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# DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES ROCK JAPAN

## U.S. And British Officials Confer On Berlin Crisis

### High American And British Officials Confer On Crisis Caused By Russia

London, June 28—(UP)—High American and British officials conferred today at the British foreign office on the crisis caused by the Soviet Union to the western powers out of

U.S. under-secretary of army William Draper and British foreign secretary Ernest Bevin met in a conference arranged by U.S. ambassador Lewis Douglas. Draper arrived en route to Berlin for a personal inspection of the situation. He is to continue to the German capital tonight.

Bevin is accompanied by Gen. Sir Wedemeyer, director of plans and operations of the U.S. department of army.

Douglas spent most of the day in the foreign office in consultation with British experts on the situation over Berlin.

A foreign office spokesman said the British government is "in contact" with American and British officials regarding the situation.

The spokesman indicated the conference would explore possible ways the western powers could take to meet the Russian challenge in the German capital. A three-power note to Russia was seen as a "possibility" but no steps have been taken yet to send such a note.

The spokesman said the emergency conference, called soon after Sir William Strang, British under-secretary of state for German affairs, which also was held at the foreign office.

The British spokesman used his noon press conference to point out that Britain is determined to remain in Berlin. He pointed out that certain German newspapers did not publish the full foreign statement of Saturday on that occasion.

"That statement was very important," the spokesman said, "and left no possible doubt of our determination to remain in Berlin."

The Anglo-American conference as British public opinion appeared to be almost unanimously in favor of the western powers jointly "call" Russia's hand in Berlin.

The view here, apparently supported by American public opinion, only stiffened the back of diplomats who last week were admitting privately the possibility that

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## Tito Read Out Of Communist Party

### Yugoslavia Leader Purged By Russia

Prague, June 28—(UP)—Russia read Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia out of the Communist party today on grounds that he has been playing too close to western imperialism.

A communiqué published in the Communist newspaper Rude Pravo here revealed that Yugoslav Communists were purged from the co-inform (the Communist information bureau) at a secret meeting held in Romania in June.

It charged Tito and his supporters in the Yugoslav government with almost every crime in the Communist book—ranging from trotskyism and anti-Sovietism to "ineptness" and "false demagogic tactics."

It said bluntly that the Yugoslav leaders deserted "internationalist traditions" to curry favor with imperialists.

By its actions, the communiqué said, the Yugoslav Communist party placed itself "outside the family of brotherly Communist parties, outside the United Communist front, and thus also outside the ranks of the information bureau."

WEATHER  
Considerable cloudiness with occasional showers or thunderstorms tonight and Tuesday. Continued warm and humid.

## British Send 1,000 Troops To Waterfront

### Wildcat Strike On London Waterfront Ties Up Supplies

London, June 28.—(UP)—The British government declared a state of emergency today and sent more than 1,000 troops into the strike-bound London waterfront to save the nation's already meager food rations.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee told the house of commons that the government had decided to assume extraordinary powers under the 1920 emergency powers act, as the strike spread from London to Liverpool, Britain's largest port, with no settlement in sight.

Attlee said an urgent message had been sent to King George VI, on a royal tour of Scotland, advising him to issue a proclamation of a state of emergency.

"A privy council will be held for that purpose later today," Attlee said.

Thereafter orders in council will be made giving powers to the government to do all necessary, both by deployment of service personnel wherever required for maintenance of essential food supplies, and by requisitioning equipment for the maintenance of the life of the community."

As Attlee spoke in commons, more than 1,000 army and royal air force men, with a sprinkling of navy engineers to operate cranes, already were at work unloading meat ships tied up in the port of London.

More than 5,000 other Army, Navy and Air Force men were standing by for orders which would set them to unloading others of the wildcat strike, which workers have continued in defiance of appeals by the government and their union leaders.

Attlee said in commons that labor minister George Isaacs, now at a San Francisco conference, will return by air to London to deal with the strike.

## Continuing Probe Of Train Accident

### Riley Still Unable To Relate Details

David Riley, 64, of Bradenton, Fla., was in a semi-conscious condition at Adams county memorial hospital today, after being found along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks between Berne and Geneva Saturday morning, where he claims to have been pushed from a northbound train earlier.

