

Military Budget Puts Stress On Air Power, Atoms

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower recommended today a \$37,575,000,000 military outlay for the next fiscal year, with a shift in emphasis from foot soldiery to a "full exploitation of air power and modern weapons."

The spending budget he proposed to Congress for the Defense Department is about four billion dollars less than that estimated for the current year, which ends June 30.

Eisenhower said the budget is based on a "new concept for . . . our national security program."

A substantial part of the savings obviously would come in manpower, particularly Army manpower. The budget figures reflect an over-all reduction of 3.7 per cent in manpower for all the armed forces. Army personnel would be reduced by 17.3 per cent, and three divisions would be dropped from the present 20.

He said the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps now have, among them, about 33,000 planes. During the next three years, he said, this will be increased to 40,000, more than half of them jets.

Twenty-two per cent of defense expenditures in the next fiscal year would go to airplane procurement. The 1955 fiscal year program, the President wrote, "calls for improving combat effectiveness by the application of new weapons and new techniques, including full realization of our nuclear capabilities, and provides for the rapid and orderly phasing of programs to improve continental defense against possible enemy attack."

He continued: "Last summer I told the American people that the Soviets now have the capability of atomic attack upon us, and such capability will increase with the passage of time." "I made this statement shortly after it was established that the Soviet Union had successfully detonated a thermonuclear (hydrogen) device which, is successfully converted into an offensive weapon and if exploded over our American cities, would be capable of effecting unprecedented destruction . . ."

"Our military planners and those of the other nations of the free world agree as to the importance of air power. But air forces must be complemented with land forces, amphibious forces, antisubmarine warfare forces, and fighting ships."

As outlined by a Defense Department spokesman, here is the way the budget for the year beginning next July 1 will relate to that policy:

Manpower for the armed services—Now about 3,400,000; will be 3,328,000 by next June 30 and 3,037,000 at the end of June 1955.

Army—Present strength 1 1/2 millions; by next June 30 it will be 1,407,500; at the end of next fiscal year 1,154,000. By mid-1955 the organizational strength will be down to 17 divisions. For the first time, there is no request for authority for the Army to make new contracts for procuring major combat equipment; it will have left over from previous appropriations a total of \$4,800,000,000.

The Army, like the other services, will build up in new weapons.

At present there are 114 anti-aircraft battalions. By the end of this fiscal year there will be about 130. The goal is to increase the anti-aircraft force by more than 50 per cent, with more than one-third of the units using the new Nike guided missile weapon.

Air Force — Present strength 920,000; next June 955,000; a year later 970,000. Present unit strength 110 wings (a wing ranges from 30 heavy bombers to 75 fighters); to be 121 by the end of fiscal year 1955; up to 127 at the end of the following year and to the presently fixed ultimate goal of 137 by the end of the 1957 fiscal year.

Navy—Present manpower 770,000; 740,000 by next June 30; 688,000 a year later. There will be a decrease from a present average of 409 combat ships to 402 by June 30, 1955. The new budget contains funds for a fourth 60,000-ton carrier of the Forrestal class, but not for a third atomic submarine. One of the four 45,000-ton battleships now in the fleet will be withdrawn.

The number of large carriers will remain unchanged at 13; the number of carrier air groups of planes will continue at 16.

Marines—Present strength 250,000; by next June 30, 225,000; end of June 1955, 215,000. Continue present organizational strength of three divisions (a Marine division has about 25,000 men compared with 17,500 for the Army) and three air wings.

The cutback in military manpower would account for a big share of the reduction in spending. Eisenhower estimated the reduction in forces would mean a cut in expenditures of about 600 million dollars for pay, allowances and other direct military personnel costs.

In spending, here is what the armed forces will spend in the present year and the estimate for the next fiscal year:

Army, \$14,200,000,000 this year, \$10,198,000,000 next year; Navy, \$11,300,000,000 this year, \$10,493,000,000 next year; Air Force \$15,600,000,000 this year, \$18,209,000,000 next.

