

Eisenhower Has No Intention of Revealing Gaither Report to Public

Washington — At his news conference today, President Eisenhower said he had no intention of making the Gaither report public. This report by a distinguished panel of civilians has been represented as concluding that America is in potential grave military danger.

The President's discussion of the budget was touched off when a reporter noted that some members of Congress in both parties do not believe the 1959 budget will be balanced or wind up with the 500 million dollar surplus forecast by the President.

The president was asked whether he preferred deficit financing or higher taxes to meet a situation created by an unbalanced budget.

Noting that the question contained many hypothetical aspects, the President said it is impossible to tell precisely what will happen because the administration is estimating expenditures and receipts 18 months ahead.

He said it is quite possible that there could be additional costs beyond his budget. But he said he believes that all low-priority expenditures should be reduced if humanly possible. He added with a wry smile that this is easier to say than to do.

Should Congress vote additional expenditures which it

regards as necessary, he said his own feeling is that a reasonable amount of deficit spending would be better than talking about a tax increase at this time.

Expects Better Business

He said the consensus of his economic advice is that there will be an upswing this year rather than a continuation of a downswing.

The President seemed to be somewhat paler than usual because winter weather and a heavy business schedule has kept him off the golf course recently.

There were repeated questions involving his health and in a matter of fact manner he said that after a long record of good health, he had suffered three illnesses with serious implications. Today, he added, he felt very well indeed and would like to play golf this afternoon if he had some sunlight and two hours to spare.

He shifted to a somewhat graver mood. He said that as long as he was able, he was going to carry on in the presidency just as he had in the past. As for the future, that was in the laps of the Gods.

The chief executive was reminded that the question of his resignation was raised last fall at the time of his mild stroke. He was asked whether he had considered such a

step and how he felt about it in general.

Discusses Illness

He replied that he had not considered resignation in any specific way particularly in connection with his November illness.

Within two hours after his cerebral attack, the President said with a smile, his doctors had assured him there had been no damage to whatever intellectual faculties he might have.

The smile disappeared, however, as he added that any time he or any group of eminent physicians decided he was not up to doing his job, he would have no recourse but to resign.

The President was asked about the economic situation in this country several times during the conference, particularly on the point of his preference for deficit financing over higher taxation. He said if the indications of economic improvement became a reality, this certainly would be no period to increase taxes.

On the other hand, he said the government might have to have some increases in expenditures and if a hike in his budget was absolutely necessary Congress would undoubtedly vote it. This, he continued, would be a bad time to raise taxes because what he called a needle in the economy would be vastly preferable to a check rein.

Gavin's Resignation

He said that even in the face of higher unemployment and recently decreasing business activity, he did not anticipate at this moment that the government would propose any protective or economic controls to Congress.

He said the Federal Reserve system is a powerful economic force and that he did not think it was necessary to propose that other agencies move into the field of controls.

On defense reorganization, the president was asked first for his reaction to the retirement of Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin. Gavin asked to be

relieved as chief of Army research and development because he did not believe the administration was devoting sufficient money and effort for Army research in the field of missiles.

The President said that as far as he knew this was a matter of Gavin's personality—the general wanted to quit and die.

Should Be Agreement

As for how he could move Pentagon unification from the field of discussion into action, he noted that he will be commander in chief for no more than the three remaining years of his term, and he felt the solution should not be based on his personal convictions alone. There should be agreement between Congress and the armed services.

He said any reorganization must be designed to be effective long after he passed from the Washington scene. For this reason he would try to put before congress a long range, rather than short term remedy for inter service differences.

Armed Forces Given Promise Of Pay Boost

Washington — A key house Democrat promised members of the armed forces a pay raise today, but he was not certain the administration had the answer.

Chairman Paul J. Kilday (D-Tex.) of the house armed services subcommittee which will consider the measure said the military "must have a pay increase and some adjustments."

The administration proposed spending \$518 million to keep highly skilled men in the services by scrapping the present "Methusalem" system of giving raises merely for putting in service time.

"Whether they've got the solution we could go along with or we could pass, I just don't know," Kilday said.

Postal Pay Raise

The White House said it also will ask congress later for a half-billion a year pay boost for civil service workers and postal employees.

Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy sent congress the pay bill that would fatten the pay envelopes of 1,280,000 servicemen along the lines of the once-rejected Cordier report to reward merit and skill.

The proposed raises ranged from 70 cents a month for new second lieutenants to \$423.60 a month for four-star generals and admirals.

Inflation Feared

Former Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson strongly urged the military pay boosts last year to halt the exodus of talented men from the armed forces.

But the Budget bureau rejected them on the ground that they would be inflationary. President Eisenhower vetoed pay boost bills for the civil service and postal employees on the same ground.

The White House said in a statement covering both new pay raise plans that it hoped the military raises would reduce the current excessive turnover of key officers and enlisted men.

More than 27 per cent of all cotton consumed by the American textile industry is consumed by mills in South Carolina.

Idaho Negro's Case Would Get Hearing

Boise — Gov. Robert E. Smylie assured residents of Payette today that he will order a public hearing if he receives a request for extradition of Eddie Alford, 52-year-old Negro laborer wanted for escaping from a Mississippi prison more than 16 years ago.

The governor received a petition, carrying signatures of nearly 250 persons, most of them from Payette, where Alford has lived.

