

Admiral Nimitz Asks Legion To Be 'Sentinel' of Defense

NEW YORK — (AP) — Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Friday asked the American Legion to act as a sentinel to see that no one branch of the armed forces is permitted to decline to the point where it cannot carry out its share of responsibility for national security.

"The creation last month . . . of a unified defense establishment is an important step towards the attainment of the proper combination of military and civilian strength with clearly defined responsibilities," Nimitz told the Legion's national convention.

He said he was convinced that if the National Security Act of 1947 "is administered in the spirit with which it was created, the Navy will not suffer any disadvantage, nor will national security be jeopardized thereby."

"On the contrary," Nimitz said, "several important provisions of the law immeasurably strengthen that security by creating within

the national military establishment certain agencies charged with the overall coordination of both civilian and military effort."

"Equally Strong"

Nimitz likened the fighting components of the defense establishment—Army, Navy and Air Force—to the legs of a three-legged stool.

"Each leg must be equally strong, or the whole thing will topple," he said. "Each must have all the men and tools it needs to carry out its particular mission and functions."

He told the legion it could be of great assistance in the prosecution of a sound housing program, which he said was "one of the problems brought by the aftermath of the war," which "particularly concerns our national security because of its effect upon the morale of the people."

Ike Tells Value Of U S Strength

NEW YORK — (AP) — General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army chief of staff, told American Legionnaires Friday he saw no immediate threat of a global war but added that United States armed forces should be strong enough to make an aggressor realize war would "likely be fought over his territory."

The wartime leader of Allied armies said that "no great nation is today in position deliberately to provoke a long and exhausting conflict with any hope of gain."

Eisenhower spoke to massed thousands of Legionnaires at the second session of their 29th annual convention in the 71st Regiment Armory.

Two other of the nation's top military men, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and General Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general of the Army Air Force, also were speakers.

"Must Be Ready"

Eisenhower said that "as long as deliberate aggression against the rights of free men and the existence of free government may be a part of the international picture, we must be prepared for whatever this may finally mean to us."

He declared "I do not want to be understood as seeing a global war as an immediate threat" and added:

"We must gird ourselves that a predatory aggressor will be aware of the risks he runs and will realize, should he provoke war, it will likely be fought over his territory."

Unification of the armed forces, Eisenhower said, "provides flexibility to meet changing conditions of warfare."

War Department Requests WAA Return Clothing

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The War Department wants to play "Indian giver" with the surplus G. I. winter clothing it has turned over to the War Assets Administration. It wants most of it back so it can turn it over to "threadbare" civilians in occupied countries, department officials disclosed this week.

The uniforms, clothing and other Quartermaster equipment—worth roughly \$50,000,000 in original cost—are needed for relief distribution and as "incentive goods" to spur production overseas, particularly in the Ruhr coal mines, officials said.

The "available" surplus clothing includes army winter coats and underwear and Navy knitted caps and sou'westers, officials said.

FFA Members Plan for Show

Several special attractions for members of Future Farmers of America have been arranged at the Oregon State Fair at Salem next week, according to Cloyd B. Makinson, adviser of the Eugene chapter.

A new attraction will be the "Can You Top This" section, consisting of mammoth specimens of farm produce grown on the home farm of FFA members. Any time during the week that an FFA member believes he can beat produce on display he will be able to bring in his produce.

An FFA auction sale will be held Friday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the 4-H Club auction. Rules are modified to allow a boy to sell all his livestock grading good and choice in the auction.

However, he will be limited to one sale, either single or pen, until all others, in the auction have made one sale within the grade. Cheap and hogs will be sold first; the 4-H grand champion will be sold first, followed by the FFA grand champion. The rest of the "choice" will be alternated until all in the grade are sold, and then the "good" will be sold alternately.

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Margaret Truman To Join Musicians' Union

NEW YORK — (AP) — The New York Times says Margaret Truman has applied for membership in the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA).

California, dated Aug. 19, prior to her Hollywood Bowl appearance. AGMA officials were quoted as predicting her application would be accepted in the usual way at a board of governor's meeting next Wednesday.

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Retail Selling Course Scheduled by School

A class in retail selling for 1947-48 has been announced by the Eugene Vocational School. The course will be conducted for those who wish training in the merchandizing field.

Classes will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week, giving students an opportunity to work in downtown stores in the afternoons. Persons interested in the class are asked to telephone 1928 for more information.

Openings also remain in the dress design and millinery class held from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the school.

Sharp Increase Seen In East's Lumber Orders

SEATTLE — (AP) — A sharp increase in Atlantic seaboard orders for Pacific Northwest lumber was predicted Friday by Sid L. Darling, secretary-manager of the National American Wholesale Lumber Assn.

Eastern states have taken about 1,000,000,000 board feet annually in the past, Darling said, and heavy construction "may be counted on to absorb substantially more as the program swings into high gear."

Darling represents 400 lumber wholesalers in 48 states. He returns to his New York headquarters Friday after an extensive tour of the nation's lumber industries.

ITALIAN ASSETS FREED

WASHINGTON — (AP) — All Italian assets "frozen" in the United States since June, 1941, were formally freed by the Treasury Friday as part of this country's plan for helping restore Italy's economy.

MORSE TO TALK
SALEM — (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse is scheduled to address the Marion post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars here Sept. 4, post officials said Friday. Sen. Morse will talk on veterans' legislation.

Jefferson Scene Of Fatal Accident

ALBANY — (AP) — C. May Moriarty, retired Portland school teacher, was killed and her traveling companion, Mrs. Bernard Hertziger, also of Portland, was critically injured in a traffic accident.

Miss Moriarty lived at 5773 N.E. Cleveland Ave., Portland.

State police reported that the car in which the two women were returning from a visit to Grants Pass collided with a truck driven by Rex Roberts, Roseburg, who was uninjured.

Mrs. Hertziger was brought to Albany General Hospital.

Navy Reserve Recruiter Leaving Local Position

Victor C. Hays, ACMM, Navy Reserve recruiting staff member in Eugene, said Friday he was leaving after this week to go into civilian life.

Since his local tour of duty began last February, Hays has enlisted 900 men in the Naval Reserve program.

He said that he may re-enlist in the regular Navy or Army Air Force where his ten years military service would count toward retirement, but he wasn't sure yet. He's going to take a vacation first.

The opossum is the only marsupial (mammal with pouch for young) native to North America.

Scouting Executive To Attend Meeting

Roger L. Bales, local Scout executive, will represent the Oregon Trail Council at the 8th national conference of Scout executives at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Sept. 2 through 10. It will be the first national-wide meeting of Scout executives since 1939.

Bales is Region XI chairman of the conference committee on "Use of local council staff." Field Executive Harold J. Shearer will direct local activities during Bales' absence.

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