Underscoring the emphasis on nuclear weapons, Eisenhower noted that "under the recommendations in this budget, expenditures of the atomic energy commission will rise in the fiscal year 1955 to the highest point in our history"—from 912 million dollars in the current year to \$1,182,000,000.

He said this increase is due primarily to expanded operations at AEC plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Paducah, Ky.; Portsmouth, Ohio; Hanford, Wash.; and Savannah River, Ga. It is at the new Savannah River plant that material for hydrogen bombs is being produced.

Eisenhower noted that the first atom-engine submarine, the Nautilus, was due for launching this month (actually today), to be followed by a second nuclear submarine, the Sea Wolf, in the coming fiscal year.

Research on the more difficult problems of aircraft propulsion by atomic energy will continue," he wrote.

In the past, Secretary of Defense Wilson had indicated a diminished emphasis on the atomic airplane project.

Eisenhower obviously referred to some basic defense planning policies of the Truman administration when he said: "Our military planning in previous years has been based on several assumed fixed dates of maximum danger, which were extended from time to time with procurement and personnel plans focused to achieve maximum readiness by each such date. This budget is aimed instead at providing a strong military position which can be maintained over the extended period of uneasy peace."

CLASSY BENGHAM, Utah (AP)—Awakened by a fire in his apartment, Calvin Miller wrapped himself in the first thing he touched as he dressed to flee. He appeared on the street wearing only a rug.



BOTTLES AND HANGERS, from homes all over town, have been collected by local Cub Scouts for resale to cleaning and bottling establishments with proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Helping in the collection were these boys from Den 2, Pack 4. Front row, left to right, are Lester Plowman, Robert Huntman, Kenneth Ellis, Kenneth Galloway, Stanley Heminger, James Kaler; back row, Don Aschenbach and Charles Galloway.

Butte Valley To Aid Dimes March

DORRIS—Butte Valley post and auxiliary 5944, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor its annual March of Dimes dance Saturday Jan. 23, at the Red Barn in Dorris, Chairman Aidan Fenwick announced.

Proceeds from the affair will go to the 1954 March of Dimes fund of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Fenwick pointed out that some 80,000 persons have been wholly or partially cured of the disease through funds supplied by previous campaigns.

The Jan. 23 dance will feature the music of the Red Barn's regular orchestra, Pee-wee Stidham and members are offering dance tickets his Rainbow Melody Boys. VW lets for a \$1 donation.

Cattle Meet Held In Weed

MACDOEL—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cross of Macdoel represented the Butte Valley Cattlemen's Assn. at a recent dinner in Weed given by the California Cattlemen's Assn. to kick off its "Eat More Beef" campaign. Representatives from all over Siskiyou County heard Chairman Edson L. Foulke Jr. declare that the increased consumption of beef will help not only the cattle producers but all residents of the county. Foulke pointed out that beef prices as a result of officers marketing their animals in place of demanding price supports, have dropped an average of 30 per cent. Mrs. Evangalyn Dow of the county.

Long Bell Man Named Group Head

PORTLAND (AP)—H. J. Greeley, supervisor of industrial relations at the Long Bell Lumber Co., Longview, Wash., was elected president of the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee Wednesday. That group of employers met to discuss the contract negotiations soon to start with AFL and CIO unions. Also elected to office were Henry Dennis, Everett, Wash., vice president, and S. L. Gregory, Portland, treasurer.

Notice to members—Annual meeting Weyerhaeuser Klamath Federal Credit union, Weyerhaeuser Hotel, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, 1954.

agricultural extension service, declaring that the lower prices have benefited the economy cuts most, said these cuts are just as nourishing as fancy high cost steaks and, when prepared properly, can be as tender and tasty. The committee decided to show the methods of using the economy cuts. Cross urged Butte Valley read and use the pamphlet.

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