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Defense Budget For NATO Approved At Lisbon Meeting

\$300 Billion Plan To Meet Red Strength

Lisbon, Portugal — (U.P.) — The North Atlantic Treaty organization today gave unanimous approval to a three-year \$300 billion program to make Europe secure against the threat of Soviet aggression.

The huge defense program— which pledges West Europe to put guns ahead of butter—calls for \$75 billion to be spent during 1952 to provide Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower with 50 divisions and 4,000 war planes.

Unanimous Vote
There was not a dissenting vote as the 14 NATO powers accepted the report of W. Averell Harriman of the United States and representatives of the 12 original NATO nations for the vast, three-year defense buildup. The Harriman committee report placed the \$300 billion limit on what the NATO powers could safely spend for defense during the next three years without wrecking their economies.

Goals beyond 1952 were tentative, but look toward an eventual armed force of 100 divisions to defend Europe.

Authoritative sources said that in approving the Harriman report, the NATO nations lopped off about \$3 billion from the original figure recommended. Of that total, \$1 billion was taken from the allotment of France, whose economy has been hard pressed to meet European defense commitments and the costs of her anti-Communist war in Indo-China.

30 Divisions
First phase of the program will be devoted to whipping into shape 30 combat-ready divisions, 20 reserve divisions and the 4,000-plane tactical air force before this year's end.

Approval of the Harriman plan pledged previously reluctant European members to streamline their economies to meet the costs of translating NATO's ambitious defense program from paper to uniformed men, tanks, guns and planes.

It came just 24 hours after the NATO members had taken another historic step—approval of a plan for a 1,430,000 man European army, including German units, under a unified command.

Brownsboro Rancher Dies of Rifle Wounds

Herman Gustav Meyers, 64, of Brownsboro, was found dead at his home at about 5 p. m. Saturday, according to County Coroner Carlos Morris. Meyers suffered two head wounds from rifle shots and apparently took his own life, the coroner stated. The body was discovered by his brother, E. E. Meyers, and William Jordan, who was employed by Meyers.

Meyers was a long-time resident of the Brownsboro area and was a rancher. Perl Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Physicist Dr. Vern O. Knudsen said today that sufficient atomic bombs have been developed to produce "1100 Hiroshimas".

Frail Widow, 102, Isolated 2 Months in Remote Shack

Northport, Wash. — (U.P.) — A frail, mentally-astute widow who claims to be 102 was isolated in her snowbound rural shack without proper food and warmth for two months after an eccentric son who cared for her left home the night of Dec. 23 and failed to return, she told authorities Saturday.

The pathetic plight of Mrs. Mary Moore was discovered three days ago by J. D. Lael, a retired sheep rancher who waded through snow 20 inches deep to the Moore place to buy some fruit trees. He found the woman too helpless to report her ordeal or the disappearance of her son.

Abandoned by Son
Mrs. Moore told Lael her son, John, a 57-year-old part-time prospect miner in this northwestern Washington community, left the house with three pet dogs and failed to return. The dogs returned three days later without their master, left again after being fed and returned again two days later, the woman told Stevens county authorities.

Investigating officers said "there is something funny about the deal."

The gray-haired woman, who shuffled badly about her home as she cleaned it today, was in apparent satisfactory health. The worst of her suffering was from worry over the fate of her son.



REDS RIOT IN JAPAN—Japanese police close in on Communist rioters in Tokyo. The rioters, in an apparent co-ordinated attempt to cause unrest, demonstrated in groups of 400 and 600 in at least five cities. The Reds attacked police stations and railroad depots.

Attlee Charges Open British Great Debate

London — (U.P.) — Laborite Clement Attlee today accused Prime Minister Winston Churchill of encouraging "dangerous elements" in the United States who want a spreading war with Red China.

The Socialist former Prime Minister said Churchill, during his recent visit to Washington, led the American Congress to believe Britain favors that policy too.

Attlee's charges, broadcast to the nation, added heat to what is shaping up as Britain's own "great debate" over just what commitments Churchill made on Britain's behalf while in the U. S. capital.

Churchill has declared — and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden who accompanied him has confirmed — that no commitments for specific actions were made during their talks with President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and others.

But Churchill sparked controversy with his statement to Congress that if a Korean truce is reached, and then broken by the Reds, Britain would join in "prompt, resolute and effective" reaction.

