

## Alpinists First To Lick Mt. Eiger

Switzerland (AP) — Defying slashing winds and bone-chilling cold, five daring Alpinists yesterday became the first to conquer Mt. Eiger by the vertical route of the north wall. Four Germans and a Scotsman fought up to the 13,036-foot summit of the triangular-shaped mountain, whose steep slopes over the years have cost the lives of 26 climbers. The five made the final assault across a dangerous ice field, feeling their way through a blizzard as the temperature sank to 40 degrees below zero.

They sent their jubilant radio message at dusk. Joerg Lehne, 29, and Guenther Strobel, 24, were the first on top. They were followed by Siegfried Hupfauer, 24, Roland Vuttler, 23, and the Scotsman, Douglas Haston.

Shortly before their triumph, an American who had hoped to join them on the summit was buried at Leysin, Switzerland. John Harlin, 30, of Los Altos, Calif., was killed

in a 4,000-foot fall down the mountain Tuesday. He had conducted a modern Alpinist school at Leysin.

At the funeral service was Harlin's assistant at the school, Layton Kor, 26, of Boulder, Colo. He gave up the climb Thursday, but the five others decided to press on in Harlin's memory.

Harlin and many others had scaled Eiger before, but on an easier, zig-zag route, not up the icy north face.

The last hours before the assault on the summit were filled with tension. The climbers' radio had fallen silent for 16 hours, and a blizzard swept the mountain.

Then the clouds parted briefly and watcher with telescopes in Kleine Scheidegg could make out four of the men struggling upward about 250 feet below the summit. Then the clouds closed again.

The five were all that were left of a 13-man group that set out 30 days ago to attempt the almost sheer north wall.

## West Germany Launches Non-Proliferation Plan

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's government launched yesterday its own plan to halt the spread of nuclear weapons but insisted it still wants a share in responsibility for nuclear defense.

Erhard outlined his idea first in a brief statement to parliament. Then his foreign office distributed a note to almost all the governments of the world, except for Red China and its close allies. The note

was announced with some fanfare—the United States repeatedly has urged West Germany to take an initiative in world affairs.

Erhard wants countries without nuclear weapons to promise and nuclear nations to agree not to spread them. His government said it would consent to an agreement to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in Europe step by step.

But—and it is a big but—such an agreement must extend to the whole of Europe, and all, including Russia, must preserve the present over-all balance of power, provide effective controls and must "be linked with essential progress in the solution of political problems in central Europe."

The causes of tension need to be removed, Erhard told the Bundestag.

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### Women Filched Furnishings

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He placed the value of articles taken at between \$250 and \$300.

Missing were standard items in such cases—four sets of sheets, pillow cases, two blankets, two pillows, several towel hand wash cloths and two picture. But there were notable exceptions.

The loot also included a television set, a 42-inch mirror and two table lamps.

### Bragg Expansion Recommended

WASHINGTON (AP)—Expansion of the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare at Ft. Bragg, N. C., has been recommended by an Army board which is studying the entire Army schooling system, it was announced yesterday.

The board also has suggested the center be renamed the John F. Kennedy Center for Foreign Studies and that it include the Civil Affairs School relocated from Ft. Gordon, Ga.

### Teachers May Be Integrated

RALEIGH (AP)—Delegates to the North Carolina Education Association convention yesterday were urged by their president to consider merging with their Negro counterpart—The North Carolina Teachers Association.

"To many of you this suggestion may go down hard at the first swallowing," Dr. Frank Greer said, "but I hope you will give it some consideration."

In his report to the association, Dr. Greer said: "Our association has long presented a progressive image and I believe you will want to continue to lead rather than to follow other professional groups in this and other states."

He said it might be "thoughtless and unrealistic to expect one association to disband quietly and lose its identity overnight in the other."

Therefore, Greer said, consideration should be given to combining them.

He said through the work of an NCEA-NCTA Liaison Committee, which has been working on the merger, "I have come to know and respect the leaders of the NCTA. I deem them to be worthy members of a great profession."

Several years ago the NCEA removed from its constitution a provision which restricted membership to white persons.

