

Gap Between Alarm Clock Blast, Wife's Lecture Man's Worst Hour

NEW YORK (AP) — Mankind's finest hour, I think, occurs every morning he doesn't want to get up and go to work, and does.

It occurs between the first shocking explosion of the alarm clock and the last lecture by his wife on the obligations of an employe and family breadwinner in this changing world.

"This is positively the last time I'm going to tell you to get up," a man's wife says with all the smugness of a woman who has

been up a full eight minutes. For the man who has to get up—and the fact that he has to get up is worse than the actual getting up—it is a time of terrible temptation and pain, of soul-searching and searing imagination. It is also a moment of glory, dearly won.

It is a time when man exhibits the best and worst in him. But the worst is not enough to keep him from going to work and the best is not enough to make him get out of bed gracefully.

In this dreadful hour, every man is a poet alone, a boy without a mother, a rebel without conviction, a boy scout without a scoutmaster to lead him in his duty. He is lost and alone with his conscience.

He alone must make the fateful decision. He alone must distinguish between his condition as he first imagines it and his condition as it really is.

A man, starting the day is ready to believe anything about his health except that he's strong enough to go to work.

He feels an ache in his back, which becomes incredible pain, or could become incredible pain. As he looks into the dark future and sees himself in a wheel chair, he is brave.

He hopes he will not become too much of a burden on his loved ones. We'll all have to be brave and we'll all have to do our bit, he thinks, and already he is blown up with pride over the picture of the stiff upper lip his family will show.

But slowly reality begins to peck away at his thought. This is silly, he says. Why do I hope—I mean, who do I fear I have something seriously wrong with my back? Don't cross any bridges until you see a doctor.

Still, the man reasons, it would be silly to go on feeling this way. I'd be no good in the office today, for sure. A man in this condition could make a wrong move, could cost his firm a fortune, might even put thousands of people out of work. Whose conscience would fall on?

Reality is still infiltrating, inexorably. Suddenly the concrete fortress our man has built up falls apart. Behind his back, he feels a lump.

Somehow during the night, he had wadded up his pillow and slept with the pillow under his spine, instead of under his head.

Still, the wish fights on to the last, and the man says, regardless of how silly the cause, a sore back is still a sore back, and he'd be no good at the office, and suddenly he finds himself in the bathroom shaving.



RECORDS SHAPE BIRTHDAY REPORT—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower addresses a battery of microphones at his headquarters near Paris as he makes an advance recording of his SHAPE organization's first annual report. Ike's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe, the military arm of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, was one year old April 2, 1952. (AP Wirephoto)

Justice Douglas Urges Revolt Of Peasants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should promote a peasants' revolt for "social justice" in underdeveloped countries, says Supreme

Court Justice William O. Douglas. He spoke at the opening session Monday of the three-day national conference on International Economic and Social Development.

President Truman is the keynote speaker Tuesday night. Point Four aid to backward

countries now tends to keep economic and social conditions as they are, Douglas said.

He urged "non-Communist American revolution of social justice" to spread production benefits in such areas more evenly among the people.

Defense Fund Cut For 1953 Backed By Rep. Vinson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Vinson D. of the House Armed Services committee said Monday the United States will have "an almost completely modern" defense force by the middle of 1956.

Vinson threw his support behind a pruned \$46,600,000 defense budget for next year.

He said it "cannot be further reduced without jeopardizing the security of this nation."

The House Appropriations Committee chopped \$4,200,000,000 from original military requests for \$50,821,022,770 in reaching the budget now under House debate.

Vinson strongly opposed a provision written into the budget to limit the number of military officers in each grade.

This, he said, would mean the demotion of between 24,000 and

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25,000 officers when the 1953 fiscal year begins next July 1.

"Let's not encourage the development of mediocrity," he added, "by limiting the opportunity for promotion."

What Budget Would Permit
Vinson said the trimmed budget would permit this military strength by July 1, 1953.

An Army of 1,550,000 men and 20 combat divisions; a Navy of approximately 870,000 men and 2,434 operating ships; a 95-wing Air Force.

By the middle of 1956, he said, the military services will have completed the expensive program of modernizing and equipping their forces, including a 143-group Air Force.

He predicted some reduction in defense expenditures before then and substantial reductions afterward.

It was evident he referred to a buildup without war.

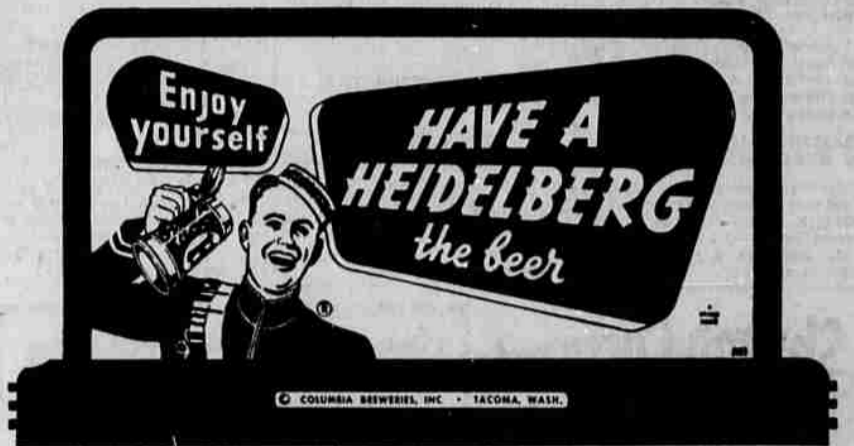
Vinson noted that the revised

budget is 10 billion dollars less than Congress voted in military funds for the present fiscal year, ending June 30.

CITY COURT CASES
Ten persons were arrested in municipal court today on drunk charges, Judge Ira B. Riddle reports.

Committed to the city jail in lieu of \$20 fines were Marion Hixon, 52, Brockway; Robert William Richmond, 52, no address; Arthur Addison Slaw, 32, Roseburg; Lloyd Wilbur Raiter, 31, 402 Lane St.; George Lyersly, 51, Roseburg, and Jack Woodrow Earhart, 29, Texas. Forfeiting \$20 bail each were Alfred Phillip Weld, 48, Roseburg; Raymond Preston McFarland, 24, Myrtle Creek; Ray Alvin Bednoshek, 29, Route 3, Box 35, Roseburg, and L. C. Parker, 39, Roseburg.

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