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Collective Defense System

President Truman in his first semi-annual report to Congress on the arms aid program, asked Congress to provide \$1,222,500,000 for a second year's continuation. He said "might strike a fatal blow to all our efforts to create the kind of peace which a free world seeks and lessens our chances of continuing to live and work in freedom."

The fund would finance arms shipments to over a dozen foreign nations, including Atlantic Pact allies during the next year, along with Greece and Turkey, Iran, the Philippines, South Korea, China, and Southeast Asia. It includes weapons, training programs, raw materials and machinery needed to boost military production in West Europe.

In his report to Congress of the Big 3 conferences held in Europe, Secretary of State Acheson Wednesday said the arms aid program is essential to the security of the West, and has become so costly that it can be handled only through "balanced collective forces," and hopes for security from Russian aggression is based on this approach, he said.

Under the collective system, which proposes a joint balanced military for mutual defense, the western European nations, with their limited economic and fiscal resources, will abandon their centuries-old quest for military security through their own national armies. Instead, each nation will contribute to the common pool a specialty or which it is best fitted.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the chiefs of staff, already has indicated that this country will specialize in the production of long-range bombers and the atomic bomb. Britain will be responsible for keeping the seas open, while France will try to build up ground forces able to meet any sudden attack.

Increased Budget But Lower Tax

The school bill for the birth rate in Marion county that started steadily upward in 1933 will be submitted to school district voters Friday.

Increased school costs to handle a growing load of pupils reflected in tomorrow's election in an increased school budget for the next school year. But the voters will get break. Although the budget is higher—some \$885,000 above the 6 percent limitation—the actual millage tax would be lower than last year because of a larger assessed valuation in the school district.

Another favorable aspect of the proposed budget is that 18 additional teachers would be provided to meet the constantly swelling size of the classes that reflect the increased birth rate, helped along by newcomers to the community. In this connection, it should be noted that the low point in births, the year 1933, will be found in the size of the senior class in the high school next year. After next year, the senior class will be larger each succeeding year, as each class below it in the school system will be, to correspond with the birth rate of the class that appears to be moving along in the schools.

Maintenance of the schools would not be sacrificed in the budget, either, Frank Bennett, school superintendent, insists. By a saving of capital outlay, the school board was able to increase the number of teachers and keep maintenance up, also.

The school budget before the school district voters tomorrow is deserving of approval because it is conservative in its scope and yet covers the year's need of the progressively increasing school enrollment.

100 Strong

"Visiting firemen." That phrase, used regularly to refer to visiting bigwigs in general, can be used specifically and accurately in Salem from now until Saturday. The 800 firemen and fire fighters of Oregon here for their convention are the 100 strong.

Although there isn't any red carpet out for the visitors, here are the red fire trucks on display. Besides, Salem hinks well of its own firemen. So the welcome for the "visiting firemen" should be a warm one, one warmed by the home folks and the bright sun—not any fire.

Bus Drivers Will Give This One a Lot of Sympathy

New York, June 1 (P)—It started at 85th street and Madison avenue.

A passenger—whose name was not learned—said he dropped seven cents in the fare box yesterday. Bus Driver James Coyne said he saw only two cents go in.

Finally, the driver, tired of the bickering, said: "All right, forget it, Jack."

But the passenger wouldn't forget it. He kept jawing at Coyne as the big bus rolled down Madison avenue.

Eventually, Coyne had enough. He pulled to the curb at 11st street, gave each of his 30 passengers a transfer and told them:

"Everybody off the bus. I don't have to take this. I'm going back to the garage."

Off they trooped and watched him wheel around and drive to the north. Then they boarded another bus going downtown.

Out of their sight, Coyne turned around again, picked up a fresh batch of passengers and completed his run.

The company said his record was excellent. It did not indicate whether he would be disciplined.

Latest: Benny's No Tightwad

Berkeley, Calif., June 1 (P)—Comedian Jack Benny has lost part of his reputation as a tightwad.

