

2 Girls Cleared In Loyalty Case

Army Apologizes After Four Years

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army apologized Friday to two government girls it fired as security risks four years ago and offered to return them to their old jobs and pay them any money they lost as a result of the dismissals.

Said Eleanor Deak, 26, of Jermyn, Pa.: "It is regrettable that four long, heart-sick years for me and my family have had to pass before my good name could be cleared."

"Been a Long Fight" Grace Patton, 35, of Charlotte, N. C., said "It's been a long fight, but we made it. I'm awfully happy the case is all over with."

Miss Deak said in a statement that "The police state can happen here unless the people, their representatives and the courts are ever alert to the dangers inherent in the granting of the summary discharge power to civil administrators."

The two were dismissed from the Army Finance Center in St. Louis in March, 1948.

The Army said the women would receive back pay from the date of their removal to reinstatement, but with deductions for whatever other income they had received meanwhile. Details of that will be worked out later, a spokesman said.

Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., wrote the women he hopes the Army's action will "serve in some measure to restore you to the status of a respected and trusted civil servant."

Pace Reviews Case

The Washington attorneys who represented them said the women were charged with attending meetings of subversive groups, including one "open only to members of the Communist Party."

Both denied attending such meetings.

Sens. Martin (R-Pa) and Hoey (D-N.C.) entered pleas to the Army Department in their behalf. But, the attorneys said, no attention was taken until the District U. S. Court of Appeals ordered Pace to review the case.

Batch of Letters Follows Request

WITH THE U. S. 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Korea — (AP) — PFC Robert Hibbard, who wrote one letter to the New York World-Telegram and Sun asking for mail, has received so many answers he's worried Friday about answering them all.

But the young soldier said he would do his best as soon as he finds time from his duties with the 17th Regiment laying mine fields and building bridges.

Hibbard, of Cumberland, Ky., received 41 letters this week, and he expects the average will go up. "I've got taksan mail now," he said, using a Japanese word meaning a great deal. "The world is spinning around just fine."

The World-Telegram and Sun, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, published Hibbard's letter on the front page. In it, Hibbard asked what the people back home felt about the "police action" in Korea.

He said he was receiving letters from his family and friends, but wanted to know if the people in the United States still thought about the fighting men in Korea.

An elderly man in New York wrote and assured Hibbard that "the people in the United States realize the importance of the conflict, but hope the Korean veterans soon can return home."

Most of Hibbard's letters, he reported happily, came from girls between the ages of 19 and 24, who wrote about night life, dancing, and music.

One nine-year-old girl from East Orange, N. J., sent two photographs of herself in a "sisterly type" letter. Most of the letters included the clipping from the New York World-Telegram and Sun and the writers asked Hibbard how long he had been in Korea and when he would come home.

Your Parade, You Pay Officials Tell Legion

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — (AP) — Everybody loves a parade except when they have to pay for it. That was the attitude taken by the board of county commissioners here when it turned down a request by the American Legion for money to help pay for a Memorial Day parade next May.

The Legion wanted to stage the parade at Sharpsburg, site of the Battle of Antietam during the Civil War. The Commissioners took the stand that they should not be using the taxpayers money to provide money for the parade.

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IN GALLERY FOR TRUMAN SPEECH — (AP Wirephoto) Winston Churchill is pictured seated in the presidential gallery of the house to hear President Truman's state of the union message before a joint session of congress. Left to right, are: Mrs. Walter Gifford, wife of the U. S. ambassador to Britain; Mrs. Truman; Mr. Churchill and Anthony Eden, British foreign minister.

Army Pay Raise May Be Blocked

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The congressional economy bloc swung into action Friday with firm opposition to a 10 per cent military pay raise which would cost about \$800,000,000 a year.

Legislation to grant the pay increase to all members of the armed services and retired military men was put on the calendar earlier this week to be considered by the House next Tuesday.

But the sudden opposition to the measure may force a change in plans. While no change in the schedule was announced, it was understood that Democratic leaders may decide to put the bill over for later consideration.

Limited Debate

Original plans called for the legislation to be considered under a suspension-of-the-rules procedure. This meant that debate would be limited to 40 minutes, no amendments would be in order, and approval would require a two-thirds majority.

Some members predicted the bill would not get this majority because of the strong economy sentiment. It was generally agreed that if the cry for economy were not so strong, the bill would pass overwhelmingly, perhaps unanimously.

Demo-GOP Bloc

One congressional leader, who asked not to be identified by name, said there would be a sufficient number of southern Democrats and Republican votes to block two-thirds approval.

There was a widespread feeling on Capitol Hill that as far as government spending is concerned, the 82nd Congress returned for its second session with blood in its eye.

Here is the legislation called for by President Truman and the congressional reaction:

Inflation — Mr. Truman asked for an improved wage-price control law to replace the one he said was "shot full of holes at the last session." The legislators may renew the present law, but probably won't tighten it up much.

Taft-Hartley — Congress plans to ignore the President's repeated request for a "fair law" to replace the labor act.

Foreign Aid — Although Congress has shown more sympathy for Mr. Truman's plan to continue the foreign aid program, there were many indications that it may be chopped well below administration requests.

Farm Prices — Congress said maybe, but probably not, to the President's suggestion that it "strengthen our system of farm price supports."

