

French Not Essential To Security System, Churchill Letter Says

PARIS (U) — Prime Minister Churchill has warned France he believes a Western security system could be organized without French help if there are further delays in ratification of West German rearmament.

The British leader expressed this view in a personal letter sent to Pierre Mendes-France Jan. 12

and made public Monday. Mendes-France, the French Premier at that time, initiated the correspondence by suggesting immediate moves for a Big Four conference.

Churchill turned down Mendes-France's cold on this proposal. He said he was "firmly resolved that there be neither meeting, nor an invitation, under any foreseeable circumstances among the four powers, either at the foreign minister level or at the level of the heads of government until the London and Paris agreements have been ratified by all the signatories."

The British added that he had the full agreement of the United States on this point.

In the event of French failure to approve the treaties, Churchill said, he would be obliged to support an "empty chair" policy toward France, despite his long friendship for the French people.

The letters were released by Mendes-France just 48 hours before the Council of the Republic, upper house of the French Parliament, opens its debate on ratification of the treaties. The vote is due Friday. The National Assembly has approved the treaties.

The initiative for releasing the letters apparently was taken by Churchill. Mendes-France said he had the approval of the French Foreign Office for making the personal letters public. A highly placed official at the Foreign Office denied any express approval had been given.

West States Alert Possible In 3 Minutes

SAN FRANCISCO (U) — A warning alert of an enemy attack can be disseminated over the eight Western states of the 7th region in three minutes, Philip D. Batson, regional civil defense administrator, said Monday.

He spoke at a luncheon session of the annual meeting of the Western States Council, an organization of chamber of commerce executives.

Batson said the eight air divisions scattered over the country, five of them in the Western region, evaluate air intelligence and originate a warning of attack. States in the region are Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Guam and Hawaii also are in the seventh region.

Speaking of preparations for an attack, Batson said:

There are sufficient medical supplies for 1.5 million casualties. Stock piles are at San Jose, Calif., Spokane, Wash., and Clearfield, Utah.

There is sufficient blood serum in stock piles in each target area for an emergency situation.

There are stockpiles of portable water pipe, pumping units and similar equipment for water supplies at Wilmington for the Los Angeles area, San Bruno for the San Francisco area, Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

Batson said there still is a shortage, however, of critical materials such as water purification units, pumping units and water pipe.

Slaver Dog in Portland Not Rabid

PORTLAND (U) — Police killed a slaver dog Monday and for a time it was feared the animal was rabid.

Neighbors reported the dog running about wildly and drooling. No one was bitten.

City health officials later reported negative results in a rabies test.

CHEW ON THAT!

CONCORD, N. C. (U) — Police surmised the thief who broke into a concession stand here must have had an awful headache. He stole \$10 worth of headache powders and chewing gum.

Man Attacks Tacoma Motel Owner, Wife

TACOMA (U) — A 75-year-old motel operator was hacked to death Monday night by a man who a few minutes earlier had objected to rates quoted him by his victim.

The dead man was identified as A. K. Stolen, operator of Eleanor's Motel, five miles northeast of here on Highway 99.

Mrs. Anna Stolen, 67, his wife, is in serious condition in Tacoma General Hospital, where she is being treated for multiple knife wounds inflicted by her husband's assailant.

Before being taken to the hospital Mrs. Stolen told officers the man had come to the Stolen's door and asked the price of a room.

He objected to the rate and left, but returned minutes later and began hacking at Stolen with a large knife.

Then he turned on Mrs. Stolen, knifing her relentlessly. She collapsed and then recovered sufficiently to reach the door in time to see the attacker's car before he left.

Tacoma police were questioning a man they said had been picked up in a car meeting the description given by Mrs. Stolen.

Doctor Held In Death of Wife, Children

HENDERSON, Tenn. (U) — An Oklahoma physician was arrested Monday and charged with murdering his wife and three children. Officers said he tried to kill himself a few hours later.

Highway Patrolman J. E. Dillard said Dr. Ben T. Galbraith, 36, en route back to McAlester, Okla., in the custody of officers, leaped from the speeding car and rolled under an oncoming auto.

Dr. Galbraith, of McAlester, was in the custody of Sheriff D. E. Sanders. He was arrested at his mother's home in Henderson.

Dillard said Sanders told him the young heart specialist flung himself in the path of a car making about 60 miles an hour, but was untouched.

Sanders said he was driving at 40 miles an hour when Dr. Galbraith leaped. Dr. Galbraith was treated for bruises and minor lacerations at a hospital in Memphis.