The University of California regents have accepted a \$1,000 gift from Benny for surgical research at the UCLA medical center.

Doesn't Live Up to Name

Oklahoma City, June 1 (P)—Only one student was missing at week when the diplomas were passed out at Harding Junior high school here.

His name? Never Fail, Jr.

BY BECK
Nothing New



KRISS-KROSS

Monmouth Man Describes Meteor's Plunge to Earth

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

A hundred and one explanations have been given for flying saucers... among the more convincing saucer theories are those which relate the flying discs to falling meteors... but right there you enter into another argument... for there is a perennial controversy on the matter of meteors falling, too.

F. W. Falk of Monmouth does not necessarily believe in flying saucers... but he does believe that meteors fall... for he claims to have seen a plummeting meteor 61 years ago.

Falk says it all took place in Iowa in 1889... about this time of year... in the middle of a bright and sunny afternoon. Despite the number of years since the incident, Falk still remembers the sight vividly.

Falk describes the falling meteor: "... not a cloud in sight... it started with a heavy thunder... its course was from southwest to a little northeast, and it left a dark cloud of smoke in its wake, like a freight locomotive... and that smoke reached up into space just as far as your eye could see.

"That smoke was visible until nearly sunset... judging by the color and appearance of the smoke, it could not have been more than 20 miles from where my folks lived... noise sounded like heavy thunder... it was severe enough to jar the house... my mother was in the house and came running out... she thought it was the end of the world.

"As to the velocity of the meteor, I would say it was not as fast as a bolt of lightning, yet you could not follow it with the eye... it was just a streak of smoke clear to the earth."

Falk recalls that there was not much interest in the phenomenon at the time. About all he ever heard of it afterward was a neighbor lady's remark that a hot smoking stone fell to earth just a little ways from her house. The country there was so wild that no one bothered searching for the fallen meteor.

However, several years later Falk returned to the scene... and found a little lake located just about where he thought he saw the meteor fall.

Still, Falk wonders if meteors ever come to earth in one big body... he thinks they may break up and come down in a shower of sand.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Acheson's Job Now Is to Sell Nation Plan to Win Cold War

By SIGRID ARNE

Secretary of State Acheson was trying to do in Congress Wednesday about the same thing he achieved in London early this month, talking to the foreign ministers of 12 western European nations.

He went before a meeting of senate and house members to make a formal report on cold war strategy and then answer questions.

Basically, his job at home is about the same as it was abroad. He is convinced that it is not enough to revive the fervor for democracy among the people of the free nations. He thinks those same people must be ready to win any military attack on their area, and he is advocating a course to that end.

Up to now, since World War II, the drive has been to give the people of Western Europe enough hope for their own individual futures so they would continue their belief in democratic government.

A year ago that expanded to include putting guns into their hands, so they could defend their beliefs. A year ago the U.S. voted \$1,238,600,000 to start the job of re-arming Western Europe.

Now that program has been sharpened by Acheson's visit abroad. He wanted, and won a program that American military men have worked out: A program under which all North Atlantic armed forces would be mapped, built, designed, and paid for, as a single unit. Each nation would contribute its best. But no nation would try the wasteful effort of building a single defense unit.

This means that the North Atlantic pact nations—Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and Canada and the United States—must set aside the money to build armies, navies and air fleets.

The program will be expensive. For Europe, the program comes at a time when the war damage is still not repaired, and Europe is still not selling enough abroad to pay its way. For the U.S. it comes when the tremendous national debt is still climbing upward.

In Europe Acheson battled

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Illegal Search Resulted in Dropping Amerasia Case

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Jim McInerney, the assistant attorney general, was testifying in secret before the Tydings committee regarding the stolen documents in the Amerasia case.

McInerney, now in charge of the justice department's criminal division, handled the Amerasia prosecution when he had a lower position in the justice department five years ago.

And the man who cross-examined him, senate committee counsel Ed Morgan, once worked in the FBI as a top expert on communists. They knew each other well.

