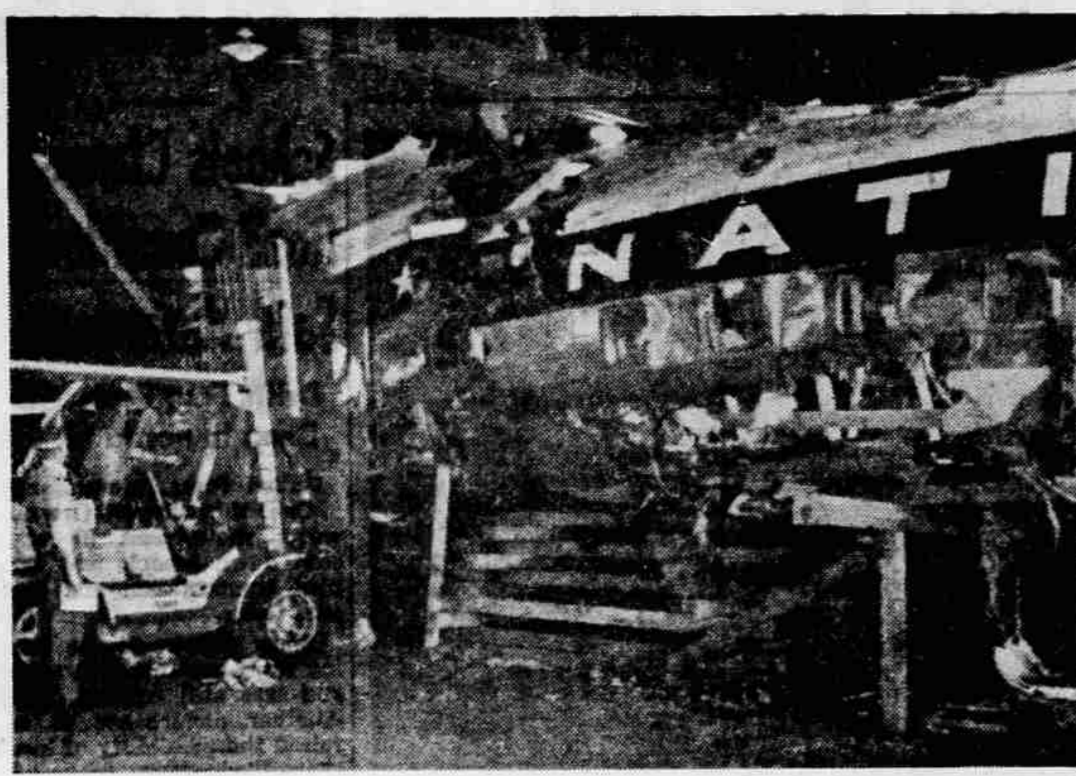


Balance of Military Power in U.S. Favor, Defense Secretary Says



CRASH CAUSE SOUGHT—The mock-up of the National Airlines DC-6B begins to take shape at Wilmington, N.C., as civil aeronautics board officials piece together the various sections of the fuselage found at the scene of the crash, near Bolivia, N.C., to seek the cause of the disaster. The section shown here is near the center of the aircraft where the passengers were seated. —(UPI Telephoto)

Congress Not Expected To Hike Gas Taxes, Mail Rates

Washington—UPI—Lawmakers agreed today that Congress won't raise gasoline taxes, boost postage rates or approve some of the spending cutbacks requested by President Eisenhower in his new budget.

But Republicans and some Democrats said the President had handed the GOP a good campaign issue by making the unpopular proposals that Congress won't accept in an election year.

Refusal of the legislators to approve Eisenhower's re-

quests would melt away much of the \$4,200,000,000 surplus he envisioned for the fiscal year starting July 1.

As a result, the Republicans probably will be accusing the Democratic-controlled Congress next fall of wrecking chances for the 1961 tax cut for which the President held out hope.

Democrats, of course, are hoping to make political hay of their refusal to go along with Eisenhower's recommendations to pare some federal spending on housing, veter-

ans, water pollution, farm conservation, hospital construction, and aid to schools near military installations.

But some Democrats fear the President's budget will help the Republicans.

"We'll have all the special interests demanding that we reject the Eisenhower budget proposals that hurt them," one Democrat said. "Then, when we do, we'll have members of their groups criticizing us for spending the surplus."

"Politically, the new budget is excellent," one Republican said privately. "It holds out hope for a tax cut next year if—if the Democratic Congress does a lot of things we know it's not going to do. The recommended boost in gasoline taxes and postage rates won't hurt Republicans because it won't happen. Besides, Republicans running for office don't have to endorse it."

More Than 2 Million German Soldiers Said Still Missing

Munich, Germany—UPI—For millions of Germans, the most terrible war in history is still going on—nearly 15 years after it supposedly ended.

These are the parents, wives and children of more than 2,000,000 German soldiers who vanished without trace during the war.

The soldiers were not reported dead. They were not reported missing in action. They simply disappeared.

