

# Western Bloc To Map Plans For Russ Talks

**'Big 3' Will Shape Strategy in Advance of 'Big 4' Parley May 23**

The western big three will map joint strategy for the forthcoming Council of Foreign Ministers meetings with Russia in a preliminary conference in Paris, the British foreign office disclosed today.

High representatives of the American, British and French foreign ministries will meet in advance of the May 23 session of the Big Four to determine the policy they will follow on Germany.

## Announces Parley Plans

A foreign office spokesman announced the plans for the preliminary conference of the western powers. He said it was a result of discussions last month in Washington among the American, British and French foreign ministers.

The western foreign ministers, the spokesman said, will be represented at the preliminary gathering by high officials. Britain, he said, would be represented by a senior representative of the British government.

The exact date for the preliminary talks had not been set.

## Berlin

The first talks on how to set in motion again the rusty wheels of traffic between Berlin and the west were reported going on today.

Reliable sources said German experts from the Russian and western zones were thrashing out details of how to get going when the Berlin blockade is lifted next Thursday.

Meanwhile, a new 18-man interim German government for western Germany and western Berlin planned today to rush final approval of a western German constitution and hold its first meeting next Monday.

The new government, known as an "executive committee," was named last night by the western Germany constitutional convention within minutes after the constitution was approved.

## Athens

The Greek army reported today that the first serious guerrilla raid in six weeks had been beaten back five miles south of the Bulgarian frontier.

Two guerrilla brigades of about 1,600 men were aimed at a village in the Struma valley, the army reported. The raiders kidnapped an undetermined number of villagers before retreating, an announcement said.

## Pilsen

Reliable reports said today that at least 50 Czechs have been arrested during the past three days for attempts to place flowers on the monument to American soldiers who liberated the city in 1945.

Police, prevented pedestrians from stopping at the monument yesterday even though it has been shut off by a three-foot-deep ditch.

## Seoul

President Syngman Rhee said today that the South Korean government was trying to find out if the United States would give full aid should South Korea be attacked by the Communist North Korean Peoples Army.

## Frankfurt

The U.S. Army radio in Europe has broken through Soviet jamming to tell Russian listeners that lifting the Berlin blockade is a victory for the West, American officials said today.

The American forces network (AFN) went to work with its powerful transmitters after Russia's intensified jamming campaign virtually obliterated Voice of America broadcasts, the officials said.

## Budapest

Hungary said today that it had arrested more than 100 secret agents reportedly trained in Yugoslavia and smuggled into Hungary as spies.

The group made "unanimous confessions" that they entered Hungary to spy, the foreign office said in a note of protest to the Yugoslav legation here.

## Lake Success

Britain today denounced as "lies—complete unfounded lies" Polish charges made in the United Nations that Britain had supplied jet fighter planes to the Franco regime in Spain.

Speaking before the United Nations top political committee, Britain's Hector McNeil called on Polish delegate Juliusz Katz Suchy to substantiate the charges made two days ago in the opening debate on the Spanish question.

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# P. A. System Keeps Auto Strikes on Reds Launch Push on Gates Of Shanghai

## Heavy Fighting Rages At 2 Anchor Points In Key Offensive

By BLAKE GEARHART  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
SHANGHAI, May 7—Communist troops have launched a major offensive to seize control of the western approaches to Shanghai. Nationalist communiques indicated today.

Heavy fighting was raging at Kunshan, 30 miles west, and Kashin, 50 miles southwest, anchor points of the Shanghai defense line, the communiques said.

Nationalist war planes have joined the battle with heavy bombing and strafing attacks against the Communists. It was the first time that Nationalist planes have been thrown into the fighting around Shanghai.

### Heavy Fighting Rages

Ten thousand Communist troops opened the assault on Kunshan, the government said. Units of the 28th Army fought their way into the town but were thrown out again. Another 5000 Communists are attacking at a point 10 miles northeast of Kunshan.

Other Communist forces continued their attacks on Kashin from three sides for the third straight day. Front reports said heavy fighting was raging there.

(Reports circulating in Canton said the Communists had captured Kashin by direct assault.)

### Smash Truck Convoys

Fall of Kunshan and Kashin would place Communist armies at the very gates of Shanghai, ready to launch a final battle for capture of this metropolis of 6 million population.

Government warplanes smashed truck convoys and artillery emplacements, killing an estimated 2000 Communist troops it was said.

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