

Appeal

Gen. Pearson seeks community help in solving Frankfurt bombings

FRANKFURT (S&S) — Lt. Gen. Willard Pearson called upon the Frankfurt community Monday to assist in solving the "diabolical" bombings of the I. G. Farben Building and adjacent Terrace Officer's Club here last week.

The V Corps CG made his appeal through the German and American news media for information leading to the arrest of any suspects involved in the three bomb blasts which killed one officer and wounded 14 others, in the headquarters complex.

"You may be able to help," he said. "If you were at or near the scene, and observed any suspicious persons or activities before or after the explosions, I ask you to report the facts to the military police."

The general then listed a telephone number to be called from a civilian phone — 151-8340. Military authorities have

also offered a reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone involved in the crime.

"Within 24 hours after the bombing, your community received many false bomb threats," said Pearson, adding, "these were against the hospital, post exchange, commissary, schools and other facilities."

"These calls were made by mentally unbalanced or irresponsible individuals, seeking to create tension and panic within our community," he said. "I urge that you maintain a calm but alert attitude in the face of these threats. All headquarters have been instructed to increase their protection of facilities and people."

The corps commander said some persons seemed to believe the bombings were a protest against President Nixon's decision to mine the entrances to Haiphong Harbor in North Vietnam this month.

"If true, and if such persons really desire peace," he said, "their acts of violence causing death and destruction, make a mockery and a sham of their beliefs."

Pearson noted that he has received many expressions of regret from German officials, civilian and military, and local citizens who deplored the terrorist acts.

"I have responded to these expressions of regret by saying that in no way do I believe that those responsible for this outrageous act, represented any but a few criminals or lunatics on the fringe of society."

He said that the German police and fire departments were working in close cooperation with U.S. investigative agencies to solve the crime.

Police, meanwhile, have reported no progress in identifying the only announced suspect, a "hippie-type" blond

male wearing tennis shoes who was seen near the Terrace Club prior to the explosion which killed Army Lt. Col. Paul A. Bloomquist.

Last Thursday night's fatal bombing, whether by pattern or chance, has been followed by a series of bombings of German facilities, the latest of which occurred Monday.

The bombings, bomb threats and bomb rumors have produced some edginess. A sonic boom in Darmstadt early Monday evening resulted in a flood of inquiries to the desk of the MP station and The Stars and Stripes news desk.

A booby-trapping of an automobile belonging to Supreme Court Judge Wolfgang Buttenberg in Karlsruhe resulted in serious injuries to the judge's wife. (See details on Page 4)

(Meanwhile, a group calling itself the "red army faction" Monday claimed responsibility for the attack on the military

compound, the Associated Press reported.

(A letter sent to the German Press Agency (DPA) in Munich said the bombings were in reaction to the "bomb blockade of the U.S. imperialists against North Vietnam." The letter demanded an end to the blockade, bombings and an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Indochina.

(The letter identified the bombers as belonging to the red army faction's "Commando Petra Schelm." Petra Schelm was slain by police gunfire last year as authorities searched for members of the so-called Beader-Meinhoff gang, self-described anarchists being sought in a series of bank robberies, car thefts and other acts of violence around the nation.

(Munich police had no immediate comment or the authenticity of the letter.)

Congress Gets Plea for \$3.56 Billion

Rogers Again Asks Approval of Foreign-Aid Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State William P. Rogers asked Congress again Monday to approve the administration's \$3.56 billion request for foreign assistance during the 1973 fiscal year.

In a prepared statement for a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, the secretary said the funds are needed to

help the United States as it seeks a "more constructive relationship with our adversaries and to encourage allies to assume more responsibility."

Describing the American aid role as moving away from the preponderant position it once played, Rogers said the American foreign assistance program

nevertheless does not mean we have "abdicated our international obligations and commitments."

The military aid portion of the foreign assistance program totals \$2.15 billion, including \$844 million for security supporting assistance and \$1.31 billion for military assistance, military sales and adminis-

trative costs.

The rest of the request, \$1.41 billion, would go for development and humanitarian assistance, including \$43 million for narcotics control and \$30 million for contingency situations.

The military aid program, Rogers told the subcommittee, is necessary "to prepare allied

and friendly nations to take on the primary responsibility for their own security."

This portion of the request breaks down to \$780 million in military grants and \$527 million for military sales credits, Rogers said.

In the military grant category Korea would get \$235 million and Cambodia \$225 million.

Rogers said the money for Korea would aid that country's five-year modernization program to be completed by 1975. The Cambodia aid would provide light weapons, ammunition and logistical support, the secretary said "enable the Cambodians to defend their territory against North Vietnamese aggression."

