

Military Needs Darken Hopes for Balanced Budget

Washington - (UP) - An announcement that the military services will be seeking increased funds from the next Congress today dimmed hopes of moving back toward a balanced budget.

The Army, Navy and Air Force are preparing "target" budgets calling for a total of "somewhat more" than the \$40,800,000,000 they now are scheduled to spend during the current fiscal year.

The announcement was made late Thursday by Acting Defense Secretary Donald A. Quarles. At a news conference he blamed inflation and the necessity of pushing ahead with high priority missile projects for the rising budgets.

At the present level of expenditures, a federal deficit of \$12,200,000,000 is expected this fiscal year. The business upturn, which is resulting in increased tax receipts, could reduce this deficit despite rising government costs.

Quarles also revealed that, because of the Middle East and Far East crises, the military services have found it impossible to make any of the manpower reductions which were contemplated in President Eisenhower's budget submitted to the last Congress.

The services were scheduled to reduce from a total of 2,600,000 men last June 30 to 2,225,000 on June 30, 1959. Instead, as of Sept. 1 they had increased slightly, to a total of 2,604,860 men in uniform.

The spending figure for the current year is already more than a half billion dollars above the amount scheduled in the President's budget.

In the current year, the Air Force is to spend just over \$19 billion, while the Navy and Marine Corps get \$11,500,000,000 and the Army's funds total slightly more than \$9 billion. Another \$1,250,000,000 is being spent by the Defense Department on joint activities.

Chehab Submits New Cabinet to Lebanon Factions

Beirut, Lebanon - (UP) - President Fuad Chehab submitted to Lebanon's warring factions today an emergency cabinet dominated by military men and career officials to halt the nation's quickening drift toward civil war.

An announcement of the new cabinet, coupled with the resignation of the short-lived government of rebel leader Rashid Karami, was expected momentarily.

To Go Ahead
It appeared that Chehab was determined to go ahead with the changeover despite demonstrations among the country's old rebels against Karami's withdrawal.

First the rebellion against former President Camille Chamoun, then the violent and bloody counter-reaction by the Chamounists against the new cabinet of former rebel supporters have kept Lebanon in a turmoil for nearly five months.

It now appeared that Chehab, who as commanding general of the nation's army had hesitated to put down the rebellion by force for fear of splitting the country, was ready to take drastic political action to bring an end to the civil strife.

Daily Toll
There has been a daily toll of dead and wounded, beaten and kidnaped, for the 17 days Chehab has been in office.

U. S. Ambassador Robert McClintock saw Chehab again Thursday to discuss withdrawal of the remainder of U. S. troops against a background of growing civil strife.

The three U. S. military policemen whose Jeep was stopped by rebels Wednesday night were identified as Sgt. Paul Barnes, Norwood, Ohio; Sgt. Kermit Poe, Charleston, W. Va., and SP4 Jesse Preston, Modesto, Calif.

The three 45-caliber pistols taken from them have since been returned, a spokesman said.

Midwest Gets Snow Flurries

By United Press International
Wintery winds of up to 45 miles an hour drove across the nation's midsection Friday, dropping temperatures into the 20s and 30s and scattering snow flurries.

The cold Canadian air slammed into a flow of mild winds from the Gulf of Mexico, erupting into a line of severe rain and wind storms.

Two tornado funnels swirled over three south central Wisconsin counties Thursday and threatening funnel clouds accompanied by "extremely high winds" hovered over much of Indiana.

Earlier twisters raked Iowa and Missouri, killing a housewife. High winds in northern Illinois caused one death when a tree toppled onto a car.

Gusty winds whipped the Dakotas and upper Mississippi valley. Early morning readings in the 20s were reported in the Northern Plains and temperatures in the 30s produced snow flurries in the Red River valley region.

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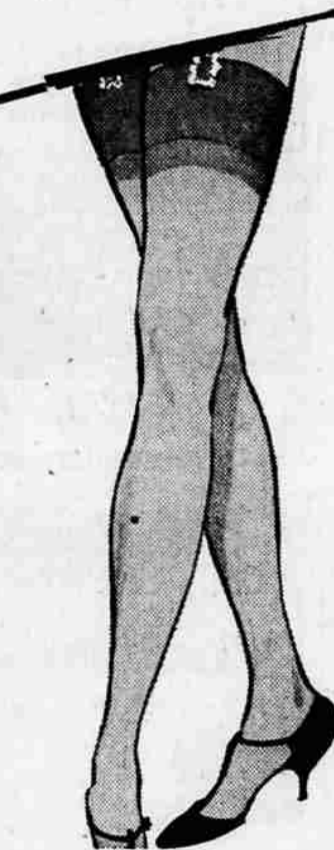
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