

Atomic Security Not Threatened, Truman's View

Washington, July 21 (AP)—President Truman today said there is nothing alarming in current secret discussions involving this country's policy on atomic energy.

Speaking specifically of his recent secret night meeting with congressional, cabinet and military leaders, the chief executive said this conference was relatively unimportant.

But he was critical of one of the participants in the conference for, as he put it, leaking to the press about the conference before it was held.

Mr. Truman said he did not like that when it happened and he still does not like it.

He said that eventually the facts will come out. When this happens, he said, reporters will find that no deep, dark secrets were involved.

Not Identified

The president would not identify the man who "leaked" about the conference, which was held last Thursday night at Blair house. He said he knew who he was. Asked whether this man would be invited to other similar meetings at Blair house, the president said he would take care of that when the occasion arose.

The president, when first questioned about the parley, was asked broadly, "what's going on in our atomic foreign policy?"

The president declined to comment, but spoke at some length when asked about the relative importance of the meeting.

After saying it was relatively unimportant, he recalled that it has been his habit to hold private conferences from time to time on matters affecting the welfare of the nation.

More Meetings Due

Last Thursday, he continued, was the first occasion when one person leaked to the press that he was going to a presidential conference.

The chief executive said he would have other such meetings and they would continue to be off the record.

After stressing that no deep, dark secrets were involved, the president said he had no intention of ever making public the subject of the meeting in question. He agreed when a radio commentator expressed the opinion that the conference was "overplayed and over-headlined."

Asked whether he had any intention of telling the British how we make the atom bomb, the president replied with a quick no comment.

Economy Urged By Governor

Salem, July 21 (AP)—Economy, says the governor of Oregon, is "the wise use of money."

Gov. Douglas McKay held his first meeting with heads of all departments under the executive's appointive power. He said he could see no sharp financial recession ahead, but he thought it would be a good idea for the various departments to scan their budgets with extra care in the interest of getting value received "for the taxpayer's dollar."

The 25 officials voted unanimously to continue such meetings on a quarterly basis for an exchange of ideas and discussion of mutual problems.

McKay, who attended a Pacific coast intergovernmental conference in San Francisco recently, said that Oregon has the smallest percentage of unemployment of the coast states. He said Oregon had recovered from its midwinter slump and the local and national economic outlook is far from discouraging.

But Gov. McKay said it is important for state departments to get by on less money where feasible.

PASTOR TO DEPART

Prineville, July 21—Rev. B. M. Rogness, who became the first resident pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran church here in May, 1946, will leave the coming week to assume the pastorate of the Lutheran church at Elbow Lake, Minn. Rev. Rogness, who, while in Prineville, has been in charge of construction of a new church, is a graduate of the Union Theological school, a department of Columbia university at New York City. Following a brief pastorate at Beaudette, Minn., he spent five years in the army.

While no successor has been named to Rev. Rogness, the church pastorate will be filled until September 1 by Dwight Boe, a student of Luther Theological seminary at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Rogness has already left Prineville and is visiting at the home of her parents at Bismarck, N. D.

NOT TO BE CAUGHT

Madison, Wis. (AP)—Detective Romain York picked up a hand grenade, found in an ash can, and tossed it out into Lake Mendota. "Why didn't you pull the pin to see if it would go off?" someone asked. "And be arrested for dynamiting fish?" York shot back.

3 Contracts Let By Bonneville

Portland, July 21 (AP)—Three contracts totaling over \$600,000 were awarded Wednesday by the Bonneville power administration. A contract for three transformers for the Covington, Wash., went to the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co., of Portland on a bid of \$562,000.

An award for the clearing of the right of way for the Mt. Hood forest section of the Maupin-Detroit 230 kilo-volt transmission line was given to the R&R Construction Co., of Tillamook, Ore., on a \$43,500 bid.

Rick Helicopters, Inc. of Los Angeles won an award of \$43,455 an hour for rental of a helicopter during the 1959 fiscal year.

