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GOP's Manpower Program Declared 'Fair Approach'

Key Congressmen Split on Measure

Washington — (U.P.) — Assistant Defense Secretary Carter L. Burgess said Saturday the administration's proposed reserve program offer a "fair approach" for youths to fulfill their military obligation without embracing the concept of universal military training.

The youthful, South Carolina-born official, who was the principal author of the plan, said in an interview that it is a mistake to label it a "modified UMT."

The program will be presented to the new Congress on a top priority basis. One of the key features is to train 100,000 youths annually for six months and then require them to participate in the reserves for 9-and-1/2 years.

This feature, which many Congressmen already have likened to UMT, probably will prove to be the most controversial point in the manpower plan which also calls for extending the draft substantially in its present form and overhauling the reserves to put them on a more "combat-ready" footing.

Key Congressmen were split on the merits of the program, outlined officially yesterday. Most agreed that President Eisenhower will have to throw his full weight behind the legislation to get it enacted.

Burgess evidently felt that the program's chances were not being helped by the tendency of Congressmen and the press to hang a "UMT" label on it. Congress has repeatedly rejected universal military training bills.

The new program, Burgess said, is not a "modified UMT and will not foster the concept of UMT as I understand it."

No Perjury Charges To Be Prosecuted

Washington — (U.P.) — Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers said officially Saturday night that the Justice department will not prosecute for perjury any witnesses in the televised Army-McCarthy hearings.

He ducked, however, a question whether any action would be taken in the curious case of the young Army officer who was involved in the testimony. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, (R-Wis.), said during the hearings last summer that a young intelligence officer had given him the famous "FBI letter" which figured prominently in the up-roarious hearings.

The letter, 2 1/4 pages in length, actually contained excerpts of a longer secret FBI report, on alleged subversion at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Rogers disclosed on CBS' "Capitol Clockroom" program that the Justice department had completed a study of the transcript of the Army-McCarthy hearings.

Holiday Vacation Slated at Schools

Most public schools in Jackson county will begin Christmas vacations on Thursday, Dec. 23, the county school superintendent's office reported Saturday.

Eagle Point, Applegate and Ruch schools begin vacations on Wednesday, Dec. 22, the school office said, and Oak Grove begins on Friday, Dec. 24.

Dates of Christmas programs, according to the report include: Dec. 21 at Howard and Applegate; Dec. 22 at Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Talent, Oak Grove and West Side; and Dec. 23 at Lone Pine and Elk-Trail, all at 8 p.m.

Because of crowded conditions and no assembly room, Ruch school is having only a school assembly. Next year it is planned to have a community program since the new multipurpose room will have been completed. The building will be a combined gymnasium and auditorium.

Program Denounced

Washington — (U.P.) — A private international group denounced the United States Saturday for "giving away" in foreign lands the dairy surpluses piling up under the government's price support program.

It offered to take over the job of disposing of the surpluses abroad under a "trading" program which would give the United States something in return—dollars, foreign currencies or foreign products.



RIOTING IN DEMAND for return of Cyprus to Greek sovereignty, students are being dispersed by fire hoses from United States and British embassies at Athens. Britain has refused to give up island. United States is supporting British position in dispute. (International Soundphoto)

British Troops Fire On Rioters in Cyprus

Limassol, Cyprus — (U.P.) — Battle-equipped British troops opened fire Saturday on anti-American, anti-British rioters here, wounding at least three student demonstrators.

The troops took over riot-torn Limassol after police lost control of one of the ugly demonstrations against the United States and Britain sweeping this island.

Use Tear Gas

In Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, police used tear gas to smash a mob of demonstrators stoning the American consulate.

The rioters also tore down a British flag.

The Nicosia riot squads were forced to fire tear gas into a mob massed in Metaxas square during an afternoon demonstration.

Royal Air Force guards were stationed around government buildings and the stone-damaged American consulate in the capital. British troops guarded all entrances to the city.

The demonstrators screamed their backing of the union of this British-held island and Greece. The demonstrations began earlier this week in Athens and Salonika and spread across the Aegean sea to Cyprus.

U.S. Backed British

The demonstrations started after the United States supported in the United Nations a British move to postpone UN consideration of the union of Cyprus and Greece.