Veterans — The lawmakers may go along with Mr. Truman's proposal that disabled veterans receiving monthly compensation get some cost-of-living increase.

Social Security — Congress isn't expected to buy the President's proposal to hike old age and survivors insurance benefits by \$5 a month above the present \$42 average.

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U.S. Speeds Up Defense Effort

Defense Secretary Reports to Congress

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Defense Lovett told Congress Thursday American production lines are pouring out tanks, guns, planes and other military equipment at a rate of 24 billion dollars a year—and the tempo is quickening.

He emphasized, however, that it may be some time before serious delays and bottlenecks in the production of major defense items are eliminated.

Plane Speed Up

Lovett made his comment about bottlenecks in a statement to newsmen at the Pentagon after testifying behind closed doors before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Earlier, Chairman Russell (D-Ga) of the Senate group had told reporters that Lovett was "optimistic" that delays in producing jet planes, modern tanks and other weapons would soon end. Russell indicated this country would soon get a defense production lead over Russia. President Truman told Congress Wednesday that Russia is producing more war planes than the free nations.

Production Going Up

Although stressing delays in the fast-expanding mobilization drive, Lovett said in a statement: "Production will increase at progressively higher rates as the tooling-up stage is completed in the months ahead."

In the next 12 months, Lovett said, defense spending should average about 3½ billion dollars a month, or 4 billion a year.

1800 GIs Still To Be Identified

TOKYO — (AP) — The bodies of approximately 1800 Americans killed in Korea remain unidentified, the Far East Command graves registration office said Friday.

The bodies are at Camp Kokura on the Southern Japanese island of Kyushu. A painstaking scientific study is being made in an effort to establish identification.

Such identification would reduce the number of names carried on the missing-in-action list. The Department of Defense has given the missing figure at about 11,000. The Reds have announced they hold 3198 of these missing Americans as prisoners.

Even if all the 1800 were identified, however, it would not necessarily reduce the missing list by that amount. Some of the "unknowns" would have been carried on the killed-in-action list.

In these cases the names would have been reported as killed in action because two or more witnesses had verified a death but the body was not recovered immediately.

SPELL IT AGAIN

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — (AP) — Science has come up with a new chemical to fight Dutch elm tree disease. A pathologist, A. E. Dixon, of the Connecticut agricultural experiment station, says it's called methylcarboxymercaptobenzothiazole.

Albany Laborer Jailed On Meter-Theft Charge

PORTLAND — (AP) — An Albany farm laborer was jailed here Thursday as the city's elusive "parking meter thief."

Police took Frederick Wilson Ledbetter, 37, into custody after fixing a meter alarm to ring on the telephone switchboard in headquarters. The signal indicated the meter number and location. Within seconds Ledbetter was picked up in the vicinity.

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NEW RFC HEAD — Harry McDonald smiles happily in his Washington, D.C., apartment after President Truman named him to succeed W. Stuart Symington as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

CLEVELAND — (AP) — Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright says he "doubts" if Gen. Eisenhower "has political ability" and doesn't think "anyone can get the nomination if he doesn't go out and work for it."

Ike Bid Rapped By Wainwright

The hero of Bataan is here for the dedication of a new organized reserve corps center.

"Fine Personality"

Commenting on Eisenhower's chances of winning the Republican nomination to run, Wainwright said Eisenhower's "fine personality and fine administrative ability" were not enough. "It takes more than that to be a good president. I doubt if he has political ability."

He held that two military heroes who did become presidents were not successful in the White House and identified them as Zachary Taylor and Ulysses S. Grant.

Praises MacArthur

Wainwright declared at another point that if they'd let Gen. MacArthur alone over there, the Korean thing would have been over by now.

"There would have been none of this dickering for an armistice. MacArthur would have driven them back across the border and dared them to come back."

Military Chiefs Eye Indochina

Red China Attack Feared in Far East

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Military powers began talks here Friday on what can be done in event an assault from Red China is launched against French Indochina. Such a "new Korea" would threaten all of Southeast Asia.

The staff chiefs of Britain, France and the United States, with observers from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, open their top secret conference under a dark shadow cast by reports that the great labor leader of the fight against Communism in Southern Asia lies dying in a Paris clinic.

Urgency was given to the high strategy session by warnings from French Gen. De Lattre de Tassigny before he was stricken in Indochina and flown home for treatment.

He expressed fears, backed up by facts and sobering evaluations, that Red China was preparing a major intervention in the Communist inspired and led rebellion in Indochina.

Diplomatic officials in London said Britain, France and the U.S. are considering plans to set up a unified military command in Southeast Asia. This would enable a pooling of available air, land and sea forces.

Mexicans Flee Tijuana Prison

TIJUNA, Mex. — (AP) — Mexican police and army troops searched this border town Friday for five fugitives still at large after a prison break in which 15 Mexican criminals were liberated.

The prisoners, serving terms for crimes ranging from auto theft to murder, made a break for freedom Thursday by squirring through a 15-foot tunnel they had dug under the Tijuana prison wall with their hands.

Nine of the escapees, including the alleged ringleader, Pasqual Cruz Torres, 28, were recaptured by midmorning, and a 10th, Benito Hernandez Gonzalez, 23, was picked up a few hours later.

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