

up his new assignment as public affairs officer with the American legation in Bern.

Mr. Hannon came to Stuttgart in August 1945 from Radio Luxemburg to become program director of Radio Stuttgart. In January 1948 he was sent to Greece on a special assignment and returned in June of the same year to Stuttgart as chief of the Information Services Division of Office of Military Government and later Office of the US State Commissioner, for Wuerttemberg-Baden. He has been public affairs officer for Baden-Wuerttemberg since January 1951.

During his years in Germany, Mr. Hannon delivered more than 100 radio broadcasts and lectures on various aspects of American society and government and Germany's historic struggle to win a stable democracy. He introduced the first forum in Wuerttemberg-Baden, in Stuttgart, in the winter of 1945, and continued to present bi-weekly forum programs in several cities.

Before coming to Europe, Mr. Hannon worked in the State Department in the Balkan Affairs Section. Earlier, he was an assistant in the Inter-American Affairs Office, following several years first as educational program director and then foreign affairs commentator for the American Broadcasting Company.

Official Announcements

Threat to Medical Plane

Following is the text of a letter of Oct. 8 from Maj. Gen. Emuel Mathewson, US commander, Berlin, to Major General Trusov, protesting the interference by Soviet fighter aircraft with the flight of a US Air Force C-47. A copy of the letter has also been sent to A.N. Rassadin, acting Berlin representative of the Soviet Control Commission, with the request that it is brought to the immediate attention of the appropriate Soviet authorities.

"This morning a C-47 type medical evacuation airplane, No. 43-15066, belonging to the United States Air Force, left Rhine Main Air Force Base, Frankfurt, on a routine flight to Berlin. At about 0856 hours, (8:56 a.m.), while flying at an altitude of 7,000 feet, in the general vicinity of Koennern, the airplane was intercepted by two Soviet fighter type aircraft. These fighter aircraft maneuvered alongside, underneath and in front of the medical evacuation plane while at the same time discharging machine gun bursts in such a way as to constitute a definite and hostile threat to

the flight safety of the aircraft. Only by taking full advantage of available cloud cover was the hospital plane able to elude the Soviet fighter aircraft and make its way safely to Tempelhof Air Base in Berlin.

"I personally interviewed the pilot of this United States Air Force airplane, Captain James P. Peterson, as well as the co-pilot, Major George A. Beere, at the moment of their landing at Tempelhof. I have questioned them closely as to the instructions they were given and to the preparations which were made for this routine evacuation flight to Berlin. With the aid of maps I have examined with them in detail the course which they navigated in their flight from Frankfurt to Berlin. While I am not prepared at the moment to say whether adverse and unexpectedly high winds may or may not have carried them at one point from the prescribed flight corridor, I can and do say unequivocally that any such possible error in navigation could only have been made unwillingly and without intent.

"This hostile and unfriendly action of Soviet fighter aircraft against an unarmed airplane of the United States Air Force on a routine administrative mission was not accidental. It was clearly directed by some presumably responsible Soviet authority on the ground. Pending completion of our further investigation of this incident, I can only regard it in its most serious light—responsibility for which rests squarely on Soviet shoulders. I demand that this unwarranted and uncivilized behavior of Soviet aircraft cease at once and that necessary orders be issued by the headquarters of the Commander in Chief of Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany to permit unhindered flight of United States aircraft to and from Berlin in accordance with existing agreements."

Federal Works Constitution Law

In order to be able to promulgate the Federal Works Constitution Law which was adopted by the Bundestag and Bundesrat, the Federal Government requested that the Allied High Commission deprive of effect Control Council Law No. 22 on Works Councils in the fields regulated by the Federal Works Constitution Law.

The Allied High Commission has acted on the Federal Government's request and has approved an Allied High Commission law depriving Control Council Law No. 22 of effect in the Federal Territory insofar as it concerns fields regulated by the Federal Works Constitution Law.

