

## Quarrel Between Army And Other Armed Services Stems From Act Unifying Branches Of Defense

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The quarrel between the navy and the other armed services has its roots in the unification act.

Congress first passed that act in 1947 and then tightened and toughened it this year. It has this purpose:

To make the armed services work together better as a team, produce better planning, save money on purchasing equipment, and so on.

This is a brief explanation of how the act and the trouble grew:

Until 1947 the Army and Navy were completely independent of each other. The Air Force was part of the Army.

Each had two heads, military and civilian. This way: Army, chief of staff and secretary of the war department; Navy, chief of naval operations and secretary of the navy department. In both cases the civilian heads were over the military chiefs.

Further, the two secretaries operated independently and each was a member of the President's Cabinet. This meant they could go directly to the President with their problems or complaints against each other.

This set-up was changed by the unification act of 1947 and further changed by the revised law passed this year. This is the set-

up now:

The Air Force was separated from the Army. Now there are three military agencies: the Army, Navy and Air Force departments.

Each has its own top military man: army chief of staff, air force chief of staff, and chief of naval operations.

And each department has its own civilian secretary. But power was taken from the secretaries. They no longer are members of the President's cabinet.

That's because Congress created something new:

1. A department of defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force departments are all parts of the Department of Defense.

2. A secretary of defense (Louis Johnson) to head up the whole show. He's a member of the President's cabinet. He's boss over the three civilian secretaries.

And—those three civilian secretaries cannot carry their complaints to the President, unless Johnson approves. And they can't go to the President over Johnson's head. So he's top man of all.

The only one who can overrule him on questions of the Army, Navy and Air Force is the President, who is commander-in-chief.

For example: Navy Secretary Francis B. Matthews may think Johnson is wrong in wanting to drop 50,000 Navy men and officers from their jobs, and he may tell Johnson so. But if Johnson still says they're dropped, they're dropped.

Something else was added by the unification act. That body's called the joint chiefs of staff (JCS). It's made up of: The army chief of staff (General J. Lawton Collins); the Air Force chief of staff (General Hoyt S. Vandenberg); and the chief of naval operations. This job was held by Admiral Louis B. Denfeld until President Truman fired him Thursday.

There's a fourth top man—in fact, the top military man of the country—in the JCS. He's the chairman (General Omar Bradley). His job is to act as moderator. He has no vote.

What final authority do the members of the JCS have? Suppose the Army and Air Force chiefs think the Navy strength should be cut down, although the Navy chief disagrees. Is that 2 to 1 vote final and is the Navy cut down?

No, says Secretary Johnson. He told Congress the JCS members have final say-so on nothing that they can only recommend what should be done. He makes the final decision.

The admirals squirmed but were unable to block decision after decision to cut down Navy strength and ambition.

Before unification, it had been able, as an independent agency, to do its own planning, subject only to decisions by the President and Congress.

Finally, unable to do anything under the unification law to get what they wanted for the Navy, the admirals finally protested by making their feelings public.

### Pension Unrest Shows Social Security Need

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Three senators Saturday cited industrial unrest over pensions for workers—underscored by the steel strike—as evidence of a need for increasing social security retirement benefits.

Senators Humphrey (D-Minn.), Murray (D-Mont.) and Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) predicted in separate interviews that the drive by labor unions for company-financed pension plans will figure prominently in Senate debate next year on the House-approved social security bill.

"There is no doubt about it," Murray said, "Congress has got to increase retirement payments just as soon as possible."

DELIGHTFUL DUNKING  
ENNIS, Tex. — (AP) — Students poured their dimes into the till of one attraction at their school carnival.

For 10 cents they got three baseballs to throw at a target. When they hit the target it dumped a man into a big container of water.

The target: Superintendent of schools J. F. Gardner.



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

## Two Auto Firms Slate Shutdowns In Steel Strike

DETROIT, Nov. 1.—(AP)—The auto industry's first major shutdown resulting from the steel strike is slated for Friday, when Chrysler Corp. plans to close three divisions indefinitely.

The move will throw a majority of 35,000 Detroit area Dodge, DeSoto and Chrysler plant employees out of work.

Chrysler officials said they hoped to maintain production of Dodge trucks until Nov. 11, and to keep assembly lines moving at the Plymouth plant "as close to Thanksgiving as possible."

The last of the dwindling steel supplies will go into Plymouth cars, the corporation said.

"After all our steel is gone, we

won't be able to call our people back on any substantial basis for at least a month after the steel strike is settled," a spokesman added.

A few of the Dodge, DeSoto and Chrysler workers will be retained for inventory, parts and engine work.

The Ford Motor Co., also running short of steel, expects to start closing down its big Rouge plant Nov. 11.

"By Nov. 15, when the assembly lines there stop," reported Ford Vice President Ernest R. Breech, "we'll have 115,000 off the payroll."

General Motors Corp., third member of the automobile industry's "Big Three," already has closed a few of its plants temporarily for reallocation of steel supplies.

WAR AGAINST VD  
PORTLAND, — (AP) — An intensive campaign against venereal

disease in the Portland area has been started.

Dr. Norman A. David, director of the Portland-Multnomah county campaign, said millions of units of penicillin had been accumulated for use. He added that volunteer workers had begun distribution of 200,000 pamphlets and posters for the campaign.

## United States Jobs Abroad Held By 166 Women

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Nomination of Mrs. Eugenie Anderson of Red Wing, Minn., as ambassador to Denmark brings the total number of American women holding official posts in the United States foreign service today to 166. Mrs. Anderson, Democratic national committee woman, is the first woman to hold the post of ambassador to a foreign country, though three women have been named ministers.

Mrs. Perle Mesta, wealthy Mrs. Mrs. Erie and Newport socialite, is the most recent of these. Appointed minister to Luxembourg, she began her diplomatic service in the tiny duchy in August, attended by much fanfare. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rhoads was the first woman to hold a major diplomatic post. She was appointed minister to Denmark by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and served from April 1933 to August 1936. The other woman minister was the energetic Mrs. Daisy Harriman, whom President Roosevelt named minister to Norway on May 4, 1937. She resigned in 1940 after a dramatic escape to Sweden when the Germans invaded Norway.

Among other women serving abroad today are 11 women secretaries of embassies of legations and 50 vice consuls. Others are serving as foreign service officers and staff officers in American embassies and legations in all corners of the world. The women represent about one-

## U. S. Can Now Receive Historic Sites, Buildings

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—A national trust, created under a bill signed by President Truman, now can receive donations of historic sites and buildings.

It also will receive private contributions of funds to maintain such places.

The trust's program will supplement the federal government's efforts to preserve historic spots.

The legislation designates the

secretary of interior, the director of the national gallery of art, and the attorney general as members of the board of trustees of the trust. At least six additional trustees are to be named by the executive board of the national council for historic sites and buildings, a private organization.

tenth of the entire diplomatic corps. In addition, approximately 100 women are attached to the foreign service in office positions such as clerks, stenographers and telephone operators.

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