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Extend Service For Enlisted Men

Washington—(U.P.)—The government Saturday added nine months to the terms of service for about 125,000 enlisted men in the Armed Forces.

The Department of Defense said the move was "absolutely necessary in the light of the serious international situation" in order to keep experienced men in uniform to train recruits.

All Enlisted Personnel With President Truman's approval, the department ordered service expiration dates moved ahead nine months for all enlisted personnel scheduled to leave the various military branches between July 1, 1952, and June 30, 1953.

The order does not affect present maximum authorized active duty tours of reservists and national guardsmen, nor does it have any bearing on the programs for separating these personnel from the services.

A Pentagon source estimated 125,000 servicemen would be affected—60,000 in the Army, 25,000 in the Air Force, 3,000 in the Marine Corps, and 35,000 in the Navy.

Third Extension It was the third extension of enlistment terms in three years.

Acheson Accuses Russia of Opening Phony Peace Move

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson accused Russia Saturday of tossing "golden apples of discord" over the Iron Curtain this spring in an effort to start a ruckus among free nations and put over a phony peace offensive.

Speaking to the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he asserted the Kremlin's tactics of obstruction, hate and force would fail because "we have arrived at a climactic moment in the development of the community of free nations."

He sternly advised the editors that it would be a mistake to view recent Soviet moves as a "peace offensive." Then he dipped into Greek mythology and said a more apt name "might be the 'golden apple' tactic."

Acheson did not bar Russia forever from the "wedding party." He said firmly that "we are willing and eager to resolve any or all major frictions in the world by peaceful negotiation, when and if there appears to be any honest and reasonable basis for negotiations."

But "soft music... coming out of Moscow about peaceful co-existence, peaceful trade and German unity... would be more persuasive if the Soviet propagandists were not at the same time, out of the other side of their mouths, engaged in one of the most vicious and savage epigrams in their hate campaign against the West," Acheson said.

That, he said, is the "trumped up" and "monstrous" charge that the United Nations is waging germ warfare in Korea. He noted it had been authoritatively denied many times and said, "I deny it again here."

Softer Policies Seen for Pilots

Washington—(U.P.)—An Air Force spokesman late Saturday said Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter is expected to issue a policy statement some time next week taking a softer tone toward recalled reserve officer pilots who have refused to fly.

So far, one man has been court-martialed at Biggs Air Force base in El Paso, Tex., for refusing to fly. He got a two-year prison sentence and was ordered dismissed from the service.

There have been six other "sit-down" strike pilots at Randolph Field, Tex., and six at Mather Field, Calif.

The policy statement is expected to take an easier tone toward pilots who have refused to fly because of fear of flying, fear for their families, or age or personal hardship.

A spokesman said Finletter has taken a personal interest in the situation of the reserve officers who have refused to fly and has kept fully informed on the problem.

Similar orders were issued in 1950 and 1951.

By law, no enlisted person may be held in uniform through more than one extension, so this order will have no influence upon those affected by either of the earlier two.

The new regulation does, however, cover alike enlisted personnel, whether on active or inactive duty, whose original tours would have ended in the specified period.

Hail Prevention Contractors Make Saturday Flight

The second cloud-seeding flight for the prevention of hail made in the Rogue valley this season took place yesterday morning, it was reported by the seeding contractors, Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser.

The AT6 plane operated by the firm was engaged in actual seeding for less than 10 minutes, Kooser reported, and the total flight time was 82 minutes in two flights. Areas seeded were along the western hills, the area around Gold Hill, and east and north of Medford toward the Tiller-Trail area.

To Prevent Snow Pellets The flights were for the purpose of preventing the formation of snow pellets, which in turn frequently turn to hail, Kooser said. The seeding is done in an attempt to force the pellets to fall as snow or rain. The flight generally was successful in this, he added, and some snow and rain fell after the flights, and little if any hail was noted.

On Friday Kooser made an observation flight in the P-40 plane operated by the fliers, but did no seeding as conditions in the valley were not threatening, although hail fell on Sexton mountain, Saturday morning, after the seeding flights, another P-40 flight was made to test the plane, Kooser said.

Throat Infection Delays Ike's Trip

Paris—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was confined to his bed Saturday night with a throat infection and fever that delayed the remainder of his farewell tour of Atlantic Pact capitals "for at least 24 hours and probably longer."

