

Eisenhower Plans Major Defense Statement Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House said Wednesday President Eisenhower will "make a major pronouncement on the defense of the United States and a program for that defense," at a news conference Thursday.

This word was given to newsmen by James C. Hagerty, press secretary, who made clear in response to newsmen's questions that the President would disclose the administration's long-awaited defense spending plans.

Hagerty said the President's statement will be made after morning conferences with Republican congressional leaders and with the National Security Council, the government's top policy-making group on defense matters.

Eisenhower told his news conference last week he is confident that defense spending can be cut, but he declined to estimate how much might be trimmed off the 46-billion dollar defense budget recommended by former President Truman for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Eisenhower said during the election campaign and has repeated many times since that in his opinion one of the great problems confronting this country is the job of meeting the huge cost of defense.

The subject is known to have come up almost every week at Security Council and Cabinet meetings, as well as at sessions with congressional leaders.

Meanwhile, the administration was reported preparing to ask Congress for about \$5,800,000,000 for foreign aid—military and economic—to nearly 60 friendly governments.

This sum, tentatively approved at a White House meeting Tuesday, is \$1,800,000,000 less than former President Truman recommended in his farewell budget.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The last legislature appropriated \$2,200,000 for building and equipping a new building for the Dental School. When the Board of Higher Education met to set up its building program it was confronted with a letter from the chairmen of the ways and means committee, Sen. Walker and Rep. Semon, advising them that proceeds should go into the state general fund for future appropriation for running expenses of the school.

This, however, conflicts with the 1945 act for taking over the privately owned school. The law provided that when the property was disposed of "the money derived therefrom shall either be used in acquisition or construction of another building and plant, furnishings and facilities," or be invested in eligible securities the earnings from which would go to the support and maintenance of the school. The law provides a disposition of the funds superior to the directive of the committee chairmen. Whether the Board can use the proceeds without further legislative sanction is a question for the attorney general.

The building appropriation is made without condition, save that approval of the emergency board is required before a contract can be let. The real question is how much it will cost to build and equip a proper Dental School for the state system of higher education. The Board of Higher Education thinks it will need the full appropriation plus the estimated \$300,000 it hopes to get from the old property. Its judgment in this respect should be respected. The emergency board can approve the project, and should.

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Pen Officials Hired by State Control Board

The state board of control approved Wednesday the hiring of a business manager and a deputy warden for the state penitentiary.

The new business manager is Francis Wenderly, who has worked for the auditing division of the Secretary of State and in the prison's accounting department.

The new deputy warden will be Louis P. Barnes, now business manager of a hospital at Truckee, Calif., and who has held high positions in several federal prisons.

The present deputy, Lawrence O'Brien, will keep his job, being assigned to supervision of mass treatment. Barnes will head the individual treatment of prisoners, a position he has held in the federal prison system.

The Legislature abolished the position of prison superintendent, and decided to have a business manager under the warden. It also increased the number of deputy wardens from one to two.

Wenderly and Barnes were recommended by the new Warden, Clarence T. Gladden.

Wenderly will have charge of all financial aspects of the prison, including the prison farm and industries.

Barnes has worked in federal prisons in Englewood, Colo.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Terre Haute, Ind., as well as in the Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D. C.

Squalls Lash Oregon Areas

By The Associated Press

Wind, rain snow and hail hit Oregon Wednesday afternoon.

Snow fell at Klamath Falls and the wind reached 36 miles an hour. Snow flurries were reported at scattered Eastern Oregon points.

The Weather Bureau said a system of squalls extending south along the Oregon coast brought rain showers and gusty winds. Small craft warnings were flying on the coast.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH



IT'S NICE, DEAR, BUT HURRY UP!

Couple Reunited in Hospital



Sixteen-year-old Mrs. Betty Barringer of Salem was at her dying husband's bedside Wednesday at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo., after an emergency flight from Portland. The hospital reported Pvt. William E. Barringer, was still in extremely critical condition with leukemia. The above picture was taken prior to his shipment overseas a few months later.

Young Salem Bride at Bedside of Ill Husband

Betty Barringer and her husband were together again Wednesday, but for how long no one knew.

The 16-year-old Salem bride of 11 months reached the bedside of her dying soldier-husband early yesterday morning at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

Hospital attendants said late last night Pvt. William E. Barringer, who will be 22 Friday, was still in extremely critical condition with leukemia.

When the Red Cross first called Betty here Tuesday, reports were that her husband would not live through the night.

