

Military Budget Bill To Wait for Details of A-Weapon Progress

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23—(AP)—Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) told Secretary of Defense Lovett today the whole defense program must be recast if atomic weapons are available for land, sea, and air forces.

Security Cloak To Cover U.S. Civil Agencies

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, Sept. 23—(AP)—The administration shortly will wrap the shroud of military security more tightly around information in the civilian end of the government.

An executive order, said by White House spokesmen, will be "in the final drafting stage" awaiting the signature of President Truman.

The proposed order has been shown in confidence to a small group of editors who, officials concede, didn't like it. They have not condemned it publicly, however.

There is virtually no question, informed persons said today, but that Mr. Truman will issue the order within days or weeks.

It is aimed particularly at the non-defense agencies and is supported by pressure from the Pentagon as a safeguard on information concerning mobilization activity in which the military and civilian agencies must cooperate closely.

The contents still are an official secret. These elements are known, however:

1. It will instruct every department and agency to "classify" as secret, confidential or otherwise restricted—information vital to the national security.

2. It will spell out uniform safeguards for the handling of classified matter—specifying which papers should be locked in safes, which may not be discussed by telephone, etc.

3. It will make it "painfully clear," according to a government source, that such hushed information must truly involve national security—meaning, that the order, must not be used to suppress news which it might be more convenient to withhold.

4. But it will not attempt to define what information should be classified, and will leave it to each of the 60-odd department and agency heads, and their designated subordinates, to use their own judgment.

Such discretionary powers always have been a target of opposition from newspapermen. In this case an official familiar with the pending order acknowledges that "it isn't foolproof, by a damn sight."

By this he meant that it is subject to abuse or over-use—possibly to hide blunders or errors, perhaps to save administrators from being bothered by reporters and information-seekers, perhaps through a well-intentioned desire to play it safe.

On the other hand, government men believe, only a handful of the civilian agencies may set up security systems. They will not be obliged to do so unless they feel there is need.

Outwardly at least, few if any agencies seem to be lax in hedging their operations with precaution. It is a frequent tendency of civilian officials—as some will admit—to resolve any doubts about security by just reaching for the rubber stamp marked "secret."

Besides the four familiar grades of restraint—"restricted," "confidential," "secret," and "top secret"—some ultra-hush rubber stamps appeared now and then.

Eyes Only
The grim warning, "cosmic" showed on some documents concerning foreign military aid. Other top-top-secret papers are marked "eyes only" which means, for the eyes of the addressee alone.

The White House is aware that editors generally oppose the whole idea of the order. It hopes, however, that operations under the system can be kept so clean and free from abuse that newspaper men will learn to live with it.

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REICH PARLEY DUE
BONN, Germany, Sept. 23—(AP)—U. S., France and Britain will start negotiations here tomorrow on a peace contract to grant 48,000,000 West Germans broad freedoms and a role in the western defense system.

Beef Cattle Production to Keep Rising

By Lillie L. Madsen
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With the present trend toward increase in beef cattle, it will take five years to reach a peak in beef cattle production.

That's the opinion of Marion Thomas, agricultural economist who has been making a study of the livestock situation. He explains that by "peak" he means a place where the supply will meet the demand. If at that time world conditions do not accentuate prices, there will probably be a downward trend in the price of beef.

On the other hand, at the present time the supply of milk cows is generally going down with 20 per cent less cows than we had in 1943, Thomas points out. At today's prices 100 pounds of milk is equal to 18 pounds of live beef. While beef prices are favorable now, they are not quite so favorable as it looks from the outside, according to Mr. Thomas. Factors which must be taken into consideration are the high cost of buying cattle for breeding stock and the feeder situation, which is at a relative high position in relation to the present ceilings on beef cattle. Feeders have been selling at 33 1/2 to 37 1/2 cents a pound and the selling price on slaughter beef is between these two figures.

Feeder Cattle
Feeder cattle, Mr. Thomas explains are those bought at stock yards or other markets with the purpose of "feeding out" to market fitness. Usually feeder cattle are those which have been running on common pasture land and not yet fed for market. To come out on the pleasant side of the economic picture with feeder cattle, one must either have some very cheap feed on hand or guess

that the selling price is going to be raised.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that there are now about 14 per cent fewer meat animals per thousand people than there were 10 years ago and 16 per cent fewer than 20 years ago.

Sheep as yet have not increased very materially and it would appear that there still is a place for a few more sheep, especially on Willamette valley farms, Mr. Thomas reports. While the price of wool fluctuated considerably during the past year, even the present price would help to increase the profits of sheep over a few years ago. The price of lamb is in a much better position than a year ago and there would be no reason for it to change in relation to the price of other meat as long as numbers are low, Mr. Thomas believes.

Stiff Competition
The pork situation is somewhat different, Mr. Thomas points out. Pork produced in this area must compete with the cheap feed in the midwest. A large portion of the pork consumed in Oregon is shipped in from the midwest. However, there is still considerable place for pork raising in this area, he added, particularly if it is produced on pastures.

A new thought in swine feeding, Mr. Thomas points out is to prevent them from rooting in the soil. Moist pastures should also be avoided. Pigs develop lungworms from eating earthworms, he explains. Rotating the pasture areas frequently help in the control of this. Control of this problem should be considered seriously by Willamette valley farmers, in the opinion of Mr. Thomas.

PRODUCTION CUT DUE
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23—(AP)—The head of the nation's defense production effort today said production of civilian goods, including automobiles will be cut at least 10 per cent in the first three months next year.

Mexico City is sinking into the ancient lake bed on which it was built and sanitary engineers have warned that the flow of its sewer system will be reversed if it continues to sink.

Animal Blood Transfused into Japan Humans

TOKYO, Sept. 23—(AP)—The newspaper Yomiuri reported today a Japanese physician has successfully transfused treated animal blood into the veins of more than 600 human patients.

Dr. Kunio Kawaiishi of Hiroshima university medical school told a meeting of epidemics researchers in Tokyo that he has used the blood of cows, horses and pigs to give transfusions to humans—without any serious after-effects.

The doctor processes the animal blood with small amounts of formalin and caustic soda and also heats the blood.

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