Filipino Outlaws Tracked Down

Manila (AP)—Philippine government troops have killed some 500 Hukbalaup outlaws in retaliation for the massacre of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 members of her motor party in Nueva Ecija province.

The estimate was given by a responsible officer who admitted that it was only an approximation, since it is impossible for the government to keep accurate check on Huk casualties. The outlaws often carry away and bury their dead.

The Philippine constabulary described government casualties as "extremely light" in the punitive campaign that followed the April 28 ambush murder of the wife of the first president of the Philippines, members of her family and her military escort.

The campaign touched off by the Quezon murder continues and, according to Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, constabulary commander, there will be no let-up "until the bullets of the Huks are exhausted."

Plenty of Ammunition

Constabulary officers frankly admit that it may take a long time for the communist-led outlaws to run out of ammunition.

"They always manage to give us a running fight," a combat captain said. "Where and how they get their ammunition, after all these months of fighting, I don't know."

There are several theories about where they get their guns and bullets. As guerrillas who fought the Japanese, the Huks were given large quantities of arms and ammunition by the American forces. The weapons, at least, are still in their hands in most cases. Some arms have been stolen from American and Filipino forces.

An American officer recently said privately that there has been a healthy arms and munitions traffic through the Philippines since the war, with the bulk of this illicit cargo consigned to Indonesia and southeast Asia. A few gun runners have been caught but it is presumed that most were not. Undoubtedly some of the contraband remained in Filipino outlaw hands.

Numbers Thinned

Responsible officials have discounted recurring rumors that large arms shipments have been made to the Philippines from communist Asia.

Some 3,000 government troops have been stalking the Huks for weeks in the mountain and swamp hideouts of Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Bulacan, Laguna and Quezon provinces. Ramos estimates that there now are less than 5,000 "armed and organized Huks, and maybe only about 3,000."

The constabulary commander believes that this year's frequent raids and ambushes by the Huks were aggravated by the dissidents' shortage of food.

"During last year's harvest, the Huks were able to seize large quantities of grain," Ramos said. "But in the last harvest, in January, they failed to repeat the stunt because of increased constabulary vigilance. Now the Huks suffer more than ever from lack of supplies and they must get food one way or another from the people in the country."

COURT KICKS BACK

Fall River, Mass. (AP)—Fined \$3 for an automobile violation, Mrs. Ann Blume was about to leave the court when she heard officials calling for an interpreter. She returned, served as an translator for a rabbi, and received an interpreter's fee of \$2.

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RADIO OFFICERS STRIKE

New York, July 21 (AP)—Some 70 AFL radio officers struck against American overseas airlines today, grounding the company's transatlantic flights in a "no contract, no work" dispute.

A company spokesman said three scheduled flights to Europe would be cancelled today. He did

not know whether three incoming flights would be held up on the other side of the Atlantic.

A contract between the airline and the flight communications officers association (AFL) expired June 15 and the company has refused the unions' demands for a clause in the new contract calling for up to \$4,500 severance pay for five years' service.

NEWSPAPER SOLD

Washington, July 21 (AP)—Purchase of the Washington Times-Herald by Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher and editor of the Chicago Tribune, was announced today in a front-page box in the Times-Herald.

The brief announcement said: "The executors of the estate of Eleanor Patterson announce the

sale of the Washington Times-Herald to the Tribune company of Chicago, Ill.

Col. Robert R. McCormick, president of the Tribune company, has authorized us to say that the Times-Herald will continue "business as usual" and that the present staff of the Times-Herald will be retained."

PLAN FORUM DINNER

Redmond, July 21—Plans for the Central Oregon Memorial hospital campaign, to be sponsored in Redmond, will be presented at a forum dinner here Tuesday night, July 26. The dinner will be at 7 o'clock, at the Redmond hotel, C. E. Thompson, chamber of commerce president, said. Representatives of civic, service, la-

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Principal speaker will be Louis D. Barr, who has been retained to act as adviser on the Redmond hospital project.

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