

City Resists Plan To Scrap Warship In Its Harbor

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 12.—(AP)—The city of Newark's two-fire-boat navy—armed with chemical sprays and water hoses—manned battle stations today in an attempt to blockade the onetime battleship New Mexico as the 30,000-ton warship was en route to a salvage dock here.

City officials, who have requested the Navy to vacate its lease on part of the port in order to permit the start of a \$70,000,000 development program, said they wanted no more ships scrapped at Newark and would block the channel entrance to halt the

New Mexico and the three tugs which are towing it.

Mayor Vincent J. Murphy said, however, that his dispute today was mainly with the salvage firm, Lipsett, Inc., to whom the Navy had leased the salvage dock and sold the de-commissioned New Mexico. Murphy made it clear he wanted no battle with the Navy and had nothing against the New Mexico.

"She is a fine old ship with a wonderful record," he said, "but the New Mexico is no more a part of the Navy today than our fireboats are part of the Coast Guard, which originally had them. The New Mexico has been purchased by Lipsett, Inc., from the Navy and is now merely a potential scrap heap."

Navy officials agreed it was not their fight. Rear Adm. Russell S. Berkey, acting commandant of the Third Naval District, said in New York that "a preliminary examination of the situa-

tion at Newark would indicate that the Navy is not directly concerned."

While the New Mexico neared New York harbor en route from Boston, Newark officials appealed to President Truman for some moral support before sending the city's two 30-foot fireboats against the giant ship.

Farmers to be Asked to Plant More Feed Grains

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The government plans to ask farmers to plant nearly 6.5 per cent more land to livestock feed grains next year in an effort to replenish supplies cut short by this year's poor corn crop.

Larger grain harvests will be needed if a serious shortage of meats, dairy and poultry products is to be averted in 1949. These feeds will be scarcer in 1948 than this year because of the present corn shortage.

Gov. Dewey, Less Reserved, Chats With Interviewer

By HAL BOYLE

ALBANY, N. Y.—(AP)—To get in to see Thomas E. Dewey you must first pass the critical muster of a big, red-haired, well-armed state policeman, who then unlocks the door leading to the governor's office suite.

"This American political oddity—that even in a democracy the major public servants have to be protected from the people they serve—has always interested me. I asked about the locked door.

"It wasn't Dewey's idea," an Albany newsman said. "It's been the custom here for some time. You know in a state as big and complex as New York there are a lot of screwballs, and . . ."

And that explains the police guard and locked door.

Going through the outer office you pass a shelf parade of 150 miniature souvenir elephants collected by Executive Secretary Paul Lockwood. The collection

contains one small donkey chained to an elephant.

The day I called Dewey he was dressed in a brown suit and tie, guileless of wrinkle. About both his person and his office there was an air of careful neatness and precision.

The reporter accompanying me remarked jokingly that I had come to get the governor's announcement he would seek the Republican presidential nomination. Dewey gave me a precise smile.

"That makes you a member of a very large club," he laughed.

Less Reserved in Manner

At 45 Dewey looks no older than the days when he first won national attention as the rackets-fighting Manhattan district attorney. He is less reserved in manner now, however, and for half an hour chatted pleasantly—off the record—on political figures. He impressed me as a man of quick keen wit rather than broad humor.

Keys to any man's intellectual life are the books he reads and the men he admires. Dewey said the book he remembered as influencing him most in his formative years was "The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens" which pictured the decay of city government under boss rule. He still prefers biography to other types of reading.

He said the political leaders of the past who had most guided his thinking were Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton and Lincoln. State Treasury Guarded

He said his biggest worries had been to obtain proper staffs for state mental hospitals and to "keep the wolves away who wanted to squander our wartime treasury surplus."

His biggest problem now is to get contractors to bid at prices he feels are reasonable on reconstruction and highway projects for which \$450,000,000 is earmarked. He thinks it essential that the state maintain a large financial reserve.

"Relief costs could go up \$100,000,000 in a single year," he said. "That isn't any immediate problem, but I have to think of the future welfare of the state."

He said he found his work as governor more fun and less exciting than the years spent in convicting public enemies.

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Marshall Scores Trial of Maniu

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall yesterday denounced the recent trial of former Premier Iuliu Maniu in Romania as another effort by a Communist-dominated regime to eliminate all opposition.

Marshall told a news conference that the life sentence imposed on Maniu by a Bucharest military tribunal would not lessen his stature in Eastern Europe as an outstanding champion of democratic ideals.

Maniu, leader of the opposition Peasant Party, was convicted of treason Tuesday.

Marshall declined to say whether the United States plans a formal protest to Romania similar to the protest filed with Bulgaria against the execution of Nikola Petkov, Bulgarian opposition leader.

Marshall said this government's views on denial of human rights in Romania through arbitrary arrests and inhuman treat-

ment of opposition has been expressed several times in recent months.

The trial of Maniu, he said, conforms to the general pattern of all such political trials in Eastern Europe, notably the trial of Petkov, which Marshall termed a judicial travesty.

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