

Ike To Make Speeches Around Country To Bolster Peoples' Faith

Turkish Military Strength One Of Best Kept in Land of Secrets

By RUSSELL JONES
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Istanbul, Turkey — The strength of Turkish fighting forces is the best kept secret in this land of secrets.

Turkish military officers flatly refuse to discuss numbers, equipment, arms or disposition. Even government civilians just below Premier Adnan Menderes claim they know nothing.

The habit of secrecy has extended to the American mission which has been training and equipping the Turks. Its members also refuse to talk, despite a congressional stipulation that the mission must be open to American news coverage.

The unanimous opinion of both the Turks and foreigners here is that Turkey could mop up the entire Middle East without serious trouble and give a first class account of itself even against Russia.

It is generally agreed that the Turkish fighting man is one of the toughest and bravest in the world.

Although the Turkish soldier does not have the technical aptitude of the American or West European soldier, he is learning fast and is capable of enduring far greater hardships.

While estimates vary from a quarter to a half million, an educated guess of Turkish strength is 400,000 men, backed by a ready reserve of almost 2 million.

The air force is equipped with some 300 F-84 fighter-bombers and F-86 fighters. The clump of secrecy on planes is so great that a Turkish air force colonel watching a flight of F-86s claimed he was unable to identify their type.

Information on tanks is just as tight, but most observers believe the Syrian charge that 500 Turkish tanks are massed on the border is a wild exaggeration. They estimate that the total armored strength of Turkey is only slightly higher than that figure.

First line tanks are known to be M-47 Pattons—probably several hundred—backed by M-24 Stuarts and M-36s.

The navy's main offensive force is 16 modern submarines.

some based on the Black Sea. Other naval units include at least eight destroyers, four destroyer escorts, eight minesweepers, a number of subkillers and patrol boats.

The army is the best-trained



HILLARY AT ANTARCTICA—Sir Edmund Hillary (center) conqueror of Mt. Everest, is accompanied by Rear Adm. George Dufek, USN (right) and Cmdr. John Mirabito, USN as they walk near Scott Base at McMurdo Sound. New Zealander Hillary is in an advance party which is laying supply depots for the crossing of Antarctica by the Commonwealth Trans-Arctic Expedition. The 1700-mile journey to the South Pole and back is expected to take four months.

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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New York — President Eisenhower is throwing himself personally into a "chins up" campaign to bolster public confidence in the domestic economy and in America's ability to keep scientific pace with Russia.

The Chief Executive, himself, will embark shortly on a series of speeches around the country to bolster the faith of the nation in its ability to meet the many

problems pressing on the United States in growing complexity. The President was not specific but the United Press learned that his speeches will be delivered in several widely separated parts of the country.

He outlined his "chins up" campaign Tuesday night in a speech before a Waldorf Astoria Hotel audience of 1,500 persons gathered under the auspices of the National Fund for Medical Education.

Ostensibly the occasion for the

dinner Tuesday night was to honor Alfred P. Sloan Jr., retired head of General Motors, for his "outstanding leadership in medical education." Sloan received the Frank H. Lahey Memorial Award established in 1954 to honor the late, eminent Boston surgeon and founder of the Lahey Clinic.

Shortly before he spoke, however, the White House released a new version of the opening portion of his speech, and when it was delivered, the Chief Executive elaborated on his plan to go to the people in an effort to generate public confidence in the government's ability to cope with the problems of today.

On the particular point of the state of the domestic economy,

Eisenhower said he was glad to hear Sloan say in his speech accepting the award that he could not understand why Americans were apprehensive about the state of the economy since it was "Actually the greatest thing man ever produced."

"Our responsibilities and opportunities abroad, the strength and character of our domestic economy; the character and power of our defense programs, the

right of people to confidence in these strengths."

"These," the President said, "are some of the subjects about which during the ensuing weeks, I shall seek opportunities to talk with the American people, telling them of my beliefs and my determinations in these matters. I have unshakable faith in the capacity of an informed, free citizenry to solve every problem involved."

Continental Bakery Officer 'Disgusted' With Insinuation

Washington — George Faunce Jr., vice president of Continental Baking Co., said today it is "slandorous" to insinuate that his company bought favors from the beleaguered Bakery Workers Union.

Faunce made the statement to the Senate Rackets Committee after chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said the group has uncovered "some evidence" of collusion between the union and the firm, the nation's largest bakery.

McClellan made his charge during questioning of James G. Cross, president of the Bakery Workers. The union is under orders from the AFL-CIO to get rid of Cross or face expulsion from the big labor federation.

Faunce began his testimony with a prepared statement declaring that "The insinuation that Continental has bought union favors is slanderous and unwarranted to the point of being ridiculous."

"Only total ignorance of the true bargaining situation of such a baking company as Continental, willful disregard for the truth, or both, could even nerve any one to such a statement," the bakery executive said.

In the controversy over the union's representation of the Webster City, Iowa, plant of Continental's Morton Frozen Foods Division, it was also brought out that Merle Smith, southern regional director for the union, agreed the union signed a "sweetheart" contract with the company.

