

Truman Lashes at Defense Cuts in Legion Address

Chicago—(UPI)—Former President Truman lashed out at defense cuts in the nation's armed forces today and attacked the idea that increased defense spending might bankrupt the country.

Truman told the 40th annual convention of the American Legion "it is wicked" to talk of economy in defense spending when the nation is faced with Russia's growing strength.

Truman said, "The Soviet Union apparently is preparing for war. It has been preparing ever since the victory of the allied nations over the Axis in 1945. There has never been a break in Soviet military preparations."

Truman reminded Legionnaires that many had cried "I want to go home" in 1945. He said the cry, "bring the boys home" to "mama, papa and sweetheart" resulted in a stripping down of the Army to a few occupation divisions while the Soviets remained mobilized.

Poorly Equipped Army
"Today they have 175 divisions," he said, "most of which are highly modernized; we have only 15 divisions, equipped mostly with obsolete World War II equipment."

He charged that the administration had been planning to cut the Army still more, to 14 divisions next year, but was stopped by Congress.

Truman cited the record of cuts in manpower and ships and planes since he left office in 1953 and said, "statistics of this kind do not, of course, tell the whole story. But they bespeak an attitude—and it is not an attitude I like."

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"I know that defense is expensive—that it is growing more expensive all the time—but I do not think a record of economy is the most important thing in the world just now."

Truman called for continued increases in technology to "surpass any potential enemy of the Free World."

Must Save Nation
"It is wicked to say we cannot do this without bankrupting our economy," he said. "Two world wars did not bankrupt us. Confronted by total war, we had the will, the resources and the ingenuity to do everything necessary for a free way of life. We can do it again, if we have to."

Truman answered critics of a speed-up in defense spending who claim scientific developments of new weapons is a slow process by reminding them of the development of the atom bomb in World War II.

"This was something new and absolutely untried and at the beginning no one could be sure that it would be successful," he said. "But we poured two and a half billion dollars into it and it was successful."

In other convention developments:
—Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, revealed in an afternoon speech that President Eisenhower will submit a proposal to the U.N. calling for international cooperation in exploring space.

—Truman told a news conference that "if outer space needs control, the U.S. is the one to control it."

Defense Secretary Neil McElroy, speaking before about 1,250 persons at a dinner meeting, assailed critics of the nation's military strength. He said reports that America is falling behind the Russians are dangerous because they tend "to shake the confidence of our people and also to lead our enemies to think we are ready to push over."



FORMOSA CRISIS—Nationalist Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (left) meets with U.S. Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker for the second time in two days, in Taipei, Formosa. Informal sources said the talks dealt particularly with the extra sea and air power the U.S. is rushing to the Far East because of the crisis in the Formosa Straits.

French Approval Of Constitution Seen Certainly

Paris—(UPI)—The French cabinet met today to give formal approval to a new constitution setting up the "Fifth Republic" and clearing the way for Gen. Charles de Gaulle to move up from premier to president.

President Rene Coty, second president of the Fourth Republic, presided over today's cabinet session in one of his last official acts.

Referendum Due
Technically, the constitution must be approved in a national referendum later this month but its approval appeared to be a foregone conclusion. Political experts predicted De Gaulle would receive 55 to 80 per cent of the votes.

The new constitution establishes a presidential system modeled somewhat after that of the United States and makes it far more difficult for the National Assembly to overthrow a government as it has done frequently since the end of World War II and the establishment of the Fourth Republic.

De Gaulle is the author of the new constitution and he is expected to be the first president of the new regime. Coty, elected in 1953, normally would have had two more years to serve.

Violence Possibility
De Gaulle will present the constitution to the people of Paris Thursday at a mass rally at Republic Square. Communists and fellow-travelers planned counter-demonstrations and there was a possibility that violence might erupt.

The Communists fear the new constitution will limit their powers drastically and perhaps outlaw their organization.

Higher Taxes Due Portland Residents
Portland—(UPI)—Portland taxes are going up again. Multnomah County Assessor Willy Smith said Tuesday that the 1958-59 tax load has been increased by nearly \$5.5 million, or about a 10 per cent increase over the previous year.

Total levy by five major tax bodies is \$59,123,216, or \$5,476,711 more than the levy imposed during the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Passamaquoddy Bay is an Indian name meaning "where the pollock are."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Chicago—A spokesman for the National Safety Council on the holiday traffic toll of 434 fatalities, compared with the council's pre-holiday estimate of 420:
"We had hoped our estimate would be way too high."

Chicago—Former President Truman, before the American Legion convention on whether he will take part in the 1958 election campaign:
"I intend to be just as active as this old man can be."

Newport, R.I.—President Eisenhower in vetoing a measure that would have given states and cities an additional \$437 million for airport construction:
"The time has come for the federal government to begin an orderly withdrawal from the airport grant program."

Atlantic City—Sandra Lee Jennings, 18, Miss California, on a playful telephone call she and Joanne McDonald, 20, Miss Iowa, put in to Air Force Cadet Ted Hopkins of Shalimar, Fla., after they discovered he had been dating them both:
"Was he surprised?"

Clothing Judging at State Fair Won By Jackson Team

A Jackson county team of 4-H club seamstresses spotted flaws in articles of clothing at the Oregon state fair to finish first in the 4-H clothing judging contest.