Some circles both in the United States and Britain promptly interpreted that to mean Britain would support an attack against Red China itself.

Climax Ahead
The issue will be pushed to the forefront on Tuesday when Churchill makes his delayed foreign policy speech to Commons.

It was headed for a climax February 26 when Churchill was scheduled to speak and face a vote of censure introduced by the Laborite op-

position. The death of King George VI averted that possible showdown on the issue.

Attlee, in his broadcast speech, charged Churchill with misrepresenting to the U. S. Congress the views of even his own Conservative party.

Company Officials, Union State Case In Mill Walkout

Union and management spokesmen Saturday stated their cases in the labor dispute that has idled the Southern Oregon Planing Mill company for nearly a week.

A. W. Lingaas, company secretary, declared Saturday the strike was due to a misunderstanding on the part of the union over several provisions in their contract with the firm.

In a statement released to the press, the company said, as far as it is concerned, the strike "stands as an illegal walkout and the next move will have to be on the part of the union in getting its members back on the job before any further negotiations can be carried on."

About 61 employees, members of local 3030, Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, have left their jobs at the Central Plant.

The union's side of the dispute came from Gene W. Tedrick, business agent for the Klamath Basin district council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers. He denied there was a "misunderstanding" and claimed the actual cause of the walkout was an attempt by the company to reinstate a man who had been a foreman into the ranks of the union with no loss of seniority.

Tedrick called it an "out and out violation of the contract."

The worker involved had once been a union member but had been made foreman; therefore, according to Tedrick, he lost all standing in the union. If he is returned to a job covered by the union he will have to start at the bottom as a new man, the business agent said. That would mean that other union men who have been laid off would have to be reinstated before the ex-foreman could be rehired.

Tedrick said other grievances over technicalities of the contract had been thrown in after the strike started but the foreman's job was the actual strike cause.

He added "we have told the company that we're ready to sit down and talk things over any time they're ready."

FORMER SHERIFF DIES

Gordon L. Schermerhorn, 412 North Ivy street, former sheriff of Jackson county, died while en route to a Medford hospital late Saturday, according to Conger Morris ambulance attendants. Schermerhorn served as sheriff during the trial of Llewellyn A. Banks in the early 1930s. Conger Morris Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Ike Aides Doubt Trip to States Before Convention

To Visit Greece, Turkey Next Month

Paris — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is planning to visit Greece and Turkey and it is "highly probable" he will go early next month, his Atlantic Pact headquarters said today.

An official spokesman said, however, that Eisenhower did not plan to visit the United States "in the foreseeable future." There have been mounting demands that he come home and help backers who are trying to win the Republican presidential nomination for him.

"It is highly probable the general will visit Greece and Turkey in early March," the spokesman said. He pointed out that Eisenhower visited all other North Atlantic Treaty nations when he assumed supreme command in Europe.

The spokesman's statement was the first official comment from Eisenhower's headquarters on a statement in Lisbon yesterday by Greek Foreign Minister Sophocles Venizelos that Eisenhower was going to visit his country.

Eisenhower's visit will take him to the two nations whose military forces add 40 divisions to the North Atlantic powers' potential punch. He will also see bases which show Western military might within striking distance of Russia's vital Baku oilfields.

Turkey's 30 divisions are rated about as combat ready and effective as any in the world, while Greece's 10 divisions have been given intensive training under American direction.

While announcing the general's plans to visit the two new NATO member nations, the spokesman said:

"There is still no change in the general's position that no trip to the United States is planned in the foreseeable future."

Eisenhower's supporters want him to come home and disclose just where he stands on key issues.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A slate of electors pledged to support Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's nomination for president on the Democratic ticket will be entered in the California June primary, a "Democrats for Eisenhower" committee announced Saturday.

The committee, headed by San Francisco banker Phillips S. Davies, announced its action was motivated by the conviction that "the country must have a change in leadership if we are to retain our cherished Democratic ideals of honesty, efficiency and humanity in government."

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Frank Carlson, (R., Kans.), a director of the Eisenhower-for-President campaign, said Saturday night the Lisbon agreement on European defense should speed the time when his candidate can come home.

Eisenhower boosters took new hope that it will enable the general to return to the United States before the Republican National convention.

