

If General Eisenhower is drafted by the Democrats, his chance of election will be slighter than popularly supposed. Turn to editorial page for timely analysis of the Eisenhower boom.

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Allies Fill Air With Planes To Beat Berlin Blockade

THE FEELS SILENCE FROM MOUNTS

400 Planes Used To Haul Food Into German City
No Agreement In Prospect

By GEORGE BRIA

BERLIN (AP)— American and British efforts to beat the Russian blockade of Berlin with a bridge of supply-carrying planes gained fresh momentum today.

The air forces of the two Western Allies are sending nearly 400 planes into the city from Western Germany and plan to keep up the pace.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Smith, commanding the American Air Service, said he was extremely pleased with the efforts of both the flight and ground crews. Although the crews are averaging only four or five hours sleep each day they are maintaining and flying the planes with maximum efficiency, he said.

The British plan to use Sunderland flying boats to increase the tonnage being flown to Allied nationals since some 1,000,000 Germans in the Western sectors of Berlin. Two of the huge aircraft already have arrived in the Elbe River at Hamburg.

RUSSIANS TO PROTEST

Meanwhile, there were hints that the Russians planned a new protest through representatives in an effort to control and cut down the steady air traffic in Berlin's lifeline to the West. The protests began approximately with the early crash of a British transport and a Russian fighter over Berlin. Their frequency rose as the showdown battle for Berlin began.

The Russian protest came in a dispatch by the Russian-located ADN news agency. The agency said it had been told the Soviet commander, Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky, had been ordered to subject to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American commander.

Clay's spokesman said no such letter was received Sunday. One American spokesman said such letter might not reach Clay until today.

The 400 planes sent to Berlin yesterday compared with 224 flights during the previous 24-hour period.

CITY FACES CRISIS

The giant air lift to Berlin still faced economic paralysis by the Soviet ground blockade, now in its seventh day. The blockade of coal shipments from the city has been a heavy blow to the city's industrial output.

The Western Allies are reported to be setting up a plan to fly coal into the city, but the Communist press reported that a hard winter lies ahead.

There were new indications that the Russians want a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers to take place in Berlin. The Russians have demanded for some time that the Big Four meet in Berlin to discuss a Western German government.

It is generally believed that the Russians will accept the Western proposal to set up a formal protest to the Security Council. Responsible diplomatic authorities here, however, say the agreement yet has been reached on the wording of the protest.

Do You Know What A Good Neighbor Is?

It may be you do and it may be you don't.

Anyway, you will enjoy reading the story of how Claude McCain's Union County neighbors helped him last week that had been struck by lightning and was left a wreck.

You will find this and many other interesting farm news in the CAROLINA FARMER, pages of today's

The Charlotte News

Doing Fine Job



Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn (left) and J. B. Newell look on at the recovery of a stolen car. The car, a 1947 Buick Wildcat, was recovered after being driven to the Elbe River at Hamburg.

Vacation Ends Tonight

Strike Predicted In Captive Mines

WASHINGTON (AP)— All signs pointed today to a soft coal strike in the mines owned by the nation's steel companies.

The annual vacation of the nearly 400,000 soft coal miners ends at midnight tonight, but the 40,000 employed in the so-called "captive" steel companies mines were not expected to go back to work without a contract.

The steel industry balked at giving John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers the union shop arrangement signed by the commercial coal industry. The mine-owning steel mills said they were willing to go along with other contract provisions—a dollar a day pay increase and doubling of the miners' welfare fund royalty.

Government attorneys indicated they will wait for the strike to develop before making any counter-move to stop it.

STEPS OPEN

Various steps are open to the Government.

Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, could ask the courts for an order to stop the strike. This, however, could be done only after investigation of a complaint by the steel companies that Lewis is violating the Taft-Hartley Act by instigating on the union shop provision.

Under a union shop, all employees must join the union within a specified time.

The commercial coal industry agreed to a union shop provision in the face of a Taft-Hartley provision that forbids such a provision without prior consent in an NLRB election.