The three, Ursula Bates, Mavis Strom, both of Medford, and Susie Palm, Eagle Point, tallied nine more points than their closest contenders from Crook county.

Jackson county also won the home living judging contest. Joan Dobrot, Central Point, was high individual.

Miss Dobrot also won the grand championship in home living, all divisions, by showing a scrapbook outlining her plans to change the arrangement, colors and furniture in her room. She received a 4-H scholarship to summer school at Oregon State college.

Blue Ribbons Won
Blue ribbons in the home living show were won by Julie Ashton and Glennie Brown, both of Central Point.

In other State Fair 4-H club events, Susan Wright, Medford received a blue ribbon in the senior division of horse showmanship, and Linda Gibson, Central Point, received a blue ribbon in the junior division.

Several Jackson county youngsters received awards in the forestry section of the State Fair. Phil McCulloch of Ashland won the first year or 10-mount class, and Tony Baalman, Ashland, received a blue ribbon for his exhibit in the 10 or more mounts class.

Mike Charley, Medford, received a blue ribbon for a display in the 20 forest mounts class. Verne Pendleton and Wallace Skyrman, both of Central Point, Penny Samford, Medford, and Ann Carter, Ashland, each received blue ribbons for displays in the 30 forest mounts class.

Forest Mounts
Bill Anhorn and Clifford Pinkham, both of Central Point, got blue ribbons for displays in the 40 forest mounts class.

Janis Torrey, Ashland, was named one of three champions in the Sew It's Fun beginners' class, while blue ribbons were received by Linda Johnson, Medford, and Marilyn Martin, Cave Junction, in that class.

Penny Sampert, Susan Wright and Marshall Watson, Medford, composed the Jackson county team which finished second in horse judging in the 4-H division at the State Fair. Josephine county's team of Karen Petersen, Harvey Jones and Barbara Ullian, all of Grants Pass, won the event.

Wool Show Winners
Jackson county winners in the 4-H wool show were Truman Elmorge, Applegate, red ribbon for Corriedale ewe fleece; John Machado, Rogue River, red ribbon for Romney yearling ewe; Susan Wright, Medford, red ribbon for Southdown ewe fleece; Marsha Watson, Medford, red ribbon for Suffolk ewe fleece; and Charles Babcock, Rogue River, red ribbon for crossbred fleeces ewe fleece.

Karen Jossy, Eagle Point, won first place in meal-planning and preparation at the State Fair with a loaf of white bread. Carol von der Hellen, Central Point, received a blue ribbon for her display in the senior dinner class.

Russell Frink, Central Point was a white ribbon winner in the 4-H tractor operators contest.

4-H CLUB NEWS
Tenna Paige Sewing Club
The regular meeting of the Tenna Paige Sewing club of Central Point was held Aug. 25 at the home of Linda Warren. Refreshments were served by the Warren's.

We discussed how we did at Fair and found that there were three champions in our club. "Sun and Fun" division Carolyn Sidener, "Clothing IV-B" division, Glenda Branch and Julie Ashton champion in the style review division Sun and Fun. We read our comments on our clothing exhibits.

This was our last meeting of the year.
Carolyn Sidener, Reporter.

Auto Plunge Fatal In Douglas County
Roseburg—(UPI)—The driver of a car was killed about 9:40 p.m. Tuesday when the vehicle left the North Umpqua river highway about seven miles east of here and caught fire.

The Douglas county coroner's office tentatively identified the victim as Frank Jordan, Roseburg. The body was badly burned.

Hurricane Ella No Threat To U.S.
Miami—(UPI)—Tropical storm Ella with top winds of 55 miles an hour pushed across Cuba today but appeared to be no threat to the U.S. mainland.

The Miami Weather Bureau centered the storm at 11 p.m. (e.d.t.) at latitude 21.8 north, longitude 81.2 west, or about 300 miles south-southwest of Miami. It was in the vicinity of Cienfuegos, Cuba. At that time it was moving west-northwest at 13 miles an hour.

Forecasters said the storm would probably retain the same course and speed. A gradual increase in intensity was predicted for sometime Wednesday afternoon after moving off the west coast of Cuba.

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Lebanon Rebels Fire on U.S. Guard

Beirut, Lebanon—(UPI)—Rebels opened fire Tuesday night on the U.S. Marine guard in front of Ambassador James McClintock's residence but inflicted little or no damage.

The firing was accompanied by three quick explosions elsewhere in the city and unexplained bursts of machine gun fire. It was the first night of firing in Beirut in more than a week.

The Marine Corps duty sergeant posted at a Patton tank in front of the McClintock residence said his men could see the rooftop from where the fire was being directed at their positions.

He said the American guards did not return the fire although they knew approximately where the sniper was. Instead they took cover inside the tank and alongside the six-foot-high wall flanking the residence.

He said the ambassador was not excited by the firing and apparently slept through it. It was the first time the ambassador's residence had drawn fire since the start of the Lebanese rebellion.

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North Salem Girl Named Cattle Queen

Salem—(UPI)—Mickey Dressler, a 15-year-old North Salem High school student, was named jersey cattle queen at the Oregon State fair Tuesday.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dressler and is active in 4-H and high school groups. Her family also raises sheep.

There are many sororities and fraternities in The Netherlands although they do not have Greek names.

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