Zone Chiefs Set Limit On Food Importations

Clay Reports Lag In Collections

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FRANKFURT, Jan. 8 (S&S)—The American and British military governors today told German leaders of the combined zones that the U. S. and UK would provide no more food to Germany in the next six months than the 1,800,000 tons already promised.

The question was raised by the Germans at a conference in the Frankfurt Military Government building on the proposed new bizonal economic administration.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor, pointed out at a press meeting following the conference that the 1,800,000 tons promised for the period Jan. 1 to June 30, plus the amount provided during the preceding six months, totalled 4,000,000 tons.

That amount, together with indigenous food supplies, would have been more than enough to assure the established ration if the Germans had attained full collections, Clay said. However, he added, they did not attain full collection.

'Peace Bridge' Opens Today

STUTTGART, Jan. 8 (S&S)—The "Peace Bridge," a huge autobahn viaduct west of Stuttgart, will be dedicated jointly by Charles M. LaFollette, director of Military Government for Wurttemberg-Baden, and Reinhold Maier, minister president of this state, at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Brig. Gen. Phillip Gallagher, Constabulary deputy commander; Brig. Gen. Clarence P. Townsley, Stuttgart post commander; Col. Thomas DeForest Rogers, chief Constabulary engineer; Arthur Garrison, director of the OMGWB transportation division, and other high-ranking American officers and officials of the Wurttemberg-Baden government, will attend the dedication.

A plaque in 22 languages dedicating the bridge to peace will be unveiled at the ceremony. Completion of the bridge eliminates a twisting, three-mile detour with a 14 per cent grade which has long been a bottleneck to autobahn transportation.

State Department To Take Over EC

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Foreign Relations Committee in support of the European recovery program (Marshall Plan).

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R-Mass.) asked if the Army Department would continue to administer the occupied zone of Germany as a permanent policy.

"It will be taken over by the State Department this summer on June 30," Marshall replied. "We had hoped to take it over last summer."

Marshall said the Army will be "happy to turn it over" but the State Department must be certain it has sufficient staff to handle a large job.

British Fine Frenchman $60

LEWES, England, Jan. 8 (AP)—Marcel Louis Samzun, a French subject, was fined $60 here today for attempting to import $1,504 contrary to the Exchange Control Act, at Newhaven, yesterday.

Samzun was charged with having 240 one-pound notes in a belt round his waist, 50 one-pound notes in each shoe and a number of 10-shilling notes in a vest pocket.

Germans Accept Bizone Plan

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fice agencies, and for five major changes in the bizonal setup.

These are:

1—Doubling the economic council's strength to 104 members.

2—Establishment of a new executive committee with the powers and functions of a cabinet and containing the heads of the six operating agencies.

3—Creation of a new second house of 16 members.

4—Creation of a high court.

5—Establishment of a land union bank with power to issue currency and credit instruments and control credit.

The major modification proposed by the Germans and agreed to by the Americans and British calls for the chief of the new executive committee to be a director without portfolio, elected by the lower house and approved by the second house. He will appoint his six assistants, subject to approval by the lower house.

Other Changes Listed

Other changes which Clay and Robertson approved were:

1—Calling the new second house a "landerrat" and giving it veto power over legislation proposed by the lower house. This veto is to be exercised within 14 days and can be overridden by an absolute majority, that is, more than 50 per cent of the total strength of the house.

2—Limiting the tenure of the economic council to that of the land organizations which elect its members.

Clay said the term of the chief of the executive committee would be subject to votes of confidence by the lower house. In the case that "no confidence" is voted, the house will meet with Military Government officials to decide on a course of action.

The Germans agreed in principle to the establishment of the new court and bank, and Clay said that an ordinance establishing the court and the charter for the bank would be given them for study as soon as possible.

When the reorganization has been completed, a report will be made to French and Russians and an invitation to them to join issued, the military governors said.