Despite a government ban, demonstrators in Athens marched on the U.S. Information Service office there and smashed windows before riot police drove them off. There were other demonstrations in Piraeus.

Gangs roamed the streets on this island and the Greek mainland shouting "we want a union of Cyprus with Greece."

In Limassol, Cyprus' second largest city, one official said the mobs had been infiltrated by Communists.

Mobs in the city's main square overturned and set afire a British-owned bus. British Tommies with fixed bayonets moved into the square in the city's center.

Strauss Said Guilty Of Improper Conduct

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver Saturday accused Lewis F. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy commission, of trying to "blackmail" the Tennessee valley and its Congressional representatives into abandoning opposition to the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract.

The Tennessee Democrat said Strauss was guilty of "one of the most highly improper things that a man holding high office in the United States had done in many, many years."

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Cancellations Near One-Day Record at Local Post Office

Medford post office officials tentatively are predicting "the biggest day in history" for cancellations early this week, possibly on Monday.

Later last week the number of daily cancellations had climbed to near the 75,000 mark. Expectations were that with the start of last minute local mailing, the number of cancellations would climb above the 77,000 mark set last year.

Total Increasing

A total of 68,000 cancellations was handled Wednesday of last week, and a steady increase from that level was expected to continue almost until Christmas day.

Approximately 25 extra men have been hired by the post office to take care of the Christmas rush. They included Hamilton said Friday that the special help and the regulars have been cleaning up their work every day and no hold-over of mail has been necessary.

Some \$26,000 worth of stamps was ordered by the Medford post office especially for the Christmas rush. They included 400,000 two-cent stamps and 600,000 three-cent stamps. These totals "are about average for the Christmas rush," Hamilton said.

Use Extra Vehicles

In addition to new vehicles recently acquired by the Medford post office, trucks have been borrowed from other federal agencies for use until after the holiday to speed handling of packages.

The postmaster repeated requests that those mailing a number of Christmas cards bundle them in "city delivery" and "out of town delivery" bundles to facilitate handling. He noted that most people have been cooperating with this request, and said it has greatly speeded handling of the cards.

Bicycle Licenses For '55 Available

Parents who are getting Christmas bicycles for their youngsters may now purchase licenses for 1955, city police said yesterday.

Regular issue of licenses for all others will begin on Monday, Dec. 27, at the police station. Drawing will open on that date for Nos. 1 through 100.

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26 Die in Plane Crash

Civilians To Keep Control on Use of Nuclear Weapons

U. S. To Stand Behind Viet Nam

Paris — (U.P.) — The Western powers in meetings on global strategy against Communist aggression decided Saturday to build their European defense around atomic power and to defend Indochina with the mighty power of American mobile striking forces.

The 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization formally approved plans for Western generals to build European defense on atomic weapons. But the civilian governments will retain control over when and where the atomic weapons will be used.

Discuss Manila Pact

Following the NATO ministers meeting the foreign ministers of the Big Three met to discuss the Manila Pact for defense of southeastern Asia, the worsening internal state of Indochina, the Saar and Western relations with Russia.

The Big Three ministers agreed to call a second meeting of the South East Asia Defense Pact nations as soon as a majority of them have ratified the treaty.

The Western foreign ministers also agreed that Britain and the United States after formal requests by Germany and France would give a formal guarantee to the Franco-German agreement on the Saar.

Will Defend Indochina

Authoritative sources said following the Big Three meeting that the Manila powers will defend Indochina to the hilt against Red aggression with the power of American mobile striking forces.

The sources said that the Manila Defense Pact will go into effect early next year. The U. S. mobile forces will be poised to hit back at any Communist aggression in South Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia as well as Korea.

The United States and France meanwhile will attempt to build up and strengthen the shaky Viet Nam government, the sources said.

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WRECK OF GERMAN EXPRESS KILLS 14

Dortmund, Germany — (U.P.) — A "Christmas special" express train, carrying 500 children home for the holidays, rammed into a commuter train in an early morning fog here Saturday. Fourteen persons were killed and 66 injured, 32 of them seriously.

In Ancient Coaches

All of the dead and the seriously injured were passengers in the two antiquated coaches of the local commuter train. The steel shells of the modern coaches of the special miraculously shielded the children from serious injury.