Carlson said he believes that the troops agreement "brings nearer the full accomplishments" of the task for which Eisenhower went to Europe a year ago.

The Kansas senator hailed not only the prospect that it may speed Eisenhower's return but also the general's personal contribution to the negotiations which produced the new European defense agreement.

Alaska Statehood Gains Supporters

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate proponents of statehood for Alaska were reported Saturday to have shown a marked gain in strength during the past two weeks.

It still appeared unlikely, however, that the pending statehood bill would survive a vote next Wednesday to shove it.

An administration spokesman in the Senate said recent checks have indicated the Senate would vote by a margin of four or five to send the bill back to committee. Two weeks ago it was expected the measure would be snowed under, by a much larger margin.

The administration source attributed the improved prospects to a pickup in strength among Republicans anxious for a similar bill to grant statehood to Hawaii.



"OUCH!" wails David Cutter, 3, as Los Angeles firemen wield hacksaws to release finger he made mistake of pushing into incinerator hole. (International)

Stassen's Claims Against McGrath To Get Airing

Washington — (U.P.) — A House investigator said Saturday he understands Harold E. Stassen "does have some credible evidence" to back his charges that Attorney General J. Howard McGrath became a millionaire while in public office.

The assertion was made by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Cal.), a member of the House judiciary subcommittee which has tackled the task of investigating the Justice department's prosecuting activities, or lack of them, in the past six years.

McGrath will be called before the subcommittee. But whether Stassen's charges would prompt an earlier call than had been planned was conjectural.

Subcommittee Chairman Frank L. Chelf (D-Ky.) said "we had planned all along to call McGrath in due time and in due course."

Hillings said it appeared the matter should be the first subject to be considered. He said McGrath should be asked to appear at an early date "so we can consider this right off the bat." He said McGrath should have the opportunity to "give his side."

Cooperation Promised

Stassen, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, promised to cooperate with the subcommittee. He suggested that McGrath "promptly be called and placed under oath for the inquiry."

The subcommittee asked for Stassen's information after he charged he had persistent, confidential reports that McGrath had become a millionaire during his 12 years of public office dating from his election as governor of Rhode Island in 1940.

Stassen said he had no intention of making a charge of "barbarism" and "massacring" in U. N. camps started a Red propaganda offensive which may seriously affect the progress of the Korean talks.

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Allies Hand Communists List of Prison Rioters

Report Includes 44,000 "Kidnaped" South Koreans

Request for Information On UN Prisoners Ignored

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The Allies today handed the Communists a complete list of 44,000 "kidnaped" South Koreans held in Allied prison camps—including those responsible for the bloody Koje Island riot.

The accounting was requested by the Communists yesterday. When Red delegates were asked for a similar report on 50,000 missing Allied prisoners, however, they hastily changed the subject.

Called Internees
The 44,000 prisoners were captured in battle by the Allies, but were "reclassified" from military prisoners to "civilian internees" when they proved that they had been "kidnaped" and forced to serve in the Red army.

Some are Communists, and it appeared that these were to blame for the Koje outbreak last Monday, when 6,000 fanatic internees shouting "kill GIs" mobbed guards at the island prison southwest of Pusan. Seventy-six persons were killed.

The riot had little actual connection with the truce talks, but the Reds had made it clear that they planned to make it the key issue in a new drive to stall the negotiations.

The Communist campaign was expected to be a long and dirty one, intended mainly to make the Allies abandon their refusal to force prisoners to return to their Communist-held homes.

Some Reds believed the battle already was won.

"Voluntary repatriation is now dead as an issue, and it was your side that killed it," a Communist spokesman said. "The negotiations are now covered by the smell of the blood of our dead."

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Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman returned to Washington Saturday after cruising on the Potomac river.

It's Easier To Save A Cat Than To Save Oneself, Boys Find

Two small boys played the part of rescuers here Saturday and then had to call on city police to rescue one of them.

Jack Robinson, 11, of 1409 Euclid avenue, and Bobby McCleab, 12, Yreka, Jack's cousin, who is visiting here, looked over the side of the Jackson street bridge Saturday afternoon and discovered a small, forlorn kitten marooned on some debris in the middle of rain swollen Bear creek.

Rescue operations were started immediately. The boys report that it took about two hours to get the equipment ready, but the cat had no place to go and was still waiting to be saved. One of the boys went over the side of the bridge, a rope, put the cat in a sack, and the other pulled the animal to safety.

