

New Defense Program Might Help To End Squabble In Armed Units

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To Americans who may have felt the armed services were moving steadily toward unity despite the inevitable inter-service barriers, it must come as a jolt to realize how far off that goal still is.

That awareness must surely have followed from the disclosure that three navy admirals believe navy morale and effectiveness are being seriously impaired by unification efforts.

Up to now the service bickerings have been of no little consequence to those worried over the future of our defense establishment. But the general feeling prevailed that the nation would ride out these storms and get the healthy cooperation it wants in that field.

This latest development, however, is likely to blot out any optimism about an early reconciling of differences. The rift between the navy and the air force is deep. It seems to have grown out of issues that cannot be settled quietly within the halls of the Pentagon.

The problem at the bottom is not whether the navy shall have its day in court, whether its "interests" shall be protected in any drawing together of armed service functions. Properly speaking,

the navy can have no interests of its own; the only interest to be considered is the effective defense of the United States.

The prime issue is what the navy's role should be in that defense. The outcome of World War II and the new strategic situation that confronted the nation afterwards left the navy in an uncertain position.

It had defeated the only major surface force regarded as a threat to American security—the Japanese navy. In effect, it had worked itself out of a job.

In the postwar era Russia has loomed as the mighty potential adversary in some future war. But the Soviet union, except for her undersea fleet of unknown size, is not a great naval power nor believed likely to become one.

The U. S. navy therefore has laid great stress on its own carrier-based air arm in its planning for the future, on the theory that this is the best role it can play now that its standard surface battlewagons have no more worlds to conquer.

Yet Secretary of Defense Johnson's decision not to allow construction of a proposed navy super-carrier dealt these plans a severe blow. Since that time the independent air force, committed to long range strategic bombing with land-based aircraft, has gained the ascendancy in overall military planning.

It is at least possible that our defense chiefs are putting too much faith in strategic bombing, especially in the light of Russia's development of the atom bomb which we had rated one of our trump cards. There is less prospect today that strategic bombing would give us a decisive advantage in war.

But for laymen to speculate on the issue will not help much. What we need is a tremendous new attempt to create a rational, realistic defense plan that will evaluate more carefully than has yet been done the respective roles suitable for the three armed service branches.

Only when that kind of plan is framed will there be well-founded hopes for an end to harmful inter-service rivalries.

Canning and bottling of tomato juice has increased tomato consumption per person in the U. S. four or five times in a decade.

According to the Twentieth Century Fund, the number of dentists in the United States grew from 29,665 in 1900 to 70,601 in 1940.

Cong. Stockman Scores Congress For Time Waste

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The present Congress has wasted more time than it has used, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) said today.

In reviewing its work, he said: "Congress could well have finished its work and adjourned three months ago. I am told that never in the experience of old time members has a session dragged along so slowly, accomplishing so little."

"The appropriation bills furnishing the money to operate the government for the year ending next June 30 have just been passed. They should have been law before the current fiscal year started July 1."

Stockman told reporters he hoped that the Congress will end Saturday for the voters of the nation "are fed up with it staying in session."

"It has accomplished little but kept the country and the world in turmoil," he said. "When the members get back home and talk with their constituents they will find them expressing the very same sentiments I have expressed. The people want relief from Congress and it's a pity they can get only a little more than two months of it."

Stockman said he believed that the ending of the first session of the 81st Congress was in a large part brought about by the members who went home during the August-September recess and learned first hand that the "folks back home want an end to the wrangling that has been going on since the first of the year."

The congressman said he believed that if Congress does not adjourn Saturday there "will not be enough members left to get a quorum in either the House or Senate."

Traffic Tragedy Trails Trip Of Deer Hunters

A tragic end to an otherwise enjoyable deer hunting trip came to a set of Elkton hunters Sunday, when Julius Repelager died as the result of an automobile accident at Saginaw.

The car was completely demolished as it was pushed across the crowded highway and turned over in the ditch.

