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President Says Wilson's Statement 'Very Unwise'

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No Intent Seen To Damage Guard

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower said today that Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson's "draft dodging" statement about the National Guard was very unwise.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference that the men who joined the National Guard certainly could not have been slackers when they entered the guard under paper provisions of law.

He said he did not believe that Wilson wanted to damage the National Guard, but he thought his secretary of defense certainly made a very unwise statement without stopping to think.

Wilson told a House Armed Services Subcommittee Monday that the National Guard was a "sort of scandal" during the Korean war; that some young men were using it as a "draft dodging business."

Wilson stuck to his charge Tuesday after a conference with Mr. Eisenhower. Wilson told reporters his language may have been tough but that it was an accurate account of the situation.

Defends King's Visit
Other highlights at the President's meeting with reporters today:

1. He strongly defended his conferences here with King Saud of Saudi Arabia and the possible visit of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to this country. He said he deplores any discourtesy shown to visitors who come here as representatives of governments and in an effort to ameliorate difficulties. This was a reference to New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner's snub to Saudi Tuesday.

2. He said he would not run again even if Congress changed the 22nd amendment which limits a President to two terms in office.

3. He was unrestrained in his praise of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. As for Democratic charges that Dulles' actions in the past had contributed to Middle East difficulties, the President said vehemently that Dulles never had taken any action that he had not approved in advance.

No Proposals Submitted
4. He said that Democratic critics of administration foreign policy—those who talked about great blunders—had failed to his knowledge to submit proposals of what should have been done in the Middle East, even with the benefit of hindsight. He said generalized attacks were easy to make.

5. Mr. Eisenhower indirectly rebuffed a statement by his disarmament adviser, Harold E. Stassen, that the Republicans might have won control of Congress if former Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts had been GOP vice presidential nominee instead of Richard M. Nixon. The President when asked about Stassen's assertion, replied that he was frequently amused during World War II when American forces had achieved results in battle that no one thought possible. Invariably, he said, someone would come along after the battle to show how they might have won an even bigger victory.

Mr. Eisenhower's discussion of Wilson's remarks about the National Guard largely supported the defense secretary's position that the National Guard needs a more rigorous form of basic military training. But he openly quarreled with Wilson's choice of language.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrial 480.53, up 3.61; 20 railroads 149.59, up 1.14; 15 utilities 171.05, up 0.30; and 65 stocks 170.45, up 1.17. Sales today were about 1,950,000 shares compared with 1,800,000 shares Tuesday.



CHARLES E. WILSON
Remark Starts Furor

State Senator Calls on Wilson To Make Apology

Salem—(U.P.)—State Sen. Dwight H. Hopkins today called upon Charles E. Wilson to apologize to the National Guard for implying it was used for draft dodging, or resign as secretary of defense.

Sen. Hopkins, whose brother, Frank Hopkins Jr., went from the Oregon National Guard into World War II and lost his life in action, wrote Secretary Wilson:

"I was shocked, amazed and surprised at your statement, as reported in the press, before the House Armed Services committee, that, and I quote, 'It was sort of a scandal, during the Korean war, a draft dodging business. A boy 17 to 18½ could enlist in the National Guard, and not be drafted to fight in Korea.'"

Direct Insult
"It is my humble thought that such a statement is a direct insult, not only to the men who gave up so much to serve in this second line of defense for our country, but to those who have served in the National Guard in peace time and emergency."

Sen. Hopkins concluded: "I firmly believe, Mr. Secretary, that such a statement should be retracted, and an apology made, otherwise, what loyalty will the members of the National Guard have for the secretary of defense? If this is not done, Mr. Secretary, a resignation would be very much in order."

New York—(U.P.)—Roger M. Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., said on the whole, things look "pretty good" for the steel industry this year.

"Don't Be Discouraged—I'll Put You Over Yet"



Wilson To Be Asked To Explain Charges To Subcommittee

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.), said today he will invite Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson to explain his charge that the National Guard was a "draft-dodging business" during the Korean war.

Brooks, whose Armed Services subcommittee starts hearings Monday on National Guard reserve problems, told a reporter he would ask Wilson to give the subcommittee the "benefit of his studies and his convictions."

"Apparently he has convictions," Brooks said. Wilson told the House Armed Services committee Monday that he thought that the Guard became "sort of a scandal" during the Korean war. He said youths joined the Guard to avoid being drafted for combat duty in Korea.

The statement started a furor across the nation. But Wilson stuck to his guns Tuesday when queried by newsmen at the White House after a visit to the President.

He said he knew of "no reason to apologize." "If any one thinks I am against the National Guard, of course they are wrong," he added. "I'm trying to get the National Guard efficient and trained."

Angry National Guardsmen, state legislators, and members of Congress continued to fill the air with resolutions, telegrams and statements demanding that Wilson resign or apologize.

The Georgia Senate adopted a resolution demanding that President Eisenhower fire the defense chief. The South Carolina House of Representatives branded Wilson's statement as an "insult" to that state.

