

Democratic Senators Ask Delayed Military Cutbacks Until Formosa Tension Eases

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic senators suggested Tuesday that the administration delay planned cutbacks in the Marine Corps and Army ground forces until tension lessens in the Formosa area.

Sens. Stennis (D-Miss.) and Robertson (D-Va.) expressed this view at a public hearing by a Senate appropriations subcommittee on the 35-billion-dollar defense money bill for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Secretary of the Navy Thomas was in the witness chair. He had told the senators the \$8,918,000,000 proposed for the Navy and Marine Corps will provide "a force which can withstand the initial onslaught (of an enemy) and strike back with weight and precision."

"We are keeping a very strong military posture to defend the country," Thomas said.

Stennis noted the Marine Corps plans a cutback of 19,000 officers

and men, reducing its force to about 193,000.

Stennis told Thomas that conditions in the Formosa Strait "are not getting better."

"That's correct," Thomas said. "If we should go into action on Quemoy and Matsu we could expect no help from our Asiatic or European allies," Stennis continued.

Thomas said this was true but

repeated several times that the planned cutbacks would "not affect the basic striking power" of the Marines or the Navy.

The planned reduction in Navy personnel will take its strength down to 657,000 on June 30, 1956, as compared with the high of 820,000 at the Korean War broke out.

"But these are the front line," Stennis pressed. "They are ready to go into action immediately. Why

are you reducing the mobile forces of the Army and Marine Corps? Why don't you delay this planned reduction until things clear up?" Stennis persisted.

Thomas said he and Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Marine commander, could answer these questions later behind closed doors at an executive session.

Committee sentiment, as evidenced in questions, has been lean-

ing toward raising the defense fund if any change is made.

But Sen. Chavez (D-NM) subcommittee chairman, said in an interview before Tuesday's session that he didn't know what Congress could do if the administration was determined to go through with planned cutbacks.

"We can't force them to spend the money, even if we give it to them," Chavez said.

Senator Requests UN Veto Change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) said Tuesday he believes the United States should vote for a United Nations charter revision conference which could consider changes in U. N. Security Council veto provisions.

A Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee now is studying proposals for changes in the U. N. charter. The group has scheduled hearings April 9 in San Francisco and April 11 in Denver, Colo. These are due to be followed by a windup session here later, with former Presidents Hoover and Truman among the invited witnesses.

As a subcommittee member, Sparkman said he has become convinced some revisions could be made in the 10-year-old U. N. charter and that these changes might make the organization more effective for world peace.

SPEAKER GETS TEA SET

SALEM (AP) — Speaker of the House and Mrs. Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls, were given a sterling silver tea set this week by members of the House.

The presentation was made by Rep. Charles A. Tom, Rufus.

After thanking the House for its cooperation during the session, Geary said:

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Yoncalla Scout Patrol Leaders To Get Training

By MRS. GEORGE EDES

A training program for Boy Scout patrol leaders and assistants will be held in the near future according to the Yoncalla Lions Club Scout committee.

The training program will consist of six indoor classroom sessions, one hike and one overnight camp.

The Yoncalla Lions Club sponsors Boy Scout Troop 44 with Keith Van Krevelen as committee chairman. Russell Owen is the Scoutmaster.

Bill Benner was host to a meeting of Order of the Arrow Friday evening at his home. He is charter chief. Officials present at the meeting were Lynn Reiten, lodge chief, and Ernie Cristler, past lodge chief, who presented a ritual and dance costumes of Order of the Arrow.

Business matters discussed were elections for Bohemia Chapter to be held in Drain and Yoncalla.

I.O.O.F.

PHILETIAN LODGE No. 8 Meets Every Thurs., 8 p.m. Visiting Brothers Welcome Noble Grand, Arte Stephens Secretary, T. B. Busenark

Tim Ellis has asked that any one interested in promoting the Scout movement, to contact him. Two den mothers, two committee members and one assistant scoutmaster is needed at the present time.

To Drain

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Aumon who have been living in one of the Yoncalla Lumber Company's cabins moved to Drain last week, where Aumon has employment.

Ralph Westenheiser and Miss Minerva Westenheiser of Vida visited relatives here last week.

Walt Lunney, who nearly lost his left arm in a mill accident about a month ago is now at home recuperating. He still is unable to work for several months.

Mrs. John Lewey was called to Coos Bay last week due to the serious illness of her brother.

Monday Visitors

Mrs. Don Wise and two children; Mrs. Frank England, and Mrs. Les Morris and daughter spent Monday visiting at the Tom Benefield home in Sutherlin.

Tyrell Wise, who is with the U.S. Army at Broughton, Penn., arrived home Saturday for a three week furlough. Wise will return to Pennsylvania until the last of June, when he will have completed his enlistment.

Denouncement Of FDR Yalta Decisions Hit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. George (D-Ga.) described a Republican document denouncing Franklin D. Roosevelt's Yalta decisions as "a sort of rabble rouser" Tuesday but predicted it will turn out to be a political dud.

But Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), chairman of the GOP Senatorial Campaign Committee, said the paper "will show the American people that they shouldn't return a party to power which engaged in such a sell-out." Goldwater predicted the Yalta record "will have great political implications in 1956."

He and George, who heads the Foreign Relations Committee, spoke in separate interviews.

The document says the atomic bomb "was in Mr. Roosevelt's pocket one month before" the February, 1945 big three Yalta meeting.

It says, too, that Russia had agreed to enter the Pacific War against Japan three months before Roosevelt met with Churchill and Stalin at Yalta, and that the wartime President knew it.

Confession Puzzles Bay Area Authorities

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Philip D. Zemansky, San Francisco contractor, was released to his family last night after a dozen allib witnesses disproved his story that he had strangled a drinking companion.

Sheriff Earl Whitmore said it remained a mystery why Zemansky, 44, and confessed something he couldn't have done.

Also still a mystery was why Zemansky had attempted to take his own life by running exhaust gas into his automobile last Friday night. Officers said he would have died if his car had not run out of gas.

Whitmore reported Sunday night that Zemansky in the hospital told of strangling a man whose body was found a week ago in an abandoned building near Rockaway Beach. The body was hung by a cord from a beam.

VATICAN PAPER CHARGES

VATICAN CITY (AP) — L'Osservatore Romano says Argentina is a totalitarian state. The Vatican newspaper made the charge in replying to Buenos Aires suggestions for an end to Roman Catholicism's favored position as the state church in Argentina.

ATOMIC WARFARE TRAINING

BONN, Germany (AP) — Communist East Germany's army has started atomic warfare training for its officer corps. Western intelligence officials said Tuesday.

Troops in this 120,000-man force will receive similar training when the officers have completed their courses, the officials said.

"Thus far the training of the 'Red Wehrmacht's' officers has concentrated on defense against atomic attacks."

DOG'S BEST FRIEND—Lewis Kay, Forman University student, cuddles the pet puppy he risked his life to save from drowning in a well near Taylors, S. C. Kay was lowered into the 45-foot well. Getting out, 15 minutes later, was harder. He had to brace his feet against the sides, which started to crumble away.



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