

Demands for Oatis Release Keep Growing

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—The state department said Tuesday that every day William M. Oatis remains in prison "he will serve as a reminder of communist tyranny."

The department made the statement in a "Voice of America" overseas broadcast as congress continued to receive demands that firm action be taken against Czechoslovakia for jailing the Associated Press Prague reporter on spy charges.

Rep. Bray (R-Ind), speaking on the annual state department appropriation bill, told the house that funds for the department

should be cut off until it "makes an honest, sincere and courageous attempt" to free Oatis.

Rep. Battle (D-Ala) introduced a resolution calling for the breaking off of United States-Czechoslovakian commercial relations until Czechoslovakia frees Oatis. If Oatis were not freed in 90 days then diplomatic relations would be severed.

The state department, which previously had termed Oatis' trial a farce, said today the correspondent had been railroaded to prison after an "infamous" trial. Yesterday, it announced that Czechoslovakia had refused its demand for Oatis' release.

The "Voice" broadcast today said no communist act against an individual "has aroused the American people to greater indignation than the railroadings" of the newsman to jail.

It referred to many editorial comments on the case and said they reflected the reaction of all "decent Americans to the infamous trial" in Prague.

U.S. Building For 180-Group Plane Output

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Marshall said Tuesday the United States is building airplane production capacity able to sustain an air force of 180 groups.

He made that comment at a news conference when asked about complaints in congress that the planned 95-group air force will not be large enough. Senator Lodge (R-Mass.), for one, has urged a force of 150 groups.

The number of planes in a group varies from 75 in a fighter group to as few as 18 in a group of the heaviest bombers.

Marshall's implication was that

production capacity is the important thing at the moment. His first spoke of production capacity for 195 groups, but his office later said he meant to say 180 groups.

Also in response to questions, Marshall said there has been no decision on whether the size of all the armed forces should be increased beyond the present planned figure of 3,500,000 men.

President Truman advised congress yesterday that an increase may be necessary.

Marshall said that October will be the month of decision on all military strength. That's when figures must be ready for the 1953 budget.

Acheson Warns Against Commie Propaganda Bait

DETROIT, July 25 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson declared Tuesday that if the free world relaxes and fails to build up defenses against Russian communism, it will face only two choices—"war or surrender."

It will take "several years" more of stepped-up defense building to erect an adequate barrier against communism's nine-million man armed forces, Acheson said in an address prepared for delivery here.

"The prospect may be hard and long. It may mean many more sacrifices for us, more shortages, higher taxes. But there is no easier way through the dangers of the present."

He repeatedly hammered a warning against any letdown or, as he called it, any swallowing of the "baited hooks of phony propaganda."

ACTRESS GETS DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, July 24 (AP)—Actress Sylvia Sidney won a divorce Tuesday from Carleton W. Alsop, public relations man. She said Alsop quit work soon after their marriage in 1947 "and never worked again."

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