

Free Choice for Berlin Pledged by Ike, Adenauer

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer jointly pledged yesterday to uphold the right of West Berliners to decide their own future in continued freedom.

The two leaders publicly proclaimed this to be the foundation of their negotiating position for May's summit talks which will seek to determine the fate of the city.

At the same time, they served notice their governments would press forward with a drive to unite West and East Germany into a single, democratic nation.

Eisenhower and Adenauer set forth their goals after a White House strategy meeting.

The 84-year-old German Chancellor, a smile on his face, told newsmen afterward he is now satisfied his Western Allies will stand firm in the face of Soviet demands they pull out of West Berlin.

Authorities said Eisenhower succeeded in assuring Adenauer he would not make with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev any

deal which would jeopardize the freedom of West Berlin or imperil the goal of eventual German unity.

Adenauer came to the meeting worried that Eisenhower might in some way weaken these principles, perhaps under British pressure to find an acceptable tension-easing compromise.

Authorities familiar with the Eisenhower-Adenauer conference reported the German leader found the President fully aware of the deep concern in West Germany over Berlin's future.

In line with his public pronouncement, Adenauer stressed a no-concession approach on Berlin and Germany as the West's only hope of forcing the Soviets to become more reasonable. Eisenhower promised, these informants said, to pursue an exceedingly cautious strategy in negotiating about Berlin and to double-check any Soviet proposals with Adenauer.

Negro Protesters Jailed in 2 Cities

By The Associated Press
Negroes staged mass protests against discrimination in two Deep South cities yesterday and were carted off to jail by the hundreds.

Tear gas and fire hoses were turned on about 1000 demonstrators, mostly Negro college students, when they converged in downtown Orangeburg, S.C., to protest segregation at store lunch counters. Demonstrations on a smaller scale occurred at three other South Carolina cities.

In Atlanta, simultaneous sit-downs were staged in nearly a dozen eating places at bus and railroad stations, City Hall, courthouse, the state capitol and several other cafeterias. At least 79 were arrested.

There was no violence in any of the cities.

S. Koreans Elect Rhee to 4th Term

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Syngman Rhee, aged symbol of his country's long struggle for independence, won his fourth 4-year term as president of South Korea after a bloody election yesterday.

The official elections committee reported the 84-year-old patriarch had been approved by more than the required one-third of the nation's 11,194,490 registered voters needed for his unopposed victory.

For the second time in eight years Rhee ran against a dead man. His intended opponent, Dr. Chough Pyong-ok of the opposition Democrats, died Feb. 15 in a Washington, D.C., hospital following abdominal surgery.

Ike to Ask Congress For Cuban Sugar Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will ask Congress for power to slash Cuba's bonus price sugar sales to the United States, if he decides such action would be in the national interest.

Ike Endorses Nixon

By The Associated Press
President Eisenhower has indirectly endorsed Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency, it was reported yesterday.

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