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Defense Less Costly Than War

Many people believe that another war is inevitable. Existing conditions would indicate the conclusion to be correct. On the other hand, various leaders, both civilian and military, have insisted that war can be avoided. But regardless of whether we believe we must fight again, or hold hopes that we need not engage in another armed conflict, it is plainly apparent that present conditions demand a strong military force.

The enemies arrayed against us in today's cold war recognize no civilized principles. They respect only one thing—might. Our enemies would not hesitate to move against us within the hour if they felt they could achieve victory at reasonable cost. But the fact that they would have extreme difficulty and more expense than they can withstand causes them to hold their hand. Until the world learns more peaceful ways—learns that might does not make right—we must remain strong.

U. S. Hesitant To Assume Leadership

We have erred as a nation, in our opinion, in failing to accept and exercise the position of world leadership to which we feel heir at the end of the last war.

Until that war, Great Britain had acted as world policeman. Her army and navy served as deterrents to aggression. It was when Great Britain permitted her military forces to become weak—when she experimented with appeasement, because she was weak—that the forces of aggression were unleashed.

Great Britain no longer can police the world. She has dropped far down the scale of nations in wealth and influence. The United States was expected to take over Britain's "beat," but, disliking the role, we have hesitated too long and now find our course strewn with obstacles.

Had we used our inherited authority and the power of our government to check new aggression in its early stages, we undoubtedly would be in much better and less expensive position today. We did not and therefore must pay the extra cost that procrastination always produces.

Public Unification Essential

World conditions today demand that we remain strong. To accomplish that purpose we have brought about unification of our armed forces and are training in uniform operations. But we also need public unification—unification of our thinking and cooperation. It is essential that the public be educated to our new role in world affairs. We must realize that instead of the small standing army and skeleton navy we have supported throughout our history we must have strength sufficient for any emergency. We no longer have time to prepare, permitting friendly allies to resist the enemy until we can build a civilian military force. We must be prepared at all times — adequately prepared.

We retain hope that overexpansion on the part of our enemies will bring about economic collapse. We can hope that internal friction, of which there is evidence, will shatter the cohesion of enemy powers. We can hope that the universal demand for peace will ultimately prevail. But this is wishful thinking. Realism demands that we anticipate and prepare for the worst while hoping for the best. To that end Armed Forces day is worthwhile.

Rice Valley Community Club Slates Card Party

The Rice Valley community club met at the hall Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Hartford hostess.

Plans were completed for the card party to be held at the hall Friday night.

Mrs. Glen Walker donated a piece of quilt top to the club. The group decided to buy materials and tie the quilt and have it ready for the bazaar which is to be held at the hall this fall.

Mrs. Archie Amorde of Sutherlin donated a two-burner hot-plate to the club. Mrs. Amorde was a visitor at the club meeting.

Those attending included Mrs. William Castor, Mrs. Ralph Emerson, Mrs. Wayne Rice, Mrs. Glen Walker, Mrs. LeRoy Churchill, Mrs. Frank Churchill, and the guest, Mrs. Amorde of Sutherlin. Mrs. Amorde is Mrs. Wayne Rice's mother.

NORTHWEST CENSUS UP

SEATTLE—(AP)—The four Pacific Northwest states and Alaska appeared today as likely to reach the 5,000,000 population mark.

The area census office reported a total of 4,973,123, with "mop up" work still continuing.

The figures to date: Washington 2,260,568; Oregon 1,476,047; Idaho 571,706; Montana 514,969; Alaska 115,813.

Traveling Salesmen Come High

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

to Argentina WILL PERSUADE PRESIDENT PERON TO GRANT MORE CIVIL LIBERTIES IN HIS COUNTRY."

Did you ever hear of a bad man being permanently BRIBED to be good?

FIND myself wanting to applaud vociferously the performance being put on for us Americans by Princess Fathia and her mother Queen Nazli of Egypt. You will recall that 19-year-old Fathia up and got herself engaged to an Egyptian commoner in San Francisco a while back, whereupon her brother the king abolished her title of princess, impounded her fortune, impounded the fortune of her mother the queen and ordered them both back to Egypt within 60 days.

Fathia tells her kingly brother to go jump in the lake, that she'll marry whom she pleases, and her mother announces that she will NOT return to Egypt until her father-headed son the king accepts and approves the marriage.

She adds: "Nothing matters to me except the happiness of this young couple."

YOU'D almost think Princess Fathia and Queen Nazli are running for office here in America. Anyway, they're putting on a show that any modern politician could be proud of.

Just a thought: These royal bloods of the Old World have had guaranteed security—AS LONG AS THEY FOLLOWED THE RULES. But when they kick over the traces and assert their independence their security (fortunes, titles, etc.) is TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM.

I think there's a moral to that. Those of us who seek political security by government handout will probably learn in time that as long as we obey all the rules and meekly do everything government tells us to do we'll be all right but if we ever start asserting our independence our names will be mud and our candy will be taken away from us.

ALL down through history, that has been the trouble with political security. The coin with which you have to buy it is your freedom as an individual to do as you please.

Boy Firebug Sent To Reformatory

SPOKANE, May 20. — (AP) — A youth who twice tried to burn his father-in-law's house and planned a third attempt was sentenced to a term in the reformatory Thursday.

