

Defenses Of Western Europe Are United States Defenses As Well

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President Truman, having signed the Atlantic pact, forthwith called on Congress Monday to implement this epoch making treaty with a foreign arms program running to \$1,450,000,000, which would go chiefly to aid our European allies.

Now a billion and a half dollars is a lot of money even in these days of astronomical calculations, and there are plenty of signs that the lawmakers will examine the proposal with weather-eyes. Adverse criticism of the proposal has been based chiefly on the claim that Uncle Sam's economy already is strained to the limit by our present vast budget, which includes some \$15,000,000,000 for defense alone.

The administration's request for this foreign aid is based on the strategic decision that the military strength of our European allies should be increased as quickly as possible to enable them to stand off any Russian attack until American power could come to the rescue.

In short we don't propose to renege the role we played in the last two world wars. Twice we saw a powerful and aggressive Germany strike unprepared neighbors with lightning military blows, leaving us to the rescue after almost fatal injuries had been inflicted on our allies. President Truman's message to Congress included these explanatory points:

"The better prepared the free nations are to resist aggression the less likelihood there is that they will have to use the forces they have prepared. Their defense is our defense and is of deep concern to us."

Our First Defense Line
So we see that the proposed American aid isn't entirely an altruistic proposition. As Mr. Truman says "their defense is our defense." We are acting in our own interests. Our forward defenses lie in Europe these days.

To my mind western Europe's best guarantee that we mean business is the fact that we are indeed acting in part in self-defense.

However, we should be going ourselves an injustice if we dropped the subject with that blunt summary of the position. America does have ideals, and Presi-

dent Truman voiced some of them in these passages of his message:

"Helping free nations to acquire the means of defending themselves is an obligation of the leadership we have assumed in world affairs."

"We must keep ourselves morally and materially strong. We must play our part in helping to strengthen freedom everywhere."

Chile is nearly 25 times as long as it is wide.

Japanese Wartime Removal Claims Total 6,000

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP) The Justice department has announced the opening of a Los Angeles office to handle claims arising out of the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from west coast areas during the war.

Attorney General Clark said that about 6,000 claims involving the sum of \$22,000,000 have been filed as the result of the enforced removal of such persons to the interior of the country.

Congress has authorized the attorney general to pass on the resulting claims based on damage to or loss of real or personal property by residents of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska or Hawaii.

The act empowers the attorney

general to settle claims involving awards of not more than \$2,500. Larger awards will require special congressional appropriations. Congress has made the funds available for payment of the smaller claims.

The department said that more than half of the claim cases are in southern California. Other offices may be established elsewhere on the coast later.

TRAFFIC FINE LEVIED

Harry Tolowsky, Los Angeles, was fined \$15 in the Sutherland justice court July 25, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of operating in the left lane of traffic, Justice of the Peace Ward C. Watson reported today.

"Bouncing Putty" Foreseen As Boon To Mankind

PASADENA, Calif., July 28.—(AP) — Soon pedestrians wearing putty suits may bounce off auto bumpers and not even sprout a bruise.

This was indicated by Gabriel M. Giannini, expert on instruments for rockets and supersonic planes, who has just received from White Sands, N. M., a movie heliograph. The delicate "suncamera" was recovered undamaged after being shot to an altitude of 100 miles in a V-2 rocket.

Why undamaged? Because, explains Giannini, it was encased in a new shock-absorbing "putty" made from silicone, a sand derivative. Not only special cameras, but also a variety of recorders are coated with an inch of more of the substance before being shot aloft.

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EYE-OPENERS—For the first time in Italy's history, American-type pickets appear on the streets. They are protesting the second congress of the World Federation of Trade Unions in Milan. The sign reads: "Workers, open your eyes! The WFTU is a Soviet center." Hired by anti-Communists, the pickets paraded in Piazza Duomo as delegates from 74 nations opened the Communist-dominated meeting.

