

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FEEL ECONOMY AXE

West at Crucial Point in Quest For Security

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series by Charles Corddry, United Press military writer, on the West's preparations to defend itself if war should come.)

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Paris—The Western alliance is at a crucial fork in the road in its quest for security against Russian military aggression. Mounting defense costs and confidence in the war-detering power of nuclear bombs have kicked off a "great debate" on the need for strong ground forces on the Central European front near the Iron Curtain.

Political leaders may have to decide soon whether to move toward even heavier reliance on air-atomic power to thwart Russian designs, or to go on building up the ground force shield as vital additional insurance.

Changes in North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense plans seem inevitable to some authorities. But they say it is too early to speculate on the effects on the 7th U.S. Army, a 125,000-man force operating in West Germany at an annual cost of \$1,200,000,000, and comprising the largest single national force in NATO.

Needs 30 Divisions in Central Europe
Ironically, Gen. Lauris Norstad, first air officer to be supreme Allied commander in Europe, has become the most articulate and persistent advocate of the ground force shield. He says 30 divisions are needed urgently in the Central European region, but at the behest of his political chiefs he is having a new study made for consideration of the NATO Council next fall.

The current debate was stirred up in the wake of Britain's defense policy overhaul announced last April. The plan called for a 13,000-man cut in the British army of the Rhine, reducing it to 64,000.

The British argued they were bearing more than their share of the NATO ground force load and, anyway, were able to make an atomic contribution which no other country but the United States could do.

Norstad has been working constantly to counteract any snowballing effect the British cuts might have among European NATO members. The cuts were forecast 13 months ago when Sir Anthony Eden, then prime minister, said it was time to take account of "the changed circumstances which the deterrent power of the hydrogen bomb has brought about."

There has been an on-again, off-again debate ever since on whether a thin line of ground forces would be enough in Europe, a sort of "trip wire" to sound the warning if Russia moved.

Reasons for Rejecting Argument

Norstad, and the international staff at his 15-nation headquarters here, reject such arguments. These are their reasons for demanding a stout ground force shield:

—It must provide convincing evidence that NATO will resist aggression.

—It must be strong enough to force aggressors to concentrate and telegraph their punch, if they dare attack.

—It is needed to protect continental air bases from which retaliatory forces would fly.

—It must hold off attackers at Western Europe's frontiers for the limited time it would take retaliatory air forces to crush Russia and end war. Europeans have experienced one occupation and liberation in the last 17 years and do not want another.

—With sea and air elements the shield must block Baltic and Black sea exits to Soviet undersea forces.

—The shield stands as a deterrent in a very special way, a way that has meaning for Americans at home as much as for Germans at the front line. Norstad argues there is little or no chance of Russia provoking a local incident on the Iron Curtain if it is visibly defended by strong ground forces.

Would Bloom Into Full-Scale War

He is convinced that if there were a local attack, or penetration where the line is thin, it would bloom into full-scale war because neither side would withhold what it thought it needed to win. If the shield is thick enough, however, the aggressor would have to make a deliberate decision to attack and while considering the move would realize he was invoking his own destruction.

Norstad also argues that, without any front-line forces, the West might awake one morning to discover Russians had moved across the line in force on one pretext or another and presented a fait accompli. To let them stay there would be to undermine NATO; to run them out with modern weapons would be to accept the onus for starting World War III.

So, in the view of NATO military planners, both the shield and the retaliatory Air Force sword are needed.

They reject the idea that a thin shield force would do because it is sufficient deterrent in peacetime and would be helpless in atomic war regardless of its size. If deterrence fails and war comes, NATO planners expect ground forces to play a vital holding role.

Next: Can Europe be defended?

Acute Unemployment Problem Predicted

Salem—An acute unemployment problem for Oregon during the winter months was forecast by the State Unemployment Compensation commission today.

Employment officials said that mid-summer labor surpluses, among the largest since World War II, probably would decline slightly during the late harvest period. But they were not optimistic about winter months.

Some 25,500 persons are actively seeking work now, the commission said.

John A. Norton, new administrator of the State Unemployment Compensation commission, said that while the count might not indicate a portion of students, housewives and migrants, "it indicates the possibility of a real problem this winter."

Slowdowns over the state in seasonal lines were mainly responsible for the lower job level, Norton said.

Payments to 14,000 unemployed workers totaled \$1,050,000 last month, the highest July in the 1942 years of unemployment compensation.

Norton predicted that unless basic industries improve soon, the payments would get even heavier.