A spokesman at supreme headquarters emphasized there is "nothing serious" about the general's condition and that Eisenhower was able to confer earlier Saturday with Republican National Committeeman Arthur Summerfield of Michigan.

The spokesman said the general's illness was causing him discomfort but no alarm.

Eisenhower had planned to fly to Oslo today, stay there until Tuesday morning, fly to Copenhagen for a day and then to the Hague before returning to Paris.

It was the second postponement of the trip. The death this week of French Maj. Gen. Henri Condraux, SHAPE supply chief, forced the general to eliminate his visit to the Hague planned for last Thursday.

NJ Prison Rioters Release Hostage; Mutiny Continues

Rahway, N. J.—(U.P.)—One of nine hostages held for three days by 231 rioting convicts at the New Jersey state prison farm was released Saturday because of illness and told authorities the men had vowed to continue their mutiny.

The hostage was released at about 5 p.m. and an hour later convicts in other sections of the prison began shouting and pounding on their cell bars with tin cups and plates.

Demonstration Lasts Hour The men demonstrated for more than an hour, shouting the name "Bates" frequently. They were referring to Sanford Bates, state commissioner of institutions.

The convicts let Marlin Dunn, Trenton, a trainee guard, through their barricade made of broken furniture and mattresses and he was taken to the prison infirmary.

Dunn said the eight other hostages being held in a second floor dormitory were well and had not been mistreated. Angry officials at the prison

Union Calls Off Pickets As Phone Strike Breaks Up

California Employees Still Out on Strike

New York—(U.P.)—The CIO Communications Workers of America called off picket lines in 43 states and the District of Columbia Saturday, breaking up the 12-day old nationwide telephone walkout.

Western Electric and CWA District 10, representing 10,000 installation workers, reached an agreement early Saturday providing for pay increases of 31.1 cents an hour in wage boosts and fringe benefits.

Pickets Withdrawn Telephone operators had refused to cross picket lines the installers threw up at phone exchanges on a "hit and run" basis, but the picket lines were being withdrawn Saturday.

Officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., said telephone service ranged from "normal" to "almost normal."

Strikes involving some 13,500 other phone workers continued but had no effect on phone service in most areas. CWA officials said they expected the Western Electric agreement to lead to quick settlement of the remaining walkouts.

Still on strike were 6,700 employees of the Northern California Telephone Co., 5,500 District 11 warehouse workers, 1,200 employees in Bell Laboratories and workers in Western Electric's telephone booth service.

Negotiations Continue Representatives of District 11 and the company negotiated throughout the day, and the union presented a new package proposal to the company. Contents of the proposal were not revealed.

The installers' walkout that began April 7 was the most critical nationally, and at one time an estimated 300,000 telephone workers were idled in hundreds of towns and cities.

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Hopes for a possible settlement soon in the 13-day-old northern California and Nevada telephone strike rose to new heights Saturday.

Details of the recommended peace proposal submitted for study to each side Saturday were not revealed. But a union negotiator said, "This looks like it."

Solon Wants Inquiry On Hiring of Morris

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Kenneth B. Keating Saturday demanded an inquiry to determine whether the Justice department planned to threaten Newbold Morris with prosecution if the ousted corruption cleanup boss became too zealous in his job.

Keating is a member of the House subcommittee investigating the Justice department. Morris was fired by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath who also was promptly fired by President Truman.

"It is essential for us to determine whether a man was selected for the administration's anti-corruption drive who was himself at that very time the object of intensive investigation by the Department of Justice in which he was appointed to a high post," the New York Republican said in a statement.

He tried to break the riot by turning down the mutineers' pleas for drinking water, and Dunn said the men were getting quite thirsty, although they had enough to eat. He said they had been saving up food packages that had been sent from home.

Temperature Rises to 80 The strikers, jammed in the dormitory, ignored demands to halt their demonstration. The temperature outdoors rose to about 80 degrees during the day, and the men and their hostages were crowded in a room that normally accommodates 170 to 180 convicts.

The rioters hung two new sheets with messages painted on them out of the dormitory wing where they are holed up. One sheet said "we want Drew Pearson or Robert Montgomery to mediate" and the other said "officers refuse to eat or drink unless we do." The latter sign apparently referred to the eight guards still held as hostages in the wing. Flares were dropped when the new messages appeared.



