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France Postpones EDC Debate; Refuses To Let Germany Rearm

Mendes-France Government In Danger Of Falling

PARIS—(P)—France Monday night scuttled the European army plan, refusing to allow Germany to rearm within the program backed by the Eisenhower administration and Germany herself.

The action lowering the guillotine on the European Defense Community—launched three years ago at France's own suggestion—came on a procedural vote in Parliament. After bitter debate the National Assembly voted, 319 to 264, to postpone debate indefinitely. The action was as clear cut as if the EDC itself had been up for decision.

"This is the end of it," said Socialist Jules Moch. His son was killed in World War II and he became the leading foe of French adherence to EDC.

There was no one to dispute him.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France said simply: "The Assembly has expressed its will. Now there is work to be done and this time it will not take three years."

German supporters of the plan were shocked. British officials said talks will be arranged among the United States, Britain, France and Germany to figure out ways of giving the Bonn Government its independence—minus the right to re-arm.

The government of Premier Mendes-France was again in danger of falling.

Shattered Hopes

American hopes for quick rearmament of Germany, with twelve divisions serving in a supra-national European army, were shattered. New negotiations will be in order to find ways to build up and integrate Europe's defenses.

Both President Eisenhower and his Democratic opponent in 1952, Adlai Stevenson, had urged French ratification of the treaty.

Corridors of the French Assembly buzzed after the vote with rumors that a motion of censure would be introduced expressing no confidence in Mendes-France's coalition government.

The Premier, who came out openly against many EDC provisions for the first time Sunday in the assembly debate, was trying desperately to hold his bitterly divided cabinet together.

Monday night's fatal blow to EDC came with dramatic suddenness in the middle of a scheduled four-day debate on ratification of the treaty. Some sixty orators were left with their speeches undelivered.

Debate Under Truce

The debate had continued over the weekend under a truce which both sides had observed Sunday to avoid an immediate showdown.

Proponents of EDC withheld a motion instructing Mendes-France to renew negotiations with the other five countries on treaty modifications.

Opponents of the treaty withdrew a motion to postpone the debate indefinitely.

Suddenly Monday both sides revived their motions. Under parliamentary rules this precipitated the fatal procedural vote.

College Station Goes With Winners

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Both College Station voting boxes went with the winners in Saturday's Democratic run-off primary election, as did Brazos county.

Allan Shivers had 384 votes at A&M Consolidated, precinct 3, against Ralph Yarborough's 229. Shivers also carried the College Hills box, 232 to 169.

W. T. McDonald, who led the four candidates for district judge of the 85th judicial district in the first primary, defeated W. C. Davis in the run-off election, 6,016 to 4,733. These figures do not include absentee ballots in Robertson county.

McDonald polled 236 votes at the College Hills box and 334 at A&M Consolidated school. Davis ran second at both polling places, with 161 votes in precinct 16 and 262 in precinct 3.

Justice Few Brewster defeated his opponent Alfred M. Scott in place 1 of the Supreme Court, polling 4,325 votes in Brazos county against Scott's 2,039.

Brewster and Scott got 399 and 151 votes respectively at A&M Consolidated. In College Hills the vote was 252 to 107, for Brewster.

In the governor's race, the county reversed itself by going for Shivers, 3,739 to 3,542. Shivers' opponent in the race, Attorney Ralph Yarborough, had carried the county by a narrow margin in the July 24 primary.

A&M To Get New Equipment For Footballers

New equipment for the A&M football team will arrive within a few days according to Charles E. (Smokely) Harper, athletic trainer.

This season, the Aggies will have a new gray jersey to add to their regular maroon and white ones.

The Maroon jerseys are trimmed in white and the white jerseys are trimmed in maroon. The new gray jerseys will have maroon trim and numbers.

Another new piece of equipment used by A&M this fall will be a hip pad designed to give better protection and be much lighter.

These new light-weight hip pads replace the old wrap-around pads. The Aggies also will use rib pads this year.

Harper and his student assistant, Billy Pickard of San Antonio, have spent part of the summer renovating the old equipment and getting the new football gear ready for the fall season.

Smith, '43, Gets Major's Promotion

Irvin D. Smith jr., '43, has been promoted to major in the army.

A resident of Garrison, he is now assistant plans and training officer of the VII corps artillery in Germany.

His wife, Jo Ann, and their two children are with him in Germany.



Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce Retires Today

Apartments, Houses And Rooms Needed

Apartments, houses and rooms are needed.

Those having such facilities for rent are urged to get in touch with A&M's housing office.

Harry Boyer, head of the office, says that with the opening of school just around the corner the need for such housing facilities will increase.

Gen. Bruce Retires From Army Today

After a 37-year army career A&M former student Lt. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce retires from active duty today at Fort Hood—the post which he founded, built, and commanded in 1942.

A colorful retirement review will be held in his honor at 4 p.m. on the main parade ground. Tomorrow he will fly to Houston to assume the presidency of the University of Houston.

Hugh M. Milton, assistant secretary of the army, and Mrs. Milton will head a distinguished group of guests who will attend the ceremony. Among these will be outstanding civic and business leaders from many parts of the country and from all parts of Texas.

Military guests will include Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Albert S. Johnson of Dallas, Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, adjutant, State of Texas, and Mrs. Berry, and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Ike Ashburn of Austin.

Maj. Gen. Hobart R. Gay, III Corps commander, will accompany Bruce as reviewing officer. Just before the troops—from the 1st and 4th armored divisions—pass in review, there will be a fly-over by six helicopters, six Beavers and six L-19s.