The German Red Cross has the names and descriptions of 1,000,219 soldiers who failed to return home at war's end. More than 1,000,000 others remain anonymous, men simply reported missing.

shipped to labor camps in the Soviet Union, never to be heard from again.

Between 1953 and 1955, Russia released over 20,000 former German soldiers under various repatriation agreements.

At that time, Germany claimed the Soviet Union still held up to 500,000 more.

The Red Cross believes today, though, there is no hope that large numbers of Germans will return from Russia.

Officials say there is no evidence to indicate that very many of the still-missing soldiers are alive in Russia.

The only survivors, the Red Cross believes, may be a few who married Russian women after the war or some who hid from the Russians and later adopted Soviet citizenship.

Thousands more of the vanished soldiers are thought to have died during the fierce fighting in Normandy in 1944.

The Red Cross operates a special tracing service in Munich. When returnees come back—they are still trickling in—they are asked to study the service files to see if they have any knowledge of the missing soldiers.

Several thousand German wives of missing servicemen have since remarried and it still happens occasionally that a soldier returns to find his wife wed to someone else.

These cases are rare, according to the Red Cross. But German law provides for this problem. The woman may decide if she would rather live with her first husband or her second.

See No Postal Boost

Simply by taking no action at all on Eisenhower's plea for a penny boost in the cost of mailing a letter and for cancellation of scheduled reductions in telephone and travel taxes, Congress would eliminate \$1,100,000,000 of the projected budget surplus.

Legislators agreed that postal rates would not be boosted and many members said it was doubtful that Congress would rescind the scheduled July 1 cuts in communications and transportation levies.

Eisenhower's tax program also called for extension for another year of the higher taxes levied during the Korean war on corporation profits, liquor and cigarettes. But Congress is certain to go along with him on that.

Oregon Demos Laud Budgeted Funds for Green Peter Dam

Washington—UPI—Three Oregon Democrats today praised with reservations, the administration's decision to request \$1,400,000 to start construction of the proposed Green Peter dam in fiscal 1961.

"Constant hammering away by the Oregon delegation and state interests has finally done some good," Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said.

Inclusion of the item in the budget was an "important victory in the seven-year fight to crack the administration's embargo on new starts in the Northwest," he added.

Said Inadequate

Sen. Wayne Morse said he was pleased that "during an election year the Eisenhower administration has at long last recognized, though inadequately, the importance of this highly meritorious project."

Rep. Charles O. Porter said it was "about time the administration recognized the great economic importance of starting this dam."

But in addition to citing the Oregon Democrats' efforts on behalf of Green Peter, Porter also credited the state's Republican governor, Mark Hatfield, with an assist.

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said today he was pleased that President Eisenhower had requested \$1,400,000 to start Green Peter dam in Oregon.

The request was contained in the president's budget message.

Hatfield said that while each Oregon project for which money was recommended was important "perhaps none exceeds the start for Green Peter as a sharp realization by the national administration that this is an investment in Oregon's future."

Senate Group Reviews Nation's Defense Posture

Washington—UPI—Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. told Congress today that the "clear balance" of military power is "heavily in our favor" despite a Soviet edge in long-range missiles.

"There is no deterrent gap," Gates said in testimony prepared for delivery behind closed doors before the Senate Armed Services Committee. A non-secret version of his prepared statement was made available by the committee.

With the secretary's appearance, the Senate committee launched its annual review of the nation's defense posture. As he testified in the Senate, a House appropriation subcommittee made public a censored version of testimony given last week by Gates and Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Says Attack Unlikely

Some of the secretary's comments before the two committees were identical. They included Gates' blunt assurance that "the impression in some quarters that the Soviet Union has overtaken or even outdistanced the United States in military power is simply not supported by the facts."

"It is the conclusion of those who have analyzed this matter that even a surprise attack by all the missiles the Soviet could muster would not suffice to destroy enough of our retaliatory striking forces to make a rational decision to attack," Gates said in his testimony before both groups.

Stronger Forces in Korea

In a related development, Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker said the U.S. may strengthen its forces in South Korea in line with a long list of needs set forth by Gen. Carter B. Magruder, U.S. commander there.

Returning from a three-week tour of the Far East, Brucker also reaffirmed his denial of any change in U.S. policy for defense of the Chinese Nationalist Islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

Expect Conflicting Testimony

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) proposed when the Senate hearing opened that Congress seek the critical views of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, retired Army chief of staff.

Jackson, a Washington Democrat, is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee which began an inquiry into the defense and space policies of the Eisenhower administration.

Testimony was certain to be the subject of conflicting stands in the forthcoming presidential campaign.

Industrials Pull Stock Market Lower

New York—UPI—Blue chip industrials pulled the stock market into lower ground again today.

The list has declined in 10 of the 12 trading sessions of the new year.

A number of issues outside those used in the averages showed some good gains. Coca-Cola jumped more than 5 points in response to the news of a dividend increase. North American Aviation and Havco both tacked on around 2, while Brunswick-Balke and American Machine & Foundry rose 2 and 1, respectively.

