

Poles to Invest Millions in Disputed Land

WARSAW, Jan. 7 (UP)—The Polish government has scheduled a capital investment program of hundreds of millions of dollars for the still-disputed western "recovered territories" in 1948, according to official reports.

Polish annexation of German lands east of the Oder-Neisse line still does not have final U.S. and British approval.

The Poles, however, with the backing of Russia and other Eastern European states, have declared they will not relinquish the territory they have occupied, and this three-phase program is under way to consolidate the annexation:

1—All Germans, except fewer than 100,000, have been deported to Germany.

2—More than 5,000,000 Poles have been settled on the land.

3—The 1947 capital investment of \$289,000,000 will be boosted to \$634,859,220 for 1948.

Temporary Budget

The current year's plan has not yet been passed by Parliament because of last-minute delays before adjournment Dec. 30, but a temporary budget of \$350,000,000 was unanimously approved.

Investment funds, according to the plan, will be drawn from taxation, profits on state enterprises, bank credits and a small amount from the remaining Russian gold credit and from Swedish, Swiss and Danish credits on hand.

Howley Hails Chest Drive

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (S&S)—Col. Frank I. Howley, director of Berlin Military Government, told the American Women's Club of Berlin that its sponsorship of Berlin's community chest drive had proved to Germans that "American women are, in addition to being the most attractive, also the most generous."

Howley, member of a three-man advisory committee picked to approve the recommendations for expenditure of the \$31,000 raised by the chest, said he felt sure a large grant would be made for the purchase of shoes, particularly shoes for children.

He said there would also be a large allocation for the purchase of medical supplies and equipment for the German youth program.

Howley said 50 percent of all children in hospitals have no change of shirts, and 29,000 school children have no shoes.

Berlin Aliens Required To Register for Work

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (UP)—American Military Government announced that all aliens and stateless persons residing in Berlin must register for work with the city's labor exchanges.

The order, which exempts Allied nationals employed by the occupying powers—and diplomatic or military missions—applies to men between 14 and 65, and to women between 15 and 50.

Report Says U.S. Tobacco Can Smash Black Markets

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The use of American tobacco in Western Europe as a means of smashing black markets has been suggested by the Administration in elaborating on proposals for the Marshall Plan.

The report to Congress, in support of Administration estimates on the aid plan, said a "reasonable supply of American leaf will make a contribution toward general economic stability."

Regensburg Celebrates Opening of PX, Shopping Center



Mrs. Alan Campbell, wife of the Regensburg post commander, cut the tape (left) at the formal opening of the new PX and shopping center there. Col. Campbell and Lt. Col. Konrad Beck (center) post exchange officer, look on. Part of the crowd of soldiers, civilians and dependents (right) are shown buying fresh fruit and fancy pastries. They spent more than \$14,000 on the opening day. —Sig. Corps Photos

British Issue Of New Scrip Halts All Business

HAMBURG, Jan. 7 (AP)—It was impossible yesterday morning for Allied civilians and British soldiers even to buy a toothbrush in the British Zone of Germany.

The reason was all the British armed forces special vouchers, special currency for Allied personnel, were declared invalid at midnight and new currency had to be drawn from official pay offices today.

Personnel Queue Up

Long queues of control commission employes, Allied businessmen, consular representatives and others formed at pay offices this morning after a radio warning that the exchange must be completed by everyone in the country today unless sick.

A similar exchange was being made by soldiers of the British army of the Rhine through their regimental paymasters.

No official reason for the change has yet been given, but reliable sources pointed to the danger of forgery and diversion of the currency to the German black market as possible reasons.

Nazi Youths Jailed For Dynamite Plot

VIENNA, Jan. 7 (UP)—Two 20-year-old Viennese, former Hitler Youth members, Karl Kocanda and Othmar Schwab, received five and three-year prison terms yesterday by a people's court for having plotted to blow up the Soviet Victory Monument at Stalin Platz here eight months ago.

The two juvenile Nazis had stolen the dynamite needed for the project at the French headquarters in Vienna where they were employed.

The Soviet Victory Monument was set up in 1945 in Vienna's international zone commemorating Soviet liberation of the city earlier the same year.

Passports No Longer Needed By USFA Personnel in Italy

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VIENNA, Jan. 7 (S&S)—USFA military and civilian personnel will no longer need passports to enter Italy, it was announced today by USFA Hq.

A courtesy arrangement has been completed with the Italian government whereby Americans who plan to visit Italy for two weeks or less will require only a visa stamped on a permit form which can be obtained at the USFA Liaison Section. However, the current quota of 250 American visitors from Austria at one time will not be exceeded.

Hitherto, 10 days or more were needed to obtain visas or passports to Italy. Because of the present arrangement it is possible to obtain an entry permit in two days.

