

THE BEST —AND THE WORST

Russian Stand Means U. S. To Stay in Europe

Sizable Armed Force Must Be Maintained

BERLIN (U.P.)—American officials said today that Russia's rigid determination to keep her forward military positions in Europe means the United States must maintain sizable forces on the continent for a long time.

The American group here is also convinced that this finding will clear away any confusion and uncertainty in the Pentagon over what America's future military policy should be and will result in planning for maintenance of strong U. S. forces in Europe.

American officials feel this is one of the results of the diplomatic and propaganda battle with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov here on European issues, which they believe the United States, Britain and France have clearly won.

Today the Western three went into a new secret session with Molotov to press for the same showdown on his real Korean and Indochina policies that they accomplished on his German and European security policies and on Austria.

But even if some unexpected change of position should produce a measure of agreement on these security issues, the real results of the meeting will be measured also in the effect on what the great powers now do in fact about Europe.

MILITARY CONSEQUENCE

One major consequence is the impact on American military policy. Comments made privately here today implied that after the Malenkov government took over in Russia and began making friendly gestures, there was pressure in Washington to level off the American military burden because of decreased danger.

This pressure coincided with U. S. budget-balancing attempts and tax cut demands and apparently produced at least high level thinking that American forces in Europe eventually could be cut back.

Now the conviction of American officials in Berlin is that Russia's decision to hold on in Germany and Austria makes it essential for the United States to maintain a high level of forces here indefinitely—regardless of any superiority atomic fire power may give the Americans.

Ike Plans Trip To California

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—President Eisenhower, just back from a Georgia quail hunt, will leave Wednesday for five days of sun, golf and work in Palm Springs, Calif.

The White House announced today the President plans to leave by plane Wednesday afternoon and will return to Washington next Monday.

Mrs. Eisenhower and a group of staff members will accompany him.

The President will stay at the Smoke Tree Ranch home of Paul E. Helms, banking firm executive and personal friend of the President.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the President has been invited frequently to visit Palm Springs by Paul G. Hoffman, former European Cooperation Administration chief, who is a neighbor of Helms.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Chance of showers tomorrow. Low temperature this morning, 47 degrees. High temperature expected tonight, 59 degrees. Low temperature yesterday, 56 degrees. High temperature expected today, 72 degrees. Sunrise, 7:09 a.m.; sunset, 6:06 p.m.

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DISCUSSING CHIEF'S COMPLAINTS



Dr. Harry P. Harding (left) and Al Smith as they got together today to discuss reported complaints by Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn.

Treasury Dept. Figures

4 'Disloyal' Among 130 Fired

BY WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Treasury Department has informed Congress that out of 120 "security" dismissals or forced resignations in 1953, four were found to be "disloyal persons" under standards since scrapped.

McMullan Nixes Straw Vote Idea

By ANN SAWYER Charlotte News Staff Writer The County Commissioners abandoned all hope today of testing public opinion on purchase of voting machines following a letter from the state's attorney general.

Harry McMullan wrote that he "can find no authority which would authorize the commissioners to hold a straw vote election for the purpose of submitting to the voters the question of whether or not the Board of county Commissioners should exercise their discretion and buy voting machines."

Such an election, Mr. McMullan wrote, would "be void and no public funds could be spent" for it.

The County Commissioners had hoped to test public opinion on voting machines by taking a straw vote at the same time the people vote on issuance of \$500,000 in county bonds.

All of the County Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner John P. White, have been opposed to a voting machine purchase.

Lindberg Named For Higher Rank

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—President Eisenhower today nominated Col. Charles A. Lindberg, the famed transatlantic flier, for promotion to brigadier general in the Air Force reserve.

Eisenhower also sent to the Senate the nomination of Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, who was President Truman's personal physician, for promotion to major general in the Air Force reserve.

Board Holds Special Meet On Conditions

Letter To Littlejohn Asks Recommendations

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer

City Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn today was officially directed by the Civil Service Commission to submit any recommendations for amendments to the Civil Service law that would aid him in the "proper administration" of his department.

At the same time he was asked to confer with the commission if there are any current conditions affecting an immediate attention for improvement in police administration.

A letter was directed to the chief of a special group of the commission held this morning.

The session was called in the wake of an editorial appearing last week in The Charlotte News calling attention to legal restrictions which the chief has claimed interfere with his administration of the department.

This letter reads as follows: "The Civil Service Commission has read and is interested in the statements attributed to you in an editorial that appeared in The Charlotte News Feb. 11, 1954. The statement is as follows:

"Chief Littlejohn has told the editors of The News on many occasions that, there are men in his department who are sitting on their hands but that he is helpless. He cannot demote them if he wants or shift them to jobs of less importance until they do something so flagrant that they can be halted before the commission for a full hearing."

"If, in your opinion, the present law is in agreement with the Civil Service Commission are restricting you from the proper administration of your department, the commission will welcome any suggestions toward an amendment of the statute to give you this authority. If the commission is not in agreement with your views, we will make the recommendations to the City Council and our representatives to the General Assembly for such authority to be granted.

"We are concerned further that in the meantime there are any conditions now existing in your department that demand immediate attention we will desire to confer with you and take any steps that are necessary to effect any changes within the scope of the present laws, rules and regulations of your department that may be of benefit to the present department and its proper administration.

"Please let us have your views at your earliest convenience."

