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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Word in Washington is that the United States might be willing to deal with East German Communist officials, if the Soviets - were to turn East Berlin over to the local Reds. In which case it might be necessary - to do business with Communist East Germany, but - on a limited basis, short of formal recognition.

Officials in Washington believe - the meaning of all the noise is that Khrushchev intends to give the Red regime some degree of control in East Berlin.

Tonight Soviet border guards stopped three U.S. Army trucks that were trying to leave Berlin. Possibly the beginning more trouble of that sort.

POLAND

American diplomatic officials are saying - this country wants an explanation from the government of Poland. Why the anti-American statements - made by Warsaw Premier Gomulka, when Poland has been getting millions of dollars worth of American economic aid?

Last February - ninety-eight million dollars, in U.S. credits, extended to the Communist regime in Warsaw. The year before - ninety-five million, with Poland, moreover, now seeking another big loan from your Uncle Sam.

Nevertheless, a couple of weeks ago, while in Russia - Premier Gomulka denounced "American imperialism" in a loud voice. Then, several days ago, he joined Khrushchev - in accusing the United States of "aggression" in the far East.

However, our state department has a good deal of sympathy and understanding. We've been giving Poland economic aid - because the Communist government in Warsaw

maintains a considerable degree of independence of Moscow. The Poles - enjoying some degree of liberty. But, at the same time, Gomulka doesn't dare to defy Khrushchev. In return for a little Polish freedom, he's got to make various concessions to the Kremlin. Gomulka, in a precarious position - walking on a tight rope. So our government doesn't want to push him off.

At the same time, indignant questions may be asked in Congress. Why hand American millions to somebody denouncing America?

VETERAN

Yes, how to grow old gracefully.

At Houston, Texas, today - the "Old Reb" puffed a big cigar, celebrating - his one hundred and sixteenth birthday. Walter Williams - proud to have been a Southern rebel back in that war - nearly a hundred years ago, when he served as a mess sergeant - in Hood's brigade. That outfit - commanded by Confederate General J. B. Hood.

Tonight, the "Old Reb" will have his usual Toddy - before going to bed. Cigars and todody, his habit for nearly a hundred years.

Only two veterans of the Civil war - left. Both - Confederates. John Saling, one-hundred-and twelve years old - of Slant, Virginia. His senior by four years - the "Old Reb", at Houston.