Wall Esslinger, driver, was the least hurt in the wreck and is now at his home with his leg in a cast, following treatment by Dr. Imboden, Drain, Ross McDonald, a passenger in the car, was taken to a Eugene hospital for treatment of fractured shoulders and ribs. His condition is reported as "fair."

Julius Repelager is survived by his widow, Bessie, two stepsons, Gilbert and Irl Binder, and several nieces and nephews. Mills Funeral home at Cottage Grove was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Record One-Year Fund Given Interior Department

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The Interior Department Wednesday received the most money—\$384,098,797—ever given to it for a single year's operation.

President Truman signed a bill appropriating funds to the department for the fiscal year which began last July 1.

For the past three months, the department has been operating with allowances provided under special congressional resolutions.

The biggest slice of interior appropriations, \$354,014,510, goes to the reclamation bureau, with most of it earmarked for a half dozen major projects.

These include Davis dam, Ariz.-Nev., \$36,504,860; Central valley project, Calif., \$60,789,890; Colorado-Big Thompson, Colo., \$20,172,750; Hungry Horse, Mont., \$22,093,125; Columbia basin, Wash., \$68,000,000; and Missouri river basin, \$81,668,560.

Military Bill For Alaska, Okinawa Given House OK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The House passed unanimously Tuesday and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$203,000,000 worth of military construction in Alaska and Okinawa.

The bill would authorize a little over \$70,000,000 for improving the Army and Air Force bases on Okinawa. The rest would be spent by all three services in Alaska.

The bill does not carry any actual money, but simply authorizes the projects.

Congress would have to vote the money in a separate bill in order for the work to be carried out.

In a letter to Congress, President Truman asked \$60,000,000 in appropriations, and authority to make contracts up to \$92,612,470 for use in military construction in Alaska and Okinawa.

A Budget bureau report accompanying Mr. Truman's request did not state how much would be spent by each branch of service nor how much in either Alaska or Okinawa.

The bill passed by the house would authorize the army to spend \$6,720,000 on its headquarters at Fort Richardson, Alaska, and \$28,156,200 for improving Eielson field at Fairbanks. Much of this would be for living quarters and barracks.

Bill McFarland Takes Wire Installation Course

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN OSAKA, JAPAN—Private First Class Bill McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McFarland of Melrose Route, Roseburg, is now attending a 20-day course in wire chief instruction at the 8th Army signal school in Yokohama, Japan. The Army's school program is designed to expedite promotion within the enlisted grades.

In addition to fitting the soldier for a more responsible position and increased rank, the program also furnishes the soldier with a skill which he can utilize upon his return to civilian life, either at the end of his enlistment or upon retirement.

The citron is one of the oldest citrus fruits known to man, and is mentioned in the early part of the Bible.

Harry Bridges' Effort To Block His Trial Fails

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Defense motions seeking to block the trial of Harry Bridges on charges of perjury and conspiracy to defraud were denied Wednesday by Federal District Judge George B. Harris.

This means the CIO longshore leader will go on trial before a jury in Judge Harris' court Nov. 14, barring any further legal intervention.

Bridges is accused of perjury in testifying in his 1945 naturalization hearing that he was not and had never been a Communist. He is accused of defrauding by obtaining his naturalization through alleged perjury.

Harris ruled Bridges was not placed in double jeopardy as the defense contended. The judge said Bridges had never been prosecuted for the crimes charged. He held conspiracy to defraud in obtaining naturalization comes under the war time extension of the three year statute of limitations. The defense had con-

45 Crime Pictures In Comic Book; Ban Asked

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Forty-five of the 72 pictures in the comic book "Murder, Inc." showed crimes being committed, Dep. Pros. F. A. Walterskirchen said yesterday in recommending that the book be barred from the newsstands.

The crimes included three robberies, four assaults, two threats to kill, one hit-run, two count-punchings of felons, a burglary, three conspiracies, one larceny in sale of stolen property, and kidnaping and a murder.

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tended prosecution was barred because the indictment was returned more than three years after the offenses charged.



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- orange marmalade

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