

THE EAST COAST MILITARY CONTROL PLAN

Senate Finance Body Gets Money Measure

RALEIGH, N.C.—(AP)—The biennial appropriations bill was introduced in the Senate Appropriations Committee today in the upper chamber, from the House where it was passed yesterday.

Legislative observers said action by Lt. Gov. H. P. Taylor in introducing the big money bill to committee was highly unusual. The Senate Appropriations group already has participated in study of the bill during the many weeks before the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Some legislative observers saw in the action a move to force reductions in the appropriations bill which calls for spending about \$470,000,000 during the past two

U. S., Britain & France In Agreement

Rule Ends When Republic Set Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Britain and France announced today they are ready to end military control over Western Germany as soon as a proposed "German Federal Republic" is set up.

Occupation forces would remain in Germany under top civilian control.

A joint communique said "complete agreement" on the "above range" of outstanding German issues was reached. In confidence here among the foreign ministers of the three powers—Secretary of State Acheson, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain, and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman of France.

SOVIET PROTESTS

The announcement appeared certain to harden further the differences between the three powers, on one hand, and Russia, on the other, over Germany's future. Diplomats here anticipate it will touch off fresh propaganda blasts from the Soviet.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman said the three-power agreement leaves the way open for Russian participation and that "it is up to Russia."

Huge Thefts Probed At Rock Hill Plant

ROCK HILL, S. C.—(AP)—York County police today announced the arrest of two men in connection with thefts of building material from the Giant Celanese Corp. plant near here.

Capt. T. W. Derrick of the county sheriff's office said the value of the stolen materials might reach \$20,000. Arrests followed reports of a stolen car and a stolen truck brought to four the number arrested in connection with the thefts.

Derrick said Benjamin Walker, an engineer at the Celanese plant, was charged with leading a party of men to steal materials from the plant. Walker was released under \$500 bond.

Derrick said police were investigating wholesale, systematic thefts of materials.

Derrick made his statement only a few hours after Rock Hill Police Chief M. H. Hanna returned with prisoners from New Jersey. They are Herbert B. John, 31, and Walter Haddock, 31, a Negro, both of whom were charged with possession of stolen property.

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Luxurious New Planes Scheduled To Be Added

Charlotte will be served by Swift Constellation planes of the Eastern Air Lines from the middle of May, according to reliable information received here today.

Although no confirmation could be obtained by airline officials here, it is understood that four of the giant planes will stop here each day, bound for Atlanta, New York, Detroit and Houston, Tex.

The New York plane, which would leave the city late in the afternoon, would fly to the metropolitan area about two hours and fifteen minutes. This would be one hour and thirty minutes faster than the present fastest time of three hours and fifty-five minutes.

SCHEDULE NOT DEFINITE

Eastern Air Lines officials in New York also declined to confirm the new service, primarily, it was believed, because definite schedules have not been arranged.

Lander J. Bishop, Carolina's traffic and sales manager for EAL here, said only, "I can't confirm it."

It is known, however, that EAL officials from New York have been in the city surveying facilities at the Municipal Airport and its underground parking structure. The field here is as adequate for Constellations.

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The bureau issued a breakdown of the figures today as a follow-up to release last week of general figures showing overall employment. Increased 490,000 in March from the preceding month and stood 31,000,000 above a year. The earlier report showed unemployment down 100,000 from February but still 77,000 above a year.

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