

# U. S. SOLDIERS KILL TWO EAST GERMANS

**Slain Policemen Are Reported  
to Have Opened Fire After  
Illegal Border Crossing**

FRANKFORT, Germany, March 3 (AP) — United States soldiers killed two men of the militarized East German Communist People's Police in a gunfight near the East-West German border last night.

United States Army headquarters denied Russian press reports that the shooting had occurred in Soviet-occupied East German territory.

"The incident happened on the United States side of the border," said a terse Army announcement. The announcement said only that

"two Volkspolizei [People's Policemen] were shot by United States constabulary patrols." Headquarters declined further comment "until the investigation has been completed."

Other details came from the West German Interior Ministry, which operates police patrols along the Western side of the 600-mile zonal border.

## Say Two Crossed Border

Ministry officials said the two East German policemen had crossed illegally into the United States zone when they encountered a small squad of United States soldiers on border patrol near Obersuhl.

The East Germans opened fire, the Americans fired back, and the two Germans fell dead, ministry officials related. They said no Americans were wounded.

The heavily guarded border has been the scene of several clashes. But this was believed to be the first instance in which American

soldiers had killed any East German policemen.

There was no indication why the East Germans crossed the border.

The Moscow press tried to place the blame on the Americans. It said the attack took place on East German soil near Pferdsforfer Kopf, in the region of Eisenach. It charged that eight American "gangsters in military uniform" fired on two Germans, killing one, and then tried to drag him across the border to make it appear he had been shot in West Germany.

## British and Russians Clash

BERLIN, March 3 (UP)—British military and West German policemen tonight surrounded more than a dozen tommygun-toting Soviet Army soldiers in an attempt to rescue a West Berlin resident seized by a sentry at the Russian war memorial.

About twenty-five British Army and thirty-five Allied sector policemen maintained a tight armed line

around the broad white stone memorial in the British sector a few hundred feet from the Soviet section of the city, near historic Brandenburg Gate.

## Swiss Admonish Czech Envoy

BERN, Switzerland, March 3 (AP) —The Swiss Government has advised the Czechoslovak minister here that he overstepped his functions by calling a news conference to warn Switzerland of the dangers of a rearmed Germany. Almost the entire Swiss press boycotted the conference called by Arnot Tauber, the Czechoslovak minister, last Tuesday.

## British King Is Still Ill

LONDON, March 3 (AP)—King George VI, who is suffering from a cold, still was confined to his room in Buckingham Palace today. An official announcement from the palace said: "The King had a comfortable night, but is remaining in his room today."

## Czechs Receive Soviet Grain

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 3 (Reuters)—The Soviet Union is sending five trainloads of wheat a day to Czechoslovakia, the newspaper Lidova Democracie reported today. Because of the Czech gain shortage, bread and flour rationing was reimposed last week and later President Klement Gottwald issued a statement saying that Russia was sending 600,000 tons of bread grain and 308,000 tons of barley and corn.

## Party for Roosevelt House

Mrs. Harold N. Landon of 53 East Sixty-fifth Street has been elected chairman of the three-faith committee in charge of the party to observe on March 20 the eighth anniversary of the founding of Roosevelt House, 47 East Sixty-fifth Street. The former Roosevelt residence was purchased by a group of citizens. It is the religious and social center for Hunter College students.