

Dulles Tells Nation Of European Trip

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles says "there is a good chance" for formation of a European Defense Community but he hopes that "concrete evidence" of progress will be forthcoming promptly.

Dulles gave that report of his impressions of a flying trip to European capitals, from which he returned Monday, in a radio and television broadcast to the nation Thursday night.

He cautioned that the alternatives to formation of a European Defense Community are considered by President Eisenhower to be weak, and he said the security of Europe itself and in some degree the security of the United States against the power of Russia depend upon successful accomplishment of the undertaking.

Auto Dealer Named in Suit

A civil suit asking a judgment of \$2,000 against the owner of a used car firm was on file in Circuit Court in Eugene Wednesday.

The plaintiff, George D. Smith, alleged in his complaint against Harry H. March, doing business as Harry's Auto Sales, 4442 McKenzie Highway, that the defendant sold him (Smith) a 1952 Pontiac which had previously been sold to an Oregon City auto dealer.

Smith alleged in the complaint that he entered into a contract in October, 1952, with March whereby Smith paid the defendant \$2,000, and that March promised to either deliver the car by Oct. 21, 1952, or repay the \$2,000.

The defendant has failed to deliver the car or repay the money, the complaint stated.

"The defendant acted in a fraudulent manner with a wanton disregard for rights of the plaintiff," the complaint alleged. "The defendant willfully represented that he was owner of a Pontiac auto, whereas, in truth and in fact, said auto had previously been sold to McIntyre Motors, Oregon City."

March recently was arraigned before Circuit Court in Eugene on three felony charges. He pleaded not guilty to all charges and is free on bail. No trial dates have been set.

French Protest Sentence of 14 Hitler Guards

STRASBOURG, France (AP)—Protests erupted Friday throughout the French border province of Alsace against a French military court's sentencing of 14 Alsations for war crimes while members of Hitler's Elite (SS) Guard.

The tribunal in Bordeaux early Friday sentenced one Alsation to death and 13 others to prison terms ranging from five to 12 years for their part in the wartime massacre of 642 villagers of Oradour-sur-Glane, France.

One German also received a death sentence, five were given prison terms and another was acquitted.

In addition to the 21 Alsations and Germans tried in person in Bordeaux, the court sentenced to death in absentia 25 other former members—all Germans—of the SS division.

The people of this Rhineland area contended that their fellow Alsations in the case should be dealt with leniently because they had been forced into the German service. As the court findings were announced, indignation spread through the press and in government assemblies.

The verdict was unjust, said the Catholic newspaper Le Nouvel Alsacien, "because our citizens were pushed into the horrible maelstrom in violation of international law and the rights of people."

TO INCLUDE GERMANY
This has been "disconcerting" to the U. S., Dulles said, because American security plans are based upon eventual inclusion of German military strength in the Western European defense system.

EDC was developed by European leaders, he declared, and in supporting it the U. S. has not "been trying to impress an American scheme on Europe."

In the past seven years, he said, this country has contributed 30 billion dollars to Europe and stationed "tens of thousands of our armed forces" there because European security vitally affects American security.

"But our effort," he continued, "will not permanently serve Europe, or ourselves, or humanity, unless it fits into a constructive program for European unity. Nothing that the U. S. can do will ever be enough to make Europe safe if it is divided into rival national camps."

"President Eisenhower himself said recently that he was impressed with the 'feebleness' of alternatives to the European Defense Community."

The Eisenhower administration is understood to have no alternative plan for the defense of Western Europe under formal study, having committed itself instead to EDC.

TWO ALTERNATIVES
There are at least two theoretical alternatives. One would be for the U. S. to make direct arrangements for the rearmament of Western Germany, though that is considered virtually impossible because of French opposition; and the other would be for the U. S. to make new plans for a "peripheral defense" built upon bases in England, Spain, Greece and other positions outside the heart of Europe.

Dulles has been pressing for faster action on EDC so he can demonstrate to Congress in the first part of April that strong defenses are in prospect and justify further U. S. aid to European forces. He hopes to be able to go to the North Atlantic Treaty meeting at Paris April 23 with assurances that U. S. aid will be continued for another year on a scale the administration considers adequate.

He described this situation to European leaders on his trip—he visited London in addition to the continental capitals—but, he said last night, neither gave nor received any "concrete promises or pledges."

'DID COME BACK'
"We did come back," he said, "with the feeling that there is a good chance that the European Defense Community will be brought into being. There are plenty of hurdles to be overcome. But we believe that there is a will to proceed."

"We hope that in the coming weeks this determination will be translated into concrete evidence that real progress is being made. Without that, future planning will be difficult. Candor requires us to say this."