Of the \$844 million in security supporting assistance, about 85 per cent is earmarked for East Asia: \$585 million for South Vietnam, \$75 million for Cambodia, \$49.8 million for Laos, \$25.6 million for Thailand and \$8.4 million for regional assistance.

"All of these countries are extending inordinate amounts of their resources for security purposes to defend against external threats or insurgency," Rogers said.

The secretary made no direct reference to the current military crisis in South Vietnam in his prepared statement. It was his first public appearance since President Nixon's announcement a week ago that he had ordered the mining of North Vietnamese harbor entrances and stepped up attacks on supplies entering North Vietnam from the Soviet Union and other nations."

Wives of Missing, POWs Get Nixon Vow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three wives of men missing or captured in Southeast Asia emerged from a meeting with President Nixon Monday and said the chief executive told them North Vietnamese harbors "would stay mined until prisoners are released."

Mrs. Phyllis E. Galanti, whose Navy lieutenant commander husband has been held prisoner in North Vietnam since 1966, said Nixon told the three-member delegation that "at last we may have some leverage to get the men home."

Another wife, Mrs. Sybil E. Stockdale, said Nixon told them "you can be assured we will continue on the same course until men are released and the missing accounted for." (Related story on Page 27.)

The President also said that the mines sown in North Vietnamese harbors to choke off the flow of Hanoi's war supplies would remain until prisoners are freed, Mrs. Stockdale said.

The third woman representing the National League of

Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, Mrs. Joseph P. Dunn, said they left their 45-minute meeting with Nixon and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger reassured that everything possible was being done on the POW-MIA question.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said that in addition to mining the harbors, the United States also has sown some North Vietnamese rivers and canals with mines.

"Policy does allow that some of this has been carried out," he said. "This was in

areas where movement of supply has been taking place."

Friedheim also said that any effort by the North Vietnamese to repair bombed out rail lines, bridges and roads would be met with further U.S. air attacks.

"We're not going to allow them to rebuild those bridges," he said. "If they put pontoon bridges across we'll try to take those out."

Mrs. Dunn, whose Navy lieutenant husband has been missing in China since 1968, said the prisoner issue was discussed when Nixon was in

Airman Guilty in Wife's Slaying

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BENTWATERS, England (S&S) — A U.S. Air Force sergeant was found guilty of premeditated murder here Monday in the stabbing death of his wife Evalyn at their Ipswich home, in January.

Sentencing was scheduled

Tuesday morning. The verdict carries the death penalty.

S. Sgt. Dennis Felker, 29, an administrative specialist in the dispensary here, was found guilty following two hours of deliberation by the seven-man board of officers.

His court-martial opened

China in February and "I am sure he will discuss it" during his Moscow summit scheduled to begin in one week.

Mrs. Dunn said she sought and gained assurances that the President was including men missing throughout Southeast Asia when he said in his television speech a week ago that the first condition for ending U.S. involvement in Vietnam would be the release of all POWs. She said the families of men missing in Southeast Asia had feared the President was speaking only of those captured by North Vietnam.

May 4 with the testimony of a British police officer who told the court Felker had told him in a 20-page statement which took four hours to compile that he had been "under considerable domestic and social strain" during the previous nine months.

Felker's three children, Dennis, 7, Tina, 6, and Brian, 4, were at home when their mother was stabbed.

Another police officer testified he found Felker at a neighbor's home in a dazed condition following a report he was about to commit suicide. Back at the Felker home, the officer asked the eldest boy where his mother was. The boy led the officer upstairs to a bedroom where he found the body. She had back wounds, the officer had testified.

Four 3rd Inf Div GIs Held in Fatal Stabbing

WILDFLECKEN, Germany (S&S)—Four 3rd Inf Div soldiers are being held as suspects in the stabbing death here early Sunday morning of a V Corps soldier.

The victim, whose identity has been withheld pending notification of next of kin, was a member of B Co, 54th Engineer Bn, 130th Engineer Brigade. The four suspects are from the 2nd Bn, 15th Inf.

EES Boosts Meat Prices 20%

MUNICH (Special) — The meat products at EES food-lands were increased 20 per cent Monday as exchange snack bars and cafeterias hiked prices similarly on steaks and all other entrees

except hamburgers and hot dogs.

"A general shortage of European meat and increased meat costs during recent months have necessitated the increases," an EES Hq an-

nouncement said.

"The increases, similar to those hikes in beef prices throughout the commissary system for the same reasons, are effective immediately," the announcement added.