THOUSANDS FLEE MIDWEST FLOODS—Red Cross worker rides on Army duck as it passes an almost completely submerged home in St. Paul, Minn., while strong winds push high waves over flooded low land near the Mississippi River. An estimated 75,000 have fled the floods in seven Midwestern states as the Missouri, Mississippi and tributaries surge toward record crests.

Flood Hits Missouri, Kansas As Crest Passes Omaha

Omaha, Neb.—(U.P.)—Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia., appeared Saturday to have won their desperate flood fight as the highest Missouri river crest on record moved downstream, flooding Kansas and Missouri farmlands.

The river level between Omaha and Council Bluffs on the opposite bank was dropping steadily, and army engineers said the major threat was over although the river would "bear watching."

Engineers succeeded in plugging a sewer line which burst Friday night from the river's terrific pressure and flooded an industrial section of Omaha.

The water backed up into the sewer with explosive force, ripping craters in the riverfront area behind the levee at several points and shooting skyward like geysers.

The water spread from a square mile across a railroad yard and factory district to a depth of four feet.

Engineers said damage to the railroad and industrial section probably would run below \$1,000,000.

Officers praised a towboat captain who maneuvered barges loaded with rock through the darkness without hitting the levee.

10,000 Leave Homes Downstream, 10,000 persons had left their homes in northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas. Army engineers said 187,000 acres of farmland already were flooded between Rulo, Neb., and Kansas City, and damage was estimated at \$13,500,000.

Floodwaters poured into Hamburg, Ia., unchecked by a temporary dike. Flood workers had enough warning, however, to get giant earth-moving equipment out of the way.

Boats and army ducks were used to move families from flooded areas at Hamburg. Water works employees stayed on the job, using boats to reach the water works building.

US Minesweeper Battles Red Guns Tokyo, Sunday—(U.P.)—The tough little minesweeper USS Endicott, all guns blazing, raced through a shower of Communist shells yesterday to escape a surprise barrage from Red shore batteries near Songjin.

The 1,600-ton Endicott, first American ship to fight in Korean waters, was bombarding transport and supply targets on the northeast coast of Korea when she was taken under fire.

It was more her speed than her weapons that got her safely away after she was straddled by more than 20 shells. The Endicott carries three five-inch guns. Ground and air action along the Korean battlefield dwindled almost to zero yesterday as unseasonal cold and snow flurries restricted activity.

Oregon Democrats Split by Attack Against Sweetland

W. J. Pearson Charges Harmony "Impossible"

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Oregon state democratic politics were "split" at the state level Saturday after State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson angrily attacked Monroe Sweetland, the party's national committeeman, during a Jefferson-Jackson day dinner here Friday night.

Sweetland Present About 80 Democrats, including Sweetland, were present in the Evergreen Grange hall to hear Pearson as the main speaker charge that harmony had been "impossible" during the past four years because of the "Sweetland group."

Pearson asserted that the group was made up not only of Democrats but also of some left-wing Republicans and "quite a few Socialists."

"It is my opinion that as long as the Democrats of this state continue to allow this small majority to influence our political fortunes in this state, we will not elect many qualified candidates."

Issues Statement Sweetland made no comment during the attack upon him, but later issued a statement charging that Pearson had "clearly aligned himself with the DeCicco-Mahoney-Granet disruptive element in Oregon's Democratic party."

"His (Pearson's) outburst is helpful to clear the air so the Oregon Democrats may choose their leadership in rank-and-file voting May 16," Sweetland said.

Sweetland and DeCicco spoke in Medford last night at a Roosevelt Memorial dinner but made no further comment on Pearson's attack.

David C. Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, was the principal speaker of the evening and outlined to a group of 200 Democrats attending the banquet at the Medford hotel all the "facets" that made the late President's public life "such a success."

Blackout Covers Truce Meetings

Tokyo, Sunday—(U.P.)—United Nations negotiators today continued their observance of the news blackout surrounding prisoner exchange talks at Panmunjon and refused to disclose whether revised prisoner lists had been exchanged during renewed debate with the Communists.

Observers at the truce site believed revisions had been made in the lists of both sides over the two-week recess of the prisoner discussions in order to solve the issue of forced or voluntary repatriation.

"I have no comment to give," said Senior U.N. Staff Officer Col. George W. Hiceman after today's 43-minute meeting. "We are still in executive session. We meet again tomorrow at 11 a.m."

