

Defense Budget Sews Seeds for Angry Battle

By RUTH COWAN

Washington, April 7 (P)—An angry battle is developing in congress over how much security the administration's new defense budget will buy American.

In the camp protesting "not enough" is Rep. Vinson (D.-Ga.), supported by republican and democratic members of the house armed services committee Vinson heads.

In the opposing camps are President Truman, Secretary of Defense Johnson, Chairman Mahon (D., Tex.) of the house military appropriations subcommittee.

Their stand is that the proposed \$13,911,127,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning in July is "sufficient for present needs."

Caught in the cross-fire are the military joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and economy-advocating congressmen of both parties.

Johnson and the joint chiefs returned from Europe just in time to be hit by Vinson's opening blast in debate on the appropriation bill in which he urged that \$583,289,211 more be added for warplanes for the air force and navy.

Vinson told congress that under the administration's military program American air power will wither on the vine at a time when the Russians are building the largest air force in the world "for use whenever their carefully-timed Pearl Harbor day comes around."

At about the time Vinson was speaking, Johnson told a news conference he had ordered the joint chiefs of staff to restudy the budget to determine whether more money should be asked for air force and navy planes.

Eisenhower, credited with having helped draft the pending budget, said last week he thought \$500,000,000 should be added to it.

The former army chief of staff then recommended particularly the strengthening of Alaska defenses and more modern planes for the navy and air force.

Johnson told reporters he believed that all the military forces and equipment recommended by Eisenhower can be obtained within the pending budget.

In this he risked counter-attack by Vinson.

Rep. Anderson (R., Calif.), a member of the armed services committee, supported his chairman with a vigorous statement. He criticized Johnson as a man of "insatiable ambition—an unquenchable lust for power."

Anderson also urged congress to plug what he called many holes in the pending budget which "exists simply to keep the budget low enough to make the 'economy record' of the secretary of defense loom politically defensible."

A prompt counter-attack to Vinson was made by Rep. Mahon, Chairman of the subcommittee that had considered the defense budget, Mahon urged the house to defeat efforts to boost it.

"Our enemies want us to spend ourselves into defeat," he said. Defense does not consist of airplanes alone, Mahon continued. Rather, he said, potential enemies fear "America's industrial potential and her power to fight back."

He said Russia does not have heavy long-range bombers of this country's B-36 type. She has only 300 to 400 medium bombers while this country has many, many more, he continued. He stressed the amounts in the proposed appropriation for research and development. He argued that the need is to develop the weapons with which a future war will be fought and not to overstock on weapons that may turn out to be obsolete.

Afterward there was no indication that Vinson was retreating from his stand. Rather, he told a reporter: "We'll have a lot of fun when the amendments come up." His tone was grim.

Portland to Vote On Housing Unit

Portland, April 7 (P)—Portland's city council today approved a contract for 2,000 units of federal low-rental housing, but also voted to refer the proposal to the people in the May 19 primary election.

The action followed a lengthy hearing in which private home builders and real estate interests were aligned against the Portland housing authority.

Paul Gronert, representing the Portland home owners council, told commissioners and Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee that public housing was a luxury. In effect, he said, it would take property from the tax rolls.

Lloyd Carter, past president of the Portland Realty board, and John J. LaPorte, president of the Portland Home Builders association, said that private builders were providing low-cost housing and charged that projects as that proposed were a step toward socialism.

Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen, vice-chairman of the housing authority, said a housing survey had shown there were more than 4000 families whose housing fails to meet sanitary and safety requirements and whose income is less than \$2100 a year.

John Dukehart, representing the American Institute of Architects, said there would be no housing problem "if private enterprise alone had been able to provide an adequate quantity and quality of housing."

H. K. Brooks, Bend Lumberman Dies

Sacramento, Calif., April 7 (P)—Harry Keyes Brooks, 73, president of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, Bend, Ore., died here enroute home from a vacation in Palm Springs.

He collapsed while registering at a hotel and was dead on arrival at police emergency hospital. The coroner's office said he apparently suffered a heart attack.

Brooks was accompanied on the trip by Louis Weber, a friend.

The body was removed to the Miller & Skelton funeral home awaiting arrival of a son from Bend to make funeral arrangements.

The lumberman was a native of Minneapolis, Minn. He was born there Sept. 4, 1876 and was a 1900 graduate of the University of Minnesota. He married Ella Downs in 1913. Children include a son, Thomas F., and a daughter, Barbara Ann.

Enter Canadian Meet Salem Heights—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cords, Sandra and Ricky will spend the week-end in Vancouver, B.C. Cords, who is physical education instructor at the YMCA, will take two boys who are in his junior leader gymnastic group. The boys are Bill Dunsworth and Bruce Galloway. They will compete in the gymnastic meet there.



