

Lifting Of Berlin Blockade Officially Set May 12

Ten Years Later

Marine Grant reports on Page 12-A about conditions at the Michigan State Hospital and the improvements that have been made since Tom Johnson's startling arrival of stories ten years ago.

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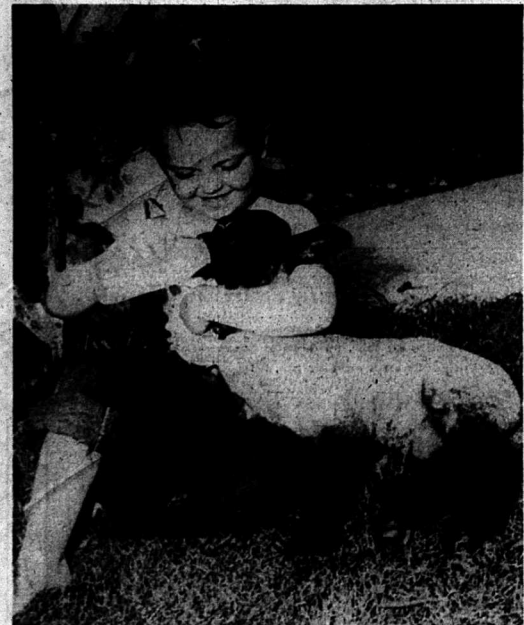
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CURRYING FAVOR WITH A LAMB



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Smith

Mickey Komos' pet lamb is so dear to his heart, he'll enter the lamb in the City-Country Pet Show at Independence Park Saturday. Six-year-old Mickey lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Komos, on Statesville Road. Looks as if News Photographer Jeep Hunter happened by just at mealtime. (See story on page 7-A.)

Both Sides See Victory

New Labor Bill Battles Loom

By MARTIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Labor legislation, scheduled in both branches of Congress, charged new battle plans today even as the smoke of the hectic House scraps still smoldered.

Public predictions of final victory came from both camps — that is, keep most of the T-H law on the

Rudisill And Horton Named To Judgeships

RALEIGH — (AP) — Governor Scott today announced appointments of former lieutenant governor William P. Horton and J. C. Rudisill, Newton attorney, as Superior Court judges.

Horton was named as a special judge for a two-year term. Rudisill was appointed resident judge of the 14th Judicial District.

The Rudisill appointment will extend until the 1950 general election. Horton is former chairman and secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee and Democratic National Committee. He is a practicing attorney at Hillsboro. He is a former legislator.

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The plan was a C-47 from the 1720th Air Transport Group at McClellan Field, Sacramento, Calif. It was attempting a takeoff from the Hill Air Force Base.

The two persons known to be aboard were killed, Capt. Hubert L. Stewart, Hill Field public relations officer said. He said he did not have their names.

MULLINS' BANQUET
MULLINS, S. C. — The annual Junior-Senior Banquet of the Mullins High School will take place tomorrow evening at the high school gymnasium. Hal Norton is president of the senior class.

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Big Four Meet Stated On May 23

German Solution Will Be Sought

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Russian blockade of Berlin will be lifted May 12 under a big four agreement announced today.

The "Western powers" counter blockade of the Soviet zone of Germany will be ended at the same time.

The Council of Foreign Ministers will meet in Paris May 23 "to consider questions relating to Germany and problems arising out of the blockade in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin."

The four power committee, claiming more than two months of intense negotiation, was issued simultaneously in Moscow, London, Paris and Washington—as well as in New York where the Berlin desk was worked out at the headquarters of the United Nations.

The document was an extraordinary display of harmony after more than a year of tension and conflict — sometimes marked by fears of actual military action.

At the same hour the brief statement was made public, a copy was sent to the Soviet Union, the United States, France and the British.

The official statement itself marks the beginning of the end of one of the most critical situations in the postwar struggle between Russia and the Western powers.

It will require the full week from now to May 13 to make the complicated arrangements for restoring normal rail, highway and barge traffic between Germany's western cities and the Western occupation zone.

While the desperate necessity for the airlift now will be at an end, officials might claim they have no intention of abandoning it either suddenly or completely.

Washington officials regard the continued operation of the airlift as a possibility that if the approaching negotiations for a settlement of the Berlin blockade are difficult, the Russians might be tempted to resume the blockade.

Actually, both informed authorities consider this possibility remote. They believe the Russians have suffered a first defeat in their effort to force the West to accept the blockade.

That compromise bill also was difficult in the first round House battle to there will be an uphill fight on that last item.

In the Senate, the opening of labor legislation debate still appears to be about a month in the future. But Republican foes of the Administration's "T-H" Hartley repeal said the groundwork yesterday for their counter-attack.

GOP Senators Tolt (Ohio), Smith (N.J.) and Donnell (Mo) all said.

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Tolar Named Patrol Chief

RALEIGH — (AP) — Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Roesser today named Tolar as commander of the State Highway Patrol.

Roesser said the appointment was made with the approval of Governor Patton.

Tolar, who is 39, will be sworn in as patrol commander tomorrow. He will have the rank of colonel.

He succeeds H. J. Hatcher who was commander of the State Highway Patrol.

Tolar said he had "no comment" to make on the statement by the officers. He also said he had no comment on the statement by the Governor.

He called attention to a statement made by Fred Brown of Raleigh that he was present at the time and did not hear Tolar make the remarks.

Tolar, a native of Robeson County, is a Raleigh automobile dealer. He attended N. C. State College and was a strong Scott supporter in the gubernatorial campaign last year.

