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WORLD NEWS

EUROPE

E. German guard flees — A 20-year-old East German border guard has fled across the Communist-ruled demarcation line into West Germany, border police said today. A police spokesman said the soldier crossed a barbed wire section of the border fully armed and carrying his service weapon.

Brandt Proposal — West German Chancellor Willy Brandt proposed to the opposition leader, Rainer Barzel, today that ratification debate on controversial treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland should begin Friday.

Jews gather — More than 1,000 Jews gathered today in a forest near Riga and, despite police attempts to break up the meeting, paid homage at a monument to Jews killed by the Nazis, sources said. They added that the meeting was at a monument to the slain Jews in Rumbula Forest outside the Latvian capital.

ASIA

Visit to China — Foreign Minister Takao Fukuda, one of the principal contenders to succeed Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, said today a visit to China by the prime minister should be the first step in normalizing relations between Japan and China.

Underground blasts possible — India does not plan to build a nuclear power but its Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) is studying a program of underground nuclear blasts for peaceful purposes, Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram said in New Delhi today.

MIDEAST

Arab voters ignore warnings — Arab voters in Bethlehem ignored guerrilla warnings today and showed up to the polls in an election regarded as a test of Arab-Jewish coexistence. Excitement mounted in the hillside town where Christ was born as voters in Israeli-occupied West Jordan began choosing new municipal councils for 13 Arab towns. Israel will appoint new mayors from those elected.

Resignation announced — In Beirut, Lebanon, Premier Sheb Salam announced today the resignation of his 18-month-old government following the election of a new 90-man Parliament. Salam said that his resignation, which is a post-election formality, will be officially submitted to President Suleiman Franjeh tomorrow.

TALKS SLATED

Red Cross drafting new rules of warfare

GENEVA (UPI) — The International Committee of the Red Cross has drafted new rules to remove ambiguity and inconsistency from modern warfare.

Texts of the proposed additions to the four basic Geneva War Conventions of 1864 go before government and private legal experts from 40 countries tomorrow for four weeks of closed-door discussion.

THE RED CROSS, realizing that the 1949 conventions are no longer adequate to control the new kind of undeclared civil conflicts around the world, brought governments together informally last year for initial talks.

It drafted the proposed additions to the conventions over the past 18 months for presentation to the new conference.

It is planned to bring diplomats together in October, 1972, for a final meeting so that the new rules can take effect in 1974.

BOTH THE United States and Soviet Union are attending the discussions, together with North and South Korea and South Vietnam.

China said it is unable to take part at the present time.



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U.S. rescue copter escapes trap

DA NANG, Vietnam — North Vietnamese troops in Quang Tri tried to lure an American rescue helicopter into a trap but were killed when the Americans recognized the ruse, a U.S. official said today.

The incident was one of the harrowing aspects of yesterday's rescue operation that pulled 10 American, 4 Vietnamese and a French photographer out of the city just before it was abandoned to the North Vietnamese.

While none of four big Air Force F-4 Phantom II fighters

copters was damaged, two supporting aircraft were lost to ground fire and one pilot is missing, officials said.

OTHERWISE the daring operation went off nearly as planned, although Air Force rescue command there was a mad rush by refugees for the first helicopter when it landed — possibly because they didn't realize there would be more.

One of the rescue specialists, Sgt. Robert Lapointe, 22, Lynn, Mass., found himself stranded on the ground as the

first helicopter lifted off. After 15 minutes the remaining personnel on the ground were pretty well organized and "we didn't have any more trouble loading them," Lapointe said.

"When the second helicopter landed, it was the first to get on, I wasn't going to be left behind," Lapointe said.

Lapointe and the other rescuers, Sgt. David W. Young, 23, Clinton, Iowa, said they drew less fire from North Vietnamese troops on the ground than expected.

While three of the big helicopters took part in the actual rescue effort, hovering as a rescue ship, received a radio call to fly down to the rescue area.

