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Berlin crisis mounts as West states opposition to Russian peace moves

Tunisians isolate Bizerte

TUNIS (Reuters) — Thousands of Tunisian volunteers were reported on their way today to join the ranks of 5,000 others manning trenches and roadblocks around the French naval base of Bizerte, 40 miles north of here.

President Habib Bourguiba announced Monday in a speech before a special session of the National Assembly that Tunisia would set up a land blockade Wednesday around Bizerte in an attempt to force the French to evacuate the Mediterranean base they have held since 1894.

VOLUNTEERS TO BE CALLED

Bourguiba told the assembly the "moment of total evacuation" of French troops from Tunisia has come. "We are entering a serious phase, perhaps we are even on the eve of conflict."

Bourguiba also announced that other volunteers of his ruling Neo-Destour party will be dispatched to Garet-el-Hamel to bolster Tunisia's claims to a bordering strip of the Sahara held by France.

1894 ARAB DEFEAT

French warships first entered the once-tiny Arab port of Bizerte in 1894, and since then it has become a principal French base.

Since the war, France has spent more than $225,000,000 building underground command posts and fuel and ammunitions stores.

BASE REGARDED HIGHLY

The base has dry docks capable of taking the largest French aircraft carriers and is regarded by French military experts as an ideally-protected command post in the event of an atomic war.

In 1958 — two years after the former French protectorate of Tunisia became independent — France and Tunisia undertook an exchange of letters to determine the future status of the base.

France had agreed to remove all her troops from Tunisia, except Bizerte.

WEARY CANOEISTS landed at the Prince Rupert Yacht Club float yesterday midday when five 17-foot cedar canoes arrived on their way from Tacoma, Wash., to Juneau, Alaska. Led by Dr. L. A. Schultz, director of the Ta-Ha-Do-Wa Camp for Boys in Tacoma. The canoeists are running about two weeks behind their planned schedule and left for Juneau this morning. — Staff photo by John Pain.

Demands rejected by NATO top three

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The United States, Britain and France emphatically rejected Russia's demands for altering the status of West Berlin notes published today but left the way open for negotiations on the German problem.

The notes were made public today in Washington, London and Paris after they were handed over by the Big Three Western embassies in Moscow Monday.

The Big Three warned of the "grave dangers" of trying to destroy the basic rights of the Western powers in Berlin by singlehanded action.

"There is no reason for a crisis over Berlin," the U.S. note said. If a crisis develops "it is because the Soviet Union is attempting to invade the basic rights of others."

CAN'T CONCEAL THREAT

"All the world will plainly see," the U.S. asserted, "that misuse of such words as 'peace' and 'freedom' cannot conceal a threat to raise tension to the point of danger and suppress the freedom of those who now enjoy it."

All three Western powers left the door open for negotiations on the basis of self-determination for the German people.

Both France and Britain told Russia that they would not accept any Soviet attempt to alter the status of West Berlin by signing a peace treaty with East Germany.

They also repudiated Soviet claims that "a conflagration" could break out in Europe if a peace treaty with Germany is not signed without delay.

BLAME RUSSIA

Britain and France also blamed Russia for building up a crisis over Germany when none in fact existed.

The British note said the West was not responsible for the failure to sign a German peace treaty and that the Soviet government had "steadily refused" to entertain Western proposals aimed at achieving this end.

It challenged the Soviet view that the absence of a German peace treaty was a cause of tension which would lead to a world crisis.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev has declared he will sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany by the end of this year.

This has led to fears that the East Germans would try to cut the Allies' access to Berlin, as a first move toward taking over the whole city.

Unemployment still stays high

OTTAWA (CP)—Unemployment in Canada continued its downward trend in June, falling to 370,000 from 457,000 a month earlier, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today. The mid-June jobless figure represented 5.6 per cent of the labor force, compared with 4.9 per cent a year earlier.