He is married and has three children.

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Text Of Communiqué

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The text of the big four communiqué on the lifting of the Berlin blockade follows:

The Governments of France, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Soviet Union have reached the following agreement:

1. All the restrictions imposed since March 1, 1948, by the Government of the Soviet Union on communications, transportation and trade between Berlin and the Western zone and between the Western zone and Germany will be removed on May 12, 1949.

2. All the restrictions imposed

Sees Legislation Satisfactory To All Jones Explains Labor Bill Vote

Representative Hamilton C. Jones of the 19th Congressional district, who voted for the amended Lestinski labor bill and against the Wood labor bill, predicted today that a new measure "satisfactory to the employer, the employee and the public generally" will finally emerge from the 81st Congress.

Mr. Jones, in a statement explaining his vote prepared at the request of The News, said he voted for the Lestinski bill because he felt that the amendments to it introduced by Representative Sims of South Carolina were satisfactory to the "best approach" to labor legislation.

He added that he preferred to vote for the amended Lestinski bill "rather than to vote for the bill which was supported largely by the members of the opposing party" (the Wood measure).

The Lestinski bill as originally approved by the House labor committee included the amendments of the T-H-Hartley Act and restored

enough trackage allocated to us between West Germany and Berlin to build up supplies quickly by rail," Clay explained. "It would be a long, slow process."

The general said he expected the lift would continue until food and coal supplies to the Western zone of Berlin are as large as

Until Stockpile Restored

Airlift To Continue For While

BERLIN — (AP) — Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today he expects the allied powers to continue the airlift of supplies to West Berlin as long as the Western zone of Berlin has a stockpile of 200,000 tons of supplies.

The retiring U. S. military governor said he has not received instructions to stop the airlift. He expects them. "We don't have

there was a slightly although not important upturn in April.

Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, said "we are still in a period of inflationary danger."

The written report to the President was not made public, but Nourse told reporters some of the main points of it.

"I expect some further easing in the cost of living," Nourse said. "We are still in a period of inflationary danger."

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REP. JONES

the basic Wagner Act, with minor variations. When Administration leaders saw it had no chance of

passage, they agreed to these amendments offered by Rep. Sims:

(1) Give the President authority to intervene, either by injunction or plant seizure, in a threatened strike involving the public welfare;

(2) Make it "perfectly clear" that there is to be freedom of speech on both sides of a labor controversy;

(3) Require non-Communist affidavits to be made by leaders of both labor and management;

(4) Make certain that financial reports of labor organizations are available to members of the unions and perhaps to the public generally;

(5) Require that both sides in a controversy must bargain "in good faith";

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Walkout Is Begun As Talks Fail

Lincoln-Mercury Plant Also Closed

DETROIT — (AP) — A strike of 65,000 workers hit Ford Motor Co. at noon today and negotiators broke up a last-minute conference in which they had hoped to reach a settlement.

Peace talks were called off at 12:30 P. M. They had been extended after the deadline in a last desperate hope that agreement could be reached.

The walkout took place simultaneously on two fronts. Some 65,000 workers struck the big Lincoln-Mercury plant, control of the

If the strike lasts, Ford's worldwide industrial empire soon would be tied up.

PICKET LINES FORMED
Picket lines were established immediately. There was no disorder.

At issue was the union's charge that Ford had speeded up production at the two plants beyond a rate compatible with workers' health. Ford denied this.

The strike was the first major showdown in the auto industry since last May, it was the first to hit Ford since the bloody 1941 strike in which the UAW-CIO gained recognition after a violent

Ford officials said the strike would tie up the vast industrial system. It is reasonably certain that the strike would tie up another sudden roadblock to Berlin.

The airlift machine—its planes, its fuel, its personnel—will be kept in standby condition in Europe until it is reasonably certain that the strike would tie up another sudden roadblock to Berlin.

This was indicated by Air Force officials in Washington who are following details on the general four-power agreement.

It took the Air Force, Navy and Army six months to make the intricate system of hundreds of planes and thousands of men to carry supplies in unending stream over the Russian blockade and

There was no immediate discussion to tear it down in any sudden and possibly premature move.

Continuing to exist for a while, it could serve as an inspiration for the Russians to live up to the agreement.

With "Operation Vittles" as the code name, the Air Force prepared to start an exhaustive analysis of the strategic lessons learned in the greatest air supply operation of modern times.

The experience value already had been emphasized by various top Air Force officials. Assistant Secretary of Air Eugene M. Zukert said:

"We have gotten something that a military force rarely receives—the peacetime opportunity to accomplish a task when the odds are against it."

He noted that "we have learned a lot—about command, maintenance, supply lines and bad weather flight control," and have gained "an intense, practical test of our trained manpower and our staying power."

American planes in the airlift have flown more than 55,000,000 miles. They have landed at 15,000 planes and their crews were in the air, under some of the worst weather and air traffic conditions in the world.

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Deeway Off To Europe

NEW YORK — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said for Europe today about the Queen Mary after fending off ship report questions.

Deputy Secretary of State Acheson said that he was to run for President again. Dewey was understood to say "Nope." However, he told newsmen, "I don't see that," commenting that it was not his duty to say "Nope."

Dewey, who was accompanied by his wife and Paul Lockwood, his personal secretary, will be gone six weeks.

WALKOUT

Fair and continued warm tonight and Friday.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today 64 High and low last 24 hours 65-50. Sun rose tomorrow 5:11 P. M. Sun rose tomorrow 5:11 P. M.

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