

Peace Pacts With Germany Open Up New Era In Europe

Washington.—A big step toward integration of Germany with Western Europe was taken in May when the "contractual agreement" treaties were signed at Bonn between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States, Great Britain and France and when the European Defense Community treaty was signed at Paris between the Federal Republic and five sister European countries.

The immediate accomplishments were mainly two, according to the Department of State.

First, the occupation of Germany will be liquidated, and the maximum degree of sovereignty consistent with Germany's exposed position will be restored to West Germany in domestic and foreign affairs.

Second, the armed forces of Germany will be integrated into a single European army of 1,000,000 men, comprising the soldiers of Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. They will pool their military resources into a European Defense Community (EDC).

Require Ratification

These treaties will not go into effect, however, until ratified by the parliaments of the six governments concerned. Though the treaties were developed by free discussion and negotiation, some months will be required before the final action approving the agreements is taken. Meanwhile, it is expected that the USSR and its Communist stooges will cajole and threaten West Germans and other Western Europeans in a desperate effort to prevent ratification.

In explaining the meaning of the contractual agreements, the Department of State pointed out the basic effect: "To include the Federal Republic in the community of free nations as an equal partner."

Special provisions in the contracts fix the amount of German contributions to Western defense, stipulate that Germany will be a member of the European Defense Community, and reserve the right of the Allies, in circumstances endangering their forces, to declare a state of emergency in Germany if the Federal Republic and the rest of the EDC are unable to meet the emergency.

German Unity

The contractual agreements have had to take into account an unpre-

cedented situation. First, without agreement between the three allied powers and the Soviet Union, the unity of Germany cannot be realized, nor can all German problems be settled. Second, there is the need to station in time of peace a very large number of troops for defense purposes in a foreign country. And third, because a general peace treaty cannot now be concluded, the agreement follows the unusual course of liquidating the war and the controls of the occupation regime before conclusion of a final peace settlement.

Despite repeated efforts of the allied powers to bring about a fair and reasonable settlement in Germany, the Soviet Union has continued to block a peace treaty, and unification of Germany, for the past seven years.

Because of the unique situation of Berlin, the contractual agreements do not apply to that city. Yet the United States, Great Britain and France have published a declaration that they will grant the Berlin authorities the maximum liberty possible and have reaffirmed that they will treat any attack against Berlin from any quarter as an attack upon their forces and themselves. West Germany has committed itself to extend financial aid to Berlin and to help strengthen that city in all fields, particularly in improving its productive capacity and its employment situation.

Close upon the signing of the treaties, the Soviet Union has moved to restrict travel routes and communications linking Berlin and the Federal Republic of Germany. In this connection, Secretary Acheson stated recently:

"I think it is well understood... by everybody, including the Soviet government, that we are determined to maintain our position in Berlin and to assist and protect the interests of the people of Berlin in the Western zone."

The treaty calling for a European army provides that this new international force will come under the supreme command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Protections provided under the North Atlantic Treaty will thus be extended to the European Defense Community.

European Army

Like the American and British armies under the direction of NATO,

command, a common budget, a single procurement system, and, eventually, a single uniform. The merger of the armed forces of these countries through the machinery of the EDC renders it virtually impossible for any one of them to launch an aggressive war.

The European army fits into the pattern of the new European community, which is being integrated as a central part of the growing Atlantic community. The European community is being integrated economically, through measures such as the Schuman Plan for pooling the coal and steel resources of the European countries, and politically, as now in embryo in the Council of Europe.

It will be integrated militarily when the commitments to join forces in one European army are adopted by the governments of the six countries in Europe.

The contracts with Germany actually constitute the third phase in the restoration of that country to full sovereignty. The first was military occupation by the four powers. The second saw the economic union of the three Western zones, which laid the basis for political union and the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany (representing two-thirds of the German people) in September of 1949.

A door was left open by the Allies for the participation of East Germans. But the Soviets, who had set up a Communist regime in the East zone, had other ideas on unity.

With ratification of the treaties, a new era will open up in European history. The United States hopes that the new era will bring a historical dream into reality—that Europe no longer will be divided against itself, but will be united in a common purpose to satisfy the best interests of the European peoples.

Corn Yield Method Outlined In Folder

A simple procedure for making rough estimates of corn yields is outlined in a new folder just published by the State College Extension Service.

The system involves stepping off a 50-foot row length and counting the number of ears of corn found. The yield can then be read off a chart included in the folder. No moisture correction is necessary.

The publication also includes a form for making a permanent record of the kind of corn grown, yield, and other details of production, or for applying for membership in the State 100-Bushel Corn Club.

Single copies of "Rough Estimates on Your Corn Yields," issued as Extension Folder No. 87, may be obtained from the local county agent or by the European army, when constituted,

writing the Publications Department, will be a complete entity with its own N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Use Of Irrigation To Be Demonstrated

With interest in irrigation at an all-time high in North Carolina as a result of the June heat wave and drought, demonstrations on the use of irrigation equipment will be held at three locations in the State in early August.

The demonstration will be held in Scotland County on August 5, in Warren County on August 6, and in Orange County on August 7. They are being arranged by local county agents

and H. M. Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering work for the State College Extension Service. All interested persons are invited.

"Interest in irrigation," Ellis reported this week, "is now at an all-time high as a result of the hot, dry spell in June. We have been swamped

with requests for information on the subject, and dealers who handle irrigation equipment also report unusually high interest."

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