Text of the Allied High Commission Law will be published, according to HICOM's announcement Oct. 2, in the next issue of the Official Gazette.

Linse Case Statement

Following is the text of a statement issued Oct. 2 in Berlin by High Commissioner Donnelly:

"Pursuant to the agreement reached by General Chuikov and myself on September 9 for a joint investigation of the facts of the Linse case, a meeting took place on September 22 between US and Soviet representatives. At this meeting the Soviet representatives indicated the need for a variety of additional factual information in order to enable them to proceed with their investigation of the case. We have supplied them in writing and in considerable detail with the information requested, and particularly with regard to the abduction of Dr. Linse into the Soviet Zone after his kidnapping in the US Sector of Berlin. In addition, we have posed certain questions of our own to the Soviets. The next move is now up to them."

Recent Publications

Listed below are official and important publications received in the editorial office of the Information Bulletin during October. Requests for any of these publications should be addressed to the originating agency.

Economic Assistance to West Berlin 1949-1951, Historical Division, Office of the Executive Secretary, HICOG (Mehlem), September 1952. Monograph by Hubert G. Schmidt, assisted by Elisabeth Erdmann. Limited distribution.

Monthly Report of the Mutual Security Agency, Division of Statistics and Reports, Mutual Security Agency (Washington), June 30, 1952. Issue deals with Highlights — Defense Support for Europe.

Monthly Report of the Mutual Security Agency, Division of Statistics and Reports, Mutual Security Agency (Washington), July 31, 1952. Issue deals with Agriculture in Western Europe.

Official Gazette, No. 92, Allied Secretariat, Allied High Commission (Mehlem), Sept. 15, 1952. Official texts of legislation and orders enacted by or under authority of the Allied High Commission.

Official Gazette, No. 93, Allied Secretariat, Allied High Commission (Mehlem), Sept. 29, 1952. Official texts of legislation and orders enacted by or under authority of the Allied High Commission.

Official Gazette, No. 94, Allied Secretariat, Allied High Commission (Mehlem), Oct. 10, 1952. Official texts of legislation and orders enacted by or under authority of the Allied High Commission.

Official Gazette, No. 95, Allied Secretariat, Allied High Commission (Mehlem), Oct. 30, 1952. Official texts of legislation and orders enacted by or under authority of the Allied High Commission.

Food and Agricultural Programs in West Germany 1949-1951, Historical Division, Office of the Executive Secretary, HICOG (Mehlem), 1952. Monograph by Hubert G. Schmidt, with the assistance of H. J. Hille. Limited distribution.

Kontakt (Contact), Vol. I, No. 5, Exchanges Staff, Office of Public Affairs, HICOG (Frankfurt), October 1952. Magazine in German about and for returned exchangees.

Report on Germany, September 21, 1949-July 31, 1952, HICOG (Mehlem). Final report to Secretary of State and the ECA-MSA Administrator by former US High Commissioner for Germany John J. McCloy (see page of this Information Bulletin).

Elections and Political Parties in Germany 1945-1952, Policy Reports Secretary, Office of Executive Secretary, HICOG (Mehlem), June 1, 1952.

The Department of State Bulletin, Vol. XXVII, No. 686, Division of Publications, Office of Public Affairs, Department of State (Washington), August 18, 1952. Contents include: "Terms of Settlement for German Prewar Debts." "German Education in Transition."

The Department of State Bulletin, Vol. XXVII, No. 688, Division of Publications, Office of Public Affairs, Department of State (Washington), September 1, 1952. Contents include: "The Soviet Harassment Campaign in Germany: Correspondence Between Allied and Soviet Representatives," "Latest Soviet Note on the Austrian State Treaty: Department's Critique; Text of the Soviet Note."

Information Bulletin for October, Information Division, Office of Public Affairs, HICOG (Frankfurt), Oct. 31, 1952. Contains articles and features on US activities in Germany.