

Russians Excluded From Rule

Way Left Open For Participation

BERLIN — (AP) — The United States, Britain and France announced today a three power government for Berlin without Russian participation.

The French commandant, Gen. Jean Ganeval, read a three-page statement saying:

"If Soviet authorities either now or at some future date, decide to abide by the agreement, to which the four powers are committed, the quadripartite administration of Berlin can be resumed."

"During their abstention the three Western Allies will exercise the powers of the Allied commandants although realizing that owing to the Soviet obstruction it will only be possible for them to carry out their administration in the Western sectors for the present."

RECALL ACTION

The Western commandants recalled that the Russians disrupted four power government by with-

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The commandants claimed that the Russian withdrawal has not killed their governing body. They said the work of the Kommandatura was suspended since July first owing to the refusal of the Soviet authorities to attend its meetings."

The commandants noted that Berlin's temporary constitution, which received quadrupartite approval in 1948, was not subject to legislation and other affairs shall obtain "Allied" consent. They charged the long Russian walkout had "obstructed the proper administration of Berlin according to the law."

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Gen. General was flanked by Maj. Gen. E. O. Herbert, British air commandant, and W. T. Babcock, American deputy commandant.

A picture of the Soviet commandant, Gen. Alexander Koshkin, still hung on the wall of the trench. The French chairman, But a tiny Russian flag had been removed.

Today's first meeting was conducted by reading the three commandants' declaration except to allocate two hundred tons of airlift coal to provide extra electricity for West Berliners during the Christmas season.

Meanwhile, the Communist

pointed lord mayor of eastern Berlin, Friedrich Ebert, whom rumors last night had on his way to West Germany, addressed a rally of about 2,000 city employees in the Soviet sector of the town.

Since the Russians set up a puppet government in eastern Berlin and refused to co-operate in the four-power government, it has long been expected the West would set up its own military government.

STEP URGED

The German administration elected Dec. 5 in the West urged the West to set up a government and do away with sector borders in western Berlin. At present the United States, Britain and France each govern a sector independently, issuing independent orders to the German administration.

Russian troops blocked the road between Berlin and Stolpe, a little German farming village which France has promised to return to the control of the Russians.

The 600 inhabitants of Stolpe watched a Russian patrol erect a barrier across the unpaved lanes which had linked them with Berlin, a mile away.

A Soviet-appointed German administrator took over at Stolpe an estate of 850 acres belonging

to the Berlin municipal government.

The Russian roadblock apparently trapped a rural policeman, Kurt Hoehner, who had been left temporarily in Stalpe by West German police to watch over the village.

He still was on duty this morning when Soviet troops arrived. The West Berlin police had promised to transfer him to a post temporarily held by the Stalpe nationally changed hands.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today . . . 56°
Highest and low last 24 hours . . . 56-50°
Summit today . . . 56°
Summit tomorrow . . . 54°

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