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Two Year Delay Considered Likely In Arming Bases

Heavy Spending Said Not Easy Solution

Washington — U. S. officials cautioned Saturday against hopes that bigger spending for missiles will quickly produce a new European defense line bristling with long-range American-made missiles at Russia.

They said it will take 18 months to two years to translate into reality the Paris NATO decision to base nuclear-armed 1,500-mile missiles in Western and Southern Europe.

There were reports in Western diplomatic circles here that President Eisenhower is ready to call for a "crash" program to move up the deadline—now set for mid-1959. They were not officially confirmed although a major effort to speed production of the intermediate-range ballistic missiles Jupiter and Thor was hinted Friday by Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy.

McElroy said Mr. Eisenhower will ask Congress next month for a one billion dollar special defense appropriation, for immediate use, apart from the expected big increase in the 1959 fiscal year defense budget.

In background talks, administration officials emphasized the delay-producing problems that must be solved rather than the speed they expect in matching Russia's missile threat.

Neither the Army's Jupiter nor the Air Force Thor have completed tests although they have been ordered into production. "Bugs" still must be removed from their complex mechanisms. At best, production will be slow.

Negotiation of agreements with Allied nations to base the missiles and nuclear warheads on their soil is expected to be time-consuming. It is hoped, however, that a pattern being established in the U. S.-British agreement can be followed.

Selection of actual base sites and construction of the bases, including special rocket fuel and maintenance facilities and other novel, elaborate equipment is not likely to proceed without hitches.

Toughest hurdle of all may be working out arrangements on exactly when and how the missiles will be used. This means, who will pull the trigger, and when.

Intrastate Rates In California Rise

Intrastate freight rates in California will be increased between \$1.50 and \$2 per thousand board feet on lumber Dec. 30, according to a recent Interstate Commerce commission order.

Based on a 30-thousand-board-foot carload, the increase will be between \$45 and \$60 per car, according to lumber industry spokesmen here.

The order was issued earlier this month as a result of a complaint filed by four major railroads, with the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association as an intervenor. The complaint charged discrimination in the matter of interstate vs. intrastate freight rates in California.

Intrastate rates in California have been lower than interstate rates, and shippers of lumber from Washington and Oregon had to absorb the freight differential, resulting in taking a cut in lumber prices.

Railroads filing the complaint included Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and Union Pacific, and all subsidiary railroad companies in California. The case was spearheaded by the traffic committee of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, which was established several years ago.

Sports Bulletins

Gresham — Southern Oregon college broke even in a two game series here Saturday night by dumping the Lewis and Clark Pioneers, 97 to 78. Bill Hollingsworth of the Raiders tied the OCC scoring record by dumping in 45 points, 16 field goals and 13 for 20 at the foul line.

Eugene — Oakridge and Crater high schools traded the leads several times in the first half of their basketball game here Saturday night but Oakridge pulled away to post a 51 to 39 win.

Education Subsidies Opposed By GOP Men

Washington — Two high-ranking Republicans on the House Education committee Saturday opposed President Eisenhower's new plan for federal aid for scientific education.

In separate interviews, Rep. Ralph W. Gwinn (N.Y.) and Clare E. Hoffman (Mich.) contended the project would give the government too much control over the nation's school system.

Gwinn is senior Republican

and Hoffman third-ranking GOP member of the education committee which handles school legislation. Last July both opposed the administration's federal aid for school construction bill which was defeated by a narrow margin.

The White House is now considering a \$300,000,000-a-year program for federal support for science education to put the nation ahead of Russia in developing young scientists. It would include college scholarships for science students, grants to states for expanding science courses in the public schools, and grants to colleges and universities to help handle increased enrollments in scientific studies.

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Snow On Roads, Power Halt Occurs In Valley Saturday

Chains Are Required For Many Highways

A foot of snow in the Siskiyou Friday night closed Highway 99 about two hours and caused a 45-minute power outage in the Rogue valley Saturday morning.