The 87,000 drop in unemployment between May and June was smaller than the reduction in the corresponding periods of 1960 and 1959.

The June unemployment total, fourth monthly decline in unemployment since the winter peak of 719,000 in February, was still the highest for the month in post-war years.

The 5.6 - per - cent unemployment rate for mid - June compares with seven per cent at mid-May.

The picture in brief, with estimates in thousands:

	June 1961	May 1961	June 1960
Labor force	6,592	6,542	6,454
Employed	6,222	6,085	6,139
Unemployed	370	457	315

The unemployment report is based on a survey of 35,000 households across Canada. The results of the survey are analyzed by the federal labor department in a joint statement with the bureau of statistics.

While unemployment dropped between May and June, it was still 55,000 higher than a year earlier.

The report noted that employment increased between May and June by 137,000, a rise described as "somewhat less than seasonal."

However, hefty increases in employment in April and May raised the over-all second-quarter jump to 574,000, well above the average of the last few years.

Of the 6,592,000 persons in the labor force last month, 6,222,000 were at work. Job gains in manufacturing and services were greater than usual for June but in most other industries they were less than seasonal.

Employment in agriculture declined by 21,000 to 705,000 in June, with most of the drop in the Prairie region where widespread drought hit job opportunities.

PACIFIC STILL HIGH

Unemployment on the Pacific coast—totalling 44,000 in June—was 7.5 per cent of the labor force, compared with 8.1 per cent in May and 7.8 per cent in June, 1960.

The demand for longshoremen to handle export shipments, particularly grain, remained high, the report said. But it noted that employment levels in many industries remained unchanged, instead of showing a small increase normally expected at this time of year.

All but a few sawmills and planer mills operated at high levels during June and shingle mills worked near capacity.

Buttermilk clouds delay second U.S. space shot

By HOWARD BENEDICT

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The United States second man-in-space shot now is scheduled for 7 a.m. EDT Wednesday, having been delayed by the arrival of high buttermilk clouds.

Air Force Capt. Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, the astronaut picked for the rocket ride, took the news of the 24-hour delay calmly.

When Grissom was awakened shortly after 11:30 p.m. Monday night and told of the postponement, he merely shrugged, rolled over and went back to sleep.

The news came to the 35-year-old Grissom just 2½ hours before he was to begin his final medical checkups and don his 20-pound space suit.

The postponement on the advice of U.S. weather bureau experts came as something of a surprise since all predictions up to 7:30 p.m. Monday were optimistic.

Even so, the newest weather satellite, Tiros III, fired a week ago, had detected signs of a developing high pressure system in the Caribbean almost as soon as it went into orbit.

Subsequent reports from the Tiros were watched closely since they substantiated ground reports of the high pressure front with multiple cloud layers.

In announcing the postponement, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the cloud cover was attributable to "an easterly wave which has been moving across the Caribbean for the last three or four days."

The presence of the high clouds would have hampered full photographic coverage of the operation, which scientists insist upon, from blastoff to burnout of the booster.

In any case, the delay caused a slight mounting of tension here in what had been an otherwise calm acceptance of the fact that another man was scheduled to take a 300-mile ride like a bullet.

Officials said they had noted a sort of "ho hum" attitude toward the flight and observed that "Grissom could have less than a perfect flight."

Canadians building atom shelters in secret says government official

OTTAWA (CP)—Most Canadians laugh at the thought of a nuclear war coming to Canada but some of the ones who laugh the loudest are getting ready —just in case—a federal government spokesman said today.

Many people are convinced of the danger but are too sheepish to admit it to neighbors, he added.

Some were even hiding the fact that they have basement fallout shelters. This was partly to avoid higher municipal assessment on their homes.

People are building shelters "more than you realize," the official said.

There was no way of knowing exactly how many, but the fact that more than 1,000,000 copies of shelter plans provided by the government have been gobbled up by the public was a good indication of interest.

