

NATO Military Committee Airs Size of Western Defense Forces

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Washington — (U.P.) — Military leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization opened a two-day conference here today to hammer out recommendations on the future size and makeup of Western defense forces.

Prospective creation of a West German army, possible shifts in France's contribution and U.S. budgetary problems were among the top issues laid before the NATO military committee.

The group's studies will serve as the basis for recommendations to the NATO foreign ministers who will meet next month and make final decisions.

The committee, meeting in the United States for the first time since 1950, consists of the highest ranking military men or their representatives from 12 NATO countries. Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will represent this country. British Air Marshal Sir Walter Dawson will represent Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme Allied commander in Europe.

Presiding over the committee this year is Gen. Augustin Guillaume, chairman of the French general staff. The group will wind up its conference with a visit to NATO's naval command headquarters at Norfolk, Va., Wednesday.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson and the joint chiefs held an unusual Sunday meeting in preparation for the NATO committee talks.

Officials said they canvassed a "stack of problems" but emphasized there was no special urgency. But apparently at Wilson's request the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, cut short a European tour and Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations, put off a trip he planned to start Sunday.

It was believed Wilson went over fiscal 1956 military spending program with the chiefs of staff. The proposals go to Congress in January.

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The secretary indicated this week that no big cuts are likely in the year starting next July 1. Even if Russia is in earnest about getting along better with the West, Wilson said, it would

Living Standard Up 40 Per Cent In Last 25 Years

Washington — (U.P.) — The American standard of living has risen about 40 per cent in the past 25 years.

This was disclosed in a Commerce Department report last night. It also indicated that Americans now are producing more and better autos, houses, appliances and the like, and have more money to buy them.

Output Boosted
The report on expansion of the gross national product since 1929, after adjustment for price increases and decreases in value of the dollar, showed that over the past 25 years:

1. The average American boosted his real output of goods and services by 57 per cent.
2. The average American raised the amount of goods and services he uses by about two-fifths.

Gross national product, the total of all goods and services produced annually, increased from \$104,000,000,000 to \$365,000,000,000 last year. Personal income accounted for most of it—from \$86,000,000,000 to \$286,000,000,000. Higher prices and "cheaper" dollars have eaten up much of this gain, however.

President Eisenhower recently predicted the gross national product will grow to \$500,000,000,000 annually within the next 10 years.

In addition to the population growth in the past 25 years, "substantial gains in productivity" were credited with being a major factor in the increase in gross national product. These resulted from increased labor skills, technological improvements, larger amounts of capital equipment, and better organization and management, the report said.

Portland Motor Show Planned in February

Portland — (U.P.) — The 1955 Portland Motor Show, largest of its kind in the nation, will be held Feb. 4-12 at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition building, show officials said today.

The show will return to the 11-acre exposition building after a one-year trial at the Fred Meyer warehouse on Swan island. Use of the PI quarters gives the show the largest space available to any other motor exhibition in the country and it will display more models and draw the largest per capita attendance of any other American motorama. The two previous motor shows attracted 222,000 persons.

David Logan, president of the Automobile Dealers association of Portland, sponsoring organization, said exhibits will include foreign, limited production and experimental cars as well as standard stock models and racing and custom-built cars.

Damaged Vessel Near Canada Shore

Seattle — (U.P.) — The freighter, P&T Trader, steaming since last Tuesday with a wide crack in her hull plating, was nearing the haven of Prince Rupert, B. C., today.

The Coast Guard here said the damaged American merchantman was due to arrive at the Canadian port sometime today and would make repairs there before resuming her voyage to Yaquina Bay, Ore.

The ocean-going tug Salvage Chief was accompanying the Pope and Talbot vessel and was to assist with repairs.

The crack opened in the freighter's deck as diside plating

Firemen Save Youth Trapped by Flames

Portland — (U.P.) — An 18-year-old boy was trapped for a time early today by fire in a West Hills home before he was rescued by a fireman.

The blaze started in the basement of the home of Dr. Barney C. Bybee, roared up a laundry chute and spread through the

Tuesday as a north Pacific storm buffeted her about 800 miles off the Washington coast. The Canadian weather ship St. Catharine stood by the Trader until Friday when the Coast Guard cutter Klamath reached the cracker vessel. The Salvage Chief joined the Trader Saturday.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

rest of the four-and-a-half story frame house.

Eugene Bybee, sleeping in the attic, was trapped by the flames. He was rescued by Lt. Sam Spradlow of the Portland fire department who took the boy out on a window ledge where they stayed until ladders could be put up to them.

Dr. and Mrs. Bybee and another son, Jim, 12, were partially overcome by smoke along with the family's pet dog. They were treated by a first aid crew. The fire, which started about 4 a.m., caused an estimated \$8000 damage.

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