

# Democrats Urge Postponement In Planned Cutbacks in Army

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Democrats today urged postponement of planned cutbacks in Army manpower. Otherwise, they said, the nation might find itself able only to wage atomic war or retreat in the face of international aggression.

Their protests signaled a Democratic effort within the Senate Appropriations Committee to restore at least some of the administration cutbacks in the military's ground forces.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss) complained that the administration is "reducing the mobile

striking power" of the country's surface forces "in a period of mounting tension."

The cutbacks in the Army, Stennis said, "ought to be reconsidered and the decreases deferred."

## 'Atoms or Retreat'

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) said the administration is "getting itself into a position where we either use atomic weapons or agree to retreat" in the event of renewed Communist aggression.

Symington said the administration is cutting ground forces so drastically that the Army will wind up with less men in combat divisions than in the South Korean Army. He pointed out that under the administration plan the Army will wind up with 15 divisions of 17,500 men each while South Korea has 20 divisions of 14,500 men.

Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), chairman of the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee, predicted an effort will be made within the subcommittee to restore some of the cuts. Chavez indicated he would join such a move by saying he supports the testimony of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army chief of staff.

## President Ordered Cuts

Ridgway told the subcommittee late Wednesday that the cutbacks had not been "approved" or "recommended" by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He said world conditions have "distinctly deteriorated" since the cuts were decided upon last December. He warned the reductions would decrease the Army's mobile striking power.

Ridgway said the decision to reduce military manpower was made by the President. He said that when the question was being considered last December, he himself had recommended a "very substantially higher figure

The administration program

## St. Mark's Schedules Vigil at Cross Friday

The traditional three hour vigil at the cross will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, church officers have announced.

The service will be divided into half-hour periods with a series of meditations based on the last seven words from the cross. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector, will conduct the service, and it will be possible for worshippers to come and go during the intervals between the worship periods.

Mrs. James Shinn and Mrs. Stanley E. Phillips will be at the organ. A voluntary offering will be devoted to the extension of Christian work in the Holy Land.

## Theda Bara Declared Growing Slightly Weaker

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Officials at California Lutheran hospital reported today that former silent screen star Theda Bara had grown "slightly weaker" in her fight for life.

The 64-year-old retired actress who won fame for her roles as vamp has been hospitalized since Feb. 15 with an intestinal disorder. Her condition became critical March 14.

calls for total armed forces of 2,850,000 men by mid-1956, about 300,000 less than at present. Ridgway had asked for an army of 1,300,000 men. The administration goal is 1,025,000.

# Clean Water's Role In Improving Health Cited by Officials

"Clean Water Means Better Health" is the theme of the World Health Day which is being observed today, April 7, in many parts of the world. The Jackson County Public Health association has pointed out.

Today was selected by the World Health Organization since it is the anniversary of the beginning of the activities of WHO in every country in the world. It has already recorded tremendous accomplishments in improving health of people all over the globe, health association officials stated.

Local water departments and sanitarians pointed out that this theme is just as important for residents of Jackson county as for the more remote areas of the world.

## Cities Water's Importance

Robert Hart, county sanitarian, stated that certain health problems are in direct proportion to the amount of clean water available. Where water supplies are polluted, many diseases are a menace, he stated.

With a serious sanitation problem in this community, Hart told urged people who are using well water or water not from tested municipal supplies to be sure of the purity of their supply. Free testing service is offered for this by the Jackson County Health department, he said. Those wishing to have their water tested may secure special bottles for the purpose by calling at the health department in the courthouse. Water to be tested can be brought to the courthouse on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of each week when laboratory facilities are scheduled for water testing.

## Sleepy Bus Passenger Steals Ride Home

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Police searched today for a sleepy bus passenger who rode 50 blocks past his stop Wednesday night and solved his problem by stealing a vacant bus.

Officers found the bus — minus the passenger — at the street corner right where the rider wanted to go.

## Japan-Russ Talks May Be Held in Switzerland

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Foreign Office sources predicted today peace negotiations between Russia and Japan may eventually be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Insistence that the talks be held in New York was regarded merely as part of Japan's diplomatic maneuvering. Russia is demanding either Moscow or Tokyo for the talks.



**BIG JOB** — Capt. Roy Lee Johnson, decorated air officer of the carrier Hornet in World War II, has been named skipper of the Navy's new super aircraft carrier, USS Forrestal. The 60,000-ton Forrestal will be commissioned next fall at Newport News, Va.

# New Hope Seen For Cancer Victims

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — "Second look" surgery and radioactive vitamin B12 cocktails are offering new hope for cancer victims. The new developments were outlined yesterday by University of Minnesota surgeons to the annual cancer research tour.

