

Army Gains Victory in House Approval of Cash for Defense

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON (AP)—Big Army advocates scored an impressive initial victory Wednesday as the House voted to approve \$38,409,561,000 in new funds for the Defense Department.

They rammed into the annual military appropriation bill an amendment to give the Army an extra 99 million dollars to keep its fighting strength at 900,000 during the next 12 months. This is 30,000 more personnel than President Eisenhower and the House Appropriations Committee had recommended.

The extra money for the bigger Army was approved by a non-recorded vote of 108-79, subject to possible reversal on a roll-call count Thursday before the bill goes to the Senate.

The House refused, however, to approve 35 million dollars requested by Eisenhower, and denied by the committee, to start work on a second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. An amendment to add the carrier funds was offered by Rep. Francis Dorn (R-N.Y.) and was shouted down by voice vote.

Rep. Robert Sikes (D-Fla.) sponsored the Army amendment, and told the House it would be taking a calculated risk to cut the Army to 870,000 fighting men as the administration proposed. Estimated Army strength now is 900,000 and Sikes' amendment would keep it at that figure during the fiscal year starting July 1.

The Sikes and Dorn amendments were the only ones offered. Otherwise, the House followed the Appropriations Committee's figures. The committee had boosted over-all presidential money requests by \$113,614,000 exclusive of the 99-million increase for the Army.

The added funds provide for a speed-up in missile and anti-submarine warfare programs and override Eisenhower's plans to reduce the size of the Army National Guard, the Army reserve and the Marine Corps. They provide for work on a second nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. A National Guard of 400,000 and a reserve strength of 300,000. This is

25,000 more Marines, 40,000 more guardsmen and 30,000 more reservists than Eisenhower had proposed.

The over-all bill would give the Army \$8,716,626,000, the Navy \$10,714,247,000 and the Air Force \$17,317,715,000. The balance of the total is for inter-service activities and for the office of the secretary of defense and the recently created Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The Navy's money provides for construction of nine missile-firing submarines instead of five proposed by the President.

Sikes won bipartisan backing for his amendment to retain Army strength at 900,000 men.

Gov. Rosellini Presides at Brussels Fete

BRUSSELS (AP)—Gov. Albert Rosellini presided Tuesday over the celebration of Washington State Day at the Brussels World Fair American pavilion.

The governor, who arrived Monday night from a visit to Israel, was accompanied by Mrs. Rosellini, John O'Brien, speaker of the Washington state House of representatives, and Mrs. O'Brien.

Rosellini, introduced by James S. Plaut, U. S. World Fair deputy commissioner, made a short speech inviting everyone to visit the pavilion.

Miss Carol Ann Lothes of Seattle, and Don Haas, Tacoma, U. S. pavilion guides from Washington, made brief speeches about the state. Miss Lothes is English and Haas in French.

Senate Requests Ike to Tell How He Would Spend Foreign Aid

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
WASHINGTON (AP)—Bipartisan demands arose in the Senate Wednesday for President Eisenhower to say whether he wants authority to use foreign aid money to help Russia's satellites to pry loose Moscow's grip.

The proposal, written into a \$3,712,000,000 foreign aid authorization pending in the Senate, is under attack by a group of Republicans led by Sen. William F. Knowland of California, the minority leader.

The proposal was sponsored by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), who said it had administration support. Noting reports that the administration position has changed, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) told the Senate:

"I want to know where the captain of the team is going to be when the ball game starts. I want to know that he will not be out in the bleachers watching the ball game while the rest of us are getting booted around."

Earlier, Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) asked the administration to make an immediate public statement of its position.

"Otherwise," Aiken told reporters, "some of us who have been working with them won't know what their position is."

Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), senior GOP member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which voted for the proposal, told the Senate recent developments in

Eastern European Communist nations make him "more strongly than ever in favor of keeping the Kennedy amendment."

The fight looming over this proposal overshadowed the announcement by Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) that he will seek amendments to cut a total of \$875,750,000 from the bill.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said proposal to allow Eisenhower authority to provide assistance to any country which seeks to be independent of Russian

domination was very mild. Sponsors of the proposal say it might help woo some satellite nations away from Russian control.

Under the provision, the President could extend U.S. aid if he thought fit to any country except Russia, Red China and North Korea.