More than half the jobseekers were in the Portland metropolitan area, the commission said.

Two Area Men Bound Over to Grand Jury

Two men charged in connection with an attack upon a 39-year-old Portland man were bound over to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing in district court yesterday.

Billy Joe Thompson, 24, Gold Hill, and William Matthew Nickle, 21, of route 1, Central Point, are being held in Jackson county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail each.

They are charged with robbery by force and violence while not armed with a dangerous weapon in connection with an assault on John J. Araway, 39, Portland.

Araway was taken to Sacred Heart hospital about 3:30 a.m. July 30. He was treated for injuries suffered in an altercation on Highway 99 near the Willow Springs junction, officers reported.

Authorities said the pair allegedly took \$40 from Araway.



MAMIE EISENHOWER
In 'Good Condition'

Mamie Eisenhower Undergoes Surgery At Walter Reed

Washington—Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower underwent a two-hour internal operation by a gynecologist at Walter Reed Army hospital today.

An announcement after the operation said she came through in "good condition."

The President remained at the White House, in conference with Republican leaders and engaged in other appointments. But he kept in touch with the hospital by the telephone.

Common Disorder

It was understood that the operation dealt with a rather common female disorder.

Three hours after the operation was completed, a White House spokesman said there would be no further announcement about Mrs. Eisenhower's condition unless complications developed.

He said the President probably would visit her at the hospital late this afternoon.

The White House would say only that the surgery dealt with a "benign condition" not cancerous, and had been planned for some time. It was not an emergency operation.

The surgeon was Dr. Humbert L. Riva, a colonel in the Army medical corps, a gynecologist.

Pressed by reporters for the precise nature of the first lady's ailment, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty pointed out that Riva was a gynecologist. A gynecologist specializes in women's ailments.

Under later questioning, Hagerty said the operation involved "nothing serious and not an emergency." He also said that the surgery disclosed "nothing malignant."

Ceremonies Slated For Link in System

Special ceremonies have been scheduled to acknowledge the final link in 100 miles of distribution system water mains under the ownership and control of the Medford water department.

Mayor John Snider will assist in laying the silver-colored pipe bearing the words "100 miles." The observance is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Crater Lake ave. and Stephens st., according to Robert Lee, department superintendent.

Installation of a 12-inch water main on Crater Lake ave. will be the final link in the system, which has been greatly improved through a 10-year plan now nearing completion, Lee said.

Injunction Hearing Starts Second Day In Federal Court

NLRB Seeks Action Against Local 6-221

A federal court hearing on an application for a labor injunction in a Jackson county labor dispute began its second day in Portland this morning.

Federal District Judge William East was hearing the application of the National Labor Relations board for a picketing injunction against Local 6-221, International Woodworkers of America, AFL-CIO, of Butte Falls, now picketing the Medford Corporation.

Yesterday afternoon, Judge East denied a petition of the Local for a week's extension in which to show cause why it should not be enjoined from picketing Medco, United Press reported.

An injunction against the picketing was released by Patrick H. Walker, Seattle, acting regional director of the NLRB.

Dispute Over Rehiring

Members of the union picketed Medco's woods operation at Butte Falls after a strike resulted from a dispute over rehiring truckers' equipment. The truckers were employed by Austin L. King, Medford trucking contractor, who has been hauling logs for Medco. The truckers wished to use their own equipment instead of King's, which was available, according to King.

About 130 woods and railroad employees of Medford were off the job as a result of the strike. They refused to cross a picket line established by the truckers.

As a result of the strike, Medco and King filed unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB. Medco alleged the effect of the strike against King, which closed its woods and railroad operations, constituted a secondary boycott, banned under the Taft-Hartley act.

Monday Witness

Only witness at Monday's hearing was B. L. (Bud) Nutting, general manager of Medco. William A. Babcock, union attorney, denied the secondary boycott allegation. He said the union is picketing both King, and Medco but for unrelated reasons.

The NLRB claims the union struck the King log hauling company and at the same time picketed both King and Medco in an area where employees of both were operating.

After the strike against King, members of Local 6-221 approved a strike against Medco following failure to agree on wage and other negotiations which have been under way since April. The Medco mill is operating with members of a different union, who have passed the picket line set up by striking workers.

Daughter Born To Actress Elizabeth Taylor

New York—Actress Elizabeth Taylor, wife of Producer Michael Todd, had a girl by caesarian section today, a spokesman at Columbia-Presbyterian hospital said. The baby had not been expected until Oct. 15.

