

Nixon Calls For Full Airing Of Interservice Rivalries

Washington—(AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon called today for a full airing of interservice rivalries and their possible effects on national defense.

If competition between the services has impaired the national defense, Nixon said, news-men should air the matter because "the public is entitled to know."

"There can be no sacred cows as far as national defense of the United States is concerned," he told newsmen gathered for a missile background session.

The vice president, speaking extemporaneously, also made these points:

'Spend All We Need'
—The United States "can spend all we need to spend for national defense," but he cautioned that "if we simply give a blank check for national defense we're going to end up with rubber checks."

—This country's missile industry is trying to do "in three years what their counterparts in the Soviet Union have been doing perhaps for six to 10 years."

—The relative military strength of Russia and the United States, in the light of Soviet satellite achievements should be

assessed "with a good dose of realism."

Nixon said three main conclusions can be drawn from the Soviet Sputnik: (1) the Russians have developed a rocket with a thrust big enough to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile; (2) they can build a tricky guidance system for a satellite; and (3) they have solved the problem of reentering the atmosphere at tremendous speeds.

Nixon said the guidance system of an earth satellite, however, is only about one-tenth as accurate as that used on a military missile, and this fact should be "drummed into the consciousness of informed Americans."

Air Force Not Doomed

He said the sputniks themselves do not indicate that Russia has licked the re-entry problem, but from other evidence "we certainly cannot assume that problem remains unsolved."

He said that those who have spoken about "phasing out" the Air Force, in view of the development of big missiles, were talking "without the awareness of the facts." Nixon said the public should be told that the development of a missile does not mean it can replace other forms of weapons.

"You can get some pretty good arguments from some of our Air Force people that there never will be a time when the manned bomber will not be an effective instrument," he said. "We can make no greater

Portland Pedestrian Dies From Injuries

Portland—(AP)—An elderly man died in a local hospital early today from injuries suffered when he was struck by a car Sunday night.

The victim was identified by police as Fred Wolf of Portland. The driver, Phillip Ernst, told police the victim walked from behind a bus. Wolf was thrown about 30 feet by the impact and suffered multiple injuries.

effort than . . . to fail to maintain the major striking power of the United States, which is our Strategic Air Force."

Nixon noted a tendency in the United States to "cry about what's happened in the past," in missile development. He said this "isn't regrettable, unless we spend an inordinate amount of time waiting about what happened," and forget about the future.

Jury Misconduct Told in Beck Case

Seattle, Wash. — (AP)—Dave Beck's defense attorney confirmed today that "misconduct of jurors" was one of the grounds on which he based a motion for a new trial for the Teamster boss convicted Saturday of grand larceny.

Beck, 63, was accused of embezzling \$1,900 of Teamster funds obtained from the sale of a union-owned Cadillac.

His attorney, Charles S. Burdell, said the motion did not refer to or imply intentional misbehavior on the part of any of the jury.

"It simply means that I will contend the state statute relating to the separation of jurors during the trial was not strictly adhered to," he explained.

The jury of seven men and five housewives had been kept together during the entire two weeks of the trial.

Shortly after the jury handed down its verdict at 12:02 p.m. Saturday, Burdell filed a motion for a new trial. If the motion is denied, he said, he will appeal the case to the state supreme court.

He asked that arguments on the motion be heard as soon as possible.

Judge George H. Revele said said the case was "continued for sentencing, subject to call." The maximum penalty for grand larceny is 15 years imprisonment.

Teacher Welfare Voted at Meeting

Corvallis — (AP)—Members of the Oregon Federation of American Association of University Professors meeting here Saturday voted to endorse a proposed national campaign to make economic welfare of college teachers a major objective of the AAUP.

Federation officers said the action represented approval "in principle only" and does not commit individual chapters of the six member institutions with the state system of higher education to any specific action.

Professor Wesley C. Ballaine, professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, was elected federation president succeeding Professor Thurman S. Peterson of Portland State college.

Other new officers were Professors Roy B. Saunders, OSC, vice president, and Carl G. Fanger, PSC, secretary-treasurer.

Half Called On Some Vet Benefits

Washington — (AP)—The administration has decided to put the brakes on spending for non-service-connected benefits for veterans.

Government and congressional sources said Saturday President Eisenhower will outline the controversial economy move in a special message to congress early in the new year.

The move is aimed mainly at pensions, payments to needy veterans disabled not in service but in civilian life. Compensation, as payments for service-incurred disability are known, is expected to be affected little if at all.

According to present plans the president will propose merger of veterans pensions with social security. Along with other revisions of the pension program, this would mean similar government payments to many ex-service-men.

Missing Schooner Found in Mexico

Seattle—(AP)—A 38-foot schooner, missing 70 days out of Honolulu and due since Thanksgiving in Port Angeles, was located Sunday in a Mexican port.

