

# Air Cut Testimony Goes On; Vandenberg Against It

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Hill (D-Ala.) said today he and some of his colleagues will move to restore "about four" of the more than five billion dollars cut from Air Force funds by the Eisenhower budget.

"I believe when the public knows the facts they will insist we keep building for a 143-wing Air Force as a minimum," Hill said in an interview. But Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said he expects Congress to line up behind the administration program because "President Eisenhower knows this picture."

The Senate phase of the congressional battle over the Air Force budget and its goals went into extra innings today as Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, retiring Air Force chief of staff, was recalled for his

third day of questioning.

As part of the plan for reducing government spending—with an ultimate aim of a balanced budget and lower taxes—the Eisenhower defense program calls for an Air Force of 110 to 114 wings next year and 120 wings by December, 1955. Former President Truman's budget had called for a 1955 Air Force of 143 wings of 30 to 75 planes each. Eisenhower has said the budget changes will not mean a lowering of combat effectiveness.

Hearings are before a Senate appropriations subcommittee headed by Ferguson, who is backing the reduced Air Force budget.

"The phrase '143-wing' has magic in it for some persons," Ferguson said in an interview. "Actually it's just a paper target. The reduction proposed means no cut in real combat aircraft."

"Even if we gave them four or five billions additional they could not spend it in the next fiscal year. The Air Force had 23 billions to spend at start of this fiscal year just on aircraft and cannot spend more than five billions."

"The President does not want Congress to appropriate more money than can be spent in a fiscal year," he added. "This is just part of the annual Air Force show. They always ask more than the President's budget and they never have been able to spend what they get."

Senate Air Force advocates have been pleased with Vandenberg's testimony that there is "no sound military reason" for the five billion dollar cutback.

Under questioning yesterday, Vandenberg said Soviet Russia has both an "offensive and defensive air force," that the cutback may reduce the number of modern aircraft the country can send to European allies; that a slowdown since the new administration took over already would delay the 143-wing program six months even if wing program was given additional funds; and that the cutback is "endangering the national defense."

# Labor Law To Stand As Is

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican leaders have agreed to put off any revision of the Taft-Hartley law until next year, Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) of the Senate Labor Committee disclosed today.

Smith said he and Republican leader Taft of Ohio will try to get committee agreement on a revision bill, but that neither sees any "imperative necessity" to push it through the Senate this year.

Smith called off a committee meeting scheduled for today after being postponed twice in the past two weeks. The session on amendments to the law is not likely to take place until the week after next.

Smith said reaction to a series of amendments, which his committee staff drew up last month, indicated that neither unions nor management would be agreeable to letting the present law stand for another year.

Smith said he has talked to Taft in the past few days and that they are agreed on this program:

Attempt to get substantial committee agreement on amendments to the law; introduce a bill embodying those amendments; circulate the amendments and give Congress a chance to study them; then take them up in the Senate next year when the 83rd Congress meets for its final session.

Neither the CIO nor the AFL would be likely to agree with Smith's statement that organized labor now feels "Taft-Hartley is a pretty darn good law."

Nevertheless, both big labor organizations are believed ready to accept the Taft-Hartley law for a while longer rather than risk the possibility of changes they would consider much tougher.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to amend the National Park System during the past 25 years.

Secretary McKay called attention to the fact that there have been no general increases for the National Park System during the past 25 years.

# 15-Day Crater Permits \$1.00

Fifteen-day automobile permits to Crater Lake National Park will cost \$1.00, the amount previously charged for annual permits. Annual automobile permits will be \$2.00. The new rates have been approved by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, according to announcement by John B. Wosky, superintendent of the park.

Fees for house trailers and motorcycles will be the same as the new rates for automobiles.

Visitors who have purchased permits prior to the effective date of June 8 will not be required to purchase new ones when they reenter the park, Wosky said.

Establishment of both annual and 15-day fees is intended to provide an equitable differential between the one-time or short-term visitor and the repeater or long-term visitor whose use of the facilities is considerably greater. Previously, only annual permits were issued.

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# Heidt Tryouts Slated Tonight

Klamath Basin amateur and professional entertainers this evening get a chance at the "big time" in auditions for the Horace Heidt show. The auditions are scheduled for the Winema Hotel, 7 p.m.

The famed Heidt stage and radio show is to be presented here in two evening performances June 9, at the Pelican Theater. Besides that many already famous entertainers on the show, Heidt will give spots to several local individuals or groups. Those who prove good enough may be assigned to touring Heidt groups or may get a contract for the big Heidt production.

Minimum age for those wishing to audition is 14; groups are limited to four persons. Aspirants must take their own music and accompanist.

Lon Boutin, Heidt advance man, is here to screen the auditions.

The Heidt show is being sponsored locally by the Jaycees. Advance tickets are on sale at Flowers by Bill and Rita, Main Street.



**PIANIST CONLEY GRAVES** is one of the many nationally known entertainers billed to appear here June 9 in two evening stage performances at the Pelican Theater of the Horace Heidt show. Stars appearing with the Heidt show are the same ones heard Thursday evenings over KFLW on Heidt's CBS show.

**HIS AIM**  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Walter H. Sammis, president of the Ohio Edison Co., elected Thursday as head of the Edison Electric Institute, declared he would work "to get the federal government out of the power business" as soon as practicable.

# US Has Formula for Russia's One-Drop-Kills Poison Gas

BALTIMORE (AP)—The story of a Russian-made poison gas described as so deadly one drop could kill a man, and a German scientist who died making the formula available to the United States were told here last night.

The cloak and dagger account of international intrigue was unfolded by Col. Julius L. Amoss, retired Air Force officer and head of the East Europe Division, Office of Strategic Services in World War II.

Col. Amoss said the formulas, now in the hands of government officials, were obtained by the International Services of Information (ISI), an American spy group which he directs from headquarters in Baltimore.

Amoss and the ISI were credited unofficially last March with engineering the flight of a Polish flier, Lt. Franciszek Jarecki, who escaped from behind the Iron Curtain in a Russian-made MIG15 jet fighter plane.

The 21-year-old pilot, now in this country, has denied that he had any help in his daring flight.

Amoss said the formulas were written on slips of paper smuggled out of Russia by a German scientist who was shot just before entering the East sector of Berlin.

A friendly agent traveling with the German, Amoss added, escaped with the papers and sent them on to ISI headquarters here in Baltimore.

The retired Air Force officer said the Russians claimed the gas was strong enough to kill a man if one drop contacts his body.

He said the three formulas give the chemical composition of gases listed as tabun, sومان and surin, with a phosphorous base.

Amoss said he turned the formulas "into official channels" but was not at liberty to name his contacts in the government.

**POINT 4 INCREASED**  
BAGDAD, Iraq (AP)—U.S. Ambassador Burton Berry informed Iraq Thursday that U.S. Point Four aid to this country will be increased 35 per cent. The 1953 allotment has been upped from \$1,600,000 to \$2,165,000.

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