks. The electronic-missile-rocket group displayed bigger gains, including a leap of 9/4 by Zenith.

Selected issues in various groups also showed advances of 3 or 4 points.

Reds Pledge to Keep Berlin Open If Freed

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviet Union and Communist East Germany promised last night they would keep the road open between West Berlin and the outside world if West Berlin becomes a free city.

But they indicated the price they would demand for such guarantees would be Western diplomatic recognition of the satellite East German regime. That recognition has long been sought by the Communists and refused by the West.

The latest word on the Berlin issue came in a communique issued by the East German government as Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev ended an eight-day visit to East Germany.

The communique also again urged a quick summoning of a summit conference to ease international tension.

It said a summit meeting should be convened in addition to a foreign ministers' parley.

In a note to the Western powers March 2, the Soviet Union plumped for a summit conference but said at the same time Moscow would be agreeable to a meeting of foreign ministers if it was not possible to set up a summit session. Yesterday's communique called for both.

In Washington, a spokesman

said the State Department had no comment on the communique.

Privately officials said there was nothing new in the offer to guarantee access to West Berlin once it became a free city. The offer is based on the completely unacceptable condition that the Western Allies would give up their rights in Berlin, these officials said.

British-U.S. Split Seen In Calling Summit Talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—A British-American split has developed backstage over whether a summit meeting should be called regardless of whether foreign ministers succeed in easing tension over Germany.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, fresh from talks in Moscow with Premier Nikita Khrushchev, is reported to favor a heads-of-government parley even if an advance foreign ministers conference fails to ease East-West differences.

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