THE CALL was a fake by North Vietnamese troops using the American radio frequency, an official said. The message was, "We've got more people down here."

The helicopter landed and enemy soldiers coming toward him, firing a machinegun. A gunner about the chopper

killed them, the rescuer jumped aboard, and the helicopter pulled out.

"There are so many frequencies, and Charlie knows some of ours. We've been sucked in before," the official said. The city itself was otherwise deserted, the rescuer said.

"We saw nothing moving," said Young. "Quang Tri always looked desolate, but it's really desolate now. There were a lot of shell-dug houses and some military equipment in the streets."

NEW MISSILE SHOTS DOWN U.S. COPTER

HUE, Vietnam — A U.S. helicopter was shot down today by a heat-seeking missile used for the first time in the Vietnam war. The four-man crew, a U.S. mother and two Vietnamese were killed.

Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Brown, deputy senior U.S. adviser for the 1st military region, described it as a "Nail" missile fired from a hand-d-d-e-l-e-u-n-c-h launcher and added, "The whole chopper went up in smoke."

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PRIZE-WINNING PHOTO
This photo by David Kennerly was among his portfolio of Vietnam pictures which earned him the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for feature photography. Photo shows an American GI walking atop a barren hill near Fire Base Gladiolus. Kennerly is a staff photographer for United Press International. —AP Photofax

Strangled Rome offers free rides

ROME — Rush-hour buses and streets were free today as Rome, strangled by traffic congestion, attempted to induce private motorists to keep their cars at home.

The plan, postponed and modified several times because of pressure from the financially strapped city government, went into effect on an experimental basis today.

But city officials said that if it helps to untangle the Eternal City's perpetual traffic jam, then rush hour fares would be abolished for good.

THE PLAN calls for free bus and trolley rides from 5 to 8:30 in the morning and from 5 to 8 in the evening. Traffic Commissioner Luigi Pallottini said 80 percent of the city's workers and students should be able to benefit from the free rides in the morning and an even greater number of persons, particularly shoppers, in the evenings.

A bus ticket presently costs 4 cents from 5 to 8 in the morning and 8 cents afterward.

Pipe explodes, poisons 430

TAIPEI (UPI) — An ammonia pipe at a food processing factory in Keelung, Southern Taiwan, exploded here yesterday, poisoning 430 persons and driving more than 1,000 others out of their beds, police reported today.

The Keelung police said 25 of those poisoned were in serious condition, while the others suffered inflamed eyes, throats and noses caused by various degrees of poisoning.

U.S. is warned to beware of continuing Soviet push

LONDON (UPI) — The International Institute of Strategic Studies urged the United States today to beware of what the institute said was the Soviet Union's continuing drive to power. But it forecast no war, at least in the next decade.

The institute said the Soviets had shifted general armed forces at a quarter of their nuclear equipped armed forces at or near the Chinese border.

The institute in its "strategic review 1971" warned

that Russia in its push for nuclear parity with the United States is likely to erode the U.S. lead in strategic missile-carrying submarines by mid-1973.

THE SOVIETS, it said, have flight-tested a new submarine-launched ballistic missile with a range of more than 3,000 miles.

Moreover, the survey said, it predicts a formidable naval program that is supposed to equip half the Soviet surface combat ships with missiles by

1975, while strategic missile submarines are being turned out at the rate of one per year with new and improved models under development.

The United States, on the other hand, is going ahead with qualitative improvements of its missile program including MIRV, the multistage, independently targeted re-entry vehicles.

At the same time, the Soviets have put 44 divisions of troops at or near the border with China, compared with 30 last year.

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City match decision due
AMSTERDAM (UPI) — Max Euwe, president of the International Chess Federation, said that he would make a final decision on the world championship match of Bobby Fischer of the United States and Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union within the next few days.

"I have just returned from a chess-promoting world trip. I will check all information with my secretary," he said. "I have already made up my mind about a line of action. I will make a final decision within the next few days. The affair has been going on already too long."

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