

Administration Moves To Overhaul Public Information Policies of Armed Services

Washington — (U.P.) — An aroused administration today set in motion a complete overhaul of the machinery for making defense information available to the public.

Professional military men will be ousted as top spokesmen for the armed services and their jobs will be put under civilian information chiefs directly responsible to service secretaries. Military information staffs will be drastically cut, possibly by 200 to 300 people.

Strict New Rules Will Govern

Two new directives were issued yesterday by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson could slow down and complicate the release of military information. Some military authorities doubted that civilian information bosses will be taken into the confidence of military staffs or be able to give reporters precise information on professional military matters as well as flag and general officers customarily assigned the job.

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Carney Chastised

Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, was publicly chastised yesterday by President Eisenhower for his private, background briefing of a select group of newsmen last week. Carney forecast that war could come in the Far East as soon as mid-April.

A high naval official said today that the Carney incident is now a "closed matter." He said that Carney had conferred with Secretary of the Navy Charles S.

Thomas and was not reprimanded. He said Carney "would be the last man in the world to do anything that would embarrass his commander-in-chief."

One of Wilson's directives could hamper or stop the anonymous briefings such as Carney's of last week. But it was mainly aimed at the writing of articles by military and civilian defense personnel and a general tightening of information policies. It was brought to a head by the Nautilus articles.

The directive ordered that all manuscripts for outside publication should be reviewed not only to prevent security leaks but to insure that they make a "constructive contribution to the primary mission of the Department of Defense."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Mayor in Michigan Plans Marriage Aid To Lonely People

Dearborn, Mich. — (U.P.) — Mayor Orville Hubbard, who believes "the goal of government is the happiness of the people," plans to operate a city marriage bureau to help lonely citizens along the road to conjugal bliss.

He will add match-making to his official functions in this Detroit suburb of 100,000 people who are already in the habit of referring fondly to their mayor as "Orvie."

Hubbard said he got the idea to become a city hall cupid when a heartsick widower approached him for help in finding a mate. This opened a whole new vista of civic responsibility.

Not Like Suit "When you walk down the street and see a good-looking suit in a store window you walk in and say 'I'll take it.' But if you see a good looking woman you can't walk up to her and say 'I'll take you,' he pointed out.

Like most men waiting their turn in barber shops Hubbard idles away the time thumbing through magazines. "Some magazines are chock full of lonely heart ads," he observed sympathetically.

The mayor conceives of his marriage bureau as a substitute for the old system of having parents arrange marriages for their children.

To Aid Over 35s

"When you get older and have more discretion you don't marry because you take a fancy to a pair of hips or a hank of hair," he said. "Primarily I'm interested in helping people over 35—bachelors, spinsters, widows or widowers, or divorced people."

Since Hubbard mentioned his idea publicly the Dearborn city hall has received several hundred letters and many telephone calls, from as far away as New York and Scotland.

Hubbard is preparing a detailed application form which will include medical history and be "personal to the point of being snooty."

A couple whose applications appear compatible will be invited to the mayor's office. Hubbard will introduce them and then, when the ice is broken, discreetly slip out of the room.

Landlady Suspect In Seaman's Death

Portland — (U.P.) — A former merchant seaman died in a local hospital from bullet wounds today and a 55-year-old landlady was booked into jail on a murder charge.

Gerald Edward Holt, 39, who had been unemployed in recent years due to ill health, died at 6:10 a.m. One bullet entered his left arm and lower chest. Another penetrated his left hip.

Mrs. Ethel Loyes Edwards, manager of a rooming house, was charged with the slaying.

In a statement to police she said Holt had been beating her with one of his shoes after she awakened him when he fell asleep in a chair. She said she fled to the bedroom and got a .25 caliber automatic from under the mattress. When Holt started to swing at her again she pulled the trigger, she said.

Mrs. Edwards summoned another tenant, who called police. Holt was taken to the hospital about 2:30 a.m.

When told Holt had died Mrs. Edwards fell on her knees and begged for mercy, detectives said. "I didn't mean to kill him" they quoted her as saying.

Exploratory Oil Well Planned Near Ontario

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.) — An exploratory oil well will be sunk in the Willow creek area near here, H. K. Riddle, president of the Oroco Oil and Gas company, said today.

Riddle said he had made arrangements with Houston, Tex., driller Ray Ranger to share the cost of sinking the well for the Sinclair Oil Company.

An Oroco company rig, capable of drilling to a depth of 10,000 feet, will be used in the operation. The firm has already drilled three exploratory wells, two of which have shown promising gas deposits.

The present location is 30 miles northwest of Ontario.

Grange

Central Point Grange will meet Friday night, April 1. An appropriate Easter program is being planned by Chaplain Eudora Bohnert, assisted by Lulu Flou and Velda Mang.

The agricultural committee has charge of the display table. The recent food sale was a success and Mary Taylor, chairman expresses her appreciation to all who helped her with this project.

Coaxial Cable Blasted During S.C. Strike

Atlanta — (U.P.) — A coaxial cable was dynamited near Columbia, S.C., knocking out 1000 telephone circuits early today. The lead-coated cable was blasted in two 19 miles south of Columbia.

Southern Bell Telephone company, against which the CIO Communications workers of America are on strike, said long distance message circuits, press, government, radio and television service were disrupted by one of the most serious incidents in a wave of vandalism that has plagued the company's property during the strike.

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