Another was a steady, increasing demand for copies of a booklet printed by the federal Emergency Measures Organization telling Canadians how to prepare for, and survive in, a nuclear war.

The booklet, "Eleven Steps to Survival," started pouring off a Montreal firm's printing press Monday at the rate of 50,000 copies a day—and officials say this may not meet the demand.

The Emergency Measures Organization—a federal agency charged with co - ordinating Canada's nuclear-age civil defence preparations—has been pounding home for about a year now the need for preparedness.

The 40-page survival booklet carries the reader through 11 steps on handling such nuclear war problems as how to get rid of radioactive dust. It came out in May and the first printing of 300,000 copies was gone "in a matter of weeks."

The second printing of 1,000,000 copies is going just as quickly and Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who has personal direction of civil defence, has authorized an expenditure of $60,000 for another 1,250,000 copies.

CPA open office

Canadian Pacific Airlines announced yesterday the Prince Rupert office will be open between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., with the exception of a luncheon period between midday and 1 p.m. every Sunday in future.

Scout Council meeting

The District Scout Council will meet July 20 at the Civic Centre at 5:15 p.m. Members are reminded, said Arthur Beliveau, that this meeting is of considerable importance to the movement here.

Example needed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mother and father must show some initiative at home if they expect their children to work hard at school, a Toronto educationist says.

NATIVE CORRESPONDENT — Thomas White of Port Simpson, will be covering that area for The Daily News. A fisherman, he has a wide knowledge of the district and is active in local affairs. Mr. White replaces Ted Auckett who has left for overseas. He is also one of the very few Native reporters in the province and it is thought he may be the first to be appointed to The Daily News. — Staff photo by John Pain

Power company replaces Skeena transmission line

Northern British Columbia Power Company is replacing its overhead transmission line across the Skeena River at Skeena River Crossing.

A special 15-man crew from Vancouver, working with a certain amount of specially-imported equipment, is renewing the six lines of "copper weld" the conductors of steel coated with copper.

The job began a week ago, and hopes are that it will be completed in 10 days, T. B. Black, general manager of Northern B.C. Power at Prince Rupert, said Monday. Certain land portions will be renewed then.

The task is a hazardous one in many respects, since the men are required to work at a height of 175 feet above the fast-flowing Skeena.

A tension machine, stringing equipment and winch were brought into this district for the operation.

The span is part of the company's 45-mile transmission line from the Falls River generating plant to consumers in Prince Rupert and Port Edward.

Icing is the chief cause of deterioration of the conductors. The last time these were replaced was in 1950.

Swig from bottle nets court $50

Drinking in a public place cost Hugh Charles Smith of no fixed address $50 and costs Tuesday in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Smith, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was charged following an incident about 7:05 p.m. Friday when he was found to be drinking from a bottle of wine on Seventh Street between Second and Third Avenues.

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Gaglardi charged

VICTORIA (CP) — Highways Minister Gaglardi of British Columbia has been summonsed to appear in nearby Saanich police court Thursday on a charge of careless driving.

The charge was laid by Eric Vickerman of Sidney.

Mr. Vickerman, an assessor for the federal government, said he was driving on the Trans-Canada Highway July 11 when a car passed his and several other cars on the right-hand side, the shoulder of the road.

Mr. Gaglardi has informed court officials he will be represented by counsel.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Bribe-taking ex-minister can still teach school

VANCOUVER (CP) — Robert Sommers, one-time provincial cabinet minister recently released on parole after a term in prison for bribery and conspiracy while in office, can still teach in B.C. schools if he needs a job.

Dr. J. F. K. English, superintendent of education, said Monday the former provincial lands and forests minister who was a teacher before entering politics in 1952, still holds a valid teacher's certificate.