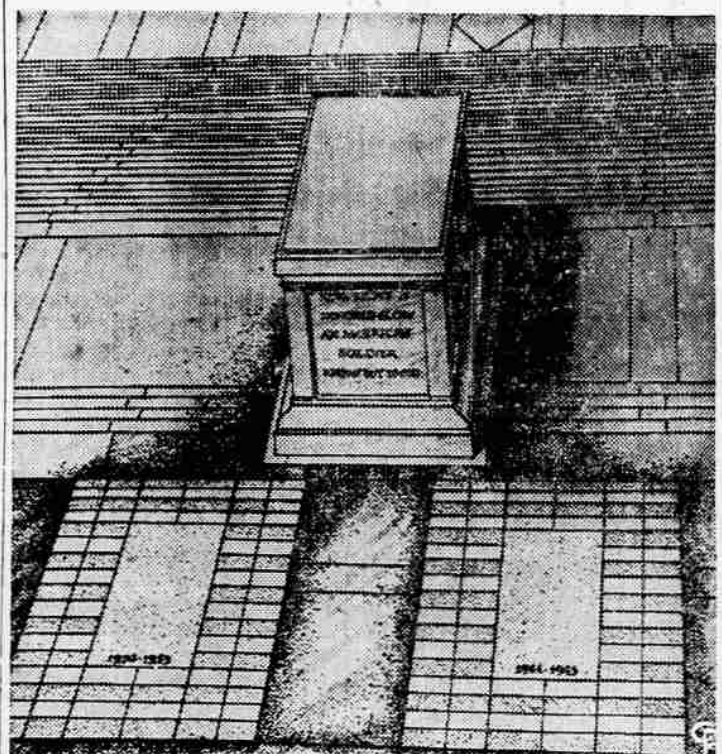
The petitioners asked Smylie to refuse to order the extradition. However, to date, the governor has not received a formal request for extradition from Mississippi authorities, but he assured the petitioners he would give the matter sympathetic consideration should it come before him.

Alford, the petitions said, "has lived an honest life in Payette, kept out of trouble, and is a good steady worker."

Navy Man Killed On Sunset Highway

Astoria — Wilbur Edwin Aspegren, 38, a member of the Navy Shore Patrol detachment at Tongue Point Naval station here, was fatally injured early today when the car in which he was riding went off the Sunset highway and crashed into a stump.

Police said Aspegren was dead when an Astoria ambulance arrived at the crash scene about 16 miles east of Cannon Beach. Driver of the car was Ronald G. Kelley, also stationed at Tongue Point. He was taken to a Seaside hospital with cuts and chest injuries and later was transferred to Tongue Point Naval hospital.



HONORING DEAD of World War II and Korea, crypts are being added to Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. Located in front of tomb, they are scheduled for completion May 5. (International Soundphoto)

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Income Tax Season Here; Payments for Most Due April 15

Washington — America's most unwelcome season of the year arrived today—the income tax season.

From now until mid-April 62 million individuals and corporations will be busy reading the fine print of the tax laws and scribbling with pencils—and erasers.

Most taxpayers have the full three months until April 15 to decide whether they owe the government or vice versa. But quite a few, especially farmers and people in business for themselves, must send forms and checks to the government sooner.

Social Security Return

Jan. 31: Individuals making an early final return, instead of the Jan. 15 payment on estimated tax, file a 1957 report and pay the remaining tax in full. Farmers file annual "social security tax return for 1957 on wages and employees and pay taxes due. Feb. 17: Farmers who did

1957 tax. Then they can wait until April 15 to file a final return. Or, they may delay their installment until Jan. 31 then file a final return that day and pay their taxes in full.

Farmers — who don't report to the Internal Revenue Service until after the taxable year—may file a declaration of 1957 income and pay the estimated tax if a final return is to be delayed until April 15. Or, they can file nothing today and submit a final return and payment by Feb. 17.

Tax Timetable

Here is a tax timetable to let you know just where you stand:

Jan. 15: Persons who pay their tax on a quarterly basis — mainly the self-employed and those with salaries above \$10,000—may pay the fourth installment of their estimated

not send in a declaration by Jan. 15 file a final return for 1957 and pay tax in full.

April 15: Deadline for filing final 1957 return for both wage and salary workers and the self-employed. First quarterly payment on estimated 1958 income also due. Farmers who filed a declaration in January submit a final return and pay any balance due.

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House Speeds Work On Authorization Of Military Funds

Washington — The House speeded toward certain passage today the first bill of the week-old session, an emergency authorization of \$549,670,000 for missile-age military construction.

The bill got a "green light" from the Rules committee this morning and was taken to the floor for debate. Leaders expected it to pass by a near-unanimous vote.

Building authority provided by the bill includes a start on the nation's third big intercontinental ballistic missile base at a site still to be chosen.

The measure was rushed through the legislative mill in the midst of these developments:

—Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services committee reported that the Air Force has developed a long-range detection system to give adequate warning of an enemy ballistic missile attack. He said the system will be installed soon, at least two years earlier than originally planned.

In Critical Period

—Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, retiring Army research chief, said in New York that the nation is "entering an extremely critical period" in

weapons development. He said if forced into war with Russia now, the U.S. would have a "reissued World War II force facing the Soviet army, largest and best equipped in the world today."

It was Gavin's first speech since he announced his impending retirement.

—Robert E. Gross, board chairman of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., the prime contractor for the Navy's Polaris missile, called on President Eisenhower to develop a defense policy "with a definite, long range plan for implementing it." He told the Senate Preparedness subcommittee there is an "alarming lack of a firm, clear-cut policy" on defense; and too much emphasis on "balanced budgets, reduced taxes, and business as usual."

Work Slowed Down

Dudley C. Sharp, assistant secretary of air and procurement chief, said in a speech that U.S. missile work was "slowed down" in 1947 partly because warheads available at that time were too heavy. It received "the highest priority," he said, after scientists learned how to compress H-bombs into a space small enough to use them in missiles.

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