

West Germany Asks NATO Talks on Dollar

PARIS, Dec. 17 (AP).—Prosperous West Germany called today for a NATO summit conference in the spring to sort out a growing tangle of alliance problems largely resulting from America's dollar drain.

Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss unexpectedly tossed this proposal into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's ministerial meeting wrestling now with financial problems and the threat of Russia's growing nuclear might.

His suggestion would give other Western chiefs of government a chance to confer with American President after the new American President has assumed office and got his administration running.

Warmly Supported

The proposal was warmly supported by Canada and Greece. The United States delegation, representing the outgoing Eisenhower administration, declined to commit itself. The American representatives in any event cannot bind Mr. Kennedy, whose prospective Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, is known to take a dim view of summit diplomacy because it keeps the President from other pressing business.

The subject was referred to the final meeting tomorrow. For many of the ministers the project has this basic appeal: the heads of their governments could meet face-to-face with Mr. Kennedy and learn how he wants the West to counter the threat of Russia's growing might.

Mr. Strauss' move came after a spokesman for the outgoing Eisenhower administration stressed that some of the financial burden of the common defense must be lifted from the shoulders of the United States.

Halt to Free Equipment

Defense Secretary Gates, Jr., called a halt to free distribution of United States military equipment to Britain, France, West Germany and Luxembourg. This amounted to \$30 million a year for Britain and less than that for the others.

Mr. Gates repeated warnings of Secretary of State Herter that the dollar must be protected and urged wealthier Western European nations to buy arms from American production lines.

Mr. Gates pointed out that the future defense of the Atlantic Alliance depends in considerable measure on expanding American "military space and scientific programs" which are costing tremendous sums of money.

Would Discontinue Grants

He added that the United States, therefore, is unable "to continue indefinitely to provide military equipment on a grant basis" to those members of the alliance now well enough off to buy their own arms.

The United States already has put forward a proposal to give NATO its own nuclear striking force, based on 180 Polaris missiles costing \$1 million each.

These missiles would be deployed in five nuclear submarines assigned by the United States and aboard an unspecified number of surface ships. Other members of the alliance would have to put up a large sum of money to finance this system.

West Germany Would Appeal

Once on the seas, these missiles would more than make up in striking power for any pull-out of United States troops in

Ethiopians Hail Selassie Return

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP).—Emperor Haile Selassie returned in triumph to his capital of Addis Ababa today. Leaders of the abortive palace revolt in Ethiopia were reported to have fled before his arrival. Some may have committed suicide.

Reports that the rebellion had ended in bloody failure poured out of Addis Ababa. The city was reported rapidly returning to normal.

Diplomats in London also heard that four ministers who served the 68-year-old "Conquering Lion of Judah" were shot as hostages yesterday as he landed in Asmara, 400 miles north of the capital, and began to make his way back home. He had rushed back from a state visit to Brazil when the revolt broke out Wednesday.

Two Believed Slain

The slain officials were said to have been the ministers of defense and commerce, the acting foreign minister and the deputy minister of information. The minister of health was reported missing and the minister of public works and finance fled the city when the revolt broke out.

As for the rebels, diplomatic sources here reported that the ringleader, Gen. Muligeta Bulli, and his commissioners of police were dead and presumed suicides. The rebel premier, Ras (Prince) Imeru, former ambassador to the United States, India and the Soviet Union, was reported either arrested or dead.

Clark Mollenhoff, Washington correspondent for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune and the Des Moines Register and Tribune, reported from Addis Ababa that the city suffered considerable damage in street fighting between the rebels and a large segment of the army that remained loyal to the Emperor.

He said the rebels were said to have killed as many as 16 high government officials, including three cabinet ministers.

No Americans were hurt in the fighting, Mr. Mollenhoff said.

Rallied to Emperor

About 10,000 troops were said to have rallied to the Emperor and pursued the rebels with bombing and artillery fire.

A delayed dispatch from Homer Smith, assistant press correspondent in Addis Ababa, described yesterday's fighting as fierce. He said some of the heaviest fighting yesterday took place near the United States embassy.

The Mollenhoff and Smith news dispatches were the first to emerge from Addis Ababa since commercial communications channels were shut down after Wednesday's revolt.

Lars Bringer, a Swedish

correspondent in Asmara, reported the coup began Wednesday night when leading citizens in the capital were summoned to the palace on the pretext the Emperor was critically ill. When about 100 officials had gathered, he said, they were surrounded by soldiers of the Emperor's bodyguard and by some of the "young intellectuals" who were mentioned as supporters of the rebel government in its later communications.

Royal Family Safe

Addis Ababa Radio announced that the royal family is safe.

This would include Crown Prince Asfa Wassan, 44, who had been named by the rebels as the new sovereign of Ethiopia. Haile Selassie, however, exonerated his son and said the rebels only made Asfa Wassan "their decoy."

The Emperor, an ambitious plotter in his fight to gain power early in the century and survivor of many an attempted coup since then, called the rebels "ambitious men whose speeches seem irrational."

The politics of the rebels remained somewhat of a mystery.

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Nobel Priest Tells Of Peace Aims

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (AP).—Father Dominique Pire, the Roman Catholic Nobel Prize winning priest, said today he wants to build a bridge between the East and West through understanding and love.

At a news conference at the Arab League's offices, Father Pire said: "I know it is very difficult and it is a naive dream, but I already have a project in my mind which I cannot divulge."

Father Pire, who is here on a week's visit as part of a trip through Middle East and Asian countries, has already toured Palestine refugee camps in the Gaza strip. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with refugees.

South Africa Census Up 25%

PRETORIA, South Africa, Dec. 17 (AP).—South Africa's population increased about 25 per cent between 1951 to 1960—from 12,871,452 to 15,941,128—with the biggest increase in the non-white majority, according to preliminary results of the 1960 census published today.

This count shows the white population of the country at 3,067,638, 1,488,638 coloreds (mixed bloods), 477,414 Asians and 10,807,892 Bantu (blacks). In 1951 there were 2,641,880 whites, 1,103,016 coloreds, 366,664 Asians and 8,560,085 blacks.

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