U. S. Must Arm Western Europe, Forrestal Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 2—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Forrestal says the United States must supply western Europe with "a generous measure of equipment" to support the common defense plans of five nations.

Such aid is necessary to give meaning to the Brussels Treaty—signed by Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—Forrestal said last night at the annual dinner of the English-Speaking Union.

Forrestal presumably meant military equipment, but he did not say so specifically.

Recalling that objectives of the Brussels Treaty are being developed under direction of Field Marshal Montgomery into plans for concerted action for the common defense of the five nations, Forrestal declared:

"To make these plans meaningful, however, a generous measure of equipment will have to be given to western Europe, for these people cannot prosper while they live in fear of their lives.

"Just as the United States was the arsenal of democracy, so must it become a repository of hope, and by its strength banish from the hearts of its friends anxiety and fear of the future. For the people of western Europe are yet in need of the brightness of this new world to help guide them out of the darkness."

Look to U. S. for Help

Forrestal said "it will avail us nothing to nourish trust in their ability to defend themselves," because:

"It is westward—to us—that they look for help and for the substance that will enable them to face the future with assurance—an assurance equal to their courage. By their courage they grant us greater hope that there is still a peaceful destiny for the future of mankind."

Alluding to the possibility of a North Atlantic pact linking the Brussels signatories with the U. S. and Canada, Forrestal said:

"Here, across the Atlantic, conversations between the United States and Canada give promise of a united front in the New World. Should these conversations result in similar regional guarantees for the North Atlantic, we shall give good heart to the nations of western Europe and aid them in their recovery."

British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks said the English-speaking nations must show the world that democracies can be "stable, prosperous, strong and offer a fuller and better life to their citizens than any totalitarian state could provide."

Sir Oliver told the 1,000 guests that British exports—a crucial factor in recovery—now exceed the pre-war volume by two-fifths.

Battle on Rent Control to Go On, Assn. Head Says

SPOKANE, Dec. 2—(AP)—Donald C. Haas, president of the Apartment Owners' Association of Seattle, said yesterday that "we're going to keep on fighting" against rent control.

Haas told the Spokane Building Owners and Managers' Association that, with the election of President Truman and a Democratic Congress "we've given up hope of complete decontrol. But we're going to keep on fighting. We have to."

Haas said he had asked Senator Morse (R-ORE) about asking Congress to return the rent control issue to individual states.

"Senator Morse hedged," Haas said. "Our own Senator, Warren G. Magnuson, refused to commit himself. That is what we are up against in Washington, D. C."

Haas said there are some 9,000 apartment units in Spokane with average rentals around $30 a month or 12 per cent of the average tenant's income. Rentals formerly were about 25 per cent of the tenant's income, he said.

"Seattle's loss to apartment owners the past year has been around $9,000,000 due to rent controls," he declared. "Buildings are running down. There is no reserve for owners and no money for replacements and refurnishings."

Harry Williams, manager of the Seattle Association, told the group that rent control is a spearhead for socialized housing.

Williams said the recent election was "the smartest political deal in world history." He said Communist brains were behind the unified labor movement and "it was a definte move in the effort to destroy private ownership of property."

Forest and wood fires annually destroy enough timber to make 5,700,000 tons of newsprin.

INSURANCE PARTNERS—C. W. "Bill" Tipton, upper photo, has announced the inclusion of Carl O. Permin, lower photo, as co-owner of Tipton Insurance, now known as Tipton and Permin Insurance. New offices are to be located at 214 W. Cass St. Permin, formerly with Pacific Fruit & Produce Co. here, joined Tipton as a salesman four months ago. He came to Roseburg from Klamath Falls in 1946. Tipton, descendant of Roseburg pioneers, has resided here since childhood.

Lower Freight Rates Aim Of Northwest Grain Assn.

SPOKANE, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Formation of a group to work for lower freight rates in the Pacific Northwest and the election of Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington, Ore., as its first president were announced here yesterday.

The Northwest Grain and Grain Products Association was organized by representatives of the grain industry in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to attempt to drive down rates. Weatherford is a member of the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Pete Stallcop, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association, said the Oregon Wheat Commission has contributed $10,000 to the new organization and similar amounts have been pledged by farmers in Washington and north Idaho. He said grain cooperatives have pledged $4,000 and Pacific Northwest Millers $3,000.

