

# Wilson Declares U.S. Still Planning Military Cutbacks Despite Crisis Involving Formosa

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Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson told worried lawmakers Wednesday that the Formosa crisis won't upset the administration's plans to cut down the size of the Army and Navy.

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, he described the Formosa situation as "just a little ripple ... No reason to change our planning."

Committee Chairman Carl Vinson had expressed concern about planned cuts in military strength. He suggested that the administration hold them up in view of the tense atmosphere in the Far East which caused President Eisenhower Monday to ask Congress for

sweeping powers to defend the Formosan area.

The combined Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Forces committees approved Mr. Eisenhower's "fight if necessary" resolution 26 to 2 Wednesday. The House passed it 409 to 3 Tuesday.

Official Senate debate on the resolution will start Thursday.

Other congressional news:

Ladejinsky: Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.), chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, said the administration's handling of the Wolf Ladejinsky case demonstrates the "utter confusion" of its security program for government workers. He made the statement in releasing explanatory letters from Agriculture Secretary Ezra

T. Benson, who ousted Ladejinsky on security grounds, and from Foreign Aid Chief Harold E. Stassen, who later cleared and hired him.

Trade: Bicycle manufacturers, fish canners, coal mines and spokesmen for other tariff-protected industries told the House Ways and Means Committee that passage of President Eisenhower's trade program would expose them to ruinous foreign competition. The program calls for a three-year extension of the reciprocal trade act with authority to cut tariffs 15 per cent over the three-year period.

#### Financial Reports

Welfare Funds: A Senate Labor Subcommittee was disclosed to be preparing recommendations that Congress tighten up the financial reporting requirements for such funds. Chief counsel William Leech made the disclosure at a meeting of CIO officials.

Manila Pact: The Senate Foreign

Relations Committee, in a formal report, urged prompt ratification of the so-called Manila pact which pledges the United States and seven other nations to mutual defense in the Southeast Asia area. The committee said the pact serves notice on "potential aggressors" that they will meet a united defense.

Atomic: Wilson, in his prepared testimony for the House committee, said the military are emphasizing development of atomic weapons to be used in continental defenses against air attack.

He apparently referred to atomic warheads which would be carried by anti-aircraft guided missiles and probably would be used at high altitudes in the Arctic regions against an approaching force of enemy planes.

He also reported that the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus is performing beyond expectations. He said the success of its nuclear

engine has opened "an entire new field of propulsion, not only for ships, but eventually for aircraft."

Atomic-powered planes could cruise at supersonic speeds indefinitely, depending only on the endurance of the crews.

Wilson said the administration's cuts in the military budget and the size of the armed forces.

## Gen. Kinney Says War Sure Unless Attitude Shifts

PORLAND (AP) — There is going to be another war "unless there is a big change in attitude," the retired Air Force General, George C. Kenney, said Tuesday.

Kenney said he considered this country weak on defense, although it has a good long-range striking force. He also said he believed Red China would not invade Formosa until Russia is ready to launch a simultaneous hydrogen bomb.

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## U. S. Said Unaware of Scope, Variety of Russian A-Tests

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Russians have tested a greater number and variety of atomic and hydrogen weapons than the U.S. public realizes, informed sources said this week.

Official American and Russian statements to date indicate that the Soviets have fired at least 11 test shots, starting in 1949 when they broke the U.S. atomic monopoly. This figure is now obsolete.

The United States has staged a minimum of 50 nuclear explosions, Great Britain three. Both this country and Britain are getting ready to conduct new tests this year.

The Russians may be, too. In any case, it can be said on high authority that they have set off considerably more than 11 test explosions. The true figure may be double that number.

It also can be stated that the Russians have tested H-bomb reactions more than once since the only Soviet thermonuclear shot, fired on the morning of Aug. 12,

1953, which this country has announced.

#### Not All Announced

The Atomic Energy Commission purposely does not announce each and every nuclear explosion in the U.S.S.R., which the United States detects. Reason: To keep the Russians guessing as to just how accurately we are keeping tabs on their atomic progress.

Not since the Soviet hydrogen test of August, 1953, has it been possible for non-official observers in this country to maintain a tidy boxscore on Russian tests.

That explosion brought the officially reported Soviet score to four, including one in September, 1949, and two in October, 1951.

"Test Series":

Since then all announcements, U.S. or Russian, have been couched obscurely in terms of "test series" instead of individual explosions. Three such series have gone into the news since the 1953 H-bomb test.

One followed on the heels of the hydrogen experiment. The other two — the only others officially announced by either country — began in late August or early September last year.

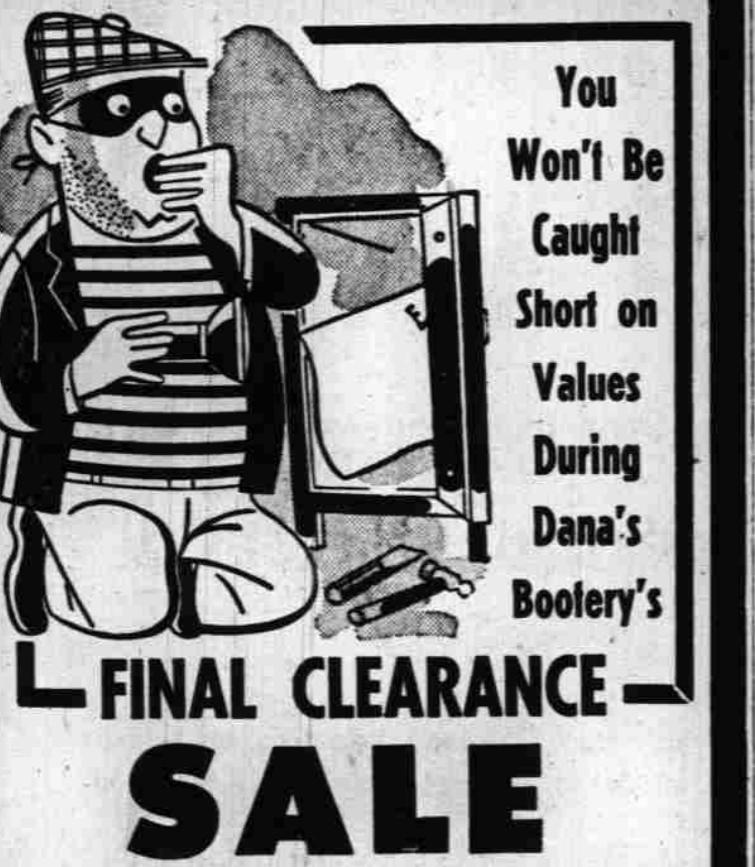
As of Oct. 26, 1954, the date of the latest U.S. announcement on Russian test operations, the Soviet score stood at an irreducible 11. This score is based on the absolute minimums that could be derived from the various officials' statements.

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