Dr. Stuart Arhiger said operating twice or more times on patients suffering from cancer of the intestines or stomach has paid off in preventing a recurrence of the disease.

Since 1949, he said, Minnesota surgeons have operated to take a second look several months after a patient's original operation, even when no new symptoms have developed. Frequently, he said, new cancerous areas have been found and, if possible, removed. The "second look" operations continue until the results are completely satisfactory.

## Camp White Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled Sunday

Camp White—An Easter egg hunt for children living in the vicinity of Camp White has been planned by the Camp White post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The event is set for Easter Sunday at 2 p.m. and will be held near the theater and Veterans' hall at the camp. All children in the vicinity are invited to attend. Hans Sorenson, post commander, will distribute the prizes.

## Television Program Provides Poor Excuse

Port Arthur, Ont. — (U.P.) — William Skerget was fined \$50 and costs under the new "Peeping Tom" section of the criminal code.

Skerget, found peering into a neighbor's window, said he had just stopped to watch a television show.

The local TV station, however, goes off the air at 11:30 p.m. Skerget was arrested at 12:20 a.m.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

# Building Requests of Education Board Under Study by Committee

Salem — (U.P.) — Priority building requests of the State Board of Higher Education were under study today by the ways and means subcommittee headed by Sen. John P. Hounsell (R-Hood River).

A list of 13 projects proposed by the Board of Higher Education for the 1955-57 biennium was presented by G. F. Chambers of Salem, board member. Top on the list was a classroom and laboratory building

for Portland State college, costing \$850,000.

**EOCE Building Plugged**  
Sen. Charles W. Bingner (R-La Grande) said he thought a physical education plant, men's first unit, at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande should have been placed third or at least fourth on the priority list. Instead it is eighth.

Sen. Bingner crisply observed that "maybe we need more representation on the board of higher education from east of the mountains."

He noted that all of the projects listed ahead of the half-million dollar request for the EOCE physical education unit were for campuses west of the Cascades.

**Will Follow Order**  
Subcommittee members indicated they would follow the priority list until they ran out of whatever total amount is allowed, then lop off the remainder for the biennium.

After the classroom and laboratory building at Portland State, the requests for the 1955-57 biennium are in this order:

Physical education building, Southern Oregon College, \$450,000. Agricultural and biological science, first unit, Oregon State college, \$1,800,000. Architecture and art building, University of Oregon, addition and remodel-

## Unique Firm Formed For Public Projects

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Industry and labor have united in a unique non-profit corporation to support public works projects in the West.

The group, incorporated as "Builders of Tomorrow," was launched yesterday by 50 Northern California business and union leaders.

Otto E. Never, president of the AFL State Building and Construction Trade Council, said the group proposes to back a \$1,000,000 building program.

Included in the proposed program will be: an \$800,000,000 privately financed San Francisco - Los Angeles toll express freeway; redevelopment of slum areas; further development of the \$23,000,000 Sacramento deep water channel and a San Pablo Bay-Bodega Bay canal.

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## LUTHERAN SERVICES

The schedule of services for the remainder of Holy week at St. Peter's Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., were announced today by the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Korby. Today at 8 p.m., Maundy Thursday communion will be observed. Friday from 12 noon to 3 p.m., the "three hour" service of Lent will be held. Easter Sunday morning at 6 a.m. the congregation will sponsor a sunrise service at the Starlite drive-in theater.

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# Helser's Advice To Drop Insurance Told at Hearing

San Francisco — (U.P.) — J. Henry Helsner advised a middle-aged man to cancel a \$45,000 life insurance policy and invest the monthly payments with his firm, a witness testified yesterday in a Security and Exchange Commission proceeding.

The witness was Marcus C. Kielsmeier, former manager of the Palo Alto office of J. Henry Helsner and company. He was another in a procession of witnesses produced by the SEC in its attempt to prove that the firm has violated certain fraud provisions of the securities laws.

## Permanent Injunction Sought

The SEC is asking Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman to issue a permanent injunction against the firm.

Kielsmeier testified he was present at a meeting in 1951 when Helsner told a peninsula man, identified as Mr. Jayne, that it was "ridiculous" for him to carry the life insurance policy.

Kielsmeier quoted Helsner as telling the man that he had no children and did not need the insurance.

**'Irregularities' Found**  
The man followed Helsner's advice and six months later he died of a heart attack, the witness said.

Kielsmeier resigned from the company in 1952 after discovering what he said were "irregularities" and methods which he did not think were proper.

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