Prices Softening, Council Chairman Advises Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—President Truman's Economic Advisory Council informed him yesterday that there has been a "flattening out of some prices."

Dr. Edwin G. Nourse said, the chairman, called at the White House to give Mr. Truman a report on the group's studies.

Afterward, he told reporters he advised Mr. Truman that the price situation appears to be brightening.

He added:

"They (prices) don't seem to be jumping through the ceiling."

The chairman of the Advisory Council recently was named by Mr. Truman to head a cabinet coordinating committee to plan the anti-inflation program which the Administration will submit to the new Congress next month.

Nourse came from Mr. Truman's office carrying a batch of charts and graphs on the price situation. He said he had gone over them with the president.

Nourse said the charts record a "creeping advance" in the rent field, but show "food has had quite a down turn and is now moving down at a somewhat slower rate."

As for clothing, he said "there has been a softening (of prices) on quite a number of clothing items."

Asked whether the current situation added up to a more encouraging picture of the price situation, Nourse replied:

"I think so."

Sutherlin Social Yields Neat Sum

The Sutherlin Parent-Teachers Association's pie social, held recently at the Sutherlin Grange Hall, was attended by a large crowd, in spite of the dense fog and cold.

Mrs. Dee Atterbury, entertainment chairman, presented an enjoyable program, including an accordian solo "The Blue Danube," by Shirley Baker; solo by Sally Thompson, accompanied at the piano by Harriet Riggs; baton twirling drill by Veda Campbell, accompanied at the piano by her sister, Alta; boys duet, Dale Ross and Wayne Thomas, accompanied by Mr. Austin at the piano.

Anna Lou Allen did her special version of the hula; Donald and Peggy Austin, accompanied by their father, sang a duet, "I Like Geography"; The Mothers Chorus, a newly started group, closed the program with "Now Is The Hour," accompanied by Mrs. Howard Magill.

William Crowell auctioned the pies, netting the P.-T. A. a "neat" sum. The refreshment committee, with Mrs. Howard Stacey as chairman, served coffee.

A special prize, a case of canned peaches, donated by the City Drive-In Market, was awarded to Mrs. Magill, and Mrs. Ila Allen was awarded a turkey.

The next P.-T. A. event will be a dessert luncheon, probably at the Sutherlin Homes Recreational Hall. Every mother and friend is invited to attend. The definite date and time will be announced soon.

Rail Rates Must Increase to Meet Demand, Budd Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—Ralph Budd, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, said yesterday railroads must raise their service charges again to meet public demand for better transportation.

Budd testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in behalf of the railroads' plea for a new 13 percent raise in freight rates.

He said railroad improvements depend entirely upon what is paid for service. On the other hand, he contended, competing forms of transportation have the benefit of government subsidies through such things as improved highways for trucks and buses and special rates of mail pay for the airlines.

Disclaiming any railroad desire for government subsidy, the Burlington president said:

"There is nevertheless a price which the public has to pay in order that the railways shall be able to keep up with the progress which their competitors are making largely at public expense."

Wing-Flapping Flying Machine is Invented

DAYTON, O., Dec. 3.—(AP)—The old dream of a machine that flies by flapping its wings like a bird has come true, at least in toy size, a Wright Field engineer says.

Adam J. Stolzenberger, a civilian engineer at the big Air Force base, told a reporter he had been working at home and on his own time for a year and had built about 250 models along lines of birds and insects.

Now he has one, he said, that flies. It's small, he explained, and powered by a rubber band that turns an eccentric rotor, but it's been patented and accepted by a toy manufacturer.

Stolzenberger said that if he made any money out of it, he'd build a man-carrying model.

Firemen Frost-Bitten In Battling Fairbanks Blaze

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Five firemen were seriously frost-bitten fighting a blaze which yesterday destroyed the garage and damaged the headquarters building of the 625th Air Squadron at Ladd Field.

Brig. Gen. Dale V. Gaffney said an immediate estimate of the damage could not be made, but he said it would be heavy.

Temperatures of 40 below hampered firemen.

The fire was believed to have started from an explosion in a heater.

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