This letter which had been prepared by William Al Smith was read by him at the meeting and was readily approved.

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Butter Support To Be Reduced

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson announced today the government support price for butter, now about 55 cents a pound, will be reduced about 8 cents effective April 1.

He said corresponding reductions will be made at the same time in support prices for cheese and dried milk price.

At a news conference, Benson announced dairy price supports for the marketing year beginning April 1 will be set at 75 per cent of parity. This is the minimum level permitted by law. The present support rate is 90 per cent of parity.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, declared by law to be set at farmers in relation to prices they receive.

The 8-cent cut in support prices for butter, should in the normal course of operations result in a drop of about the same amount in the retail price of butter.

The government has accumulated more than \$10 million dollars worth of surplus butter, cheese and dried milk under price support operations.

Some dairymen have been urging lower supports on the theory that this would bring about increased use of their products.



Dr. William Kincaid, the world's premier flutist (standing) demonstrates techniques for Charlotte News reporter Lucien Agniel—the world's worst flutist.

Dr. Kincaid Made Pronouncement

Music Career Short, At Best

By LUCIEN AGNIEL Charlotte News Staff Writer

Dr. William Kincaid is an apple-cheeked gentleman whose shock of silver hair matches in color his platinum flute — an instrument on which leading music authorities agree he has no peer.

Dr. Kincaid also comes equipped with an imperturbability which enabled him to answer "Yes, if you like," without so much as an eye-blink, when I asked him to give me a lesson on the flute this morning.

The former Charlottean, now flutist with the Philadelphia Symphony orchestra, is here to play two concerts with the Charlotte Symphony orchestra tonight and tomorrow at the Piedmont Junior High School auditorium.

He received me in his room at Hotel Barringer where he was already putting a flute together.

"It's beautiful," I remarked, "I hope I won't get it out of whack for tonight."

"This," said Dr. Kincaid, with a show of Spartan restraint, "is my platinum flute. That, and he gestured toward an equally beautiful, but apparently lesser instrument, "is your flute."

I picked it up and examined it closely.

"Turn it around," said Dr. Kincaid. "You've got it backwards. "I'm left handed," I explained.

"There are no left handed flute players," said Dr. Kincaid, "and another show of saintly patience: "Here, hold the flute lightly but firmly in your right hand, like this. That's it. Now, the left hand."

"It looks like a weight lifted," said News photographer Jeff Hunter, as he fiddled with the camera.

"Now, how's your embouchure?" asked Dr. Kincaid, who tactfully proceeded to tell me both how and what it is.

"Your embouchure is the shape of your mouth — the muscles of the mouth — their use in producing a musical tone on a wind instrument," he explained.

He warmed up by tottling a scale or two.

"You have to have an embouchure to make a sound of any kind on the flute," he added. "Go ahead and try it."

In the mouthpiece I blew some hot air which rattled through the flute's mysterious recesses and came out rich and full — like the noise from a defective steam radiator.

"NO EMOUCHEURE "Well, that's enough for today," said Dr. Kincaid. "You have no embouchure. You see," he said kindly, softening the blow "there's no point taking lessons if you have no voice."

"There's no point taking flute lessons if you have no embouchure. Maybe you have some other talent. Let's just consider this a complete atomic age course in the flute."

"But about the nomenclature of the flute," I asked, reluctant to abandon the instrument.

"PARIS (U.P.)—Two French naval officers rode a diving bell 13,228 feet below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean off Dakar on the west coast of Africa today, deeper than man has ever gone before.

The plunge, 2 1/2 miles into the ocean's blackness, passed the depth record set last Sept. 30 by Prof. August Piccard and his son, Georges, who dived in a bathyscaphe to 10,339 feet in the Tyrrhenian Sea off the island of Ponza, Italy.

Frenchemen Set New Diving Mark

Plans for construction of one of the finest restaurants and motor hotels in this area costing \$350,000 on an Independence Blvd. site adjoining the Coliseum Auditorium were disclosed today with the filing of a request with the Board of Adjustment by the proposed project.

In filing for a change in the zoning classification of the property on the south side of Independence Blvd., Mr. Phillips presented a letter in which he disclosed plans for a \$350,000 motor hotel and restaurant.

The restaurant will face on Independence Blvd. and the motor hotel will face on a drive which the city will open up along the Coliseum property.

Preliminary sketches prepared by Paul L. Snyder, Charlotte architect, show the architecture to be of modern design which will be in keeping with the general architecture of the \$4,000,000 auditorium and coliseum.

In his letter Mr. Phillips said the proposed project will be "the finest restaurant and motor hotel in this vicinity."

Such a high-class facility to be of great convenience to performers and patrons of the two big municipal entertainment buildings which are just a short distance away, the promoters believe.

Mr. Phillips has asked that the zoning classification on the property be changed from Residence 1 to Business-2 and from B-1 to B-2.

His request will be acted upon at a meeting of the Board of Adjustment at a meeting tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The board also will have before it a request from the residents on the south side of the 2100 Block of Commonwealth Ave. for a change from B-1 to B-2 in the zoning classification of property on that side of the street.

SAVE! ON COFFEE

Betty Boyer Brings You Some Good News Wednesday In The Grocery News!

WE THANK THEO. O. GOD, THAT Thou art our Father and that Thou art with us always. With our hand in Thine, we can walk bravely forward into each new day. Amen.

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