Then the trouble started. When the boy over the side was unable to get back up on the bridge his comrade called for help in the form of a policeman. The officer pulled the boy onto the bridge and the cat and all three rescuers called it a day.

No Trace Found Of Private Plane With Four Aboard

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — Clearing skies late Saturday aided the search for a private plane missing with four air force men aboard, but search units had failed to find any trace of the Cessna 170 when grounded for the night by darkness.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration said 10 civilian planes and two military craft flew over the rugged country south of here looking for the vanished plane. A low overcast hampered the search early today.

From Redmond
The plane disappeared yesterday on a flight from Redmond, Ore., to Sacramento, Calif.

The only clue to the plane's disappearance came from several persons in south Klamath Falls who reported hearing and seeing a plane answering the description of the missing Cessna flying low about 9 a. m. yesterday. The plane was due in at Sacramento at 10:27 a. m.

The four missing men were identified as Harley Pallett, 20, Sacramento, the pilot; Ernest Kidwell, 19, Del Paso Heights; Bruce Prinz, 19, of Sacramento; and James Sims, 20, Fair Oaks, Calif. All were stationed at Geiger Field in Spokane, Wash.

Berlin — (U.P.) — Soviet Deputy Premier Georgi M. Malenkov has replaced Premier Joseph Stalin as chairman of the five-man organization bureau of the Soviet Communist party.

Market-Wide Pooling Of Milk Set for County

Market-wide pooling was established for Jackson county milk producers who supply local markets and new schedules of minimum producer and resale prices to be effective March 1, were issued by the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, according to regulations released today.

Under the minimum price schedule, producers will receive not less than \$1.02 per hundred pounds of milk for milk used in the bottle trade. Minimum prices to be charged consumers will be 22.5 cents a quart for milk containing not less than 3.4 per cent butterfat, 23.5 cents a quart for milk containing 3.8-4.1 per cent butterfat and 24.5 cents a quart for 4.4-4.7 per cent milk.

Minimum rates for "half and half," homogenized milk containing 9-11 per cent butterfat are 46 cents a quart; light cream, 18-22 per cent butterfat, 25 cents a quart; and heavy cream, 30-33 per cent butterfat, 35 cents a half pint, minimum prices for skim milk and buttermilk are 14 and 17 cents a quart respectively.

The new pooling plan instituted in the county supersedes the distributor-type pooling that has been in effect for many years. Producers associated with the pooling supplying Snider's Dairy, Jorgensen's Dairy and Gilman's Dairy in Medford, and the Silver Crest Dairy, Ashland, will

Diehard Commies Had Taken Control Of UN Compound

Revised Toll Lists 76 Dead, 173 Injured

Koje Island, Korea — (U.P.) — Fanatical, diehard Communists had taken over control of the United Nations compound where 6,000 civilian internees attacked American soldiers Monday, it was disclosed Saturday.

The group, shouting "kill G. I.s!", attacked members of the 3rd battalion of the 27th "Wolfhound" regiment of the 25th division who had entered the compound to find out which of the internees were Communists.

One American Dead
A revised toll of riot casualties said 75 civilian internees and one American soldier were killed. Civilian wounded totalled 135. One American soldier was wounded seriously and 38 were treated for minor wounds.

Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dood, who was sent to the island immediately after the riot, said "civilian internees" was the name given to South Korean war refugees and captured South Koreans who had been impressed into the North Korean army.

Dodd, commander of a U. N. prison camp, said the internees had changed from professed loyalty to the Republic of Korea into flag-waving, shouting Communists and that "the compound became so hostile that we figured any South Koreans who were loyal never had a chance to say so."

Mass Demonstrations
Col. Maurice J. Fitzgerald of New York City, deputy commander of the camp, said a group of Communists had taken over the government of compound No. 62 in the past two months. They worked through "intimidation," he said, though there was no increase in beatings or murders during the period.

For two months, Fitzgerald said, the internees held mass demonstrations, refused to work, sang Communist songs and shouted taunts at prisoners of war passing on a nearby road.

"They were fanatical to the point of refusing to do anything we told them," Dodd said. "They were more hostile than any other Compound on the island, including bona fide prisoners of war compounds."

"We certainly hope it doesn't spread."

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