In Memphis, hospital attendants said Sheriff Sanders told them he planned to continue the trip by train.

Dr. Galbraith, a member of one of the city's best known families, waived extradition.

His wife and children died last Thursday when fire swept the second story of their home in McAlester. He ordered the bodies cremated and brought the ashes to nearby Bells for services last Saturday.

In McAlester, Pittsburg County Attorney J. O. Whyte said the arrest was ordered after a three-day investigation.

Firemen and investigating officers said at the time the fire was apparently the result of spontaneous combustion.

Dr. Galbraith is the son of the late J. E. Galbraith, former Circuit Court judge here. His wife was reared in Bells. The arrest was a shocker in both towns.

Blaze Quelled at British A-Plant

ALDERMASTON, England (U) — Firemen from three cities responded to an alarm Monday night at the top secret government atomic weapons laboratory.

Members of the laboratory staff sought to put out the blaze themselves but had to call for aid.

Because of secrecy regulations neither firemen nor laboratory officials would disclose the cause or extent of the fire.

STRAY COW

A yellow Guernsey cow, found wandering near the Liberty district Monday evening, was picked up by R. A. Hall, 5085 Skyline Rd., who will feed her until the animal is claimed by her owner, the sheriff's office reported.

15 Million Cut From Interior Bureau Budget

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WASHINGTON (U) — The House Appropriations Committee slashed \$15,708,500 Monday from funds President Eisenhower requested to run most of the Interior Department starting July 1.

Its \$298,271,246 money bill, which also carried funds for several related agencies, was cut 4.8 per cent below the \$313,353,056 the President had budgeted.

The affected agencies got \$301,474,626 for similar functions during the current fiscal year.

The bill, sent to the floor for approval, earmarked \$207,025,856 for the Interior Department, but this was only the first installment on necessary funds. Money for the Bureau of Reclamation, and for the Bonneville, Southeastern and Southwestern power administrations will be included in a later bill.

Bureaus Involved

The pending measure covered such agencies as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The \$207,025,856 compared with the \$220,734,356 budget request.

Related agencies like the Agriculture Department's National Forest Service would get \$91,245,380 under the bill. This represented an increase of \$636,690 above budget requests, reducing the committee's overall cut to \$15,081,810.

The committee also chopped \$5,000,000 out of \$7,847,356 in construction funds sought by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Here, too, the committee said, "unobligated funds" were available.

The committee approved the full \$400,000 asked by the department to continue its research into the possibility of developing a low-cost method of getting fresh water from salt water in sufficient quantities for municipal, industrial and agricultural use.

Agriculture's Forest Service had its appropriation increased from \$83,453,000 to \$84,536,960. Most of the boost was earmarked for fire protection and efforts to control white pine blister rust.

Mineral Resources

The committee put up \$250,000 for the department's new "office of mineral mobilization" which was set up to coordinate information on the development, distribution and utilization of all mineral resources.

The Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey got \$18,963,000 and \$26,285,000 respectively, the exact amounts requested in the President's budget.

Other funds provided were: Bureau of Land Management, \$15,700,000, a cut of \$200,000; Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$66,510,856, a \$5,000,000 reduction; National Park Service, \$43,650,000, a \$1,000,000 cut; Fish and Wildlife Service, \$11,387,000, a cut of \$218,500.

Neuberger Plans Office in Portland

PORTLAND (U) — Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) expects to open an office here Tuesday with Elizabeth C. Ducey in charge.

The senator said he will use the office as headquarters when in the state, and that he will be in contact with the office while in Washington.

CHIMNEY FIRE

Liberty-Salem Heights firemen at 10:10 p.m. Monday attended to a chimney fire at the home of Rosie Casey, 1335 Barnes Ave., Chief Norval Hiron reported. There was no damage.

At The Theaters Today

ELSNORE
"THE FAR COUNTRY," with James Stewart
"WEST OF ZANZIBAR," with Anthony Steel

CAPITOL
"CAMILLE," with Robert Taylor and Greta Garbo
"MASTERS OF KANSAS," with George Montgomery

GRAND
"DEEP IN MY HEART," with Joe E. Brown
"THE YELLOW MOUNTAIN," with Lex Barker

HOLLYWOOD
"ATHENA," with Edmund Purdom
"HIGH SIERRA," with Humphrey Bogart

Combined Tax Plan Gaining At Olympia

OLYMPIA, Wash. (U) — A combination plan for increasing sales, business and utility taxes appeared to be gaining favor Monday as a solution to the problem of balancing the Washington State budget.