Lewis is barred from calling for such an election. This is because, to show his hatred of the Taft-Hartley law, he has refused to sign the non-Communist affidavits required by the law before a union can use an NLRB machinery.

Another step the Government might take is seizure of the "captive" mines. This could be done under the new draft law because of the effect of a further steel shortage on defense production.

Car Thieves Live Hard



Car thief being caught by police.

Car Thieves Live Hard

By RAY STALLINGS
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Forty-six cars stolen, 46 cars recovered.

That's the enviable record of the Charlotte Police Auto Theft Squad for its two months in operation.

And the value of those 46 recovered machines was placed at \$50,792. (Each owner estimates the value of his car when he reports it to the police.)

That, impressive record has drawn high praise for squad members C. C. Hagler and J. B. Newell.

"Not only are the boys doing a fine job in recovering every automobile that has been stolen in Charlotte since the squad was organized, but their work is a credit to the city," said Police Chief Littlejohn.

Their squad began functioning May 1, after approval of the setting up of the unit was given by City Manager Henry A. Vance.

Specialized squad to combat the rising number of automobile thefts occurring here.

A look at the squad's record serves to show that the squad is doing its job. The investigation is just beginning. If the thief is not apprehended when the car is found, he has no assurance from Officers Newell and Hagler that he has been forgotten.

Chief Littlejohn's tracking down of car thieves has netted nineteen offenders, and other arrests are in the offing.

Their new job (both were transferred from the detective division) is to take them all over the surrounding sections. They go from town to town, make call after call, talk to victims and suspects.

And they keep close contact with co-operating units, such as the Raleigh squad.

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Truman Is Sure He Will Receive Democratic Bid

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who once talked Republicans out of throwing his hat into their Presidential ring, watched silently today as a Democratic Ike-for-President boom surged forward at headlong speed.

President Truman — the man the Eisenhower supporters would replace as a party candidate — was silent too. But as he headed for a Missouri speaking engagement, a top aide said the President was "absolutely convinced" nothing would come of moves to keep him from getting the nomination.

Although Mr. Truman was quoted as feeling that much of the Eisenhower boom could be traced to Democrats who really were backing Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, the general's supporters could point to some concrete results of their drive.

Without a word of support from the retired Army Chief of Staff, the number of delegates instructed to cast convention ballots for him climbed swiftly above the 100 mark, while additional Eisenhower votes were raised on all sides.

The bandwagon got a hefty boost yesterday in New Jersey, where Democratic leader Frank Hague, vice chairman of the party's national committee, threw the state's 36 convention votes to the general.

Hague told a hastily-summoned meeting of the state's party leaders:

"We cannot be successful with President Truman as the candidate. The people are clamoring for leadership. They do not feel that they have leadership in the President of the United States or in the General Eisenhower."

"But they do believe they have world leadership in the person of Gen. Eisenhower."

FLEDGE DELEGATES

A few minutes later, the meeting enthusiastically pledged (1) a draft of Truman as the chief delegate, (2) a motion to pledge New Jersey delegates to Eisenhower.

The continued silence of the general, plus the increasing number of delegates pledged to him, plus the fact that the 1,224 Presidential nominating votes in the party convention opening today, which cast 68 in Eisenhower's favor, plus the fact that the party's 18 delegates to the Philadelphia caucus, but not as an Eisenhower man.

The New Jersey shift gave Eisenhower 110 pledged votes, with the South ready to give him at least another 70 or 80. He will take the nomination.

As nearly as could be determined, the rest of the votes were divided this way:

Pledged to Gov. Wright of Mississippi, 12; anti-Truman, 58 1/2; undecided, 44.

AMMAN, TRANS-JORDAN (AP)— Police arrested a man who said he had arrived in Amman by air from Cairo without a Trans-Jordan visa.

The man identified himself as Donald E. Smith, a 35-year-old American, to work in the American diplomatic mission as chief clerk.

Turkmen, Trans-Jordan minister, said Smith was a passenger on the "Alma" Egyptian steamer, which was stopped at the port of Haifa.