Governors Join Attack
A resolution calling on Wilson to apologize cleared the Rhode Island Senate but was stalled in the House.

Several governors joined in the attack. Some sample comment: Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee said he would try to shift his Army reserve commission to the National Guard "to show my faith" in the Guard.

Gov. James E. Folsom of Alabama said the Alabama Guard went into federal service "100 per cent" during the Korean conflict. He said Wilson should apologize.

Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), said Wilson had demonstrated again that he has "the worst case of foot-in-mouth disease in Washington."

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The unoccupied vehicle was recovered from the water near Miller's Gulch bridge Tuesday morning.

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Ray Holmes, 57, Rogue River, who fell into the river during dragging operations Tuesday afternoon, was reported still in "fair" condition at Sacred Heart hospital today. He sustained a severe head cut and other injuries in the fall, it was reported.

State's Bitter Cold Expected To Ease

Old man winter's icy grip on western Oregon eased today with the word "rain" again appearing in forecasts. It also was getting warmer in eastern Oregon but readings down to zero were expected in that region tonight.

The weather bureau said a storm front was moving southward from the Gulf of Alaska and that rain was falling this morning on the Washington coast. The front follows an earlier disturbance of lesser intensity which brought a few snow flurries to Washington and northwest Oregon.

The second storm front is expected to bring in warmer air aloft. Mixed rain and snow was expected in western Oregon, changing to rain Thursday. Snow flurries were forecast east of the mountains.

Victim of Gun Shot Reported Injuring

Burse H. Cathey, 105 G st., Eagle Point, is improving satisfactorily according to Rogue Valley hospital officials today. Cathey was shot late Saturday evening when he and another highway department employee arrived on the scene of an overturned car when they were out operating a snow plow.

State police arrested Clarence Edward Michel III, Dillard, who they said admitted the shooting, and is being held in county jail on \$10,000 bond on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.



FROM JAPAN—Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Rollins of Eagle Point were on hand at the San Francisco airport Saturday, Jan. 19, to greet their newly-adopted Japanese-American children, Rebekah, 5, and Danny, 8 months. They flew in with nine other children who have been adopted by American families. The adoption was made by proxy through the World Mission to Children. Above, Mrs. Rollins has the children open gifts they received at a shower last Friday at the Berean Baptist church in Camp White. Standing behind Re-

bekah is David, 4, another of the Rollins' adopted children. Another child, Tommy, 5, was in school when the picture was taken. The Rollins own the all-Jersey Long Mountain dairy in Eagle Point. Arriving at the same time as Rebekah and Danny but unable to be in the picture were two other Japanese American children, David, 9, and Mary Lou, 2, who were adopted through the same organization by Mr. and Mrs. Sherril Cuddy of Prospect. The children will automatically become citizens after two years in this country.

House Approves Mid-East Doctrine By Big Majority

Washington—(U.P.)—The House today overwhelmingly approved President Eisenhower's "fight if we must" plan to protect the Middle East from Russian aggression.

Passage was by a roll call vote of 355 to 61. Approval came after the House rejected, by a standing vote of 191 to 45, an attempt to kill the resolution by sending it back to the House Foreign Relations Committee.

The measure now goes to the Senate where it faces a stormy course. Mr. Eisenhower requested the measure to strengthen his hand in dealing with the crisis in the oil-rich Middle East and the dangers of Communist penetration of the area.

The House voted him substantially what he asked: 1. Authority to use U.S. military forces, if necessary, to resist Communist aggression against any nation in the Middle East which seeks our help in meeting such an attack.

2. Authority to spend an extra \$200 million of U.S. economic aid for the area before June 30. No specific projects have been proposed, and virtually the only limitation on use of the money is that no Middle East country can receive more than \$30 million of it.

The House action came soon after Mr. Eisenhower, at a news conference, stoutly defended Secretary of State John Foster Dulles against Democratic charges that Dulles' diplomacy has failed in the Middle East.

Low of 13 Degrees Registered at Airport

A low of 13 degrees above zero was registered at the Medford weather station at the airport this morning, tying the record low here for Jan. 30.

Weather

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness but continued cold tonight. Increasing cloudiness with chance of snow flurries Thursday. Low tonight 20. High Thursday 33. Temp. Highest Yesterday 22. Lowest this Morning 13.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:23 p.m. New Moon 1:24 p.m. ALGOL, the most remarkable of the periodic variable stars, fades out tonight, reaching its minimum of brilliance at 8 p.m. when it will be only one-fourth as bright as it normally is.

Berrydale Residents To Begin Campaign

A new "all-out" campaign to annex the Berrydale area to the city of Medford will be made by residents there, it was decided last night.

Fifteen members of the Berrydale Sanitation committee, elected by their neighbors to conduct a study of ways and means of obtaining sanitary services, voted unanimously to work for annexation to the city, as the "only feasible solution" to the district's problem.

