

eburg Editor Points Out nger to Free U.S. Press

"You say it can't happen here? It happened in other places like this," Stanton said.

He cited the case of La Prensa, the Buenos Aires paper put out of business last year by the Peron government, and the case of the imprisonment of Associated Press Correspondent William Oatis in Czechoslovakia, "whose only crime was printing the truth."

"La Prensa, one of the finest newspapers in our hemisphere, was expropriated by a government with almost the same clause in their constitution guaranteeing freedom of speech we have," the Roseburg editor proclaimed.

Stanton pointed to eastern Germany Gerhard Eisler, formerly the U. S. number one Communist who escaped to Europe, controls the press.

"Eisler has been in control of 33 newspapers, spewing out poison against the United States," Stanton continued. "He tells the Germans our soldiers are eating Korean babies, that we're spreading germs, we're spraying and killing their crops. They have to believe it; there is no newspaper to dispute it."

"But people cannot be made slaves as long as they have access to the truth," the editor said. "You are all aware of the danger, but are you aware of how near that danger is?" he asked the Rotarians.

Stanton returned to the examples of press oppression mentioned earlier in his talk.

"I cited, first, the right to know, to have truthful information (the Gerhard Eisler case); second, the right to personal liberty, freedom of movement (Oatis' arrest); third, the right of security of property ownership (La Prensa)."

Stanton deplored American government attempts at influencing the public.

"All sides have the right to be heard — the government makes sure its side is heard," he declared. "The press, through competitive enterprise, is reporting what the government is doing. Yet, the government is spending 17 million dollars to tell their side."

The speaker also complained of the volume of "handouts" issued from government offices including speeches, regulations, instructions, and orders — in view of the shortage of newsprint for papers.

"You know, there were only 200 words in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, only 300 words in the Declaration of Independence — but it took the Office of Price Stabilization 26,911 words to change the price of cabbage," he continued.

"Our American loaf of freedom is large and bountiful," the editor stated. "We must be alert to protect that loaf, from weevils, rats, and pests who would destroy it. We can give, but we can't surrender," he said. "If we lose that loaf of freedom, we have nothing to give the millions throughout the world who are looking to us for salvation."

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Army Answers Eisenhower On Use of Korean Manpower

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army talked back Wednesday to its one-time chief of staff, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In a guarded statement, prepared at the request of Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett, the Army in effect denied Eisenhower's charge that it is not making sufficient use of South Korean manpower in the Korean front lines.

The Republican presidential candidate raised the issue in a speech at Champaign, Ill., last week. He said there is "no sense" in American troops being "constantly compelled to man those front lines . . . that is a job for the Koreans."

The Army replied that its policy is, and has been, to use as many South Korean troops as possible without jeopardizing the safety of U. S. forces or the success of the Korean war effort.

Asserting that the Communists are exerting "continuing pressure" all along the Korean front, the Army said:

"It should be remembered that we are faced with increased enemy strength, and our commanders must take this into consideration in their military planning."

Lovett told a news conference Tuesday the United States is currently supporting about 400,000 Republic of Korea (ROK) troops in the Korean war effort. In addition to that, he said there is a considerable number of other ROK forces not supported by the U. S.

Lovett said ROK forces in the field outnumber U. S. forces by 50 per cent.

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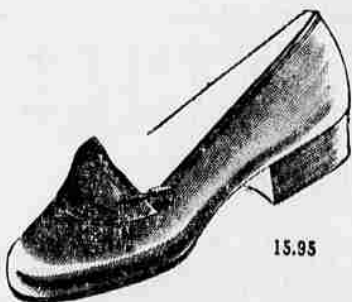
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