

Marine Strength Irks Ike

Solons Seeking Corps Increase

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower "has his hackles up" over the Senate Appropriations Committee's plan to increase Marine Corps strength, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen said today.

The increase is part of the \$39,600,000,000 defense appropriations bill for the fiscal year which began July 1. The Senate opens debate on the measure today.

The bill would provide \$346,139,000 more than the President requested in his budget and 746 million dollars more than the House voted.

With an additional 450 million dollars from revolving funds, it would give the Defense Department a 40 billion dollar drawing account.

Dirksen (R-Ill.) said the President was concerned with the plan to boost the Marine Corps strength from 175,000 men to 200,000 because such a mandatory floor on forces would involve continuing cost increases.

The Republican leader did not say whether administration forces in the Senate would try to override the appropriations committee and knock out the proposed increase.

But there was a possibility that the Senate would be asked to override the committee in the opposite direction and vote an increase in Army strength.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) considered offering a proposal for a 100,000-man regular Army instead of the budgeted 870,000-man strength. He was unsuccessful with the proposal in the appropriations committee and its military subcommittee.

As approved by the appropriations committee, the Senate bill would build up both nuclear retaliatory punch and the nation's ability to fight so-called "limited" wars.

Girl Unable To Explain Setting Fire

ELMIRA, N.Y. (UPI)—An attractive 15-year-old girl was unable today to explain why she deliberately set fire to her home, killing six of her sisters and a brother whom she loved "very dearly," police reported.

Psychiatric tests were scheduled for sandy-haired Jane Shusko, one of 10 children, who admitted she threw a lighted match on some papers in a clothes closet late Saturday night. The ensuing fire swept her family's home in a two-story, two-family house in a middle-class neighborhood, resulting in the asphyxiation of her sisters and brother, ranging in age from 2 to 12 years.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Lillian Shusko, 39, who was sitting on the front porch when the fire broke out, escaped uninjured. A sister, Catherine, 13, rescued the other child, 11 months, with the assistance of a neighbor. The father, Michael, 41, was at work at a cooperative milk plant where he is a farming machine operator.

Authorities said the fire swept the home so rapidly that rescue of the seven victims was impossible.

Convicts Seize Mine Foremen

PETROS, Tenn. (UPI)—Prisoners at the Brushy Mountain State Prison here seized three coal mine foremen today and were holding them hostage inside a mine shaft.

Warden Frank Llewellyn said 116 prisoners are involved in the trouble at the prison, where convicts mine extensive coal operations.

Llewellyn said he was not sure why the prisoners were in revolt. The warden identified the hostages as Ben Davis, Earl Hensley and Sherry Bunch. The foremen are hired by the mines to work the convicts in the prison.

Llewellyn said "we'll find out later" what the prisoners want. He said they did not make any immediate demands.

The No. 7 mine where the prisoners were holding up is located on top of a mountain overlooking the prison walls.



AN EXCITING FISHING TRIP

Ken Satturday, a junior at Eastern Oregon College, caught his limit of trout on Indian Creek Saturday and finished the day by killing a six foot, 300 pound black bear. "It was the first bear I'd seen outside of a zoo," Ken said. He shot the bear three times with a .22 calibre pistol. The bear charged him across the creek and then reared up and died — a bullet behind his ear. (Observer Photo)

Treason Charges Are Dropped Against Pair In 'Germ' Case

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Treason charges in the Powell-Schuman "germ warfare" case were dismissed today because the government has failed to obtain Grand Jury indictments.

The defendants were John W. Powell, 40, and his wife, Sylvia, 39, San Francisco, and Julian Schuman, New York City, who put out a Communist line magazine, the China Monthly Review, in Shanghai during the Korean War.

They were accused of treason in complaints filed Jan. 30 when sedition proceedings against them ended in a mistrial. At that time, former U. S. Attorney Robert

Schmucke predicted that the treason case would go on trial within 60 days.

U. S. Commissioner Joseph Karsh dismissed the complaint which the government failed to present two eye-witnesses of an overt act of treason in order to establish a probable cause for the complaint. He noted the complaints were filed five months ago.

However, U. S. attorney Lynn Gillard said that an investigation of treason aspects of the case are continuing and will continue. He pointed out that new treason complaints could be filed at any future time.

Mrs. Doris Brin Walker, defense attorney, said "The reason they

don't have the witnesses is that they just never existed. The reason is they have committed no crime. It's that simple."

The Constitution says treason requires two witnesses to the same overt act. Gillard said possible witnesses are scattered all over the world and many are still in Red China.

The Department of Justice in Washington has given Gillard no authorization to seek an indictment, he said. A Grand Jury held over its normal term to consider the Powell-Schuman case was dismissed last month.

The Powells and Schuman were indicted originally April 25, 1956, for sedition, after a congressional investigation of the case. Two senators had urged treason charges, but the Justice Department chose to prosecute the lesser charge.