PRESIDENTIAL TRIBUTE—President Eisenhower stands in front of the classic statue of Abraham Lincoln when he went to the Lincoln Memorial to place a wreath in observance of the birthday of the Civil War President. In background is Lt. Col. Robert L. Schulz (left), military aide, and Cmdr. Edward L. Beach, naval aide.

Lane Representatives Introduce County Officials' Pay Measure

By WILLIAM WARREN
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SALEM (AP)—Reps. Loran L. Stewart of Cottage Grove and Earl Hill of Cushman tossed a couple of bills into the House hopper Thursday destined to have the boys talking around the courthouse in every one of Oregon's 36 counties.

They would do away with what Hill called the archaic system of coming to the Legislature each session to get approval of pay boosts for county officials from judges to clerks to constables and would create county budget committees appointed by the governor and independent of the county officials.

Members of county courts under present law appoint their own budget committees and that is the reason, Hill said, that any pay boosts have to be approved by the Legislature under the old system. Otherwise, a court with indifferent membership might tell its budget committee to boost their pay or else.

GOVERNOR WOULD APPOINT
Under terms of the Stewart-Hill bill, the governor would appoint a budget committee of five for each county, each of which must be a resident of the county and a property owner. It would really

draft a budget, same as any business must if it is going to survive. The first year, one member would be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three, one for four and one for five years. Thereafter each member would be appointed for a five-year term. That way there would be continuity through the years.

Hill said the objective of the bill, besides getting rid of an antiquated practice, was to "bring the budgeting back to where it belongs, down to the county level."

SECOND BILL TECHNICAL
The second bill merely makes provisions for municipal, school district and other officials as a technical matter of making sure the first bill is constitutional. Those levels of government do not have to have legislative approval of salary schedules.

Another bill introduced in the House by Rep. Mark Hatfield would provide for non-partisan nomination and election of sheriffs throughout Oregon.

Three Indicted For Land Sale

Gold Beach Timber Sale Brings Charge

PORTLAND (AP)—Three men, including a discharged Indian Bureau land officer, were free on bail Friday on federal charges of criminal conspiracy.

One of four indictments against them concerns a widely publicized Gold Beach timberland case, the sale of which was set aside on the ground that the Indian owners had been defrauded.

Clyde Flinn, who had been land officer for the Indian Bureau before being fired last summer, was arrested at his home at The Dalles; Fred Marsh, Lebanon timber buyer, was arrested at his home; and Charles Blanford, Milwaukee attorney, surrendered at the U.S. marshal's office accompanied by his attorneys.

\$3,000 BOND
Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Robert A. Leedy, each posted \$3,000 bond.

Seventy-four overt acts are charged in the first indictment, which covers the Gold Beach case. That particular case went to court with the government seeking to set aside the sale. The three men under indictment refused to testify in that case.

An assistant to Flinn in the Indian Bureau, Francis La France, did testify, was discharged, but was not named in the indictments.

First of the overt acts, the government charges, occurred with Flinn attempting to get Blanford a job as a title examining officer with the Indian Bureau.

Flinn, Blanford and Marsh are all named as conspiring to defraud the United States in its policies surrounding Indian trust lands and titles in Indian allotments as well as its policy on acquiring lands on the Warm Springs reservation.

In the second indictment all three are named again, this time with making fraudulent statements about the value of a tract of Coos County land owned by Mirerva and Fred Mechum.

CLIMAXED PROBE
Only Blanford and Marsh are named in the third indictment, which is concerned with a trust allotment of Etta Duke of Bandon.

Flinn alone is named in the fourth indictment. It charges that he represented himself as buying privately owned timber on Warm Springs reservation for the government, when in fact he was buying it for private interests.

The indictments are the culmination of an investigation which started after it became known that Gold Beach Indian lands had been sold in an involved transaction at a fraction of their worth.

Doctors Plan to Test Plasma Substitute

By FRANK CAREY
Associated Press Science Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army Friday authorized its doctors to test a sugar substance called "Dextran" as a substitute for blood plasma, but urged that public blood donations continue undiminished.

Col. John T. Wood, Army chief medical researcher, told the Associated Press the tests authorized by the surgeon general will be carried out in the Far East, Europe and the United States.

The idea is to see if Dextran is safer and cheaper than blood plasma in treating shock resulting from war wounds, burns or injury and in aiding patients undergoing surgical operations.

These are principal uses of blood plasma which, however, sometimes can cause a liver disease known as "serum hepatitis." Dextran, Army doctors said, is free of that hazard and costs \$6.50 a pint compared with \$27 for blood plasma.

Wood said the tests are optional—doctors can use their own judgment about making the substitution. He said the tests will end April 15, when the Army will consider whether the substitution should be ordered.