Staff officers also met for one hour and three minutes in the adjoining truce supervision tent, their first parley in a fortnight on the Red proposal that Russia be one of the "neutral" nations to supervise an armistice and the Allied demand for a ban on airfield construction.

Tuesday Atomic Explosion Awaits Weatherman's Okeh

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Everything out of the weather was ready Saturday for "Operation Big Shot" next Tuesday morning when the mighty atom makes its television debut in American homes with the most violent A-bomb ever exploded in the U.S.A.

Skies were cloudy and it rained occasionally Saturday but the weatherman assured anxious atomic scientists that the outlook was favorable for clear skies by blast time Tuesday.

At Mercy of Weather The men who have harnessed the atom remained at the mercy of the weather. If the wind should blow in the wrong direction, if a cloud layer 30 miles up in the sky should be in a wrong place, if a few raindrops should fall—all these could keep the bomb-dropping airplane on the ground.

Everything else was ready for Tuesday's spectacular show, termed "Project Observer" by the Atomic Energy commission and the Department of Defense but dubbed "Operation Big Shot" by newsmen on the scene after they viewed the array of officialdom.

Impeachment of Truman Studied

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. George H. Bender (R.-O.) called on House Democrats and Republicans Saturday to name a point committee to consider possible "successful impeachment proceedings" against President Truman for his seizure of the steel mills.

The Ohio Republican said the "whole pattern of the executive conduct in the last two years illustrates the extent to which the President is prepared to go in his drive for power."

His statement was made as the administration was bracing itself for the anticipated attack in Congress and the courts on its power to order a wage increase for 650,000 CIO United Steelworkers.

There is hardly a flicker of hope for an 11th-hour agreement between the union and the industry. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer—with Mr. Truman's backing—is ready to impose the pay raise Tuesday. Sawyer discussed the program Saturday with Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam.

Court suits already have been filed by several steel companies attacking the legality of Mr. Truman's action. They demanded immediate return of their plants.

In taking them over Mr. Truman said he acted under his "inherent" constitutional powers and in his capacity as commander-in-chief charged with protecting the security and freedom of the nation.

Neither Mr. Truman nor government officials have given any evidence of being perturbed by the impeachment cries.

Sawyer, who is in charge of the steel industry under Mr. Truman's seizure order, is reported thinking of ordering the full 26 cents-an-hour "package" in three installments as recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

This would include a 12 1/2 cent hike retroactive to January 1. Additional 2 1/4 cent installments due July 1 and next January 1, and five cents worth of fringe benefits now and 3.5 cents more next January 1.

President Truman Set for Showdown On Defense Costs

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman, backed by his military leaders, headed Saturday for a showdown with the Senate over the price to be paid to be prepared for peace or war.

A roused economy-minded senators hit back sharply at Mr. Truman's threat to keep Congress in session until it gives him the money he considers necessary for defense of the nation.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, who is seeking the Republican nomination, exclaimed that Mr. Truman "seems to have gone completely off his head."

"He'll have to take what money we give him," Taft added, "and he won't get any more."

House members also hit at Mr. Truman's threat. Republican Whip Leslie O. Arends (Ill.) said Congress recognizes the "deadly peril" of Russia, but the "country's most deadly peril" is the suicidal spending policies advocated by President Truman.

Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R.-O.) said Mr. Truman's warning he would keep Congress in session "sounded like one of the tyrannical outbursts of King George the Third against the American colonies."

Mr. Truman warned Thursday that he would keep Congress in session until the Senate restores to the House-slashed defense appropriations bill the money he believes necessary to continue build-up of the military machine to deter Russia from aggression or meet it should Russia go to war.

Debris Fire Dangers Cited by State Patrol

Rogue valley residents were warned today by the state forest patrol against leaving debris fires unattended.

"Two fires have occurred in the last two days in this area as a result of carelessness," officials pointed out. A fire on Friday was left unattended at Schultz gulch, two miles south of Rogue River, and as a result of high wind spread into timber and burned six acres, they reported.

Saturday afternoon a debris fire at a home three miles north of Eagle Point spread while unattended and burned part of the house. The owner's name was not available.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oakland Oaks finally made it. They defeated the Portland Beavers 3 to 2 here Saturday night in a Pacific Coast league baseball game.

Seattle—(U.P.)—Los Angeles made use of power hitting and Seattle errors to defeat the Rainiers here 6 to 4 Saturday night and push Seattle back into the Pacific Coast League baseball cellar.