Gent Ordering Beer Bends Elbows With History, According To Data

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Guess what Noah took into his ark—besides people—that also rode in the Mayflower and soiled the Pilgrims' Beer!

Yes, sir, and beer also went to the South Pole with Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his Antarctic expedition in 1939.

These and other little known facts about beer have been compiled by the United States Brewers foundation. They have been set forth in a little pamphlet designed to let the common man know what's behind the foam in his glass.

It shows that a gent who slides up to the bar and says "pull one" isn't simply ordering a cooling drink. He's bending elbows with history.

Why, it says here, beer has marched step by step with man in his upward march since the dawn of time. Beer is as old as farming and has played a bubbling role in war, science, cooking, medicine and the development of a hundred modern industries.

What History Reveals
Here are a few facts uncovered by the industry's scholars:

A Mesopotamian seal backed in pottery and showing two workers at a brewery vat, proves beer was known 6,200 years ago.

When Christopher Columbus came to Central America in 1502, he found beer had traveled here before him. The Indians were escaping from the heat with "a sort of wine made of maize (corn), resembling English beer."

The phrase "mind your P's and Q's" is thought to have sprung from the old English tavern-keepers' custom of noting down customer orders — by pints and quarts.

John Alden, who wooed a d and won Priscilla Mullen, got passenger space on the Mayflower because he was a cooper and could repair the beer barrels aboard. The first white child born in New York City, Jean Vigne, became a brewer in what is now Wall street. William Penn, the next to his manor house.

Soldiers in the American revolution drew a quart of beer each in their daily rations. When the supply ran short, George Washington begged the board of war in 1777 to rush the growler for

more. Washington himself drank beer. Other members of this early day "men of distinction" a brewer himself, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Israel Putnam and James Madison.

How did Joseph Priestly evolve his theory of the life-giving qualities of oxygen? By studying bubbles rising to the surface of a beer vat.

Where was the first air-conditioner plant installed in America? In a brewery in Alexandria, Va., in 1880.

In 1810, the first year for which production figures are available, the American population of 7,239,881 drank 182,679 barrels of beer and ale, or 0.78 gallons per capita.

In 1948 the population had risen to 146,114,000, the consumption to 86,992,795 barrels, or a per capita record of 18.5 gallons. The industry now figures it employs 80,000 persons, buys \$300,000,000 in farm products each year, pays out almost as much in salaries and some \$900,000,000 in taxes.

Whether these figures will give the average beer drinker pause for thought or not, he will be interested in one thing. Beer during the American revolution sold for about ten cents a gallon.

"But by today's standards it was not too great a bargain," says the brewers' foundation. "It usually was heavy, cloudy and lacking in sparkle."

Water District Votes \$100,000 Bond Flotation

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—The Rockwood water district, east of Portland, voted Tuesday, 290 to 117, to float a \$100,000 bond issue to improve the water system. Part of the district has had no water during the late afternoon and early evening hours this summer.



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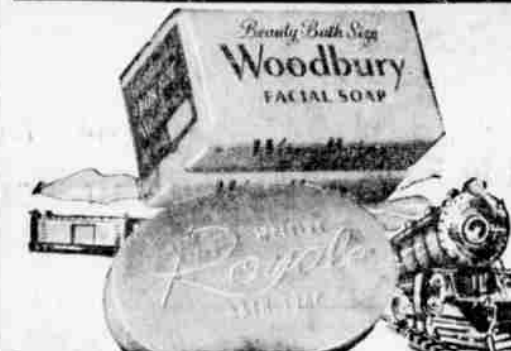
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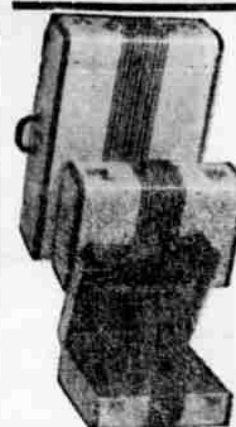
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