

29 East German Refugees Tunnel Under Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AP) — Twenty-nine East Germans reached freedom through the longest tunnel ever bored under the Berlin wall, West Berlin authorities announced yesterday.

There was no indication the Communists had uncovered the underground escape route.

The group which escaped last Friday night was the largest mass flight through the wall since it was built 13 months ago. The previous high was the escape of 28 through a tunnel last January.

Squads of West Berlin youngsters toiled for weeks to bore the elaborate tunnel into East Berlin under Bernauer Strasse, scene of many dramatic escapes. Only Monday night three youths escaped through a cellar in the same area.

Existence of the tunnel was kept secret—even after the weekend escape—because it was hoped more refugees could take the same route to the West.

But heavy rains flooded the tunnel on Monday. Efforts to pump it dry were fruitless and the plan to bring more people through it under the wall was abandoned.

Heinrich Albertz, the West Berlin senator for interior affairs, disclosed the mass escape at a news conference. He described the

tunnel as the longest ever built under the wall. But he declined to give the length or many other details because he said he did not want to help the Communists find it.

The East German regime has denounced tunneling under the wall from the West as a provocation against what they call their state border.

But Albertz repeated that the West Berlin government does not regard such enterprise as illegal.

Red Propaganda Put In High Gear

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government shifted its propaganda campaign on Berlin into high gear yesterday with a charge of military collusion between France and West Germany "for revision of the results of World War II."

A statement issued through the official news agency Tass said results of the recent visit of French President Charles de Gaulle with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer show an urgent need for "the conclusion of a German peace treaty and normalization on this basis of the situation in West Berlin." No deadline was set.

McCormack Concedes Race to 'Ted'

BOSTON (AP) — Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, the youngest of an amazing clan, won his fight last night to bid for his President brother's former Senate seat in the November election.

Edward J. McCormack Jr., nephew of House Speaker John W. McCormack, conceded his defeat by his 30-year-old opponent. He pledged himself to support Kennedy and the Democratic ticket in the general election.

TAKING THE LEAD in primary balloting from the start, the 30-year-old Kennedy walloped McCormack in a convincing display of vote-getting in Boston and other Democratic strongholds.

Kennedy thus won, in his first bid for elective office, the right to contest with a Republican opponent to serve out the two remaining years of the Senate term President Kennedy vacated in 1960.

At the point where McCormack conceded, the count from 351 of the state's 1,988 precincts stood: Kennedy, 96,988; McCormack 51,638.

After a close early battle in which the lead was exchanged several times, Rep. Lawrence Curtis hacked out a small, but apparently growing lead over George Cabot Lodge for the Republican nomination.

The count, from 492 of the state's 1,988 polling places gave:



EDWARD (TED) KENNEDY

... wins primary victory

Curtis 23,466; Lodge 19,604.

Earlier, President Kennedy and Speaker McCormack had canceled out each other's ballot in a primary that seemed likely to tote

up more than a million votes on the final tabulations.

After a 28-minute helicopter trip from Newport, R.I., where they had been watching the America's Cup yacht race, President and Mrs. Kennedy voted for Teddy in the Beacon Hill district of Boston.

Speaker McCormack was out early to vote for his nephew.

A parallel race for the Republican senatorial nomination between George Cabot Lodge and Rep. Lawrence Curtis reached the final countdown stage with less fanfare but with indications it would provide a close finish.

Gosnold, the first town to report a complete vote in the state, gave Kennedy two votes and McCormack one. In the Republican senatorial contest, Curtis collected nine votes and Lodge five.

THE BERKSHIRE town of Windsor in the western part of the state was the second to report. It gave Kennedy 11 votes, McCormack 8.

In the Republican contest, the count there was: Curtis 30, Lodge 24.

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