

The strange and often-humorous story of Baltimore's new statue honoring General Lee and Jackson is told in a very lively manner by Burke Davis on Page 4-A today.

U. S., Western Allies Will Form German Government

Agreement Reported At Conference In London

5 Powers Map Defense Plans

By ALEX SINGLETON
LONDON (AP)—Diplomats reported today the United States and the five nations of the Western European alliance have agreed to set up a Western German government this year. It would have broad control powers over domestic affairs.

Defense ministers of the alliance—Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—today started planning their action together should war hit the continent. British Government spokesmen said their strategy was based on the assumption of substantial support from the U. S.

The plan for Western Germany was reported tentative. Diplomats said a two-nation Congress, comparable to that of the United States, would be established by Dec. 1 and would include the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. The occupation powers, the U. S., Britain, France and Belgium, would have a supervisory role over German industry, exports and imports, and would have a say in the high command to blueprint defensive action.

The nations signed a 50-year military, political and economic treaty in Brussels March 7. The meeting was the first on military cooperation. The nations already have talked of financial and economic problems.

Anthony Eden, conservative and former foreign minister, told a meeting here that the nations would move the Western European alliance to a military committee. The committee would be on hand to help in the event.

One task before them is to set up a committee to help in the event of a common defense. The committee would be on hand to help in the event.

U. S. Military Aid To Awest Strategic Plans
WASHINGTON—European powers will have to work out their own grand strategy of defense against Russia.

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Sign Treaty Today

Hemisphere Meet Ends In Harmony

By JOSEPH F. McVEOY
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—The Ninth Pan American Conference, which survived a bloody revolution, comes to a close today with the signing of a 21-nation pact pledging united efforts toward Western Hemisphere peace and security.

Morse Raps Labor Laws

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore.) said today the minimum wage bill now in a Senate committee will not meet in an increase from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

In an address to the CIO Textile Workers convention, Morse said he will oppose the bill because "like the Taft-Hartley Law it is filled with loopholes" that will harm labor. He gave no details of the bill, but said he would set a 75 cent minimum.

Morse called the Taft-Hartley Act "a product of government by propaganda." He said the bill is based upon a principle of government by force in the field of economic and social relations.

He told some 2,000 delegates "an increasing number of members of Congress are hedging a little on the Taft-Hartley Law and are beginning to suggest that maybe it needs some slight, but some basic reform."

Emili Rivera, president of the textile workers said his union is one of the 100 that will support the bill. He said he would set a 75 cent minimum.

Life Advances Price

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of Life Magazine was increased today from 15 to 20 cents for a single copy, the magazine announced. One-year subscriptions were raised from \$5.50 to \$8 on March 29.

Railroads, Labor Urged To Negotiate

Declares Direct Talks Necessary

CHICAGO (AP)—Mediator Frank Douglas said today that if the threatened railroad strike is averted, only direct negotiations between management and labor will do it.

UNION HEADS GLOOMY

Although Douglas expressed hope of settlement before May 11, statements from union leaders were on the gloomy side.

Robbies Said In Cleveland

"We've gone through arbitration and we are through discussing the matter through boards," the (railroads) will have to get through with more money or the strike will start as set May 11.

Under the bill, all men aged 18 through 30 must register. Those who fail to do so will be fined for two years service.

May Bring Trainmen Under Taft-Hartley Act

WASHINGTON—The Taft-Hartley (R-N.) said today it may be necessary to bring the nation's 1.5 million rail workers under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Russians Hint At New Rail Curbs

BERLIN (AP)—The Russian government today may enforce even harsher restrictions on rail traffic between Germany's eastern and Western occupation zones.

Rescued After Four Days Adrift At Sea

CHERRY POINT (AP)—A Hatteras man spent four days adrift at sea today after his plane was blown off the water by a storm.

Heavy Fighting Rages

News Seize Arab Posts In Battle For Jerusalem

By ERIC GOTTGREU
JERUSALEM (AP)—A Jewish seized Arab positions in southern part of Jerusalem today in a bloody battle. An Arab military leader admitted to 30 dead.

U. S. Sees Progress To Protect Holy Places

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—The United States proposed today an emergency international regime for Jerusalem to protect the city's holy places.

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