The colonel said he wanted to emphasize these points:
• It is true that any major use of Dextran would cut down correspondingly the Army's requirements for blood plasma, but whole blood—for which there is no substitute—will still be needed to make plasma for other uses. It takes three times as much whole blood to make any given amount of plasma.

• Even though the military requirement for whole blood donations would be reduced, the Red Cross will have a continuing and possibly ever-increasing requirement for blood donations from the public.

• Col. Wood said the new, service-wide tests of Dextran—a substance derivable from cane sugar, molasses or beet juice—were prompted by this evidence:
• Trial of the product in approximately 3,000 military and civilian patients in this country over a period of several years showed it was a "completely adequate substitute" for plasma for certain important uses.

• Trial of Dextran in more than 60 battle casualties in Korea last summer bore out the initial evidence.

• Early this year, the services sent limited quantities of Dextran to certain hospitals in the United States and to Korea.

Fragmentary reports were so promising that the Army surgeon general decided this week to extend the tests to every hospital and medical installation at home and abroad.

SHIPPING GRANT ASKED
WASHINGTON (AP)—A recommendation has been made by an Interstate Commerce Commission examiner that the Palantic Steamship Co. be granted permanent authority to carry lumber from between Coos Bay, Ore., and Humboldt Bay, Calif., to Atlantic ports.

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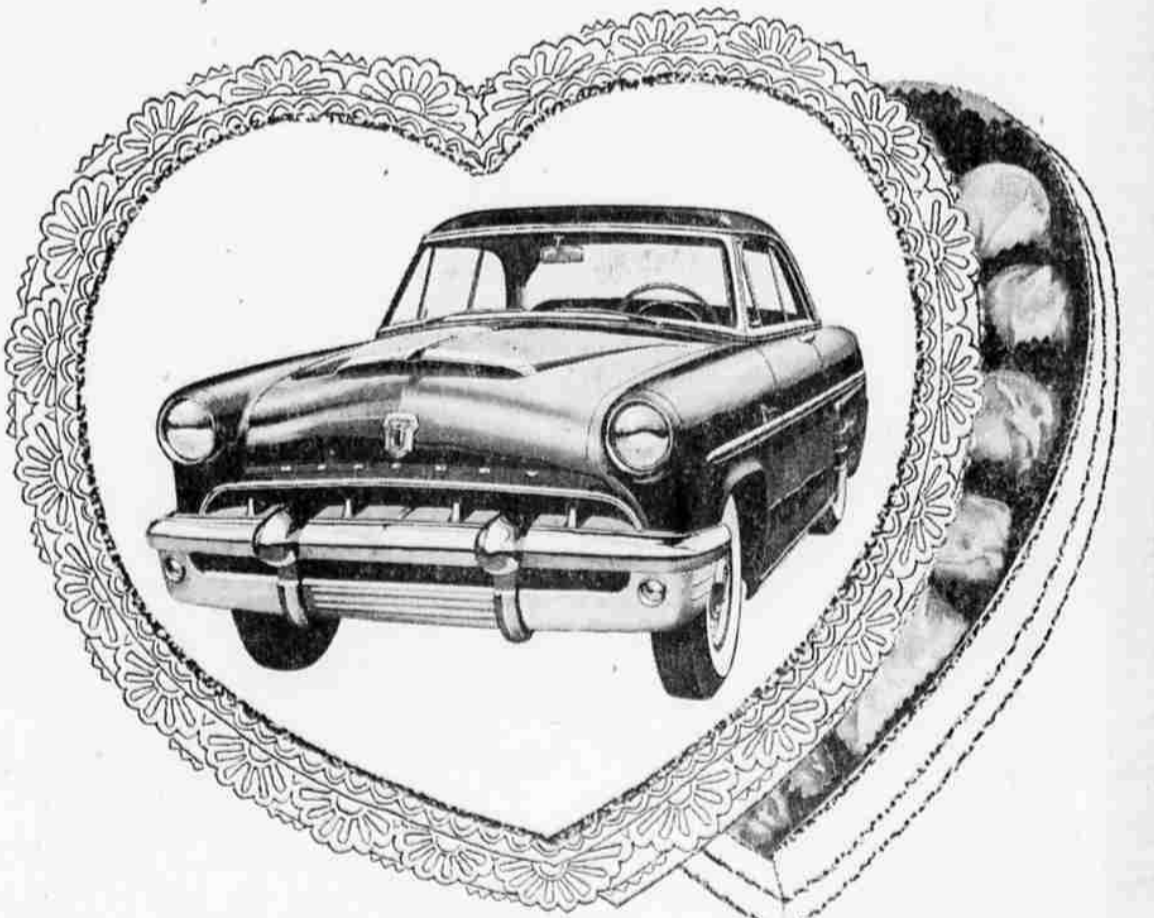
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