

United States Defense Commitments Involve Every Continent in the World

Washington—(AP)—The United States has defense commitments which to some degree involve every continent in the world.

This far-flung shield against Communist aggression would be extended even more under President Eisenhower's proposed military-economic doctrine for the Middle East.

Before the President made his latest proposal, the United States had varying defense commitments with 45 nations in the Far East, the Pacific, Southeast Asia, a corner of Africa, Western Europe and the Western Hemisphere.

More Than 55 Nations
The new doctrine—plus existence of American defense bases in other countries and expressions of U.S. support for still more countries outside treaty arrangements—could mean American defense action of one kind or another for more than 55 nations.

The area of Burma, India, Afghanistan and one through the Middle East is today's big gap in the American Allied defense line around the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Mr. Eisenhower's hope is that the Middle East gap—from India on west—will be entirely or partially closed by the new doctrine. He knows that not all nations will cooperate. And he has no hope of getting "his" Burma into any defense pact.

Neither Mr. Eisenhower's Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has spelled out geographic limits of the doctrine. But they could be from Afghanistan through the Mediterranean area to Morocco.

Armed Strength
To meet its gigantic global defense commitments, the United States has an armed strength of 2,795,500 men—about one million in the army; 912,000 in the Air Force; 676,000 in the Navy, and 200,000 in the Marine Corps. Unlike the British of the old empire days, these American airmen, sailors and soldiers aren't standing guard at every little defense spot in the world. The Eisenhower administration has instituted flexible de-

fense policies, which rely primarily on global mobility and atomic weapons if need be. Some of the heavy bombers of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, for example, are airborne around-the-clock. Some of these planes probably are armed for immediate retaliatory action against the Soviet Union—if ordered by the President to counterattack.

Here are the major U.S. spheres of influence and the formal defense commitments by areas:

Western Europe
The 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization stands in the forefront of anti-Communist defense power. NATO stretches from Norway and Denmark on the north to Greece and Turkey. Not included are Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Spain (but the U.S. has bases in Spain).

The U.S. has poured out \$36 billion into this region since 1945. Military help constituted about \$12 billion of the total. Right now, about 400,000 American servicemen are in the European-Mediterranean area. Approximately 4,000 planes, the Navy's Sixth Fleet and five Army divisions constitute the main American strength. The Sixth Fleet, for example has 20,000 men, two carriers with about 150 planes, three cruisers and 20 to 24 destroyers.

The United States has weapons with atomic capabilities in this area. Moreover, the 5,000-man "Atomic Task Force" is stationed in Northern Italy with Honest John rockets and Corporal missiles. Under NATO, the 15 nations are pledged to the principle that an attack against one "shall be considered an attack against all."

Far East
In this region, the United States has defense commitments under the eight-nation Southeast Asian Treaty Organization. This grouping includes Thailand and Pakistan in addition to Britain, France, New Zealand, Australia, and the Philippines. Separate defense pacts have been signed by the United States since 1951 with Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Formosa, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Defense commitments in this area begin with Japan and Korea, swing around Red China's Pacific Coast and on up to Burma and India. Approximately \$7.5 billion in American aid has been poured into this area during the last 10 years. Almost all of the money was in the form of grants.

500,000 Men in Area
Latest figures show that the United States has about 500,000 men in the entire Far East-Pacific area. This total includes two U.S. Army divisions in Korea, one division in Japan, and one Marine division in the Japan-Okinawa area. One division and an 8,000-man Marine force are in Hawaii. The equivalent of another division is stationed in Alaska. The United States has 2,800 planes and about 300 ships in the Far East-Pacific area. About 2,000 of the planes are in Korea, Japan, Okinawa and other nearby Far Eastern locations. The U.S. Seventh Fleet of 40,000 men, four carriers, 350 planes, three cruisers and 40 destroyers is the main naval force in the area.

The wording of the defense pacts in this area varies, but the effect is the same—the United States would take action "in accordance with its constitutional processes" in event of an attack. This leaves it for Congress to have the first say on what should be done about an attack there—a provision that is not specified in the NATO pact.

Western Hemisphere
The United States is joined with 20 other American republics in the 1947 Rio De Janeiro treaty. This states that an armed attack against any American state "shall be considered as an attack against all the American states." Geographically this treaty extends from the North Pole to the South Pole. Canada is not a member, however, but it is joined with the United States in the NATO pact.

During the last 10 years, the United States has handed out \$1 billion in grants and credits to Latin American republics. Military aid amounted to only \$280 million of the total. If an attack occurred in Latin America, the United States would have to draw on its forces stationed in the United States or its

Hungarian Workers Facing Execution
Vienna—(AP)—A new Red reign of terror has threatened Hungary where workers faced death by execution for opposing the Communist regime.

In a ruthless move that virtually abolished the right to strike, the Janos Kadar regime threatened rebellious workers with summary death sentences and set up kangaroo courts to help military tribunals mete out swift "justice."

The decree placed almost every Hungarian man, woman and child under the shadow of the hangman's noose or the firing squad's rifles.

territories. The United States has nine Army divisions, two Marine divisions and other forces stationed in the contin-

ental "mobil ewawecy." Planes and ships could be sent south on short notice.

The United States is not a

member of the Baghdad Pact which includes Britain, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Pakistan. But it has declared that aggression

against the Baghdad Pact countries would "be viewed by the United States with the utmost gravity." In this area, the Uni-

ed States has provided about \$1 billion in help of all kinds during the last decade. Economic and military aid are in-

creasing. American armed forces could be transferred swiftly to the area in event of attack.

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Nude on Bicycle Draws Censors' Frown

London—(AP)—If a nude girl free-wheels across a stage on a bicycle without pedalling can she be said to be moving?

Now, pointed 20-year-old Peaches Page, a British stripteaser who has been doing just that at Collins Music Hall here.

Yes, ruled the stern censors of London County Council after a careful inspection of Peaches. Under British law strippers must remain motionless after they have removed a certain amount of clothing. That makes them "art studies" instead of strippers.

Peaches' manager, Sidney Algar, protested the rulings.

"The movement, if there is any, is only relative to the audience, as though she were on a moving stage," he said.

"It's like the old Einstein problem... only not so boring," he added.

The council also ordered Peaches to wear more—more being a two-inch wide brassiere made of flesh-colored net. "It's so silly," said Peaches. "To wear a bra like this only draws more attention to the fact that I am nude."

'Killer' White Placed On Most Wanted List

Washington—(AP)—The FBI today placed Alfred James White, alias "The Killer," on its list of 10 "most wanted fugitives."

White, 33, has been sought since he fled from West Hamlin, W. Va., in June, 1954, to escape prosecution for firing at a state police officer during an attempted lumber yard robbery.

The FBI said White, who also uses aliases of Alford White and Al Whiting, is a master safecracker and daring gunman with a police record dating back to 1922. It includes convictions for auto theft and bank robbery, and one jail break.

Born in Mt. Sterling, O., White was described as 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches tall, 165 to 170 pounds with brown hair and eyes, an oblique scar in the center of his forehead, a mole on the right side of his face, and scars on his fingers.

Cub Scouts Schedule Empty Bottle Collection

The Cub Scouts of pack 8 will hold a drive to collect empty bottles on Jan. 19. This drive is to raise funds for Hungarian relief and pack activities.

Collection will be made in the area North of Main st., and East of Central ave. Those having empty bottles to donate may call 2-2097, 2-3674 or 2-9168 for pick-up service.

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