Fulbright said that if the administration "yields to the pressure of the minority leader (Knowland), and takes no position on it, I suppose it will be defeated."

In a speech supporting the entire bill, Humphrey called for Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles and the International Cooperation Administration to take a stand in favor of Kennedy's proposal.

"I want the administration to support it, too," he said. "I don't want any of this willy-nilly attitude about it."

The Senate put off any votes on the foreign aid measure until Thursday.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) the majority leader, said the Senate will be kept in session Thursday night to speed action.

Jackie Gleason Plans Return to TV Next October

NEW YORK (AP)—Comedian Jackie Gleason will return to television this fall after a 16-month layoff, the Columbia Broadcasting System network announced today.

The network said Gleason would be featured in a series of weekly comedy-variety shows, produced live, on Friday nights, beginning Oct. 3.

Gleason formerly appeared in a Saturday night series for CBS. It ran from 1952 until June 1957, when it was terminated at his own request.

Stray Dogs Pester Town

EAST CARONDELET, Ill. (AP)—Stray dogs are the big problem in this Mississippi River village of 525 residents.

The town is acquiring them faster than Marshal Clyde Lattina can shoot and bury them. Lattina shot 20 last month and the burying

takes longer than the shooting.

Mrs. Louise Van Pelt, village clerk, estimated 200 stray dogs are running loose in packs of 15 or more. She said Village Atty. William Hoto is looking into the possibility that the state might give some kind of help.

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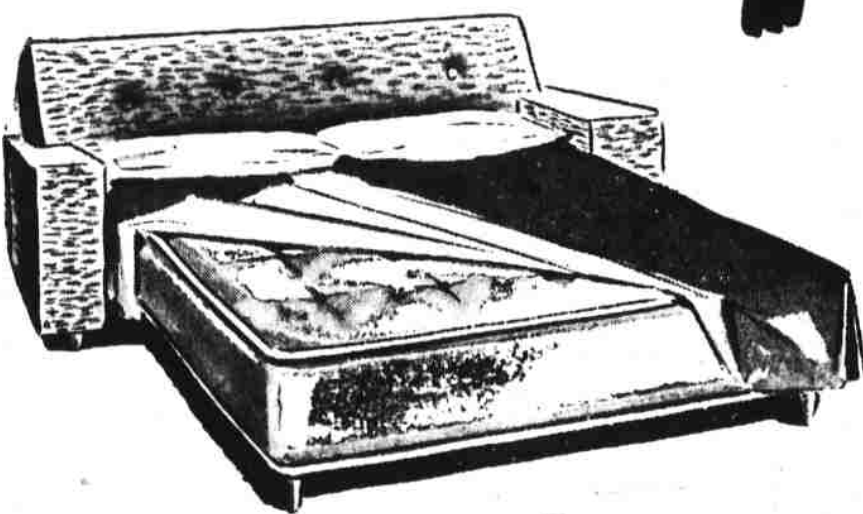
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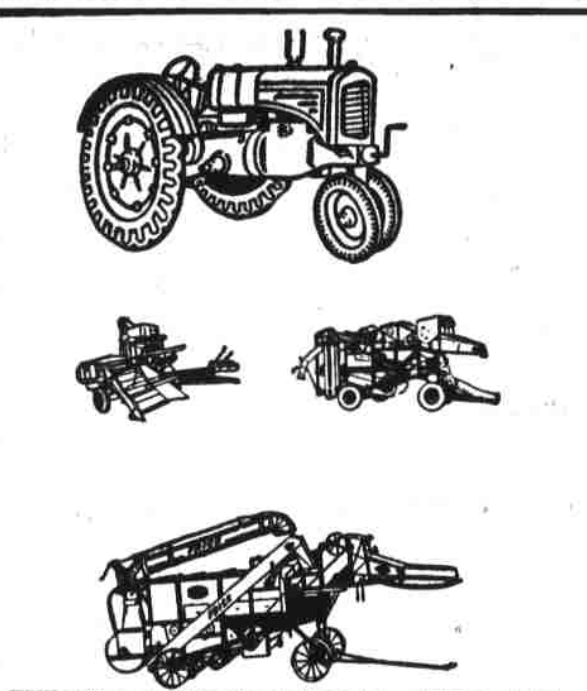
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