Communist Press Decries 'Splitting of Germany'

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (S&S)—Berlin's Communist press today called Anglo-American suggestions to strengthen the bizonal German Economic Council "unacceptable" and said they meant the splitting of Germany.

"No German politician may sanction these proposals unless he has definitely chosen to play the part of traitor to his country," the Russian-licensed Neues Deutshland said.

The Taegliche Rundschau, official publication of the Soviet army, called the Allied proposals to establish a second legislative body, a supreme court and a central bank a "program for splitting Germany."

Tauber, Musical Artist, Dies in London at 56

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Richard Tauber, singer, composer and conductor, died at a London nursing home early today after a long illness. He was 56.

Tauber's wife, the former Diana Napier, was at his side until the end. Tauber had a distinguished career on the Continent, in the U. S. and in Britain. Born in Linz, Austria, May 16, 1891, he was the son of a former general manager of the Stadt Theater, Chemnitz, Saxony.

Another Casualty in Holy Land

Wounded in the leg by an Arab sniper's bullet, a resident of all-Jewish Tel Aviv is about to fall. —Acme

Clay Says Some Staffs Must Quit Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, Jan. 8 (S&S)—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, EUCOM commander, asserted at his press conference today in the Military Government Building that establishment of the new bizonal economic administration will make it necessary to move some staff sections of EUCOM out of Frankfurt, starting the middle of this month.

He denied that EUCOM Hq. as such, would be moved out of Frankfurt.

Greece Purchasing Arms From Britain

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Greek army today to protect visiting Queen Frederika from what high military officials believed to be an impending double drive by guerrillas to capture the queen and wrest recently released Konitsa from government troops.

The queen, who has been visiting the scene of the recent battle in Konitsa, plans to leave for Ioannina today, prior to returning to Athens.

Guerrilla forces, which failed to take this Epirus town for the formation of a Communist government capital, today were reported to be concentrated in the Mt. Grammos region.

Greece Sees Allies Sending Troops If Reds Recognized

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (AP)—Britain and America have told Greece's Balkan neighbors that recognition by them of the Markos "provisional government" would mean the immediate dispatch of troops to Greece, an authoritative Greek source said today.

Home Delivery Available For Stripes, Weekend

The Stars and Stripes distribution service called attention yesterday to the home delivery service of *The Stars and Stripes*, WEEKEND and other periodicals which is available in many areas.

Home delivery is available at 25 cents a month, in addition to the subscription price, regardless of the number of periodicals delivered. If you desire home delivery, contact your nearest *Stars and Stripes* distribution office.

Milburn Inspects Units

REGENSBURG, Jan. 8 (Special) Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commander, 1st Inf. and the 1st Mil. Dist., today inspected the 82nd FA Bn. and the 556th Ord. Medium AM Co. in Regensburg.

15 More Die; Zion Toll 636

JERUSALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—While Jerusalem's hills echoed to the gunfire of a confused three-cornered fight among Jews, Arabs and British police and troops this afternoon, reports of clashes throughout the Holy Land today told of 15 more deaths, bringing the post-partition death toll to 636.

Today's casualties included eight Jews, five Arabs and one British policeman.

No deaths were reported from Jerusalem's sniping battle, although thousands of rounds of ammunition crashed and ricocheted into Jerusalem's buildings and the hillsides around the city.

The battle apparently started after Arabs in the Jaffa Gate threw up roadblocks and manned the gate with automatic weapons upon hearing a rumor that Jews were planning an attack.

Workers in Essen Ready for Strike

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throughout the Ruhr have involved an estimated 16,000 industrial workers, while in Hamburg, the three-day old strike of 5,000 dock workers continued as more than 60 ships, most of them carrying food for Germany, lay in the harbor. A one-day strike in Bremerhaven ended this morning.

