

# German Reunion Question Major Unsolved Problem

In this second of a series of four articles analyzing the Berlin — and German — crisis, Herbert Altschull of the Associated Press staff in Bonn digs into the background of the problem of reunifying Germany.

By HERBERT ALTSCHULL, BONN (AP) — Like a colossus astride the Berlin crisis stands the major unsolved problem created by the Second World War — how to reunite a German nation split by the victorious Allies.

While the Soviet challenge to Allied rights in Berlin is what poses the threat of a new war, it is the problem of reunification that must be settled if the cold war in Europe is ever to be eased.

The Allied powers, determined to smash Germany's war-making capacity, carved the country in 1945 into four zones of occupation. They acted after having whittled away the eastern third of the country beyond the Oder and Neisse Rivers, making it what appears to have become permanent territory of Poland and the Soviet Union.

**FIRMLY ENTRENCHED**

The Western Allies have never given Poland or Russia permission to retain possession of those territories. But only a major war effort could wrest back that soil.

The three Western zones of occupation were organized in 1949 into what has become Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's West Germany. The Russian zone has become the German People's Republic, part of the Communist world.

This division might well have become permanent by now if it were not for Berlin. The old German capital lies 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain — completely surrounded by East German territory — but is not a part of East Germany.

**WNAT DIVISION**

Most students of the German scene are convinced that the Russians now are eager to perpetuate the division of Germany, but are unable to do so as long as the West remains in West Berlin.

Should the West ever renounce

its belief in reunification of Germany it would have little reason to keep its troops in Berlin, since the sole reason for maintaining the occupation of that city is to preserve it as the future capital of a reunited Germany.

The West has tried repeatedly to get the Russians to agree to reunifying Germany on the basis of free elections. The Russians have repeatedly turned that down, arguing that the two Germanies must work out reunification by themselves.

One puzzling aspect is just how strong the desire for reunification actually is.

Some officials privately say the British and French would like to keep Germany divided to restrict its economic and military potential.

**NOT REALLY EAGER**

Even West Germans are sometimes said to be somewhat mild in their repeated calls for unity.

There are those who say Adenauer's ruling Christian Democratic party, which is Roman Catholic-dominated, is disturbed about the potential threat to its political power if Protestant East Germany is incorporated in a unified nation. Many West Germans are unenthusiastic about the economic sacrifices that would be required to revitalize the East.

The East Germans are eager for reunification if only to improve their wretched economic lot.

The Russians apparently would like to set up a confederation of the two halves of Germany, each with an equal voice.

Rumors of a new American twist to the confederation idea have sprung up in Washington, the idea being for a start toward reunification through a loose union of the individual states which make up the two Germanies.

## Space Peace Effort Made

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Despite obvious handicaps, the UN today launches its first efforts to keep man's exploration of outer space channelled into solely peaceful purposes.

But the Soviet Union, the nation that sent the first artificial satellite into outer space, won't be there. Neither will Poland, Czechoslovakia, India and probably the United Arab Republic.

All are members of the 18-nation committee set up by the General Assembly last year to explore the possibilities of international co-operation in peaceful uses of outer space.

The other 13 are the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, Australia and Belgium.

**UNFAIR LINEUP**

The Soviet Union objected that the lineup failed to give sufficient representation to Communist and neutral countries. India said there was little use in calling a committee meeting under present conditions.

Last week Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev accused the United States of damaging chances for eventual international co-operation in outer space by insisting on the committee meeting. Sobolev suggested the United States deliberately timed the meeting just before the Big Four foreign ministers' conference to open in Geneva next Monday.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge said it wasn't so.

The committee will elect officers and set up two working groups on legal and scientific aspects of international co-operation in the peaceful use of outer space. These groups will begin work at the end of the month.

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By PETER JACKSON, NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Prime Minister Nehru Monday declared himself shocked and hurt by Chinese Communist charges of Indian meddling in the Tibetan revolt, but he reiterated his aim of peaceful coexistence in Asia.

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Replying to these charges, Nehru said the Chinese accusations of expansionism and imperialism had shocked him beyond measure.

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**SHELTER REFUGEES**

The prime minister disclosed that nearly 9,000 Tibetan refugees — headed by the god-king Dalai Lama — so far have been granted asylum in India since the anti-Communist revolt broke out in mid-March.

Nehru also indicated that Communist China's handling of the revolt threatens to undermine the principles of peaceful coexistence in Asia.

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The members of True Brothers' Lodge No. 8 Crapaud are requested to meet at the lodge rooms at 1 o'clock Thursday to attend the funeral of their late brother Daniel MacKinnon of Churchill at his home at 2 o'clock.