The express, running late from Kiel because of the fog, crashed into the commuter train only a few hundred yards from Dortmund's main station at 6 a. m. The local, crowded with workers, had just pulled out for Hamm.

Faulty Switch

Railway authorities said the accident apparently was caused by faulty switching. The two trains collided at a switch point. The speeding locomotive of the express smashed into the local from an oblique angle close to a head-on approach.

The tender, baggage car, and first passenger coach of the local were almost totally demolished. The second passenger coach also was damaged. The express suffered only superficial damage.

Rescuers worked for four hours to liberate the injured trapped in the tangled wreckage. Frantic shouts of the rescuers mingled with the groans of the injured as the blue-white flicker of acetylene torches flashed in the fog.

U.N. Leaders Expect Release of Airmen

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — U. N. diplomats said Saturday they believe Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai will agree to release 11 American airmen jailed as spies by his regime.

These diplomats arrived at Stockholm, Sweden — (U.P.) — United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld arrived Saturday and informed sources reported he will meet soon with the Chinese Communist ambassador to discuss his forthcoming trip to Peking.

This optimistic conclusion after studying Chou's cabled replies to U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's request for an early meeting in Peking on the airmen's case.

Study Wording

They noted that one of Chou's cables, which denounced the U. N. General Assembly for authorizing Hammarskjöld's mission, referred five times to the "conviction" of the men but not to their "imprisonment" or "detention," as mentioned in the U. N. resolution.

Some U. N. observers felt Chou's cables gave him a loophole to negotiate with Hammarskjöld about the airmen without any way giving ground on Red China's right to "convict."

Words Significant

Diplomats stressed that in diplomatic negotiations the choice of words is significant. They felt that Chou's repeated use of the word "convicted" was not accidental.

Another point raised was the matter of Chinese students held in the United States. Their future was brought up last June when U. S. and Chinese officials conferred in Geneva about the release of other Americans held in Red China.

It was recalled Saturday that reports on the Geneva conference included a statement that Red China's sentencing of foreigners did not mean they could not be released "for good behavior" or could not have their sentences commuted by the "good will" of the Peiping government.

Half the time he was out today the Pope spent moving to and from his apartment and in the big black American limousine which drove him to the Vatican gardens.

Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai has proposed to Burmese Minister U Nu that the old Burma-Kunming rail line be reopened for trade between the two countries, it was reported Saturday.

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Italian Airliner Careens Into Bay At New York Port

Four Americans Survive Wreck

New York — (U.P.) — An Italian trans-atlantic airliner carrying 32 persons careened off a landing light and crashed in flames in Jamaica Bay Saturday on its fourth attempt to make a radar landing during a rainstorm at Idlewild airport. Twenty-six persons were killed.

There were six known survivors. All the women and two children among the 22 passengers aboard the huge four-engined DC-6B apparently died, along with the 10-member crew. Many of those aboard were coming to the U. S. for Christmas.

Nine Bodies Recovered

A spokesman for the airline and police officials said at 6:30 p. m. that nine bodies had been recovered and 17 persons were missing and feared dead among the five Americans, one Iranian and 26 Italians on the plane, which left Rome at 6 p. m. Friday.

Four Americans Survived

The search for bodies was hampered by darkness and fog. Authorities set up search lights so they could continue their task into the night.

Some of the victims apparently went down with the plane in 35 feet of water. Others were dumped into the ice cold water of Jamaica Bay. At least one, a woman, was trapped in her seat when she could not wrench her safety belt loose.

This was the first major disaster in the history of the world's largest civil airport.

Large Christmas Cargo

The Douglas airliner, one of the largest in commercial service, was bringing an unusually large cargo of Christmas parcels to the United States, along with persons planning to spend the holiday with friends and relatives here. Some had not notified their families in advance, hoping to surprise them.

The civil aeronautics administration said the plane circled the airport for two hours trying to land on the instrument runway used in bad weather.

The 200-foot-wide runway extends to the edge of the bay. Jutting 2,000 feet into the bay are two piers, blazing with neon landing lights day and night, to guide pilots to the runway. The plane smashed into the west pier