

Biggest Military Budget In Peace Goes To House

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
 WASHINGTON, June 2 (AP)—The biggest peacetime military budget in the nation's history hit the House floor today—\$10,196,672,250 for the army, navy and air force.

The appropriations committee at the same time released testimony warning of the "alarming menace" of Soviet military flight and disclosing that the United States fleet now in the Mediterranean is there for two reasons:

First, to serve as a warning to the Soviet Union not to try to overrun any of the free countries of Europe.

Second, to be ready to remove American forces if worst came to worst.

Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval operations, told the committee just two weeks ago that the

Mediterranean fleet of one carrier, three cruisers and 10 destroyers could be augmented quickly.

(A 12 ship task force headed by the carrier Kearsarge left Norfolk, Va., late yesterday to relieve the vessels now on duty in the Mediterranean.)

Clear Indication

"Not only is the presence of our ships in certain troubled spots of the world today a clear indication of our determination to maintain the peace; it is also the means, and the only means we possess, whereby we may act swiftly to prevent the overrunning of critical areas by an enemy. x x x

"All the ships we have in the forward areas are manned with sufficient men to act in any emergency x x x the reason we have this task force . . . in the Mediterranean is to be available in the event that our occupation forces have to be evacuated."

Two separate appropriation bills—given top priority for immediate action—provide \$6,509,939,000 for the army and the air force and \$3,686,733,250 for the navy for the year starting July 1.

Their combined total is \$505,000,000 greater than the services are spending this year and more than three times as much as the regular 1941 budgets for the armed forces.

Cuts to be Recommended

The committee recommended a cut of 6.1 per cent, or \$241,005,450 for the navy, and 9 per cent, or \$647,983,000 for the army forces, from amounts President Truman had asked.

But both sums recommended are in addition to approximately \$3,000,000,000 congress recently gave the services to buy aircraft.

The new funds are intended to

build up army and air force personnel to a top strength of 1,234,500 and the navy and marine corps to 552,000.

This compares with reported Soviet military strength of 4,000,000 men, which Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chief of army staff, said presents "an alarming menace to the security of the United States."

The navy bill furnishes money to start work on a 65,000-ton aircraft carrier, largest in the world, and on a "killer ship" to combat submarines, two high-speed submarines and two submarines of "an entirely new character" not otherwise described.

Also provided are funds to convert a carrier and two submarines into ships whose nature was kept a closely-guarded secret.

The committee was told that Russia has at least 250 submarines.

Testimony taken during the hearings shows that the army plans to use 272,000 of its men overseas and 518,000 in this country. Its mobile striking force in the United States will include three infantry divisions, an armored division and an airborne division.

Navy Says 28 Missing In Sinking

NORFOLK, Va., June 2 (AP)—The navy has announced that 28 sailors and marines were believed lost in Hampton Roads where a swamped liberty launch dumped about 90 men into the choppy water.

The navy released the names last night of 18 sailors and 10 marines unaccounted for after the capsizing of the 50-foot motor launch Monday night about 200 yards from the aircraft carrier Kearsarge.

The Kearsarge and the 11 other ships which comprised a task force were delayed ten hours in sailing because of the tragedy. The task force, carrying a complement of approximately 1100 second division marines, will relieve a similar force which has been in the Mediterranean since last winter.

The ships did not depart until 2:30 p. m. yesterday.

The open launch was returning a liberty party of sailors and marines to the Kearsarge when the accident occurred. The sea was choppy, a light rain was falling and a 20-mile per hour wind was blowing in gusts.

James T. Walton, 23, seaman first class, USN, of Springfield, Mo., was coxswain of the swamped launch. He told reporters the vessel's bow "went under the water suddenly due to the big swell."

Captain C. S. Smiley, skipper of the Kearsarge, said, "We are completely puzzled as to the cause of the swamping."

Sixty-five men were rescued by other launches and picket boats. Three other men swam the two miles to shore.

Corvallis Goes On New Time

CORVALLIS, June 2 (AP)—Corvallis was on daylight saving time this morning, the transfer from standard time having been effected at midnight last night without too much confusion.

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School Board Filings Slow

Only one nominating petition for the position of director on school board 2 had been filed at mid-morning Wednesday, and no petitions for board 1, according to A. W. Heston, school clerk.

Deadline for board 2 is June 17, for board 1, June 12.

Jack Linman, Klamath Falls businessman, filed last week for the position now held by K. G. Klahn on district 2. Klahn had indicated he would not be a candidate for reelection. Neither will Howard Barnhisel, member of board 1.

It is understood that a petition was being circulated this week for the board 1 job, but the name of the petitioner was not learned.

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New KUHS Boss Likes Look Of Klamath; Needs House

By RONNIE BROWN

If James Lee Brown, newly-appointed principal of Klamath Union high school, is apprehensive about the notoriety which most school principals seem to enjoy among their young charges, he showed no such indication during an interview at The Herald and News Tuesday.

The 45-year-old Wisconsin native voiced great enthusiasm concerning the over-all aspect of his new job. He especially lauded the relationship existing between the school and the community, saying that the situation here is considerably different from the school-community relationship in Parkrose, a Portland suburb where he was high school principal prior to his appointment here.

Interest in school activities in Klamath Falls is much more solidified than in his previous post, Brown said. He appeared surprised and pleased at the support and interest of townspeople in athletic, music and other school activities in Klamath Falls.

Altogether, Brown says, he is looking forward to his work with the town and the high school staff, with whom he has become acquainted, and is "glad of the chance" to take over the principal-

ship at the school on the hill.

He is also hunting for a three-bedroom home in which to accommodate his wife and two children, and reports that the job is none too easy. His family will move here when housing is secured.

Brown said their residence in Parkrose is on high ground, and therefore escaped flood damage, but many of their neighbors were forced to evacuate their homes.

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