Personnel outside the Vienna area will need clearance through a control agency in Salzburg. This office will then clear through the USFA liaison office and later the permit must be validated by the Italian consul at Salzburg.

Uniform for civilian employes entering Italy will be optional. Dependents and non-military personnel other than those employed by the Army must continue to obtain passports and visas before visiting Italy.

International carnets for crossing the border by car will not be needed. Normal auto registration papers issued by the USFA provost marshal are all that will be necessary.

German Woman Killed In Theft

HEIDELBERG, Jan. 7 (S&S)—Two U.S. Army guards of the 548th Ord. MAM Co. in Mannheim, fatally wounded a German woman and captured her male companion when they were found stealing wood and cement Monday, Constab. Hq. reported today.

The guards, T/5 Kenneth Day and T/5 David Brannon, discovered George Griud, a German employe, passing stolen material through a barbed wire fence to the woman, Hedwig Milderbrach. When the soldiers challenged them the pair fled. After firing two shots in the air the guards fired five more times, two of the shots striking the woman in the breast and abdomen. She died in a Mannheim hospital.

Strike Keeps Ships Tied at Hamburg

HAMBURG, Jan. 7 (UP)—Fifty freighters, carrying food and other essentials, were reported tied up at the Hamburg docks for the third consecutive day as the 5,000 striking dockworkers continued to press their demands for better rations.

No change appeared in the deadlock which has tied up the unloading of vital supplies. The British regional commissioner for Hamburg, H. Vaughan Berry, has been conferring with union leaders and port authorities.

Wind-Up of Repatriation Nears for Austrian PWs

VIENNA, Jan. 7 (UP)—The Ministry of Interior has announced that the repatriation of 54,000 Austrian prisoners of war from Russia, representing the total reported to have been held in Soviet camps, would be completed "within the next few days."

The announcement said that 49,000 PWs have already reached Austria since repatriation began three months ago.

Krupp Feared War Early in '39, Court Told

NURNBERG, Jan. 7 (UP)—Alfred Krupp, No. 1 defendant in the trial of Krupp officials, feared the danger of war as early as 1939, when Germany invaded Czechoslovakia, documents submitted yesterday in his trial disclosed.

In spite of this fear, the Krupp armament makers continued to cooperate with the Nazi government, designing and producing new weapons, including the "Big Gustav" gun, which shelled and terrified Sevastopol later.

As the prosecution continued presenting documents to show that Krupp was "in" from the beginning on Hitler's brutal war plans, it was shown that most of the Krupp officials now on trial with Alfred were in on the war plans of the Third Reich.

In an affidavit made last summer and submitted into evidence yesterday, Alfred stated that at least five of the 12 defendants on trial must have known of the war plans because of the key positions they held in the Krupp firm and the close alliance between Krupp and the German war planners.

The documents revealed that after development of the "Big Gustav" gun, the first such gun was given to Germany without charge.

The letter, in which old Gustav thanked Hitler for his cooperation in building the gun and offered it free to the state, was personally delivered to Hitler by Alfred.

Czech Praises Fairness Of U.S. Crimes Tribunal

NURNBERG, Jan. 7 (UP)—A group of Czechoslovakian officials, here for the opening of the trial of 21 former German diplomats and government officials as war criminals, said today they were favorably impressed with the democratic and fair manner in which the trial is conducted.

Jaroslav Hladky, Social Democrat and member of the Czechoslovakian National Assembly, was tried by a German people's court during the Nazi regime and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment even though there was no evidence against him.

"This is a judicial tribunal," he said, commenting on the current trial. "The German court was just a show and a farce. Here there is simplicity and a spirit of decency."

Red Star Attacks U.S. Zone Morals

MOSCOW, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Soviet army newspaper Red Star accused Americans of transplanting "Chicago gangster morality" to the American Sector of Berlin and the American Zone of Germany.

The paper claimed the American military administration was sanctioning illegal arrests and kidnappings of Soviet soldiers and officers, citing two cases. It also blamed the Americans for not prosecuting rape cases in which American military personnel were said to be guilty.

Red Star also claimed Americans were recruiting Chetniks, Poles, and other nationalities from displaced person camps into the American Armed Forces.

Nazis Cleared From Posts In Zone, British Announce

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (AP)—The removal of office holders in the British Zone because of Nazi affiliations is completed and "the major phase of denazification has ended," British authorities announced yesterday.

British Military Government took measures three months ago to bring this phase of denazification to an end by Jan. 1 with more control being handed over to the Germans.

Yugos Free Customs Guard

TRIESTE, Jan. 7 (UP)—The Trieste Free Territory frontier customs guard seized by Yugoslav soldiers two days ago was returned to civil police today. The Yugoslavs said the guard, Sergio Pischianz, had stepped across the border, although civil police had announced that Pischianz had been forced across the line by the Yugoslavs.