5,000 Bavarian Workers End Strike After 2 Days

MUNICH, Jan. 8 (S&S)—Five thousand Bavarian railroad and factory workers ended a two-day protest strike here today when the bizonal food and agriculture agency agreed to restore the heavy worker's ration which had been cut off Tuesday in the new 110th ration period.

President Appoints Allen To State Department Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—President Truman today announced the appointment of George V. Allen, 44, U. S. Ambassador to Iran, as assistant secretary of state for public affairs. Allen succeeds William Benton, resigned.

The post includes direction of the State Department's "Voice of America" broadcasts and other foreign information programs. Mr. Truman also appointed Maj. Gen. Lawrence Skuter chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, in succession to James Landis.

Trieste Strike Called by Red Unions Fizzles

TRIESTE, Jan. 8 (UP)—Pro-Yugoslav, Communist-controlled labor unions today suddenly ordered the first general strike here since creation of the Free Territory of Trieste, but by mid-morning only about 10,000 of the city's 40,000 workers had joined the walkout.

The strike, aimed at paralyzing the two-fifths of the tiny free state occupied and controlled by 10,000 Anglo-American troops, was called by the Sindicati Unici, or pro-Yugoslav single unions, to protest the arrest of 29 pro-Communist partisans.

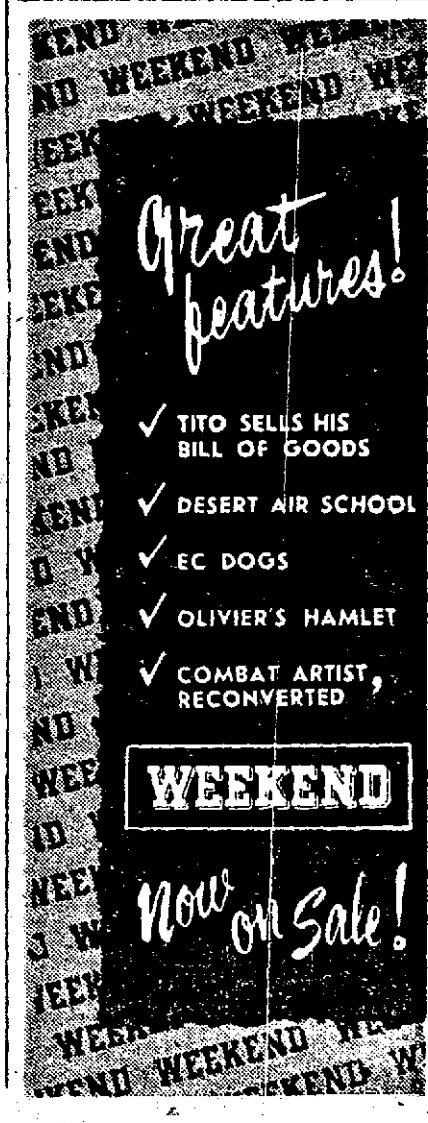
The partisans were arrested Sunday during a parade in a Trieste suburb. Their trial by an Allied military court started this morning after the strike call was issued. The partisan defendants were released on bail immediately.

The strike call was "unofficial" and issued only by notices in morning newspapers and by union agents at shipyards, factories and shops.

It became clear as soon as the working day got under way that only the most faithful Communist workers were observing the walkout order. Thousands of other workers, including street car and bus personnel, reported to their jobs after being assured of police protection.

Poison Schnapps Kills Nurnberg GI

FRANKFURT, Jan. 8 (S&S)—The second victim of poison schnapps in 1948, a truck company soldier, died at the 385th Sta. Hosp. in Nurnberg three days ago, the office of the EUCOM chief surgeon announced today.

A provisional diagnosis showed the soldier, Pfc Willie R. Johnson, of the 63rd TC Truck Co., died of methyl alcohol poisoning. He died within 20 hours after being admitted to the hospital. The source of the poison liquor has not been ascertained.

The first death from poison liquor this year occurred New Year's Day, when a soldier died in an ambulance en route from Landshut to Regensburg.