Deputy prosecutor Dudley Wilson told the court Lawrence Riley's mother-in-law, seven children and his wife Betty, 19, were in the house when the attempts were made.

Judge Ralph Edgerton set at 20 years the maximum time for Riley, 20, to serve. The state parole board will determine the exact period.

Wilson said Riley had tried to set his father-in-law's house afire May 6 and again May 8.

Asked if the prosecutor's statements were correct, Riley replied, "that's just about the size of it."

"He (Riley) said he didn't think any of the children would be burned," the prosecutor said, "and

Anti-Trust Laws Denounced By U. S. Steel Chief

BOSTON, May 20. — (AP) — U. S. Steel President Benjamin Fairless said here "when every business man in America can be found guilty of violating the law, then there is something wrong with the law — and not the businessmen."

Fairless attacked what he called the "complete hodge-podge of so-called 'anti-trust' laws" in a speech at Boston's mid-century jubilee.

U. S. steel has figured in a Congressional investigation of the steel industry to determine if monopolistic practices are being employed.

"The minute any man successfully establishes himself in any business nowadays," Fairless declared, "he automatically becomes a potential jailbird."

Laws governing American business are not written in Congress but in the courts, he said, and the supreme court's interpretation of the law may be "vastly different" from the original intent of Congress in drafting the legislation.

If a businessman and his competitor quote the same price on a product, Fairless said, they may be accused of collusion and violation of the Sherman act.

If one tries to undersell his competitor by cutting his price he may be violating the Robinson-Patman act, he added.

"If he raises his price and his competitors don't, he goes out of business," he said. "If his competitors do follow his lead and raise their prices, too, he can stay in business, but he's right back where he started as far as the anti-trust laws are concerned."

Business needs a "complete re-

Truman Silence Admits Charges, Sen. Taft States

WASHINGTON, May 20. — (AP) — President Truman's refusal to discuss Republican charges of "political immorality" in his administration was taken by Senator Taft today as showing that the charges stand undisputed.

Taft, Ohio Republican who raised the accusation, referred to the no-comment stand taken by Mr. Truman at a White House news conference yesterday.

Taft, in a radio broadcast, said "the political immorality of the Truman administration has shaken the confidence of the people in their government."

He also said Mr. Truman "accused his opponents indiscriminately of greed and privilege but he said not a word about greed and privilege—and crime—in his home hawthick of Kansas City or in the White House itself."

Mr. Truman refused a Chicago Tribune reporter's request for comment, cracking that the Tribune would make all the comment necessary on that.

Mr. Truman, however, differed sharply with some of Taft's comments about "obstructionists," a label the President used on his congressional opponents in the big Democratic jubilee last Monday at Chicago.

He said he wanted both Democratic and Republican "obstructionists" removed from Congress. He explained that an obstructionist was against everything suggested for the welfare of the people. He added that the term did not apply to members of Congress who vote against only part of his program.

Deficit? Not Alarming

Mr. Truman discussed the federal budget deficit briefly, but not in direct connection with Taft's argument that the Truman spending policies could lead the country into bankruptcy.

There is nothing alarming in the deficit, Mr. Truman told questioners, and he intends to keep on using federal funds to prevent another war.

He said that he'd eventually balance the budget, that what he was trying to do now is to prevent war.

Mr. Truman, referring to the Republican-sponsored reduction of income taxes in 1947, said the deficit grew out of what he called that insane tax bill.

Nation's Polio Cases In 1950 May Break Records

NEW YORK—(AP)—Polio, infantile paralysis, may break records this year.

Already there are more cases in the first sixteen weeks of 1950 than for the same period last year, when polio set a new high, 42,375 cases.

These statements are from Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and appear in the Journal, New York Medicine.

After last year's record-breaking epidemics of polio, authorities were cautious about making any sort of predictions about this year. Polio never has been reliably predictable.

Polio occurs at all seasons, including the dead of winter. Only the epidemics are confined to summer.

"Despite the pessimistic outlook," Dr. Van Riper added, "Prospects for adequate patient care are better than ever before."

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Profitable Year Ahead, Treasury Chief Declares

MEMPHIS, May 20. — (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said Thursday that 1950 "will be one of the most profitable business years in our history."

"There is sound basis for confidence in the business outlook for our nation," he said in a speech to the convention of the Tennessee Bankers association.

Reciting that business profits this year "are less likely to be held down by inventory losses since commodity prices have shown a firm trend for nearly a year," Snyder questioned whether new capital outlays by business will be cut back as much as was earlier estimated.

He said strong points in the business picture include high level home building, auto production and consumer incomes and spending.

The Treasury chief, described the growing labor force as "one of the nation's biggest assets for future progress," but added: "To realize our full potential for business profits and national income, new jobs must be developed in step with our growing population. In the longer run, as our population grows, new jobs must be created by the initiative and vision of both management and job seekers."

"Since only a sampling of terminations was made, I would hesitate to hazard a guess as to the full extent of fraud and over-payments," Warren said.

definition of lawful business conduct," Fairless stated.

Frauds On War Contracts Soar Into Millions

WASHINGTON, May 20. — (AP) — Comptroller General Lindsay Warren told Congress today a small sampling has uncovered \$25,000,000 of fraud and waste in settlement of war contracts.

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