Betty and her mother, Mrs. Addie Roth, who board at 696 N. Cottage St., took a United Airlines plane from Portland at 8 o'clock Tuesday night for Denver. They arrived at 1:45 a. m. Wednesday.

Red Cross officials met mother and daughter and rushed them to the Lowry Air Force Base Hospital. It is believed that Betty has been at her husband's side ever since.

Barringer, whose parents live at El Paso, Ark., was hospitalized with leukemia in January while stationed with the Army in England.

He was being flown from England to Fort Lewis, Wash., to the hospital there when his condition grew worse and the plane stopped at Denver.

Mrs. Louie Rudie, Betty's landlady, recalled Wednesday night how happy her young boarder was when she learned her husband was on his way home. The couple had lived together only three months when he was sent overseas.

Betty has a sister living in Salem, Mrs. Opal Boatwright, of Route 4, Box 278. She also has a brother and sister in Coos Bay. Her mother is the widow of a Spanish-American War veteran.

Church Council Asks Red Probe

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—The House Un-American Activities Committee was urged by the American Council of Christian Churches Wednesday to investigate Communists in churches.

In a resolution adopted at its spring meeting, the Council said it believed Reds in churches and fellow travelers "to be numbered among the most dangerous enemies confronting the church in the nation."

Morgan's 'Con' Labor Charge Draws Denial From Rancher

Howard Morgan's allegation that ranchers in the Jefferson area had benefited unduly from prison labor brought an emphatic denial Wednesday and there was no apparent move to press the charge.

The State Board of Control meeting passed without action on the state democratic chairman's complaint sent Monday to Gov. Paul Patterson.

Morgan named no one in his letter to the governor, but said that ranchers' land had been cleared by convicts and prison bulldozers on instructions from a "high prison official." (By law, only the Board of Control could approve that type of work.) Morgan alleged "misconduct."

Wednesday, a prominent Jefferson-area rancher told The Statesman that there was no land clearing. The state look around 1,700 cords of wood free from land owned by myself and others, for fuel for state institu-

Grandma Gives Birth to Triplets

DORENA, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. Harry Parks, a 48-year-old grandmother, gave birth to triplet daughters here Wednesday.

The triplets, born two months prematurely, already have a nephew. One of the parents' five other children, a 20-year-old daughter, has a five-month-old son. Dorena's population, incidentally, went up to 303.

Vicious Spring Gale Leaves 11 Dead in South

By The Associated Press

A vicious spring storm that hit Texas with death-dealing twisters, cloudbursts and lightning, moved eastward across Louisiana and Mississippi Wednesday.

The storm left at least 11 dead, more than a dozen injured and caused heavy property damage in its eastward sweep.

Hundreds were driven from their flooded homes in Louisiana where 10 inches of rain fell in blinding sheets. The worst damage to homes was in the Alexandria area where water poured over curbs and into the living rooms of more than 250 homes.

With the storm still threatening, New Orleans closed all its schools. The Weather Bureau reported a "very slight possibility" of a tornado there.

Residents of Southeast Louisiana, extreme Southern Mississippi and West Tennessee were alerted for possible twisters.

Blinding dust storms spread a pall over Texas which earlier Wednesday had been ripped by twisters. The drab dust clouds blew into deep East Texas and into Brownsville at the southernmost tip of the state.

Marble size hailstones dumped on Salina, Kas., Wednesday during what one nurseryman said was the worst hail storm in the area since 1941. Damage was reported to roofs, gardens and trees.

At least six tornadoes struck Texas Tuesday night and early Wednesday killing two persons—one near Gonzales and one near San Antonio. Five other persons died in lightning caused fires at Kilgore. Two youths were killed in a car collision in heavy rain near Dublin. A boy drowned in wind-whipped Lake Corpus Christi.

In Louisiana, a twister struck a farm area halfway between Shreveport and Monroe, destroying or damaging several homes. No one was reported injured in the twister, but a man was killed at La Fayette by a wind-topped tree.

The Weather Bureau said the Trinity River would be 17 feet above flood stage at Dallas by Thursday morning. Floodwaters closed many roads in East and South Texas. Up to 10 inches of rainfall hit Eastern Texas in local cloudbursts.

Col. Alfred Starts Japan Boys' Town

SILVERTON—Col. Lee Alfred, formerly of Silverton, has started a Boys' Town on the Island of Hokkaido in Japan, his father I. B. Alfred learned while listening to a broadcast Tuesday morning.