Youth Chokes Sweetheart, Tries Suicide—Arthur E. Prindle (left), 19-year-old son of an Oakland, Calif., policeman, strangled his sweetheart, Sally Ann Humphrey (right), 18, in a fit of jealous rage with his belt and then slashed his wrists in an attempt to kill himself. The body of the girl and the unconscious youth were found in an auto near a dumping area. The youth's father said they had been going together for nearly a year and planned to be married. (Acme Telephoto)

Genetic Theory of Malignancy Reported by Two Researchers

By RENNIE TAYLOR

(Associated Press Science Writer)

Palo Alto, Calif., April 7 (P)—New evidence supporting the theory that cancer is caused by changes in genes, the hereditary factors in living cells, was reported today by two Stanford university researchers.

Dr. Edward L. Tatum and Dr. Raymond W. Barrett, biologists, made the tests on neurospora, which are single cells of mold but which like human cells contain genes. They reported the results to the American Cancer society.

Nine different kinds of rays and chemicals which are known to cause cancer in animals and humans were used on the neurospora.

Seven of the nine rays and chemicals caused terrific increases in the number of gene changes in the mold cells. The changes took place at rates ranging from four to 200 times normal.

Since a gene change means a change also in some characteristic of the whole cell, the results suggested but did not prove that this is the process by which the rays and chemicals turn normal cells into malignant ones.

The next step in this research is to treat neurospora with some chemicals which are structurally similar to these cancer causers but which never have produced malignancy in experimental animals.

If these non-cancer causing

SCD Board Will Meet Tuesday

A meeting of the Silver Creek soil conservation district board of supervisors will be held at the district office, Tuesday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock. The office is located in the Washington-Irving building in Silverton.

Homer Lyons and Mrs. Charles Ladd of the state department of forestry will be at the meeting to discuss forestry problems with the board.

Two groups have completed their meetings on conservation planning. The Valley View group has met at the home of Roy E. Skalte. Attending the meetings were: Hugh Small, Henry Davenport, John Davenport, Louis J. Steinberger, H. L. Hackworth, J. T. Edson and R. E. Skalte.

The second group met at the John Jeffrey and Oswald Johnson homes and is composed of T. R. Riches, Robert Riches, Oswald Johnson, Jerry Hacek, John Jeffrey, Roy Brown and Clair Brown.

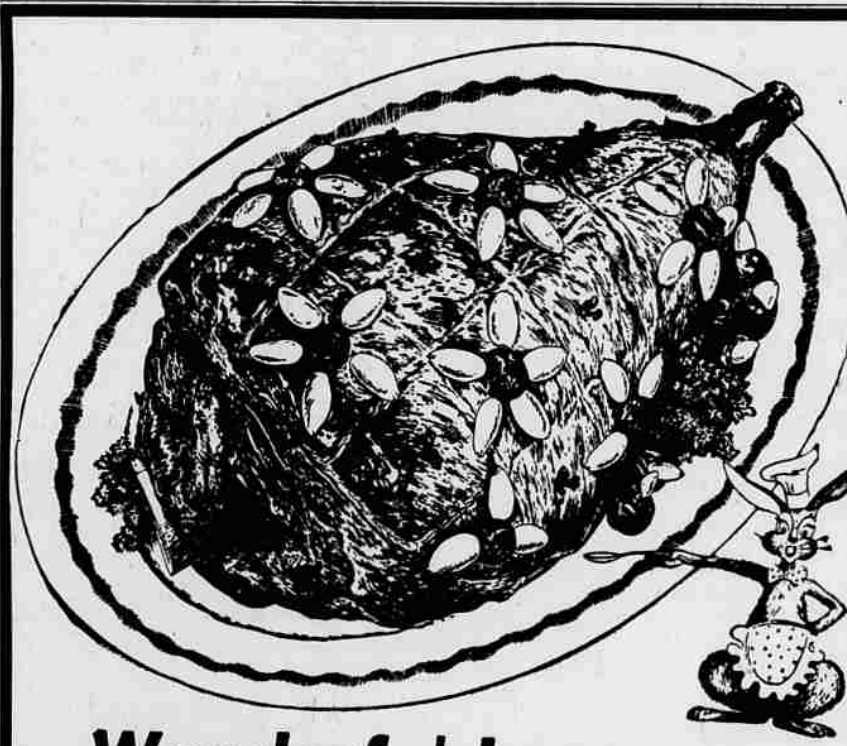
Ames Coming Home

Silverton — Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ames have written friends of their plans to be at their home by April 15, suggesting the opening of the fishing season at that time, after visiting relatives at Fullerton, Calif., the last days of their vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Ames have spent the winter months at their apartment in Cathedral City, near Palm Springs.

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