The sedition case did not come to trial until nearly three years later. During its course, U. S. Judge Louis E. Goodman observed out of hearing of the jury that the government had made a "prima facie" (on the face) showing of treason.

But news reports of his remarks caused Goodman to declare a mistrial because he feared the jury might have been prejudiced.

Five Are Rescued From Ocean Surf

GEARHART (UPI)—Five people were rescued from the surf here Sunday in two separate incidents.

Lifeguards Ralph Davis, Portland, and George Crandell, Seaside, performed the rescues.

Gearhart Marshal Carsten Sjol said Miss Vera Spitzer, 20, and Miss Suellen Rice, 18, were pulled more than 100 yards beyond the breakers by the surf before the surfers reached them with towels and a buoy. Neither girl was hurt, but Miss Spitzer had to be revived with first aid.

In a later rescue, three persons were pulled from the tide. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Plunkett, Portland, and Jim Sorte, Missoula, Mont.

STEEL FIRMS BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN MILLS ON STRIKE'S EVE

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The nation's major steel firms began the complex process of closing down furnaces and mills today on the eve of an impending walkout by 500,000 steel workers.

With contract negotiations broken off in New York and the contract extension due to expire at midnight Tuesday, the companies, representing 90 per cent of the nation's steel production, began the tedious job for the second time in two weeks.

Shutdown operations were started the week end prior to June 30

when the original contract was to expire, but the extension resulted in resumption of production.

"Preliminary work, which includes the banking of blast furnaces, began over the week end in Pittsburgh," a U.S. Steel Corp. spokesman said. "We will begin shutting down coke ovens today."

Banking of blast furnaces was slated to start today or tonight at U.S. Steel's Tennessee Coal and Iron Division at Birmingham, Ala., and at Republic Steel Corp.'s works at Gadsden, Ala.

In the Chicago area, U.S. Steel will start banking its furnaces at midnight tonight at its Gary and South Gary works, which employ a total of about 33,000 workers. Inland Steel planned to begin shutting down its East Chicago and Indiana Harbor works at the same time.

Shutting down steel mill operations involves a gradual process of emptying or banking due to the danger of damaging refractory brick linings. The linings are kept warm to protect them from sharp temperature changes.

Steel Wage Negotiators Heed Ike's Plea To Resume Talks

Western Powers Won't Negotiate If Russians Insist On 'Time-Bomb'

GENEVA (UP) — The western powers called on Russia today to scrap its Berlin time-bomb once and for all if it wants a summit meeting.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter told Russia's Andrei Gromyko in unequivocal terms that the west will not negotiate under an ultimatum, duress or the continued threat of a new Berlin crisis.

Written Evidence Wanted

BENEVA (UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter today challenged the Soviets to confirm in writing that they have withdrawn their threat to Berlin. He said such written evidence is the West's price for a summit meeting.

Herter bluntly told Russia's Andrei Gromyko at the resumed Big Four talks that any Berlin "truce" must be put down in writing to minimize the danger of subsequent differing interpretations.

He warned that mere reliance on so-called facts that speak for themselves would not satisfy the West.

Gromyko issued a statement June 28 in Moscow in which he withdrew the Soviet's 18-month ultimatum on Berlin and hinted strongly that the Kremlin would take no unilateral action against the city at the end of an interim agreement.

Herter was the chairman and first speaker at the East-West talks resumed after a recess from June 29.

Reds Claim Successful Dog Rocket

LONDON (UPI)—The Soviet news agency Tass said today that another dog-carrying rocket was successfully launched and recovered July 10.

Tass said the ballistic rocket weighed 4,840 pounds and carried two dogs. It said the dogs and the equipment were recovered. It was the second such space flight reported by the Russians since the launch of the "space rocket" carrying two dogs and a rabbit.

The United States on May 28 shot two small female monkeys to a height of 300 miles and recovered them alive after a 1,500 mile journey over the Atlantic. Able, a 7-pound Rhesus monkey, died a few days later while undergoing an operation for the removal of an electrode from under its skin. Baker, a 1-pound spider monkey, is still alive.

The report of the latest space flight followed a Russian practice of withholding announcements until several days after the event. The July 2 launch was not announced until July 6.

Before the news of the last two flights, the Russians had not announced an animal launching for nearly a year. But they indicated that such flights had been made. For example, they said one of the dogs involved in the July 2 space journey was making its third ascent.

The Russians also seemed to be timing their space shots to coincide with international meetings. The Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference resumed in Geneva today.

The July 6 announcement coincided with the opening in Moscow of the International Cosmic Ray Conference.

TEEN-AGE MARRIAGES

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—County school officials are cracking down on teen-aged motherhood and marriage. They announced Friday that henceforth expectant mothers will be permanently ousted from high school. In addition, grade transcripts will be withheld from students who marry secretly.