At last night's meeting, held at the home of Walter H. Froehlich, 303 Berrydale ave., the committee members reviewed the studies they have made of the problem and its possible solutions. They have been at work since shortly after the Nov. 6 election, when voters of the area turned down annexation by a vote of 487 to 240.

The committee agreed to conduct a house-to-house and block-to-block canvass of the area, with four objectives in mind. They said these are to keep interest in the problem alive, to provide residents with pertinent information about annexation and its alternatives, to assess the chances for success in another annexation election, and to set realistic boundaries for an annexation area.

Areas adjacent to the Berrydale district have been invited to join in the attempt, if they so desire, and residents on Elk st., and Elliott and Connell aves., will be invited to another meeting next Monday, and will be asked to serve as "block captains" in the renewed campaign.

Nick Gier, chairman of the committee, said the group will get these activities under way immediately. After the preliminary data is gathered, the next step will be to present it to the city planning commission, which can then set boundaries and recommend the city council call another annexation election.

Annexation of Two Districts in Effect

The secretary of state's office has notified City Treasurer Darrell Huson the annexation of the Kenwood-Grandview districts to Medford became effective Monday.

The districts were annexed by city council after a public hearing earlier this month. The area is about 1,506 acres, bringing the total acreage of the city to about 5,002 acres. Population in the Kenwood-Grandview area has been estimated at 1,500, bringing the total population of Medford to about 21,350.

Kenwood - Grandview, along with 1,191 acres in southeast Medford, which was annexed last summer, almost double the number of acres now within the city.

King Saud receives hearty welcome from Eisenhower. The President personally greeted the bearded, bespectacled monarch of six million Arabs as he stepped from the plane which flew him here from New York.

"Your Majesty, on behalf of the American people, I heartily welcome you to the United States," Mr. Eisenhower said. "We recognize in you a great leader of the Arab people and the custodian of the cities most sacred to Islam. We are honored by your visit."

Welding Torches May Have Started Fire on Tanker

Nearly 50 Injured; Dead Badly Charred

Alameda, Calif.—(U.P.)—Welders' torches may have touched off petroleum fumes aboard the oil tanker S. S. Jenny, causing a series of explosions and a fire that killed nine men and injured nearly 50, a spokesman for Todd Shipyards said today.

The spokesman said the fumes may have been trapped in a tank next to the boiler room of the 10,000-ton ship, which was being readied for use in the Mid-East oil crisis.

Probably Fed Fire
"That tank may have contained fuel oil," the spokesman said. "If it was the first to blow up, as we suspect, the fuel probably fed the fire that followed the initial explosion."

Six of the dead were found huddled in a corner of the boiler room, their hideously charred bodies resembling the victims of an atomic blast. The bodies of three others were removed from an adjacent hold.

Many Injured Critical
Many of the injured were in critical condition. They suffered terrible agony. The limbs of some were nearly ripped off by the force of the explosion while others were so badly burned that their skin was falling from their faces and arms.

The accident took place Tuesday at 3:10 p.m. while nearly 250 workmen were aboard. It was like being hit in the face with a giant fist," said Lee Kilpatrick, 46, of Oakland, one of the injured workmen.

"The explosion sounded like a bomb. It knocked me down on a catwalk on the bottom deck of the ship."

Eugene Fitch, 37, Oakland, an electrician, said "there must have been a hundred of us" in the engine and boiler rooms.

"I was standing with two or three other men. All of a sudden there was a boom and I was knocked down. The lights went out and my glasses and face were covered with oil."

It was discovered later that the force of the explosion hurled a worker against the light panel, wrecking the switches. "We hung on to each other and headed for the ladder about 40 feet away," Fitch continued. "It was the only one in the place and people were milling around in the dark, hollering. The smoke was so thick you could hardly breathe."

Five minutes later, a second explosion ripped through the boiler room, trapping and killing both workmen and rescuers below decks.

With the explosion, a brilliant sheet of flame rose to the sky. It could be seen in San Francisco seven miles distant. Then an enormous cloud of black smoke welled up, blotting the ship from view. Two smaller explosions followed.

Peddicord Loses In Appeal To Court

Salem—(U.P.)—William Clarence Peddicord, the blind Portland chemist who was sentenced to not more than 20 years for bombing Meier and Frank Department store in Portland, today failed in an appeal to the State Supreme Court to reduce his sentence.

The court has the power to review a sentence claimed to be excessive. But Chief Justice William C. Perry said that in order to use this power intelligently, the court should have before it records of relevant evidence as to circumstances of the crime and all other facts bearing on the reasonableness of the punishment.

Other floods hit Welch, W. Va., isolating that community and forcing evacuation of some families. A power failure blacked out the Welch emergency hospital.

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The welcome was in contrast to the snub the visiting monarch received Tuesday from Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York. Before he went to the airport, Mr. Eisenhower alluded to that snub by telling his news conference he deplored any discourtesy shown official visitors.