The schooner, named the Gittana, was discovered when one of its crew members phoned relatives in California from the Mexican port city of San Jose Del Cabo. The ship left Honolulu Oct. 4 and was presumed bound for Puget Sound. When it did not arrive a coast-wide search was begun.

Skipper of the craft is William Bredehoff, 56, of Honolulu.

Oregon National Forest Fire Damage in Decline

Portland — (AP)—The lowest fire damage on record occurred in 1957 in national forests in Oregon and Washington, Alfred E. Spaulding, Forest Service regional fire control chief, reported today.

Burned areas totaled 1150 acres, far below the five-year average of 6500 acres. Largest fire was near Oakridge, Ore., covering 300 acres of mature timber which can be salvaged. People set 443 fires and lighting set 479.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

The next best thing to an outdoor fire is a fire in the hearth and there are about as many theories of laying the fire as there are men sitting in front of it. But there are some things which can be accepted as fact.

As for the best woods to burn in your fireplace, hardwoods make slow-burning fuel with lasting coals; softwoods make a quick hot fire, soon spent.

About the best in the hardwoods is hickory if you can come by it. Besides, like applewood, it has a pleasant aroma. Live oak is an excellent slow-burning fuel. Maples, too, make a long,



hot fire, burning down to hot coals. Of the maples, sugar is a favorite because it ignites easily.

Among the softwoods, second-growth fir will hold a fire for some time. Seasoned chestnut and yellow poplar make a good fire but they crackle and leave no coals.

As for kindling, resinous pine is wonderful and to hold a fire, use pine knots. About the best you can find in the woods, always dry, is the wood from a stump of pine, spruce, fir or balsam. Particularly if it has a resinous core. A tree that has been killed by lightning or a windfall will make good kindling. Best, if the tree has been broken off without its roots. Dead branches broken from the tree always make better kindling than twigs found lying on the ground. And bark from all trees

burns well. In our home we save the paper milk cartons which are heavily impregnated with wax. They burn intensely with a hot lasting flame.

Soaked Newspapers
For a cheap clean fuel, which makes a hot smokeless fire, soak your newspaper in a tub. Then wad up the papers into balls the size of an indoor baseball that is, about four to five inches in diameter. Squeeze out as much water as possible. Line up the balls on ledges or boards to dry out. This wartime fuel is useful as kindling or for emergencies when dry wood is hard to come by.

Now about laying that fire, one which will not require constant fussing. Remember two logs are better than one; three best of all. More than that is just being extravagant—and for me, I like a cozy fire which burns down to a good bed of coals. The two bottom logs should be split or have flat sides so they won't roll. Place them on your andirons or in your fire basket a few inches apart, with the back one an inch or two from the back of the fireplace.

Take paper and crumple it between the log rests. Or lay your two logs over the paper and ashes and put kindling across them, leaving plenty of air space, with a few pieces of kindling laid downward into the paper or ashes and between the logs. Then place the third log on top.

To help matters along, you can start a fire with a brick that has been soaked in kerosene. But keep that pail of kerosene tightly covered, somewhat out of children's reach outside. Soak common building bricks in this. When you want to kindle the fire, lay the kerosene-impregnated brick in the grate, pile fuel on it, and light a match. The brick will burn for 50 minutes or so and save kindling wood.

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Officers Elected To Safety Council

Berry Bigham, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company employee, was elected president of the Medford Safety Council for 1958 at a meeting Friday.

Bigham served as vice-president in 1957 and succeeds Aubrey Loper, U. S. National bank.

C. D. Larson, Pierce Freight lines, was elected vice-president. Other officers include Russ Jamison, Medford public relations man, secretary, and Capt. Clyde Fichtner, Medford Police Department, treasurer. Grant Borquin and Ralph Mathews were elected members-at-large to serve on the six-member executive committee.

Installation of officers will be held Friday, Jan. 24, at the annual Safety Awards banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club. Tickets for the banquet are now on sale and are available from members of the council or from the general chairman, Captain Fichtner.

Fichtner said Capt. Walter Lansing, Oregon state police, will be guest speaker at the banquet.

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Girard, Bride Due To Dock at SF Today

San Francisco — (AP)—A military transport docks today at Fort Mason, bringing with it the young man whose trial for killing a Japanese woman caused international repercussions early this year.

He is Pvt.—formerly S3C—William S. Girard, 22. He and his Japanese bride Haru (Candy) Sueyama, 20, are en route to Fort Sheridan, Ill., where the Army will discharge him.

A Japanese court gave Girard a three-year suspended sentence last month for killing Mrs. Naka Sakai, 46, on Jan. 30.

Blasted by Dynamite

Portland — (AP)—Multnomah county sheriff's office said today a blast which shook the southwestern part of the county Saturday night apparently was caused by an explosion of dynamite sticks against a sign post. The sign post was splintered by "two or three" dynamite sticks, and grass and earth in the immediate area was scorched.

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