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"I had a little iron bed with olive green blankets," she told reporters at London airport. "Every time somebody stepped on the floor it made a noise."

"There were about 10 children on the plane and a lot of them were crying so I didn't sleep. I slept in my shirt, and that's why it's untidy."

Her blonde hair, however, was immaculate.

**BIG INCREASE**

Egypt's population, now around 24,000,000 has more than doubled since 1897.

**Meeting of Diabetics**

Annual Meeting of the Charlottetown and District Branch, Canadian Diabetic Association, will be held at the HEALTH CENTRE, 188 Prince Street, Friday, May 8th, 8 p.m.

Dr. John Craig, Director of Provincial Laboratory will address the meeting.

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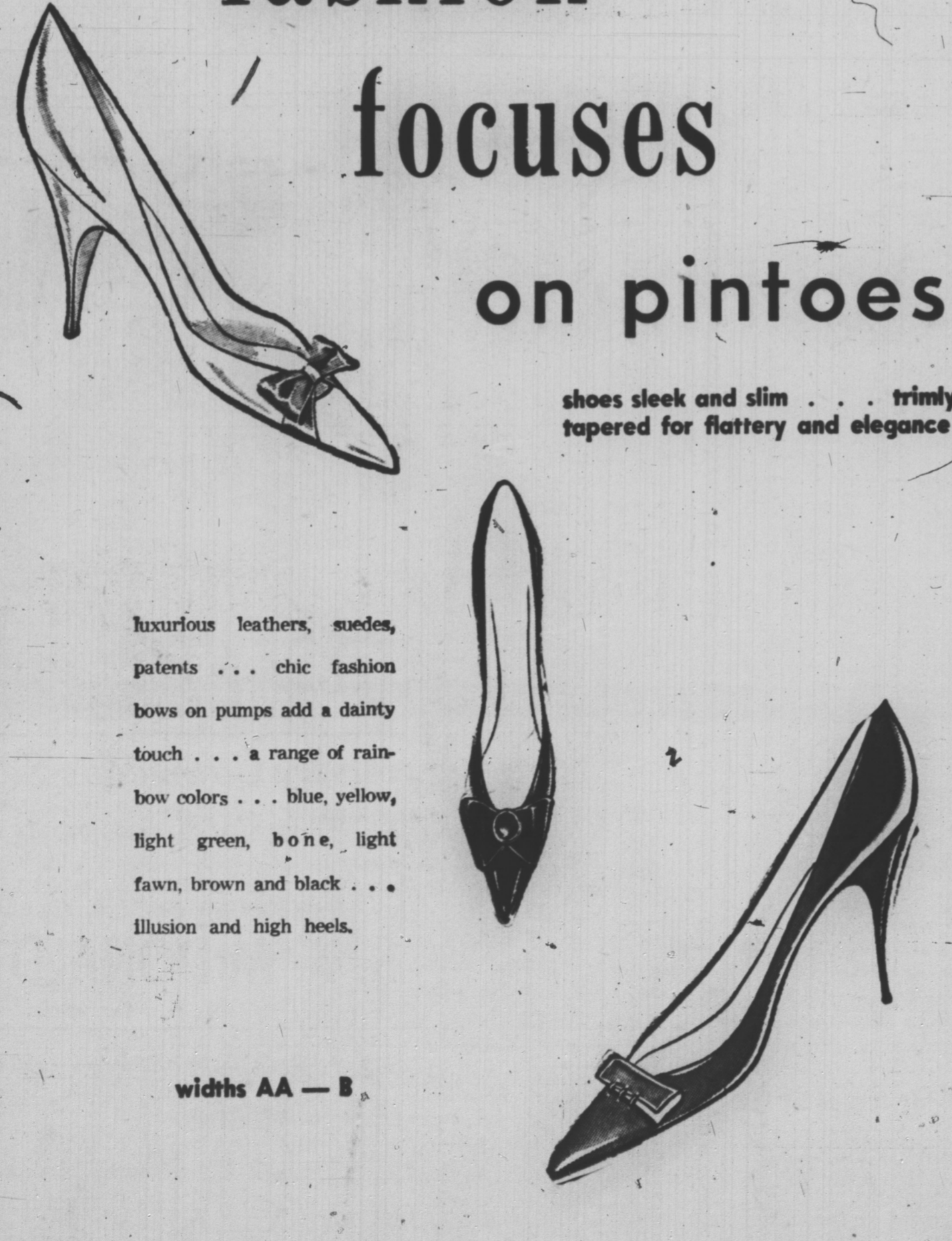
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