DuPont was the big factor in the decline in the industrial average. It fell more than 6 points.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—UPI—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 845.07, off 8.79; 20 railroads 155.06, off 1.60; 15 utilities 86.43, off 0.22, and 65 stocks 212.26, off 2.32. Sales today were about 3,100,000 shares compared with 3,020,000 shares Monday.

Today's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	109
Alum. Co. Am.	36
American Can (sd)	43 1/2
American Motors	86 1/2
A. T. & T.	82 1/2
Anacosta Copper	64 1/2
Armco Steel	69
Bendix Aviation	69
Bethlehem Steel	52 1/2
Boeing Air	30 3/4
Caterpillar Corp.	31
Chrysler Corp.	62 1/2
Continental Can	43 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	30
Curtiss Wright	28 1/2
Dow Chemical	93 1/2
Du Pont	41 1/2
Eastman Kodak	100 1/2
Firestone	135 1/2
General Electric	90 1/2
General Foods	102 1/2
General Motors	50 1/2
Georgia Pacific	48 1/2
Graham Paige	31 1/2
Greyhound	21
Gulf Oil	32 1/2
Homesite Mining	41 1/2
Idaho Power	47 1/2
I. B. M.	42 1/2
Int. Paper	123 1/2
Johns Manville	46 1/2
Kaiser Ind.	14 1/2
Katy	6 1/2
Kennecott Copper	65
Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2
Montgomery Ward	29 1/2
New York Central	28 1/2
Pac Gas & Elec	63 1/2
Penney, J. C.	17
Richfield Oil	77
Safeway	36 1/2
Sears	48
Shell Oil	40 1/2
Socony Mobil Oil	40

Eisenhower Supports Bill To Preserve Seashore Areas

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Washington (Special)—President Eisenhower made an appeal to Congress Monday for legislation to preserve some of the nation's scenic shorelines within the national park system.

Without mentioning the Oregon dunes or any other coastal area recommended by the park service, the president told Congress in his annual budget message:

"Before it is too late we should take steps to preserve, for public benefit, part of the

remaining undeveloped shore areas. I hope, therefore, that the Congress will enact during this session the legislation proposed in the last session to permit the secretary of the interior to select and acquire the national park system three areas which would be of national significance because of their outstanding natural and scenic features, recreational advantages and other public values."

The bill Eisenhower referred to was introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) at the request of the interior department. Neuberger and Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) are sponsors of another bill specifically authorizing Oregon Dunes National seashore. Hearings on this measure were held in Oregon last fall.

This was the chief executive's first personal appeal for creation of these new coastal parks. Sec. of Interior Fred A. Seaton in the past has recommended them, as has his advisory boards on national parks.

Neuberger said he welcomes the president's personal backing. He said he planned to study in detail Gov. Mark Hatfield's suggestions made public last week before taking further legislative action.

Giant Dikes Being Built To Divert Onrushing Lava

Kapoho, Hawaii—UPI—Workmen began building two giant dikes early today in a grim race to keep a river of molten lava from destroying Kapoho.

Giant bulldozers went to work on the eerie glow of Puna's lava fountains shortly after Gov. William Quinn declared the district a "major disaster area" and called President Eisenhower for federal emergency funds.

The dike-building was under the supervision of Dr. Gordon MacDonald, who directed the valiant but futile effort to save nearby Warm Springs resort Monday.

MacDonald said he would build one earth barrier 1,500 feet long and a second barrier 1,000 feet long. They will be 20 feet high and 50 wide.

The dikes will be used to divert a giant river of lava which threatens this village, beach houses at Puna, and other populated areas.

Quinn made his plea to Eisenhower Monday night after a two-hour inspection tour of the stricken area. He said the lava flow, which is 30 feet deep in some sections, has covered 180 acres of farmland.

"It has fanned out like a pie, and each time it encounters an obstacle it sends out a finger of lava," the governor said. "We're concerned about those fingers-offshoots that could head toward populated areas."

Trees Ingited

The volcano Monday burst through 2,000-foot-long earth dikes hastily constructed to protect the Warm Springs area, site of many South Sea Movies, and molten rock ignited trees and picnic tables near the cluster of warm pools.

There were no reports of injuries but damage was estimated at more than \$500,000.

Government Bans Use of Pesticide

Washington—UPI—The government today banned use of a pesticide widely used on most food and some feed crops after it was found to leave residues of a poisonous chemical byproduct on the crops.

The Food and Drug Administration forbade farmers to use the pesticide Heptachlor and a product produced through the weathering process called Heptachlor-Epoxide. The potent pesticide is used on about 34 fruits and vegetables—including apples, pears and potatoes—and six or seven forage crops.

The FDA said its action was based on new evidence that Heptachlor-Epoxide has been found on crops treated with Heptachlor. The new data also showed, according to the FDA, that residues of the epoxide also appears in meat and milk when meat and dairy animals have been fed forage crops treated with Heptachlor.

Salem—UPI—Mrs. Elmer Berg, Salem, has filed for delegate from the 1st congressional district to the Democratic national convention next July in Los Angeles.

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