The news broadcast reported that there were now 35 Japanese boys in the "town" and that Alfred had hopes of developing it to 150 and that it would be self-supporting.

The radio message also stated that Mrs. Alfred, now on her way to Japan to join her husband, had a large number of T-shirts with her which had been donated for the camp by the Sunnyside Methodist Church of Portland, of which the Alfreds are members.

Col. Alfred was with the National Guard when it left Silverton in the fall of 1940 and has been in the service since. He has seen much frontline service in the Orient. He is a graduate of Silverton High School and was employed at the former Eastman Bros. plant here before entering the service.

Mrs. Alfred, the former Mary Sanders, was a teacher at Silverton prior to her marriage. A son, Robert Allen, is a student at Willamette University, and their daughter, Karen, is with Mrs. Alfred on the way to Japan.

Marbles Champs Practice



FOUR CORNERS—Rain or not, these three winners in Lincoln School's recent marbles tournament aren't going to miss practicing for the forthcoming district tournament sponsored by the V. F. W. From left are Larry Greider, school champ; first grader Jon Burnham, runner up, and Sherrill White, the only girl to place in the tourney. (Statesman Photo).

U.N. Rejects Asia Nation as Neutral in PW Swap Plan

PANMUNJOM (AP)—The Allies Thursday rejected any Asiatic nation as a neutral to supervise Communist prisoners of war who do not want to return to Red rule.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr. said no Asiatic nation would be acceptable because all Asian countries "are located very close to countries dominated by Communists and might therefore be subjected to Communist military, economic or political influence."

The senior Allied negotiator made his position clear during a 5 1/2 minute truce session with the Communists in the conference hut. Both sides agreed to meet again Friday.

Harrison called on the Communists to nominate a non-Asiatic nation as neutral supervisor at Friday's meeting.

"Since without agreement on such a neutral state it would be impossible to reach an armistice accord based on your original proposal," Harrison said, "we see no advantage in discussing seriously the other elements of your proposal until we have come to at least some measure of understanding on the neutral state."

Rear Adm. John C. Daniel said that Allied and Red liaison officers would meet at 10 a. m. Friday to discuss problems concerning the exchange of disabled captives.

Daniel is a member of the Allied truce team and head of the liaison officer group.

He did not say what the problems were. The Communists turned over 684 disabled U. N. war prisoners last week and said that was all they had. But the returned prisoners have told of many more sick and wounded in Communist hands.

The Allies have been returning 500 Communist sick and wounded daily.

The U. N. Command notified the Reds Thursday it would return 250 Chinese and 250 North Koreans in Friday's delivery of sick and wounded prisoners.

Seventeen of the North Koreans will be civilians and 13 will be Communist officers.

The delivery Friday will raise the number of Reds sent back by the Allies to approximately 6,000, almost 200 more than were promised.

The excess will be ailing Chinese since the Allies already have handed back the 700 Chinese they promised to return originally.

Four days of maneuvering in the first truce negotiations since last Oct. 8 have shown little progress.

(An editorial, broadcast by Peiping Radio and heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press, said "what the U. S. side should do is to make a careful study of the Red prisoner exchange plan and seek a compromise and not persist in dismissing and rejecting it.")

In Tokyo, a high Allied source suggested a possible compromise on one point: Leave the North Korean prisoners on the peninsula but send the Chinese to a neutral nation.

He reported that Secretary of State Dulles, in a private session with the committee, said the invasion has "created a serious new problem which disturbs all peace-loving peoples."

Vietminh invaders have just captured the post of Bannam, 40 miles north of the Laotian royal seat of Luangprabang. If the capital falls, the Red guerrillas will have a road south to the borders of Thailand (Siam) and Burma.

"The whole matter of shifting more aid to Indochina is having serious consideration," Wiley said.

He added that Dulles told the senators that both the State and Defense Departments are working on the problem. There have been authoritative reports that the United States already has allocated additional money to be spent on artillery, tanks and aircraft for the defenders.

Indochina, Wiley told newsmen, "is a spearhead the Free World cannot afford to lose."

Statesman Cookbooks Available

A 48-page cookbook, specially produced by Woman's Editor Maxine Buren as a souvenir of The Statesman's formal opening in its new building, will continue to be given free to all women who call at the \$400,000 plant.

As long as the supply lasts, the cookbook also is available by mail at 10 cents each to cover handling and postage costs.

The cookbooks may be ordered by writing the Home Economics Dept., The Statesman, Salem, and enclosing 10 cents in stamps or coin.

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