A rumor sprang up that all exchange in the Soviet sector was to be discontinued. The crowd surged forward and smashed through a fence in the area adjoining Russian barracks.

German police said there was no Russian interference. They said they finally were able to establish

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Riley told the sheriff that the woman's name was "Smith" and that her first name might have been "Zella." Riley was conscious at intervals yesterday, and at one time said that he did not remember telling the sheriff about any woman.

Sheriff Herman Bowman, who has been investigating the case, disclosed that he has been unable to get a coherent story from the injured man. At one time Riley said he had met a woman in Cincinnati and the two had boarded the train. He also claims to have been robbed; his empty billfold was found along the track.

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Sheriff Bowman will question the man again as soon as physicians give their approval. Riley's relatives in Florida have been notified of the mishap.

In addition to the sheriff's office, Pennsylvania railroad detectives are investigating the circumstances of Riley's accident.

Catholic High Band Concert On Tuesday

The Decatur Catholic high school band, under the direction of E. H. Stoddard, Fort Wayne musician and band director, will give its second public concert at the ramp on Liberty Way Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. It was announced today.

The program is the second of a series given this summer by bands from both local high schools. The concerts are sponsored by the schools and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited to attend.

The magazine Steel, trade publication of the steel industry, said

## Scuffle During Money Exchange



HERE'S ONE of the few incidents that occurred when citizens in Frankfurt, Germany, turned up to exchange Reichsmarks for Deutsche Marks during the currency reforms instituted by the Allies. Police men are keeping a few angry persons in check. On the whole, the turning in of old money for new to combat inflation was orderly.

## Official Returns On School Merger Filed

### French And Berne Schools To Merge

Ed. Graber, French township trustee and by virtue of his office, chairman of the French township canvassing board for the school election held last Friday, filed the official results of the school merger election with county clerk Ed Jahberg, Saturday noon, making the action of the voters official and final.

The official count was the same as the unofficial count, 174 for and 99 against. The election was the final step before the schools of French township are merged with the schools of the town of Berne at Berne.

The merger actually will take place next September but a new school board will be named in the next few weeks, it was learned. The Berne town council will name two board members; the French township trustee will serve by virtue of his office; the French advisory board will elect a member, and these four members will elect a fifth member.

Present plans call for the erection of a temporary building on the school property at Berne to take care of additional students and as soon as possible an addition will be built to the present Berne school.

The merger plans started several months ago, by adoption of merger resolutions by officials of both school units. No election was necessary in Berne, because no remonstrance was filed. How-

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## Cost Of Living At All-Time High, Survey Shows Costs Still Climb

By United Press

The cost of living, which reached an all-time high in May, still is climbing, a survey showed today.

Meat prices are at an all-time peak, and meat industry spokesmen said there is no hope of a price break until September at the earliest.

On the brighter side, fresh vegetable prices in many areas have declined recently because of the seasonal shipment of vegetables to market.

However, the bureau of labor statistics at Washington predicted that longer-range seasonal pressures would bring a slow, steady climb in most food prices until November.

The bureau also noted that rent generally is rising.

Price increases have been announced or are anticipated momentarily on several basic commodities.

As a result of the wage concessions won by John L. Lewis and his United Mine workers, the cost of coal is expected to rise 40 cents a ton or more.

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## Close Democrat Office At 1 P.M. Saturdays

Effective next Saturday afternoon, July 3, the Daily Democrat office will close at 1 o'clock each Saturday. The early closing hour will be effective during July and August. Saturday issues of the Democrat may be obtained at either Decatur newsstand or at the Democrat office until 1 o'clock.

The change in hours is effective only in the business office and the Saturday issue will be published at 12 o'clock noon, as has been customary for several years.

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The conditions were disclosed with the release here of the text of bilateral agreements with Ireland and Italy. Ireland signed the agreement at Dublin at 7 a.m. (CDT.) And Italy was scheduled to sign at Rome at 1:30 p.m. CDT. Officials said all agreements are virtually the same. Ireland's signing is subject to final ratification by the Dublin parliament.

