

Way Cleared To Start New Air Force Academy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force now has the way cleared to set up an officer-training academy like those of its older sisters, the Army and Navy.

President Eisenhower has signed a bill authorizing the Air Force Academy and containing these provisions:

1. Authority to spend 125 million dollars on it, including 25 million to do preliminary work and start classes in temporary headquarters next year.
2. Instructions to the secretary of the Air Force to appoint a five-man commission to choose the site. He is to be bound by its decision if it is unanimous, otherwise to choose one of three locations a majority recommends.

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Confederate Vet Dies At Age 108

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Thomas Evans Riddle, private in the Army of Tennessee, doughty veteran of the Nebraska Navy, and proud colonel of the Confederate Air Force, is dead today.

Just two weeks shy of his 108th birthday, Riddle died Friday to leave only four surviving veterans of the Civil War. The white-haired little man with the shy, pixie smile had been ill since January. First he had pneumonia, then a failing heart, but his grim battle for survival astounded doctors. They said old age killed him.

He died at the Texas Confederate home for men where he had played dominoes, met old friends and newsmen, and stayed in bed most of the time since January 1950. He had wanted to live to be 110 and to die at his home in Wichita Falls, Tex. He is scheduled to be buried, his family said today, at Burkburnett, Tex. When has not been decided.

EXHIBITS GUNS

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U.S. Army hauled out two of its atomic guns in a farewell review for retiring Gen. Thomas T. Handy, deputy commander of the European command.



TAKES MCCARTHY PROBE JOB—Members of the Senate Investigation subcommittee pose in Washington, D. C., with Samuel P. Sears, second from left, a Boston lawyer who has been appointed special counsel for its investigation of the dispute between Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) and Army officials. Left to right: Senator Karl Mundt (R-SD), who will preside at the hearings; Sears; Senators John McClellan (D-Ark) and Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). (AP Wirephoto.)

Sen. Morse Began For Election Of More Democrats

MEDFORD (AP) — A "massive retaliation against recession" is needed in Oregon and throughout the nation, Sen. Wayne Morse said in a talk.

Morse, who bolted the Republican Party to become an independent, told approximately 500 persons who attended the fourth annual Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial dinner that a public works program would help.

He called for construction of roads, schools and hospitals and for "full and prompt" development of the region's hydroelectric resources.

"At the minimum, John Day Dam and Ice Harbor should be put under construction at the earliest possible moment. Certainly The Dalles and Chief Joseph dams should be kept on schedule," he said.

He called for election of a Democratic Congress. "Give us Democrats we can work with who will not go along with (Secretary of the Interior) McKay's private utility gang. And give us a senator and congressman who will work for Hells Canyon," he said.

Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, was toastmaster. Joseph K. Carson, Portland attorney and Democratic candidate for governor, introduced Morse.

QUITS IN PROTEST

TRIESTE (AP) — The Italian mayor of the Allied Zone of Trieste said Friday that Rome's official political adviser here has quit in protest against Allied delays in returning the zone to Italy. The adviser, Prof. Diego de Castro, is the top Italian diplomat in the territory.



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Cahill's Hearing Slated For Monday At Taft

TAFT, Ore. (AP) — A preliminary hearing for Otto W. Cahill on a charge of taking \$750 from water district funds is scheduled tentatively for Monday afternoon.

Cahill, who already has asserted he is innocent, is free on \$3,000 bond.

Cahill was secretary of the water district, but was recalled in January. He has said he has a signed receipt for the money from the water district treasurer. The treasurer died a week after the date of the receipt.

Cahill also has been a leader of a group critical of law enforcement in Lincoln County. A grand jury now is investigating that.

Newspaperman Jack Lait Passes At Age Of 82

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Death has taken versatile, prolific newspaperman Jack Lait, 82, editor of the New York Daily and Sunday Mirror.

A reporter and executive of Hearst newspapers for more than half a century, he died at his home here Thursday after an illness of nearly two years.

Lait, who found time to write vaudeville sketches, screen plays, stage plays, novels and columns during a busy career, suffered a stroke and went to a hospital last December.

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Unemployment Rate Decreases During March

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reports that unemployment increased by 54,000 in March to a total of 3,725,000. It was the smallest monthly increase in six months.

The Census Bureau, in releasing the figures, said unemployment "levelled off."

And officials said "it looks like unemployment is stabilizing."

Slide Engulfs Bulldozer And Kills Its Operator

WALLACE, Idaho (AP) — Six pieces of county highway equipment was stranded Friday on Moon Pass in the wake of a sudden snow slide that engulfed a bulldozer and killed the operator.

Frank Herman, 66, of Osburn, Idaho, died in the cab of his bulldozer under five feet of earth and snow. Leo Shaughnessy, 65, of Wallace, Idaho, was buried briefly but rescued unharmed.

A Two-pronged slide roared down a cliff without warning Thursday as crews were working on the Wallace-Avery road 25 miles south of here.

Three other men, A. L. Mitchell, Tom Ludwig and Sonny Laverne, were standing between the two prongs of the slide and weren't hurt.

Rescuers who had to walk through drifts up to four feet removed Herman's body about 10 p. m. Thursday night. He had been a county employee 21 years.

The men had cut slits in the sacks for the eyes and mouth. They wore striped overalls. One of them waved a gun.

The Friday holdup of Miller's Tavern on the north side of Spokane was the second here recently by men wearing paper sacks to hide their identity.

Don Miller, whose father owns the tavern, said the cooler wasn't locked and that they all got out when they heard the men leave.

11 CONVICTED

VIENNA (AP) — A Czech court in Usti Nad Labem has convicted 11 persons on charges of high treason and sabotage, radio Prague reported.



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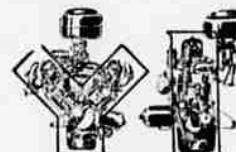
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