

Gen. Lemnitzer to Head European Allied Forces

PARIS (AP) — Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer was approved unanimously by the Atlantic Alliance yesterday to succeed Gen. Lauris Norstad as supreme Allied commander in Europe.

The name of the retiring chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff was placed in nomination by President Kennedy and endorsed at a special meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's permanent council.

Norstad resigned Saturday as the European chief of the 15-nation alliance, effective about Nov. 1.

There was no opposition to Lemnitzer, but his selection may have been slightly delayed by France. The French Cabinet only approved the nomination yesterday. President Charles de Gaulle has been represented as annoyed at the haste with which he thought Washington was trying to put through the appointment.

THOUGH NATO might choose the SHAPE commander from any of its 15 members, all have been Americans since Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took over as the first one in 1950. U.S. contributions in nuclear and strategic air power are factors in this.

Lemnitzer, 62, is a combat veteran with a diplomat's touch. His succession to the NATO post became a virtual certainty when Kennedy named him last Friday to become commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe, another as-

ignment that Norstad is giving up.

Lemnitzer was proposed for supreme Allied commander in Europe in a letter from Kennedy to NATO Secretary General Dirk U. Stikker. Kennedy told Stikker he was sure Lemnitzer is "well and favorably known to the member governments of the alliance."

He added: "It is our firmly held conviction in the United States that we must continue to work in a spirit of independence in carrying out the common and indivisible task of defending Europe and North America. I am confident that, under Gen. Lemnitzer's leadership, this task will continue to be carried forward with the same success that it has in the past."

In a second letter addressed to Stikker, Kennedy asked that Norstad be released about Nov. 1.

Rusk, Gromyko Conference Fails To Find Solution for Berlin Problem

GENEVA (AP)—Dean Rusk and Andrei A. Gromyko are leaving the Berlin problem essentially where they found it at the outset of their Geneva negotiations, informed sources said yesterday. Nothing happened to create either a solution or a new crisis.

Positions of the U.S. secretary of state and the Soviet foreign minister, who conferred three times on Berlin in the past five days, were termed basically unchanged.

RUSK TOOK OFF FOR Washington and Gromyko arranged to head back to Moscow today.

Each side ended with a definite recognition of the other's commitments in Berlin and an understanding that serious consequences could result if these are infringed.

This would apply among other things, to the long-proffered Soviet intention to sign a separate peace treaty with Communist East Germany and turn over to

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy will meet with top advisers tomorrow to consider whether to relay U.S. terms for an atomic weapons test-ban treaty with Russia.

Press secretary Pierre Salinger said yesterday about 10 to 12 key advisers, including defense and diplomatic officials, will attend tomorrow's gathering. He described the meeting as one of a series of inside-the-government discussions on how the U.S. position on a test-ban treaty might be modified.

A PRIOR Cabinet-level meeting of agency chiefs concerned with the nuclear-test situation is scheduled today. Salinger said he did not know whether a final decision would be reached by the end of this week.

The question has been tossed to Washington's decision-makers from the recently announced results from Project Vela, a U.S. program aimed at improving the detection of below-ground atomic shots. The results indicated nuclear explosions underground can be spotted at a greater distance than previously supposed.

The present Western proposal for a treaty to outlaw atomic tests

envisages listening posts inside the Soviet Union plus on-the-spot inspections when a suspicious event is recorded on the listening machines. The Soviet Union has objected to any control scheme which would allow inspectors on Soviet soil.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., said the United States has no intention of abandoning the right of on-sight inspection.

HUMPHREY MADE the comment after a Senate Disarmament subcommittee he heads questioned William C. Foster, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, on discussions now under way on proposals to achieve a test ban.

Humphrey told newsmen Foster assured the subcommittee, "No-

decision has been arrived at as to any modification, if any, of any U.S. proposal."

"It is hoped that by late this week, or early next week, a final decision can be made as to whether any modification can be made relating to detection and inspection on the basis of information gained in recent tests," Humphrey said.

HUMPHREY SAID Foster emphasized it would be premature to assume that such significant information has been obtained in the recent tests which would justify any modification of the U.S. proposals.

Kennedy told his news conference Monday that the United States still believes a nuclear test treaty should include inspection inside the Soviet Union.

Democrats Offered Ideas for Platforms

HARRISBURG (AP) — Enough planks have been suggested for the 1962 Democratic campaign platform to build a bridge from a polling booth to the governor's chair.

But as one member of the party's 34-member platform committee said today at the conclusion of two days of public hearings, "You couldn't possibly do everything they want. It will take years even to do the most important things."

Some 50 witnesses—all of them representing organized groups, many of them philosophically opposed to the Democratic party—spoke tens of thousands of words to support their suggestions for various planks.

Labor wants increased unemployment compensation benefits; business called for belt-tightening in the same area.

Spy Seeks Refuge

LONDON (AP)—Robert A. Soblen appealed from prison yesterday for the Jewish homeland of Israel to give him haven from U.S. justice.

A Tel Aviv attorney for the 61-year-old psychiatrist—who faces life imprisonment as a spy for the Soviet Union if he is returned to the United States—asked Israel's Interior Ministry to admit him as an immigrant.

The move came on the eve of today's hearing in the British Court of Appeal to decide whether Soblen should be set free on British soil.

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