"I refused this man a visa in Cairo and he has no right to be in my country," said Turkmen.

Two Red Factions Reported In Clash

ROME (AP)—Dispatches to Rome from Rome and Cairo reported yesterday that the two Red factions clashed in the Trieste free territory.

The independent Messagero said the two factions clashed at the port of Trieste, where the British-American zone is located.

One cyclist, Robert Murphy, 25, Monterey Park, Calif., was killed when he struck a bridge abutment, officers reported.

The main event of the meeting, a 100-mile race, was scheduled for 10:30 a. m. at the Box Springs track.

Many local residents planned to watch the race. They figured they had seen enough.

Sunlight Snapshot



There's no better place to make grand pictures for The Charlotte News America's Snapshot Contest than the beach or your favorite swimming pool. Sunlight reflected from the sand and water will help insure pleasant, overall lighting. The contest officially opens today, so send in your snaps. (See story about Snapshot Contest on page 12-A.)

Mediator Hopeful Bernadotte Asks Truce Extension

RIHODES (AP)— Count Folke Bernadotte said today he has asked Jews and Arabs to extend the four-week Palestine truce due to expire Friday.

If both sides accept the principle of prolongation of the truce, the United Nations mediator said, the question of the length of the extension would then be discussed.

The count said he also has proposed demilitarization of the Holy City of Jerusalem and of the port terminal and refinery facilities at Haifa.

Meanwhile both Arabs and Jews were reported on good authority to have turned down the U. N. plan for lasting peace in Palestine, but the U. N. mediator still seemed hopeful.

Count Bernadotte planned to fly from Rhodes to Tel Aviv tomorrow to see the Jewish reply to his plan. He was given the Arab answer in Cairo Saturday night.

The Arabs gave him a counter proposal. Neutral diplomatic sources expected the Jews to do the same. The recommendations, not final, were offered only as a "basis for discussion."

A new outbreak of war was threatened in the Holy Land. Both sides prepared yesterday to fight again. In Jerusalem the truce was broken for twelve hours as Jews and Arabs exchanged gunfire.

The U. N. proposals would partition Palestine and create an Arab-Jewish economic union, as under the U. N. Assembly plan. They would change the plan to revise boundaries, and to put Jews and Arabs exchanged gunfire.

The reported deaths by states since 6 P. M. local time Friday night (traffic, drownings, fires, accidents and miscellaneous in their categories):

Alabama 3 0 0; Arizona 4 0 0; Arkansas 3 4 0; California 12 1 0; Colorado 4 0 0; Connecticut 2 0 1; Delaware 1 0 1; Florida 1 0 0; Georgia 2 0 0; Idaho 6 1 0; Illinois 7 7 0; Indiana 4 3 0; Iowa 5 3 0; Kansas 5 1 0; Kentucky 3 0 0; Louisiana 3 0 0; Maine 0 1 0; Maryland 0 1 0; Massachusetts 2 0 0; Michigan 15 16 0; Minnesota 5 0 1; Mississippi 2 0 1; Missouri 2 0 1; Nebraska 3 0 0; Nevada 3 0 0; New Jersey 5 4 0; New Mexico 0 1 0; New York 10 3 0; North Carolina 6 4 0 5; North Dakota 1 0 0; Ohio 16 0 0; Oklahoma 7 0 0; Oregon 1 0 1; Pennsylvania 14 9 0 3; Rhode Island 4 0 0; South Carolina 6 1 0; Tennessee 8 4 0 0; Texas 13 1 0; Utah 3 1 0; Virginia 2 0 0; Washington 1 5 0 3; West Virginia 3 0 0; Wisconsin 3 0 2; District of Columbia 1 0 0.

WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy and pleasant to hot today afternoon tonight and Tuesday. Widely scattered evening thunderstorms.

Temperature at 11:30 A. M.—59 High and low last 24 hours.—56-75 Clouds today.—4:00 P. M.—7:15 Sunrise tomorrow.—5:14 Sunset tomorrow.

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