Both Mrs. Todd and the four pound 14-ounce baby are doing well, the hospital said.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS—Four students, two from France and two from Belgium, are visiting in the Rogue valley this week on a travel project sponsored by the Association for World Travel Exchange, a privately-sponsored organization. They are shown above during a garden reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer (standing) on Spring st. At left is Jack McDermott, New York, a medical student who is their tour conductor. Others are, left to right, Guy Decerf, 31, Brussels, Belgium; Mlle. Giselle Marguillier, 28, Paris; Daniel Vander Goten, 28, Brussels, and Henri Filliol, 34, Perigueux, France. Arrangements for their visit here were made by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, which placed each in a Medford home during their two-day stay. They will visit Crater lake today, and attend a Shakespearean festival play before going on to San Francisco. The entire trip from New York has been made by automobile. Last night's reception was attended by about two dozen city and county officials, press representatives and business leaders.
(—Kenn Knackstedt Photo)

Eagle Point Man Killed in Accident On Crater Highway

Eid B. Johnson, 73, of Eagle Point, was killed Monday afternoon when he was struck by a log truck while walking north on the Crater Lake highway about one mile north of the Eagle Point junction, state police reported today.

The truck driver, Raymond Floyd Pierce, 53, Butte Falls, told officers that his truck struck Johnson after Johnson appeared to fall toward the truck as he walked along the shoulder.

He said he was unable to avoid the pedestrian because of cars which were passing in the other lane, police reported. No citations were issued, officers said.

The traffic fatality was the 17th in Jackson county since Jan. 1 this year.

Johnson was born July 2, 1884, in Fairfield, Ia., and had lived in Jackson county for the past three years, coming from Wallowa.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Fred Gray, Wallowa. The body is being forwarded by Conger-Morris Funeral home to Wallowa.

Shady Cove Fire Destroys Garage

Shady Cove—Fire early last night destroyed a garage and pump house, and damaged a residence owned by Johnny Minor.

Shady Cove volunteer firemen saved adjoining residences and prevented the fire from spreading throughout the Minor house, firemen said.

Minor estimated his loss about \$1,000, which included chain saws and other power tool equipment in the garage. Smoke and water damaged the house, firemen said.

The fire was first noticed about 5:30 p.m. yesterday.

Plans Being Prepared For Talent Work

Plans and specifications for canal construction in the Talent project will be available by Aug. 13, according to J. A. Callan, project construction engineer, bureau of reclamation.

The project involves earthwork, concrete canal lining and structures on the Howard Prairie delivery canal and Little Beaver creek. Earthwork for about 8.9 miles of canal.

Bids on the project will be opened at the Camp White office at 10 a.m. Sept. 12.

North Sacramento, Calif.—Two holdup men escaped with an undetermined amount of money from the Arden-Morse branch of the Bank of America here today.

Education Necessary In Safety Program, State Official Says

The fact that the Medford Safety Council has survived for so many years is outstanding, James R. Banks, manager of the traffic safety division of the department of motor vehicles, said yesterday.

"There is no more active citizens' organization in the state," he added.

The statements were made during one of a series of meetings held with city, school officials and representatives of news media and the Medford Safety Council representatives yesterday. Heading up the meetings were Banks and Charles A. Boice, assistant manager.

Public education and support are necessary for any traffic safety program and effective enforcement of traffic laws, Banks said.

According to experiences of the recent state legislature, there is not sufficient support for traffic law changes, he said. Also, pedestrian regulations are the most difficult to enforce. This requires considerable public education until such laws are more easily enforced.

The public's attitude even influences construction of freeways, he noted. For instance, construction of one state freeway was held up by litigation from a farmer whose land it bisected, he said. The farmer had public support on his anti-freeway attitude so construction was held up for a year.

Basis for Standards
Banks explained that standards set up are based on achievements recorded by the top 30 per cent of the cities surveyed. He added that Medford is substantially higher in all sections compared with cities of similar population.

He also complimented the police department for its work in both education and enforcement. This, he said, forms the core of the traffic safety program. In Medford the police department functions as the core of the safety council also. However, the council members should be sure that their organization does not collapse if officers like Capt. Fichtner should leave for other jobs.

Banks also explained that cities are no longer ranked since the value of the safety program is for city self-improvement. Competition doesn't further that aim, he added.