The plan would boost the sales tax from 3 to 3 1/3 per cent, increase the business and occupation surtax from 20 to 60 per cent, and up the utility surtax from 10 to 25 per cent.

It is designed to bring in approximately \$1 million dollars in a two year period.

Senate Republicans voted Monday for the plan over two other money raising proposals. And House Republican Caucus Chairman Robert D. Timm said there was "some general agreement" in his group on the three-way package, although some Republicans objected to the B & O increase.

Gov. Langlie said it was a "sound, sensible plan" which businessmen of the state had supported.

"I don't know of any organized opposition to it," the chief executive said.

The House Democratic caucus Monday balked at the sales tax increase portion of the bill, but it was learned that several House Democrats have indicated they would support the measure.

"Nothing has jelled," House Speaker John L. O'Brien reported after legislative leaders held their second conference of the day with Governor Langlie.

The group is attempting to work out a revenue-raising plan which would be acceptable to both houses.

Officers Doubt Confession in Slaying Case

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — The sheriff's office said Monday Oscar Hood, 43, of Klamath Falls, Ore., who has admitted slaying a Bakersfield waitress in 1952, may be eliminated as a suspect in the case.

Undersheriff Harley Stumbaugh said there are several discrepancies in Hood's story and authorities are unable to establish for certain the ranch worker was in Bakersfield at the time of the slaying.

The undersheriff said Hood also was unable to give the correct name of the victim, her approximate weight or to describe her.

The waitress, Mrs. Mary Chambers Fell, 48, also known as Molly Ford and Mary Ford, was beaten to death in December of 1952.

Hood was taken into custody at Klamath Falls after making a voluntary confession to the sheriff there. He was quoted as saying his conscience had been bothering him.

Hike in Watch Tariffs Held Unwarranted

WASHINGTON (U) — Last year's White House decision to boost tariffs on imported watches was disclosed Monday to have been taken despite a Defense Department report that the domestic watch industry need no special treatment, from the standpoint of defense needs.

After 11 months of secrecy, the department has declassified the report. Addressed to the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM), it stated that other industries produce every type of military timing device except jeweled watches.

The military demand for the latter items, even in an all-out mobilization, would be only about one fourth as great as in World War II, the department said, and these quantities could be stock-piled, if necessary.

The report was filed in April, 1954, with an inter-agency committee of ODM. It preceded by one month a Tariff Commission recommendation for an increase in tariffs on imported movements to protect the American industry.

The ODM committee took a view advanced by the Commerce Department, instead of that of the Defense Department. On June 30 the committee recommended that the government take action to maintain in the industry "an adequate base of skilled manpower" as a mobilization preparedness measure.

Acting on the ODM report, President Eisenhower on July 26 proclaimed tariff increases of up to 50 per cent on certain jeweled movements, virtually all imported from Switzerland. He said this would help maintain a "satisfactory industrial mobilization base."

That decision came, as did Monday's disclosure, while Congress was debating the President's program for gradual, reciprocal tariff reduction.

Man Given 20 Years in Rape Attempt Count

COQUILLE, Ore. (U) — James Harrison Tipton, 48, was sentenced to 20 years in prison Monday after pleading guilty to assault with intent to rape a 9-year-old girl.

Tipton admitted luring the girl into his rooming house as she was on her way home from church Sunday. Her parents called police after she returned home and reported the attack.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King commented that he was sorry the State Supreme Court recently ruled that life sentences for the crime were unconstitutional.

The judge then called back to court Willy Ray Kneel, 21, Coos Bay, who had been sentenced earlier to 20 years for assault with intent to rape. Kneel and a 16-year-old boy were accused of attacking a 14-year-old girl.

"In hearing your case, I didn't think there was anything much worse, but since then I have come across one that is worse," the judge told Kneel. The judge thereupon re-sentenced Kneel, this time to 15 years.

Tipton, an electrician, formerly lived at Lebanon.

MILK PRICE 'FIXED'

OLYMPIA, Wash. (U) — Legislation allowing the Washington State agriculture director to stop "milk wars" by fixing the price of milk, was signed by Gov. Langlie Monday.

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Peron Abolishes Religious Holiday

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (U) — The government abolished all religious holidays except Christmas and Good Friday Sunday night, what it called a move to help the national economy.

The number of national holidays on which public employees are not required to work was cut from 23 to 11 and affected mostly religious observances.

A decree issued Sunday said only on Christmas, Good Friday and nine other days would public employees be allowed to stay home.

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