Shooting approved

VANCOUVER (CP) — Magistrate Gordon Scott ruled Monday that a man who shot an unwanted guest in his home had a right to do so. The magistrate dismissed a charge against Frank McKenzie of shooting with intent to wound. McKenzie admitted firing three shots at Harry Bateson, 51, on May 2, slightly wounding Bateson in both legs.

Liner welcomed

VANCOUVER (CP) — The luxury monarch of the Pacific, the 45,270-ton Canberra, steamed into port here Monday to the cheers of thousand and the cacophonic greeting of more than 200 escort tugs, pleasure and police boats.

Grauer still ill

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. A. E. (Dal) Grauer, chairman of British Columbia Electric and chancellor of the University of British Columbia remained in critical condition Monday with leukemia. He is 55.

Driver packs in

NANAIMO (CP) — Bus driver Geoffrey Hirst got fed up with the way Canadians drive, so he quit his job — in the middle of a run from Nanaimo to up-island points on Vancouver Island. He wheeled his intercity bus to the side of the island highway near Qualicum, about 30 miles north of Nanaimo, and stopped. After picking up his jacket and cash box, he turned to the passengers and politely announced: "That's it, I quit."

World News Briefs

JERUSALEM (AP) — Adolf Eichmann said today he was present at a 1940 meeting which discussed a final solution for Europe's Jews, including those in England and Portugal.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) — Nathan T. Boya, 30-year-old daredevil who Saturday became the fourth person to go over Niagara Falls deliberately and live, today was fined $100 for the stunt.

LONDON (Reuters) — Irish Premier Sean Lemass said Monday night that if Britain goes into the European Common Market, Ireland will too.

CHICAGO (AP) — Police were out in force again today in Chicago's racially tense southwest side where 20 white persons have been injured by roving gangs and 71 Negroes arrested in the past 10 days.

LEOPOLDVILLE (Reuters) — The United Nations will not oppose a military action of a legal Congolese government to deal with the secession of Katanga province, a United Nations spokesman said today.

U.S. reported preparing gas warfare plan as chemical warheads said issued army

WASHINGTON (AP) — The army apparently is preparing to issue missile warheads that could carry chemical warfare gases deep into an enemy's battle zone.

This was indicated by a new regulation listing supply responsibilities of branches of the army which included among the items warheads for "guided missile chemical agent."

By army definition, a chemical agent is a solid, liquid or gas which "produces lethal, injurious or irritant effects."

CHEMICALS READY

In production or being perfected is a wide variety of chemical bases. They range from the long-manufactured asphyxiating gases, now in modern form, to the so-called "nerve gases" capable of producing either death by paralysis of the respiratory system or temporary incapacitation by psychological or other effect.

A whole family of missiles is in the army's arsenal capable of delivering gases. These missiles vary from those with ranges of a few thousands yards for close-in attack on a battle front to such far-flung weapons as the Pershing missile with a range of more than 200 miles.

The longer-range missiles carrying, for instance, an incapacitating gas obviously would be useful for tactical purposes, including softening up an area behind enemy lines preparatory to a paratroop drop.

Fish sales show drop

Three vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange were: Good Partner with 63,000 pounds including 32,000 pounds of medium at 23.2 cents a pound, 30,000 pounds or large at 25.6 cents a pound and 1,000 pounds of chix at 18 cents a pound, sold to B.C. Packers; Alaska (U.S.), 70,500; 55,000 med. (22.6), 155,000 large (24.8), 500 chix (15), Pacific; Hoover (U.S.), 60,000; 40,000 med. (22.8), 20,000 large (25.3), B.C. Packers.

Linjo Lee made a direct sale of 3,455 pounds to Atlin yesterday.

Prince Rupert has now gone 912 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy Wednesday with little change in temperature. Occasional light rain on western slopes of mountains. Winds occasionally 20 near Queen Charlottes. Low tonight and high tomorrow 55 and 65.

TIDES

Wednesday, July 19, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:10	17.1 feet
	17:53	18.0 feet
Low	11:27	0.1 feet