State police reported a 12-inch snowfall, and said the highway was closed about two hours because several vehicles became stuck along the highway when drivers attempted to go over the pass without chains. At noon Saturday, traffic was moving without chains and it was raining.

Transmission Line Breaks

A main 120 kilovolt transmission line of the California Oregon Power company broke near the Siskiyou summit, and power went off about 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Medford and Ashland areas. Power in the northern California area also was off.

Frank Benesh, district manager of Copco, said power was disrupted on the main 120 kilovolt transmission line between Medford and the Klamath river plant. Concurrently, he said, high voltage equipment was damaged at the Medford, Lone Pine and Prospect No. 3 substations.

"Fault finding equipment shows the transmission line break to be near the summit of the Siskiyou," he said. Repair crews were dispatched with four wheel trucks and Tucker Snow-Cat.

Saturday, it was snowing hard on Siskiyou, Green Springs and Oregon Mountain highways, according to state police reports. Chains are required on all three roads, officers said. It was also reported snowing in Grants Pass and to the north on Highway 99.

Officers said although the snow is sticking to the ground they don't know whether chains are needed on the Mount Sexton highway. Highway 230 (Diamond lake) was reported closed for the winter and the Crater Lake highway closed because of snow and fallen trees. Officers advised motorists to carry chains on Highway 99 from Weed to Dunsmuir and chains are required on Highway 97 in the Klamath Falls area.

First snowfall in Medford occurred Saturday afternoon. The Weather Bureau officials said it was just a trace, not enough to be recorded.

Other U. S. Weather Bureau figures show 6.53 inches of rain fell since Sept. 1 (.79 inch below normal) and 2.57 inches of rain fell since Dec. 1 (.28 inch below normal).

Japan Threatened By Chinese Reds

Tokyo — The Chinese Communist party Saturday warned Japan that it would face missile attack in another war if it accepts U.S. missile bases on its territory.

The official party newspaper, To Kung Pao, said Japanese leaders "should soberly consider the results of turning Japan into a U.S. missile base and equipping its self-defense forces with these weapons."

The editorial was broadcast from Peiping by the New China News agency which said it referred to the announcement Thursday that Japan would be supplied with U.S. "sidewinder" air-to-air guided missiles.

"Japan could certainly store quite a number of missiles, but it could not withstand the explosions of even a few missiles," the newspaper said.

El Monte — A fire which broke out early Saturday in a factory in south El Monte caused an estimated \$40,000 damage.

Stockton, Calif. — Dr. Felix A. Wallace resigned today as chairman of the Department of Engineering at College of the Pacific, a post he has held for the past decade.

Nato Conference Said Successful According to Spaak, John Dulles

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Kansas st. 70, Washington 63
Dayton 66, Utah State 47
Portland 59, Nevada 52
Utah 71, Washington St. 64

"Let Me See Now, Which One Is Missile Czar?"



(Herblock Is on Vacation)

Comments Submitted On Gaither Report

Washington — The White House announced Saturday that government departments are submitting comments on the top-secret Gaither report to the National Security Council for possible consideration Monday by President Eisenhower.

The report, according to versions "leaked" to several news-men, calls for a massive defense buildup, a 20 billion dollar civil defense shelter program, expanded foreign aid and other "crash" measures to avoid the catastrophe of a Soviet missile attack.

It was said to paint a much darker picture of the U.S. lag behind Russia in military might than administration officials have conceded.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty read a brief statement which confirmed that the alarming report was under study but it revealed nothing about its conclusion and recommendations.

He said it was "top secret" and that he did not know whether any parts of it would ever be made public.

"The report is one of a number of advisory studies on national security matters which as you know the President from time to time requests and receives from many sources," the prepared statement said.

"Defense and other security agencies of the government made available to the committee factual material and estimates in their possession bearing on the committee's work and some of this is incorporated in the report."

"The report's main contents consist of analyses, views and recommendations of the committee members, who are eminent men drawn primarily from civil life. The report is, of course, a highly classified document."