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## Continuing Efforts To Draft Eisenhower

### Bandwagon Rolling Despite Ike Stand

By United Press

With the Democratic national convention just two weeks off, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the wartime "wonder man," was the man who had everybody wondering today.

The Ike-for-president bandwagon was rolling merrily along, despite the general's insistence that he doesn't want to be in the driver's seat.

Two organizations—Americans for Democratic action and veterans for Eisenhower—are out to swing the District of Columbia's 12-man delegation to him in today's Democratic primary.

A draft-Eisenhower motion touched off a bedlam of cheers, whistles and shouts of approval from Wisconsin Democrats last night at their state convention in

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## Two Youths Injured As Auto Is Wrecked

### Two Decatur Lads Taken To Hospital

John Doan, Jr., son of Mayor and Mrs. John Doan, and Gene Ziner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ziner, are in the Wells county hospital suffering from injuries sustained when the automobile in which they were riding turned over on its side on a curve on state road 216 near Bluffton Sunday afternoon. Two other occupants, John Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson, and James Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price escaped with a few bruises.

The four young men had attended a picnic dinner of the Adams county Republican committee and their families at the state forest and had decided to drive into Bluffton. The car struck the soft road shoulder on a curve and turned over pinning Ziner and Doan against the side.

Doan received some serious cuts and bruises on his arm and body, and his left foot and leg were severely twisted. The index finger of his left hand was broken in two places, and the finger down to the first joint was torn off. The flesh was sewed back, and physicians say that, barring infection, the finger will be saved.

Ziner received several severe cuts on his left arm and also is suffering from shock. It is believed both young men will be hospitalized for several days.

Thompson and Price received several cuts and bruises, but neither was taken to the hospital.

Ziner, when a police officer, was damaged to the extent of \$500, according to insurance representatives.

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## Hundreds of Casualties, Thousands Are Homeless After Series Of Quakes

### Disclose Terms Of Marshall Aid Plan

#### Begin Signing Of Bilateral Pacts

Washington, June 28—(UP)—The state department today disclosed the "terms" which Marshall plan countries are accepting to insure that U.S. economic aid to Europe is not wasted.

The announcement of the "terms" was expected by diplomats here to signal a fresh communist propaganda blast assailing the multi-billion dollar European recovery program as "U.S. imperialism" and "rule of the dollar."

Secretary of state George C. Marshall said the signing of the bilateral agreements represents "one more step in the development of the program for European recovery."

He said continued "cooperation and effort of the people of the countries concerned" should insure success of the program.

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### Army Expects Induction Of Over 225,000

#### Royall Discloses Plans Of New Draft Machinery Today

Washington, June 28—(UP)—The army announced today that it expects to induct from 225,000 to 250,000 men from July 1 to June 30, 1949 under the peace-time draft law.

The draftees, aged 19 through 25, will serve for 21 months.

Inductions probably will start about Sept. 22.

About 30,000 men per month will be inducted into the army.

Secretary of army Kenneth C. Royall gave the figures at a news conference as he disclosed plans for the new draft machinery.

The "somewhat limited immediate requirements" of the navy and air force probably will be filled by voluntary recruits, Royall said. The army will get most of the draftees.

The program is planned to bring the army's present strength of 542,000 up to 790,000 by July 1, 1949 in accordance with the provisions of the selective service act. The law authorizes a maximum strength of \$37,000. However, it does not carry appropriations for more than 790,000.

The draft act provides for registration of those 18-through-25. Selective service said local boards probably will begin registration Aug. 16.

The army expects to get 110,000 eighteen-year-old volunteers in the next year, Royall said.

These 18-year-olds may sign up for one year active training. These youths can get out of the 21-month draft by volunteering for the one year and then signing up in the reserve for six years.

Draftees into Army

Chicago, June 28—(UP)—Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, fifth army commanding general, predicted today that draftees taken between now and the end of the year will be put into the army rather than the navy and the air force.

The fifth army embraces most of the middle western states. Drafted men in its area will be sworn in and sent to Ft. Riley, Kan., where they will be inducted, classified and sent to units.