### Peach Crop Not Damaged

(AP)—No serious damage resulted to the multi-million dollar North and South Carolina peach crop from Thursday night's subfreezing temperature, but growers prepared for another night of anxiety yesterday after predictions of widespread frost.

Low temperatures Thursday night in most peach growing areas of the two states were about 30 degrees.

Reports from major South Carolina peach areas, Spartanburg County and Johnston in Edgefield County, said the blossoming trees escaped major damage.

## House-For-Veep Bill Sent To President By Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent to President Johnson yesterday a bill authorizing \$750,000 for a Vice President's house on Massachusetts Ave., in the embassy section of northwest Washington.

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## UFO's Were Swamp Gases Says Air Force Expert

DETROIT (AP) — A special Air Force investigator said yesterday that numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects in the southern Michigan skies were probably the result of swamp gasses and not visitors from outer space.

"I emphasize... that I cannot prove in a court of law, that this is the full explanation

of these sightings," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a scientific consultant for the Air Force who was brought to Michigan to investigate a week long series of reports of mysterious celestial objects.

Hynek added at a news conference jammed by more than 60 newsmen: "It appears very likely, how-

ever, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter — an unusually mild one in this area — and the particular weather conditions... were such as to create this unusual and puzzling display."

Hynek added that photos released Thursday to the press showing two lights in the sky

over a series of other lights were "without any question" trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet Venus.

Hynek said the photos were taken March 17 near Milan, Mich., about 25 miles southwest of Detroit and have no reference to the sightings at Hillsdale, to the north, on March 21.

## Humphrey Sees Revisions In NATO Out Of Dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey predicted yesterday that "much needed revisions" of the NATO structure will result from the differences between French President Charles de Gaulle and the United States.

He also said he expected to see the day when France will "return as a leading partner of the NATO structure rather than a reluctant member."

The Vice President expressed his views in a taped interview with Metromedia news.

He spoke against a background of events which finds De Gaulle preparing to cut alliance links with the United States and Western powers, and planning a Moscow visit

in June during which he is expected to seek new ties with Russia.

Humphrey was asked what he did not know what De Gaulle would do on the Russian visit, but expected him as always to "exercise a good deal of independence."

He viewed De Gaulle's attitude toward NATO as "unfortunate," saying the French leader expected total production without total commitment.

Humphrey said he personally feels De Gaulle "jumped the time schedule" on modernization of NATO. But, he said, a general re-examination of NATO is in order because times have changed. He mentioned, for one thing, that Germany was much weaker when NATO was formed.

"Out of the differences with President De Gaulle," he said, "May very well come some very much needed revisions and readjustments of our NATO structure to the mutual advantage of every member of NATO."

It would be much better, he said, if France could stay as a member of the defense system than go back to the position of the early 1920s.

## House Gets First Non-Defense Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members who have been clamoring for cuts in non-war appropriations will get a chance next Tuesday to practice what they have been preaching.

The appropriations committee yesterday when it sent to the house floor the first non-defense money bill of 1966, with cuts in funds for rent subsidy and teachers corps programs and a hike in money for impacted school districts.

The \$2,564,872,568 measure provides emergency funds for about 15 government agencies, mostly for use during the few remaining months of the fiscal year ending June 30.

On paper, its total is \$248-679,600 less than President Johnson requested, but \$242 million of the cut was in funds sought as an advance for the trust fund for the elderly program. The committee said revised estimates indicated that the entire amount wouldn't be needed immediately.

Fourteen of the 16 Republican committee members called for further cuts in funds for new "Great Society" programs and expansion of some existing programs. However, they made no attempt to reduce the bill in committee but are expected to make their fight when the House considers the bill Tuesday.

The only substantial boost over the President's requests was \$41 million for payments to school districts heavily populated by children of civilian government employees or military personnel. The President didn't ask for the money. It would supplement \$347 million already appropriated for the present year.

Since these "impacted" districts are scattered throughout areas represented by

Republicans as well as Democrats, there may be little enthusiasm to delete the additional money.

Tougher fights are in prospect over cuts in the rent subsidy and teachers corps programs and restrictions imposed by the committee. Both are new programs authorized but not financed last year.



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