

National Defense Named Prime Atomic Objective

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—David E. Lilienthal told senators today the atomic control commission would be "foolhardy" if it disregarded national defense as its prime objective in the present state of international affairs.

Testifying on his nomination for chairman of the new commission, Lilienthal asserted specifically that there is no "prejudice" among the group against accepting military advice.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) brought up this point before the senate atomic committee as Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), long-time antagonist of Lilienthal, sat nearby awaiting an opportunity to question the nominee. McKellar has labeled Lilienthal, former TVA chief, as "the head communist of my state" of Tennessee.

After Lilienthal had testified

that any peaceful development of atomic energy carries the source of power "80 per cent toward its use as a weapon," Vandenberg asked bluntly: "Is there any disposition on the part of the commission to be prejudiced against military advisers?"

Lilienthal replied there is "none whatsoever," adding that the commission members have consulted with the secretaries of war and navy and with Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, who headed the army's Manhattan district which developed the atomic bomb.

At this point Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) asked abruptly if there had been any consultations with Groves since the commission took control of the Manhattan district under recess appointments at midnight last December 31.

"Perhaps not," Lilienthal conceded. He said, however, that it was the commission's policy to consult with military men in all processes of the development of atomic energy, from the mines through the manufacturing work.

Youth Tells Of Thefts

Gene Ericks, 22, picked up by city police Saturday for questioning regarding numerous recent car prowls, is proving a regular gold mine of information concerning the town's petty crime wave.

To date Ericks has admitted somewhere around a dozen parked car break-ins, a flight from the scene of an accident, one assault and three residential burglaries, all occurring within the past two months.

He has confessed to entering the residences of John P. Williams, 425 Martin; Jack Peebler, 1219 Eldorado, and V. E. Davis, 2303 Darrow, assaulting R. G. Schaeffer when he was spotted breaking into Schaeffer's car January 24, stealing three shotguns from the car of P. A. Soderberg, Forest Grove, here December 1, and a series of car prowls at the armory last Thursday night.

Stolen articles amounting into several hundreds of dollars in value have been recovered from Ericks' home at 907 Alameda.

The youth is still in the city jail, booked for larceny and failure to stop at the scene of an accident pending further probe of his affairs.

Yellow Jasmines Bloom Early Here

Yellow jasmines are braving the temperature to bloom in the yard of the G. A. Massey residence at 1987 Esplanade. They are in a bed on the south side of the house.

Mrs. Massey said that they usually bloom in late February and that this is the earliest she has known them to blossom.

Task Force Frigid Fires Anti-Aircraft Guns



Battery of 40mm. anti-aircraft guns fire on a snowy range near Fairbanks, Alaska, as task force Frigid stages mock battle with imaginary enemy during maneuvers under winter conditions in the far north. —AP wirephoto

Lakeview Plans Air Rescue Unit

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 27 (AP)—Plans are being made here by the Lake County Aeronautic association for the establishment of air rescue and hospitalization service at the earliest possible time. William Strong, association president, and Director Dale Williams were named as a special committee to make arrangements for rigging of a locally based plane for stretcher service. They are also to provide a suitable stretcher and other equipment needed for the emergency service.

The rescue service will be available for searching for any lost or missing persons. Any officer of the association can give immediate authorization for flying persons to hospitals in emergency cases. All cost of the service will be borne by the aeronautic association, but persons will be transported at their own risk.

The local association has also endorsed the five-cent aviation gasoline tax program for Oregon.

March 18 has been set as the opening date for the second annual ground training school, and May 4 as the day for the model airplane contest, postponed last year due to weather conditions and conflicting events.

Boy Seeks Freedom in Reno



Melvin R. Lewin, nine years old, of Oakland, Calif., meets Reno, Nev., Police Officer James Franklin (center) upon arriving at stage depot. The youth made an unauthorized bus trip to Reno because "I was mad at my folks because they won't take me anywhere, and my hobby is traveling." The lad planned to divorce his parents in Nevada while en route to Chicago to be with an aunt. Bus Driver F. C. Yeager is at left. —AP wirephoto

Amity Woman Dies Here

Mrs. Emma Durant, for 77 years a resident of Amity, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Beck, 320 Lewis, on January 25 at the age of 80.