USSERY GETS FOUR
NEW YORK (UPI)—Bobby Ussery added four winners to his Belmont Park jockey lead Friday. Ussery scored with Mr. Jupiter in the fourth, Snow Fight in the featured sixth, Mustato in the seventh and Pellita in the eighth.

OLD FASHIONED BIT OF ADVICE

CORDOVA, Tenn. (UPI)—Jimmy Humphreys, 12, lecturing to a county 4-H club meeting, displayed charts and lists of poisons to deal in modern, scientific fashion with almost every insect pest that bedevils farmers.

He added one bit of old-fashioned advice: "The best way to destroy that old tomato horn worm is just pick him off and stomp him."

Navy Men Rebel In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—Rebellious naval officers tried to hold the Argentine fleet in Buenos Aires Harbor today to force the resignation of Adm. Adolfo B. Estvez as secretary of the navy but it appeared the move would fail.

The new rebellion was part of a series against the government of President Arturo Frondizi by military men who believe he has been too lenient with the followers of former Dictator Juan B. Peron. There have been several such crises since early summer.

The frigate Heroína sailed out of the harbor shortly after a command conference aboard the carrier Independence Sunday and it was expected the rest of the fleet would follow this morning.

But nearly two hours after the scheduled departure, only two destroyers and one cruiser of the 25-ship flotilla had left. Tenston was heightened by reports that officers at the Mar del Plata and Bahía Blanca bases were supporting the ouster demand.

It was recalled that a navy threat to bombard Buenos Aires forced Peron to flee into exile four years ago. There was no indication that any such ultimatum had been made by the dissenting naval officers.

The fleet was assembled in the harbor for Independence Day celebrations last Thursday and was scheduled to leave today.

The tense situation began Saturday when eight high-ranking naval officers sent an emissary to Estvez to demand he get out of office.

Tuesday Is Strike Deadline

NEW YORK (UPI)—Steel wage negotiators heeded a last-minute plea by President Eisenhower and agreed to resume their talks today in an effort to sign a contract that would avert a crippling steel strike at midnight Tuesday.

The union took the initiative in setting up the meeting after President Eisenhower said in Washington that sufficient time remained for the negotiators to reach an agreement.

Union President David J. McDonald emphasized that the union was not extending the contract and said the strike deadline still stands. However, he said he agreed with the President that there is time left to settle the dispute.

Eisenhower made his statement through Press Secretary James C. Hagerty after conferring with Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell.

"There is opportunity and time for settlement to be reached before the strike deadline," Hagerty's announcement said. "In the interests of union members, the steel companies and the public, the President hopes that the union and the industry will continue to work for a settlement."

Says Agreement Possible
The White House said the President did not plan to intervene directly in the dispute. The statement was his second appeal for renewed negotiations. The first resulted in a two-week extension in negotiations, ending at midnight Tuesday.

Shortly after the President's statement was issued, McDonald sent a telegram to Eisenhower pledging that the union is "prepared to remain in continuous session" in order to conclude a fair "noninflationary" settlement. McDonald said an agreement can be reached before the strike deadline "if the industry meets us halfway."

"We are going to give it the all-American try," McDonald said before entering the bargaining session.

McDonald indicated that a contract extension was possible "if we could make a deal before the deadline."

He said the union is ready to engage in continuous talks up to the strike deadline.

Government Stays Out
In Washington, Joseph F. Finnegan, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service said he had "no intention of moving at this time." He said he might offer his agency's services if they were needed sometime in the future.

Two Take Oath As Citizens

In circuit court this morning, Judge W. F. Brownton heard Mrs. Doris McClay and Carl Joseph Edenholm "renounce all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince," as they took their oath of citizenship.

Edenholm who is 91, of Swedish birth, is one of the oldest petitioners for citizenship in the past few years according to Le Roy Schilling, United States Naturalization Examiner.

Mrs. McClay who has lived in La Grande for 13 years, has three children. Her son John accompanied her to court.

The majority of the hearing consisted of taking and signing the oath where the petitioners also promised to "support and defend the constitution and laws of the United States of America."

After signing the oath Judge Brownton officially welcomed the new citizens and commended them individually for their interest and wisdom for their years of happiness.

The new citizens were then directed to the county clerk's office where they were presented with their citizenship papers.

UNDERWATER MOUNTAINS
LONDON (UPI)—Soviet scientists on the marine exploration ship "Mikhail Lomonosov" have discovered several mountains under the Atlantic. Radio Moscow reported Friday. The ship explored the waters between Iceland and Greenland and then moved south to the latitude of Rio de Janeiro, the broadcast said. One of the mountain peaks rose 9,843 feet from the ocean floor, it was reported.



NEW CITIZENS
Mrs. Doris McClay and Joseph Edenholm (Observer Photo)