

New Eastern German Government Pledges Moscow Allegiance

Begins Building Up Trade Pact With Soviet Satellites in Message to Stalin

By United Press
The new eastern German government pledged allegiance to Moscow today and began building up a series of trade agreements with the Soviet satellites.

The pledge was made in a message to Premier Josef Stalin by President William Pieck and Premier Otto Grotewohl in answer to Premier Stalin's note of congratulations.

"We vow to you to do everything possible so that the considerable forces in the German democratic republic will be employed hereafter with increasing determination for the maintenance and consolidation of peace," the message said.

The message also thanked Premier Stalin for the Soviet decision to turn its military government administrative functions over to the new Communist-appointed German government.

The message was approved at the first meeting of the newly named east German cabinet, approved Thursday by the Communist-appointed east state legislature.

Other world developments:

Munich

The Army dropped a curtain of secrecy today over the impending release from Landsberg prison of Nazi Koch, widow of the one-time Nazi commander of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Mrs. Koch, alleged fancier of lampshades made of the tattooed skin of Buchenwald inmates, will emerge at dawn Monday from the big gray prison where Adolf Hitler wrote part of "Mein Kampf."

She will have served the four years to which her life term was cut. She was convicted of Buchenwald atrocities by an American court.

Johannesburg

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts announced today that he had been dismissed as commander-in-chief of the South African armed forces, a command he has held since 1940.

The wartime prime minister, now 79, said he received notice of his dismissal in a letter from F. C. Erasmus, minister of defense in the national party government of Prime Minister D. F. Malan.

Paris

Protest strikes were reported from scattered areas of France today as the Communist Party sought to wreck Socialist Premier Jules Moch's efforts to form a cabinet.

The work stoppages, all staged as protests against Mr. Moch's confirmation by the National Assembly yesterday, were reported from Montpellier, Caen, Nice and Bordeaux. All were short-lived.

Tokyo

The Japanese Finance Ministry said today that \$15 million worth of gold bullion discovered in Tokyo Bay has been turned over to the allied occupation authorities.

The Ministry said the government would not pay a reward to the three Japanese who said they discovered the cache in the bay at low tide. The men claimed they were entitled to 20 percent of the value of the cache.

Duesseldorf

Police said today that Hjalmar Schacht, German financial wizard during Hitler's rise to power, had been forced to leave the Ruhr by German demonstrators demanding his prosecution as a Nazi.

Schacht and his wife left Duesseldorf for Hannover last night immediately after being released by police, who held them in protective custody for two hours while a mob of 600 angry Germans was dispersed.

The two were released only after they promised to leave the Ruhr "as quickly as possible," police said.

Prague

Communists accused Roman Catholic leaders today of working with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and "western capitalists" against this country.

The charges against the Catholics appeared in the official Communist organ Rude Pravo. They were published one day after the National Assembly unanimously passed two new laws tightening government control over the church.

In Indianapolis—Vital Statistics

EVENTS TODAY

5th Annual Indianapolis Community Fund Drive—Through Oct. 24.

Adventist Legion Department of Indiana Fall Conference—Through tomorrow.

National Antlers—At Schoolhouse Construction Convention—Through tomorrow.

Lincoln Club—Annual.

Farmers' National Fair—Exhibition—Final day.

Fairgrounds

Electricity—Final day.

Sponsored by Indianapolis Power & Light Co. and Westinghouse Corp. on 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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