Trio Apprehended On Weapons Charges

Medford police reported Saturday they arrested three youths on charges of carrying concealed weapons about 3:30 p.m.

Police said the weapons, hunting knives with overlength blades, were found on the youths during a routine check after they were seen in the Greyhound Bus depot, Fifth and Bartlett sts. Police said the youths, one 16-year-old and two 17-year-olds, were lodged in the county jail pending action by juvenile authorities.

County Court Gives Order On Ross Lane

The county court issued an order Friday afternoon giving directional designations to Ross lane as requested by the post office.

"That segment of Ross lane from Matlack store on Jacksonville highway to the commonly called Gilman corner is designated as Ross lane north," the order stated. "Ross lane will start at the intersection of Stage rd. and terminate at the intersection of the Military rd."

"It is presumed the house numbers will remain the same," the court order stated.

Members of the county court said a public hearing was held Thursday afternoon on giving directional designation to Ross lane, and believed no further investigation necessary. Other proposed name changes on a number of the county roads will be investigated further and an order will be issued probably the first of the week, the court said.

Double Character Of NATO Alliance Said Underlined

Cool Determination Preferred By Spaak

By PAUL-HENRI SPAAK
Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Written For The United Press

Paris — The NATO conference has just ended. Has it been a success or not? I do not hesitate to reply in the affirmative.

Why? Because the double character of the alliance: Defensive military effort, aggressive diplomatic effort, was clearly underlined.

There is now an Atlantic policy. It seems they are saying in the United States that a neutralist current has shown itself in Europe. This is entirely inaccurate. NATO has taken her military responsibilities very firmly. They were taken calmly. Is it reasonable to ask NATO to be enthusiastic about a policy that has been justly called the balance of terror?

I much prefer this cool determination to poorly-founded exaltation.

Against Closed Door

But the NATO powers do not wish to close the door to conversations with the Russians. In spite of all the disappointments of these last years, they still want to miss no opportunity to lessen international tension. In conformity with solemnly reaffirmed principles, they are always ready to negotiate on a reasonable basis.

There is nothing contradictory in these two attitudes. On the contrary, they are complementary. They form a policy.

The conference also has been a success because the geographical limits of political discussions at NATO were enlarged and because the preoccupations of the countries of the alliance are less and less exclusively military.

From the treaty creating the alliance a powerful organization was born. From this Atlantic alliance an Atlantic community now must be born.

The challenge flung out by communism to the free world is not exclusively military. I am not even sure it is essentially military. Perhaps it is rather more moral, political, economic and social.

Must Be Met

This is not a task that can be accomplished in a day. An Atlantic community can only be a continuous creation. The conference of Paris permitted us to see that we are agreed in principle on the essential questions. The future will tell whether these principles can be translated into reality. For my part, I see no reason to doubt it.

Finally, I am astonished that so much is said about the differences of opinion that exist among the NATO partners. First these divergences are not numerous and do not affect the truly essential problems. Furthermore, they are necessary because they are the proof of the atmosphere of real liberty which exists at the heart of the alliance. Lastly, it has never happened that they could not be overcome following a frank discussion.

Appointments Set For Forestry Board

Salem — Appointment of three Oregon lumbermen to the revamped state board of forestry was announced Friday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

They were Robert E. Carroll, Tillamook, timber manager for the Oregon-Washington Plywood Co.; Sydney Leiken, Roseburg, owner of the L and H Lumber Co. of Sutherlin and president of the Wilbur Co.; and Charles W. Fox, Portland, president of Cascade Plywood Co., with mills at Lebanon and Reedsport.

The men represent the first forest and third congressional districts, respectively. They take office Jan. 1.

NEW HOSPITAL — The new Rogue Valley hospital, on a 20-acre site at the corner of Barnett and Murphy rds., in southeast Medford, is expected to be ready

time early next year. Interior work needs to be completed, and landscaping done. The new hospital will replace the present Rogue Valley hospital on East Main st.