Award Plaque
To receive an award plaque now each city must have a record of 80 per cent or better in the specific category on which the award is based. Such an award winning town must also have a record of 80 per cent or better for a total score, he noted.

It was suggested at the media conference that safety promotions be tied closer to the local situation and feature local problems.

Boy, 13, Winner of Cake Baking Contest

Thirteen-year-old Raymond Noguier of the Southwest Medford club won the 4-H cake baking contest championship this morning in the county court-house.

His closest competitor out of 17 girls was his older sister, Jeanette Noguier, 16.

Raymond was required to bake a two-egg butternut cake which was judged on quality and workmanship. He was also judged on the story he wrote about his baking experiences.

House Committee Cuts Appropriation By 16 Per Cent

Use of Existing Facilities Urged

Washington—The House Appropriations committee, taking one of its last swings this year at federal spending, today clipped 16 per cent from requested funds to finance this year's military construction and assorted minor government functions.

President Eisenhower had asked for \$1,860,748,967. The committee recommended to the House an appropriation of \$1,581,590,587, a cut of \$279,158,380.

Greater Economies Asked

The lion's share of the request, of the funds allowed, and of the cut were applied to Army, Navy and Air Force plans for continued work on a worldwide system of defense bases. The committee called for greater economies in this work and use of existing facilities wherever possible before new projects are started.

Cuts recorded by the committee today, if sustained by the House, would bring to \$4,322,014,309 total savings claimed by the House so far this year against budget requests totalling \$57,879,869,615.

AEC Funds Pending

About all that is left to be considered are the annual foreign aid requests, which can't be considered until the aid authorization bill is finally passed, and funds for the Atomic Energy commission, also tied up pending congressional action on an authorizing bill. No doubt these requests will be cut too.

Included in construction projects recommended by the committee are:

Air Force, Al Defense Command: Klamath Falls, Ore., \$1,743,000; Portland, Ore., \$3,828,000.

Smoking Possibly Cause of Death

The death of Mrs. Henry E. Johnson, 49, of route 2, Medford, yesterday was probably caused by smoking in bed, sheriff's officers said this morning.

Chief Deputy Joe Walsh who investigated the fatal burning yesterday added that an autopsy probably will not be held.

Mrs. Johnson was found by her husband, Henry E. Johnson, proprietor of Johnson's bakery, Medford, about 11 a.m. yesterday. He told sheriff's officers he left home about midnight Sunday and returned about 11 a.m. yesterday.

Johnson is reported to be still under a doctor's care and being treated for shock.

Sheriff's officers reported smoke damaged the interior of the house. The bed and the floor were burned, they added.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

Drivers Improvement School Meeting Set

A meeting to discuss a proposed "drivers improvement school" for the city of Medford has been called for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the city hall. Approximately 30 citizens, distinguished for civic interest, have been invited, according to Mayor John Snider.

Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly and Police Capt. Clyde Fichtner, in cooperation with Police Chief Charles Champlin, have proposed the school for the benefit of constant violators and volunteers who "wish to attend because of a sincere desire to improve their driving," Mayor Snider said.

Persons invited to the "safety preview demonstration" include representatives of the press, radio and television, service clubs, Medford Safety council, and others.

Log Production in County Totals 562 Million in '56

Salem—Log production in Jackson county during 1956 totaled 562,306,000 board feet, according to figures from the office of State Forester Dwight L. Phipps.

Production in state of Oregon for the year was 9,335,810,000 board feet, which was 384,000,000 board feet below that of the previous year and nearly half a billion board feet below the banner year of 1952 when the all-time record cut of 9,802,471,000 board feet was reached.

Douglas county was in the lead in 1956 with a cut of 1,776,297,000 board feet of timber, with Lane county next with 1,107,384,000 board feet.

Lincoln and Coos counties were the only two additional counties which reported a cut of slightly over the half a billion board foot mark.

Breakdown of Production
In the breakdown of production by land ownership, the report indicates that the national forests of the state provided 1,867,000,000 board feet of timber while the Indian reservations produced 163,038,000 board feet.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight. Clear on Wednesday. Low tonight 50; high Wednesday 82.

Temp.	74
Highest Yesterday	72
Lowest this Morning	52
Free. to 5 p.m. Yesterday	Trace

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:09 a.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.
The Moon sets Wednesday	2:37 a.m.
Day at	2:37 a.m.
and will be full on Aug. 19.	

The dim stars in the background tonight are those of Sagittarius, the smallest planet, Mercury, is now beginning one of its brief appearances as an evening star.