Many service men stationed at Camp Adair, Corvallis, during the war will be saddened to learn of her passing. She made herself a true friend of the boys, sewing for them and covering furniture for their recreation rooms.

She worked in her own home in Amity, where she had lived for 37 years. It was built by her husband at the time they were married, her children were born there and her golden wedding anniversary was celebrated there just seven years ago.

All this sewing brought blindness to Mrs. Durant in July 1948, when she was taken to a hospital. She was brought home for her birthday last October 14 when all the relatives gathered for a glad reunion celebrating her 80 years.

Mrs. Durant, a native of Walla Walla, Wash., came to Amity with her family at the age of three and lived there 77 years. She suffered a stroke just one month before her death.

USBR Gets Big 1947 Budget

CHICAGO, Jan. 27 (AP)—Kenneth Markwell, assistant commissioner of reclamation, told the nation's builders of dams and power plants today that they may anticipate a \$200,000,000 reclamation construction program for 1947.

Markwell, in an address prepared for the convention of Associated General Contractors, said the reclamation bureau will spend that amount if congress approves President Truman's budget request.

"Some of this work is now under contract but additional contracts amounting to more than \$150,000,000 must be awarded," Markwell said.

"We are asking you contractors to continue to work with us in solving problems that involve a great uncertainty, material shortages, delays in production and procurement and an abnormal and unsettled price situation in which radical change is possible at almost any time."

"We also have some few remaining government controls, although these soon may be eliminated."

Denied Marriage License



Film Actor Dean Jagger and Gloria Ling, New York City researcher, talk with newsmen at Santa Monica, Calif., after they were denied a marriage license under state law forbidding unions between caucasians and mongolians. Miss Ling's father was born in China. They planned to be married at Albuquerque. —AP wirephoto

Lower Line Laws Urged

SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—Automobile owners who cuss because they can't get reception on their car radios because of power transmission lines beside state highways might get a break.

The state highway commission is introducing a bill in the legislature to compel power companies to fix their transmission lines so they won't interfere with radio reception.

The bill also provides that where scenery must be preserved, all lines, both communication and power systems, must use only one side of the highway.

All communication lines would have to use one set of poles, and the power systems the other set. If an argument would develop over joint use of poles, the public utilities commissioner would settle it.

State Police Fund Fought

SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—The state highway commission will fight the proposal by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., to compel the commission to give an additional \$1,000,000 a biennium to the state police to provide for more adequate enforcement of laws on state highways.

The amount would double the funds now given by the highway commission for this purpose.

The commission will contend that the granting of this money is illegal diversion of highway funds, citing a constitutional provision that highway funds must be used solely for highway purposes.

The commission doesn't object to use of the funds to enforce highway laws, but it points out that much of the money it gives to the state police is used for general law enforcement which has nothing to do with roads.

If a mold plant were magnified to the size of a tree, many bacteria would be comparatively about the size of a cow and a virus might be about the size of a small flea.

Teachers Call Strike Meet

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—School teachers here today planned to call a mass meeting to discuss refusal of the school board to grant salary increases.

Phillip Ewald, chairman of a teacher committee, said the teachers were determined to receive higher compensation for their work and said today's average take-home pay for teachers with more than 20 years' experience was less than \$200 a month. He said that because of federal income taxes, this was less than their pay in 1932.

A spokesman for the school board said the teacher demands would add \$2,000,000 to the budget.

Military Training Ban Asked Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Rep. Landis (R-Ind.) asked congress today to declare itself in favor of an international ban against compulsory military training.

He introduced a resolution calling upon the president, the secretary of state and the U. S. delegate to the United Nations organization to "work unceasingly for an international agreement" for elimination of "compulsory training" from the policies and practices of all nations.

The army and navy are ur-

ging congress to require universal military training in this country. Military leaders call it, together with a powerful air force and a strong navy, the "basic needs" to defend the United States from surprise attack.

WAR JOB
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—President Truman today nominated John O'Donnell of Scranton, Pa., to be a member of the Philippine war damage commission.

He was named to the vacancy

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