Bruce graduated from A&M in 1916 and entered the regular army as a second lieutenant in June, 1917, while serving in the first officers' training camp at Leon Springs, Tex. He served as an instructor and then left for Europe with the 2nd (Indian Head) infantry division.

While serving with the division the general was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest American medal for heroism.

Following World War I, Bruce served as instructor at army schools and aided in the revision of textbooks. At one time he was professor of military science and tactics at Allen Academy in Bryan.

In 1941, after looking over several possible sites, Bruce, who had been assigned to start the tank destroyer center, selected the area now known as Fort Hood. He saw the area transformed from ranch land to the largest military training area in the country.

The general was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal for completing the mission. In September, 1942, he was promoted to major general.

Guam and Okinawa In May, 1943, he took command of the 77th infantry division, which fought in Guam and Okinawa.

In October, 1947, after a duty tour in Japan, Bruce became deputy fourth army commander at Fort Sam Houston. He was engaged in the ROTC, national guard and organized reserve corps training activities.

Bruce's work as a teacher brought him a Legion of Merit award. The system of visual training, including training films, film strips, charts and posters, which he directed has been commended by many of the nation's leading educators. It is now standard for all military services.



NAIRES—R. L. (Satch) Elkins (right) was installed as post commander of station's American Legion post last week. Others pictured are (left to right) Pauling, speaker for the evening; B. Y. Hammer, who conducted the service, Kincannon, retiring president.

Meats Team Plans Practice Judging

being planned for the meats team to judge at Swift and Co. on Sept. 14, 15, and 16.

done to begin early sessions for the fall semester. The team will prepare the team memoral contests, said G. Pauling, speaker for the evening.

of the meats team. It is emphasized that emphasis is on grading beef and lamb along with the judge, lamb, and pork carcasses.

are good for an out-year," he said, "and there is much competition among all team members due to number of tryouts."

team consists of three members.

Weather Today



ARTLY CLOUDY Maximum temperature of 107 made yesterday the city's hottest day of the year, and only by July 12, when mercury went to 109. The humidity at 3:30 p.m. was 72 degrees. Low temperature this morning was 72 degrees. Variation in the weather is great today; the outlook is for cloudy skies and possibly scattered showers.

Graduation Speech Morgan Calls Now 'Golden Era'

present time is a "golden era" for college graduates according to President David H. Morgan.

now is the time for work, service, for leadership." Morgan said.

to the University of Texas' graduating class Friday, he said more opportunity was offered college graduates than before, because of increased demand and reduced competition.

become a little impatient with philosophy voiced in some quarters that depicts this period as the time of trial and hardships for the college graduates of this country," he said.

Actually there are more vistas open to you than ever before, more

fields available," Morgan said. Morgan also said the choice between action and inertia, between security and world service, is not easy.

The country's inordinate demands on leadership have caused some of the positions of leadership to be filled by people of "mediocre ability and of low moral character," Morgan said.

"Is it not, therefore, an obligation for each graduate here tonight to fill the highest position within his ability to the best of his ability so that individuality as we know it may be known to our children and their children?" he said.

Morgan told the graduates that

R. L. Elkins Installed As Post Head

R. L. (Satch) Elkins was installed last week as commander of College Station's American Legion post 541.

The installation ceremony was conducted by District Commander B. Y. Hammer of Hillsboro.

Other officers installed were J. B. (Dick) Hervey, first vice-commander; Ralph Rogers, second vice-commander; Lawrence A. DuBose, adjutant; Mike Krenitsky, finance officer; Luther Jones, chaplain; Page Cowart, service officer; George Kunze, historian; and Frank Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

Retiring officers were John Kincannon, commander; R. L. Elkins, first vice-commander; A. D. Folweiler, second vice-commander; Lawrence A. DuBose, adjutant; John Hillman, finance officer; Luther Jones, chaplain; R. L. Skrabanek, service officer; Howard Berry, historian; and Hubert Schmidt, sergeant-at-arms.

Cadet Corps Dorm Assignments Made

Dormitory area assignments for the cadet corps have been completed for the fall semester.

The corps staff will be housed in dorm 12. The first regiment, composed of infantry, armor, engineers, transportation corps, and ordnance, will be quartered in dormitories 14, 15, 16, and 17.

The second regiment, composed of field artillery, anti-aircraft artillery, signal corps, quartermaster, and chemical corps, will live in dormitories 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The first wing will be in dormitories 1, 2, 4, and 6.

The second wing will occupy 8, 10, and 12. The band will be housed in dorm 11 and the first floor of dorm 9.

The third wing will be in dormitories 13, 18, and 19.

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The seventh wing will be in dormitories 17, 18, and 19.

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The ninth wing will be in dormitories 17, 18, and 19.

The tenth wing will be in dormitories 17, 18, and 19.

their degrees represented certain tools they had been given to achieve certain objectives in life.

"The value of these tools depends on the use you give them," he said.

He suggested that the graduates not wait for the "breaks," but go ahead now and "meet the challenge."

"The year 1954, and the years to follow, should be challenging ones for you, providing rich opportunities if you are prepared to meet the challenge," he said.

"Now is the time to meet this challenge, not to sit back passively and wait for the world to recognize your talent," he said.

Morgan said the graduates would need a sense of purpose and a general direction, enthusiasm, desirable personality traits, objectiveness, and physical and nervous energy.

He also said the awareness of the individual importance of man is the greatest achievement of this country and the main contribution we can make to the people of the world.

Morgan addressed the first part of his talk to Houston's new president, A&M former student A. D. Bruce, congratulating him and the University of Houston on his appointment.