

NATO Approves Program

100 Billion Defense
Budget Authorized

BRUSSELS, Belgium —(AP)—The Atlantic Treaty Organization today gave unanimous approval to a three-year \$300 billion program to make Europe invulnerable to the threat of Soviet attack.

The huge defense program calls for \$100 billion to be spent during the next three years to provide Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower with 50 divisions and 10,000 planes.

There was not a dissenting vote among the 14 NATO powers accepted the report of V. Averell Harriman, U.S. ambassador to the United States, and representatives of the 12 original NATO members for the vast, three-year program.

Harriman committee report called for the \$300 billion limit on the NATO powers could spend for defense during the next three years without taxing their economies.

After 1952 were tentatively set aside an eventual force of 100 divisions to Europe.

The phase of the program will be devoted to whipping into shape 30 combat-ready divisions, 100 divisions and the 4000 tactical aircraft before this year.

Approval of the Harriman plan by the European members to the costs of translating the defense program from men, tanks, guns and

just 24 hours after the members had approved a plan for 1,430,000 man European units, including German units, a unified command.

Approval of the Harriman report after the United States promised to make the necessary available to France to her to train and equip a force of 12 divisions for the force.

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ACTRESS GLORIA SWANSON, who is 52, talks with newsmen at Hollywood. about reports she will marry her manager, Branden (Brandy) Brent. It would be her sixth venture into matrimony. She hinted the wedding might come off, but wouldn't flatly say yes or no.

Utah Doctors Report On Sanity of Kidnap

SALT LAKE CITY—(AP)—Two court-appointed psychiatrists reported Saturday that they believe John D. Billett, 24, bank robber-kidnap, is insane.

Billett last month robbed a Salt Lake City bank of more than \$20,000.

When arrested a few hours later, he admitted he had been holding Ricky Henricksen, 14, as an involuntary prisoner more than two months. The boy was released, not seriously harmed.

New Son

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Blond Michael Woodman Merrill, one month old, arrived Friday at the home of Screen Actress Bette Davis and her actor husband, Gary Merrill, to become their foster son.

Group Pledges Ike Support

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A slate of electors pledged to support Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's nomination for president on the Democratic ticket will be entered in the California June primary, a "Democrats for Eisenhower" committee announced Saturday.

The committee, headed by San Francisco banker Phillips S. Davies, announced its action was motivated by the conviction that "The country must have a change in leadership if we are to retain our cherished democratic ideals of honesty, efficiency and humanity in government."

Martha Clipped In Club Row

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. —(AP)—Comedienne Martha Raye was slugged in her famous mouth Saturday in a "messy" row with a New York television salesman at her Five O'Clock Club.

The husky-voiced vocalist signed an assault and battery warrant against Francis Serpico, 32, of Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., charging that he "Gave me a bust in the mouth when I slapped him after he called me bad names."

Serpico—battered by bouncers and Miss Raye's fourth and current husband, dancer Nick Condos—was released under a \$200 bond under orders to appear in city court Monday.

"It all started," she said, "when this big guy comes in with a date and starts fussing for a drink. Well, it's three o'clock or so and the bar's closed for the night. I tell him this and he starts cussing."

"When he called me low, real names, I let him have it with a slap across the face," she said.

"So he comes right back with a fist that bops me right here," she indicated the mouth that made her movie and night club fame. "I don't know which hand it was, it came so fast . . . and he's a big guy too."

Plane Crash Kills Two

SNOHOMISH—(AP)—Two men were killed shortly after noon Saturday as their light plane went into a spin at a low altitude and crashed near the airport. They were Frank Bernier, Everett, and James A. Ormiston, Everett.

The collections of art works of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art are said to be the most extensive in the Western Hemisphere.

Showman Ill
HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Rotund, wiseful Victor Moore, 76-year-old comedian and veteran of 60 years in show business, was reported in "good condition" Saturday at Cedars of Lebanon hospital where he was taken for a virus attack.

'Missing' Boat Returns to Port

HONOLULU—(AP)—The Coast Guard search for the missing Seattle yacht "Mariner" was called off when the 42-foot ketch sailed back into port Saturday.

The yacht, carrying Dr. and Mrs. Peter Schranz of Seattle, a Honolulu engineer and two crewmen, departed from Honolulu for Kauai island last Thursday. The search started when the craft failed to arrive at Kauai.

The Coast Guard said Schranz, a retired dentist, said a bearing in the boat's auxiliary engine burned out before the yacht reached Kauai so the group sailed back to Honolulu.

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Group Says Election 'Rigged' To Keep Reds in Union Office

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A Senate subcommittee charged Saturday that union elections were rigged to keep "Communist officials" of the American Communications Association (ACA) in office.

Evidence of this was made public Saturday from testimony presented at closed-door hearings of the Senate internal security subcommittee last month by three former officers of the union, an independent certified as bargaining agent for about 6500 communications workers in the New York City area.

IN NEW YORK, the union's offices were closed for the weekend, and officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

The subcommittee in summing up its report said:

"The Communist officials of the American Communications Association have been able to perpetuate themselves in office by

fraudulent practices in the election of officers of the union.

"THESE FRAUDULENT practices included the destruction of ballots of members of the union and the substitution of ballots which had been marked for a slate of candidates designated by the Communist leadership."

Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) said the testimony taken by his subcommittee "shows how a relatively small group of union members can manage to hookwink the vast majority and thus can lead honest, loyal American workmen into paths of dishonor, or at the very least, frustration."

LAST AUGUST the subcommittee issued a report disclosing that witnesses had identified seven officers of the union, including Joseph P. Selly, the international president, as Communists or former Communists.

The union was expelled from the CIO in 1950 on the ground that it was Communist-run.

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