Not "Sweethearts" Later, Smith seemed to back away from that term, used in the labor movement to denote an agreement which favors management and gives substantial benefits to union members.

Smith said his initial reaction to the contract, negotiated without his knowledge was "one of disgust—of disappointment." Faunce, in his prepared statement, termed "absurd" assertions that the Webster City contract was a "sweetheart" contract. He said its benefits are "by no means substandard."

BOARD CHAIRMAN DIES
Hamden, Conn. — James W. Hook, 73, chairman of the board of the United Illuminating Co. of New Haven, Conn., died here Monday. Hook was a former chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers committee on relations between government and business.

Land Tax Considered
The typical Iraqi peasant is a sharecropper. His total income, mostly in the form of crops, averages 150 dollars per year. He lives in a mud or reed hut. His diet is mainly bread, unions, dates and, occasionally, rice. If he needs cash, he gets it from the landlord or a moneylender at interest rates sometimes as high as 100 per cent. Once he starts borrowing, he rarely gets out of debt.

Iraq's land problem is being tackled as part of the development program. Already some 20,000 landless farmers and their families have been settled on 1,240,000 acres made available for cultivation under the massive flood control and irrigation projects.

When the destructive forces of the Tigris and Euphrates floods are fully under control, another 5,400,000 acres will be brought under cultivation and additional water will be supplied to 7,800,000 acres now under seasonal cultivation.

The government is also considering imposing a land tax to force big landowners either to cultivate their estates fully or break them up and sell off big chunks to farmers. Another project is to make big landowners pay for any benefits they receive from the development program. But nothing definite has been done yet.

"They've talked about a land tax for years," one official said, "but no government has been able to put it into operation."

Queen Brings Thrill; Macmillan Brings Bill

Washington — A taxicab driver, when directed to drive to the military air terminal here this morning asked his passenger, "going to meet old Mac?"

His passenger, a United Press reporter, replied that if the driver was referring to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, the answer was yes.

A few moments of silence, then this observation came from the front seat:

"They sent us the Queen to give us a thrill; now comes Macmillan to bring us the bill."

Jewelry Said Stolen At Los Angeles Hotel

West Los Angeles — Police today reported the theft of \$83,000 in jewelry from a New York City woman staying at the Bel-Air hotel.

Mrs. Ray Kramer, of New York, told officers she returned to her apartment shortly after midnight after an evening out to find the jewels missing from a suit case.

Bob Hope Faced With Loss of TV Sponsor

Hollywood — Comedian Bob Hope today faced the loss of his television sponsor because he appeared on Frank Sinatra's TV program last Friday night.

Timex Corp. notified Hope Tuesday night that the firm was cancelling his contract because the comedian's appearance on a program co-sponsored by Bulova Watch Co., was a "breach of contract."

Grants Pass Firm Gets Permit for New Partner

Washington — James O. Wilson Jr. and Jim T. Jackson, operating as Grants Pass Broadcasting Company, Tuesday applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to include Phil Jackson as a third partner. The firm now holds a construction permit for radio station KAJO.



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Iraq Racing Against Time To Convert Oil Wealth

Baghdad — Iraq is racing against time in seeking to convert its fabulous oil wealth into general prosperity and internal stability.

The big question is whether Iraq can build its way into a prosperous and modern state without the revolutionary kind of changes through which Kemal Ataturk brought Turkey out of its medieval coma some decades back. Prime Minister Nuri es Said and his followers think so, but many Iraqis and westerners here doubt it.

This Arab nation has embarked on what is probably the most advanced development program in operation today. Seven out of every 10 dollars of income from its prodigious oil production goes directly into this program to make the garden of the

Tigris and Euphrates rivers bloom as in ancient times.

Close to a billion dollars will be spent on flood control, power and irrigation schemes, roads, bridges, industrial and agricultural projects and social services during the next five years.

The whole program is a calculated risk which King Feisal and Nuri, hope will pay off by putting an end to chronic political instability. It's a gamble because the government has put the long-term benefit ahead of immediate gain for Iraq's 6,000,000 people.

Nuri has imposed authoritarian rule on Iraq to gain the time to prove to the people that they are the true beneficiaries of the nation's oil wealth. The country is now under martial law and there have been no political parties for three years.

The 68-year-old oilwise prime minister avowedly wants to bring back democratic government, but, as he recently told western correspondents, "we must be careful to maintain peace and order and not allow the Shepils and Khushchevs to deal with our safety and policy."

Aside from oil, Iraq is basically an agricultural country, and many observers here feel the crucial test of Nuri's program will be centered on what he does to break up the present feudal landholding system. But much of Nuri's political support comes from the big landowners and tribal sheikhs.

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HOW'S THAT?—John W. Hook, 21, has a few choice words for the photographer as he sits tied to a chair in a New York City police station. He was captured after a bullet-riddled chase through downtown Manhattan. W. Hook was seized as a suspected auto thief.

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