"Jim," asked Morgan, "did anyone ever bring any pressure on you regarding these people who were indicted in the Amerasia case?"

"Yes," replied McInerney. Republican senators pricked up their ears. This was just what they had been looking for. The Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, now sued for libel by one of the Amerasia ex-defendants, has been claiming that political pressure caused the justice department to drop the case.

"Where did the pressure come from?" continued Morgan.

"The White House," replied McInerney.

Republican senators were all smiles. Democratic senators looked worried.

"Who in the White House?" pressed Morgan.

"The President," said the tight-lipped McInerney, apparently not willing to volunteer anything unless asked.

"What did the President say?" asked Morgan. By this time both democrats and republican senators were almost holding their breath.

"The President called me on the phone," said McInerney, "and said, 'don't let anything stop you from sending those b...s to jail.'"

The senators relaxed. The republicans looked disappointed. But they knew if for no other reason than because they were familiar with the President's mule-driver language, that McInerney was telling the truth.

Why Case Was Dropped

The real story of why McInerney could not carry out the President's orders is now fairly well understood—namely OSS and FBI men searched the Amerasia office and Emmanuel Larsen's apartment without a warrant, thereby violating the 4th amendment.

However, the slow-speaking

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

It's Already June Again; Month Is Heyday of Boyhood

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)—This is the month which there is nothing rarer than a day in.

Good old June is back. So soon again?

What are the months doing now—riding on horseback? The year turns faster than a merry-go-round.

Time is doing a jig instead of a waltz. The universe is exceeding the speed limit.

Why, if a man isn't careful, he'll find he's run out of June, used up his ration, before he knows it.

Wherefore, let every man pause and remember his June. For June won't come on forever, and no season lasts, and isn't it wonderful to see the girls again in their summer dresses? They put the tulips to shame.

June is the heyday of boyhood, as the poet said.

Remember? School let out at last, and running from the building you whooped back in all-bravado: "No more pencils, no more books! No more teacher's sassy looks!"

And the teacher smiled from the window, comfortably happy in the knowledge that for three months she didn't have to drum the multiplication table into the squirming minds of other people's runny-nose children.

You never realized quite why mother sighed when you came home. It was no vacation for her.

Then came the thrill of putting away your shoes for the summer, the ecstasy of going barefoot again—the sting of hot pavement on tender soles, the delicious delight of squirting the warm dust of dirt roads between your toes.

And did any boy ever go through June without getting at least four thorns in his foot? Remember the agony as mother placidly dug out the sharp spikes with a needle, murmuring, "Oh, quit yelling. A body would think you were being murdered."



Drew Pearson

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



OPEN FORUM

Fast-Time Law on Ballot

To the editor: We have been informed that daylight saving time is to be placed on the ballot to be voted on at the November election.

To verify the report we checked with our local legislators, and were informed that it would be, with strings attached, that it was not a vote for the people to decide whether they would like to have it continued or discontinued, but for them to choose whether it should be left with local officials or our governor as to who should issue the proclamation.

The question was asked our state representative why it was not placed on the ballot, leaving it up to the people to say if it should be continued or discontinued? His answer was the people did not have the intelligence to vote properly, that they had proven that in the past.

Many people, we find, would like a voice in this matter as it affects everyone's everyday life. The only democratic way to handle the issue is for the people to express their will at an election.

Which Causes More Trouble?

Los Angeles, June 1 (P)—Which do you think can cause more trouble—a pair of monkeys or a parakeet?

Either way, it's no picnic.

Ask Joseph La Valle. When he got in their cage to clean up, his pet Rhesus monkeys, Amos and Mandy, jumped out and shut the door on him. They would have locked it, La Valle said, if he hadn't yelled. He was still trying today to coax them out of a neighborhood tree.

Or ask Mrs. William Ferguson. Butch, her parakeet, escaped his cage last week. For six days he flew about the block giving everybody the bird. Yesterday, for reasons apparent only to a parrot, Butch swooped home.

Made a perfect two-point landing on Mrs. Ferguson's head.

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