

Copter Puts Out Fire

FORT LEWIS — (AP) — Brush fires?—just blow 'em out.

The Army's handy helpful helicopter, which last week nabbed some errant sportsmen in the wilderness fishing without proper license, came through this week with additional aid for the post forest service.

Lt. John H. Morels, returning from a routine mission over the artillery range, spotted an unreported brush fire.

Using the tremendous air blast downward from the craft's rotor blades, Morels circled the edge of the fire and forced the flames back until the fire died for lack of fuel.

Hoover Commission Warns Of Defense Set-up Wrongs

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Hoover Commission Monday called the new unified national military establishment "perilously close to the weakest type of department" in the government.

The investigating commission deplored lack of civilian control by the President and defense secretary over the powerful military high command, the joint chiefs of staff.

It said there is "continued disharmony and lack of unified planning" in the supposedly "unified" department of defense; it found that the military is far too free of civilian control; and it warned of "extravagance" and "waste" which could do serious damage to the national economy.

The 12-man bipartisan Commission on Government Reorganization, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, strongly urged on Congress six recommendations intended to remedy defects it found under the present unification law.

"There is evidence," it reported, "that the utmost that can be accomplished under the present statute will fall far short of national needs."

Most of the recommendations were aimed at concentrating greater control in the hands of the civilian secretary of defense (Secretary Forrestal, a member of the commission, took no part in preparing the report.)

But the group's final suggestion emphasized the need for immediate action on such things as "emergency plans for civilian and industrial mobilization," plans for civilian defense and "defenses against unconventional methods of warfare."

In commenting on the freedom enjoyed by the military, the commission leveled especially strong criticism at the way the joint chiefs of staff are set up.

It said the chiefs "are virtually a law unto themselves" and suggested appointing a chairman to bring "this most powerful of military units" under strong civilian control.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower recently was named temporary chairman of the joint chiefs by President Truman, reportedly to bring an end to disagreements among the services. Whether that was the kind of appointment the commission had in mind, the report did not say.

But it did lay considerable stress on the bad effect of "interservice rivalries," commenting that they "indicate a lack of understanding of the fact that military security depends upon cooperation and

balance among the Army, Navy and Air Force."

"Throughout its history," the report said, "the United States has been fearful of military cliques and has thrown up safeguards against this threat to democratic government."

Now, it went on, "the pressure of events has resulted in a budget of approximately \$15,000,000,000 in the current fiscal year, more than a third of all federal appropriations, and large military budgets must be the expectation for the immediate future."

These were the commission's recommendations:

1. Give the secretary of defense full power over the defense budget including authority to give it a "major overhaul"; and require the armed forces to keep "complete, accurate and current inventories."

2. Center all the reins of the defense establishment in the hands of the secretary of defense, stripping the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air of their power to appeal over his head to the White House.

3. Make the entire personnel system of all three services subject to the secretary of defense—everything, that is, from recruiting and prescribing uniforms to supervising military education.

4. Improve teamwork by developing better relations "at the working level" among such agencies as the joint chiefs on one hand and the central intelligence agency, research and development board and munitions board, on the other.

5. Coordinate the medical departments of the three services with other government health agencies, as outlined in a report to come later.

6. Take "immediate" steps to prepare for civilian defense, mobilization; and unconventional methods of warfare. On the proposal to revamp the leadership of the joint chiefs, four of the members turned in a minority report saying the commission didn't go far enough.

They suggested a "chief of staff" to the joint chiefs, appointed by the President and responsible to the secretary of defense.

Nehru Charges Red Acts in India

NEW DELHI — (AP) — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru charged Monday that mob attacks in the Calcutta area and widespread sabotage throughout India were Communist moves aimed at seizing the government by force.

He told Parliament that 870 Communists had been arrested during the past 10 days for violence "bordering on open revolt" and that the government's crackdown on "murderers, arsonists and saboteurs" would continue.

Nehru appeared before Parliament as reports from Calcutta said at least 18 persons had been killed since Saturday in clashes with Communist-led bands. The dead included three Britons and two Indian policemen.

Nehru said the mob raids Saturday and Sunday in the Calcutta area and Communist efforts to foment a national railway strike despite a decision by the Railwaymen's Federation not to walk out were connected with Communist policy throughout the Far East.

The prime minister said there have been three attempts to derail trains in the past two days.

A United Press dispatch from Calcutta said three British officials of the Jessup Engineering Co., the largest British company in Calcutta, were found dead in a furnace in their building. They were reported to have been tossed into the furnace alive.

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