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Eisenhower Says Foreign Aid Cuts Would Be Unsafe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday any cuts in the administration's proposed \$3,447,000,000 foreign aid program would be "unjustified and unsafe" in the light of the continued ruthless drive of Communist imperialists for world domination.

In a special message to Congress, Eisenhower said in an allusion to the Indochina war: "Recent events in Southeast Asia have created grave uncertainty. The security of that region and the interests of the United States and its Allies there are clearly endangered."

"It is therefore, critically important that the Congress authorize the appropriation of funds needed to provide military and other assistance to this area and that authority be granted to adjust the use of these funds to rapidly changing conditions."

Eisenhower's message came as the House Foreign Affairs Committee moved toward a possible final decision on how much should be recommended for foreign aid in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, was asked by newsmen whether the President sent the special message to Congress in a move to try to head off possible cuts.

"I think that is a fair interpretation," Snyder replied.

In urging approval of the full amount requested, Eisenhower said the amount he asked in his January budget message represents approximately a 40 per cent reduction over the course of the last two fiscal years. Then he declared:

"Further reductions in the authorized program at this time, in view of the continuing threat to our national safety, would be unjustified and unsafe."

He said, "Today the continued ruthless drive of Communist imperialists for world domination places an especially high premium on our maintenance of close relations with friendly nations," and added:

"We must provide military assistance to some nations, especially to those of strategic military significance which are willing to join in the common defense effort."

Hiss Pension Block Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Cretella (R-Conn.) of a House civil service subcommittee predicted Wednesday his group would approve a bill next week to block federal pensions for Alger Hiss and any other government employee convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

"There is an overwhelming sentiment in Congress that traitors to their government should not profit at its expense," Cretella said, Rep. Dowdy (D-Texas) echoed this opinion.

The subcommittee is considering 10 bills to deny Civil Service retirement benefits to government workers convicted of felonies, or to their widows and children.

Two of the bills are aimed specifically at Hiss, former State Department employee who was convicted of lying in denying he passed government secrets to a pre-World War II Communist spy ring. Hiss has had 14 years and 9 months of government service, entitling him to a government pension of \$700 a year in 1956, when he becomes 62.

"I think a general bill, aimed at everyone convicted of a felony or violating national security, should be made broad enough to include Alger Hiss without naming him," Cretella said.

The proposals are opposed by the Eisenhower administration — chiefly on grounds that government retirement benefits already have been held by the courts to be contractual rights.

Plywood Firm Fined By Judge

PORTLAND (AP) — Failure to pay overtime wages to four employees resulted Tuesday in a \$3,000 fine being assessed against the Oregon Plywood Corp. of Sweet Home.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon said the firm was warned 12 years ago of the violation. Since then either no records or faulty records were kept, the judge said.

The overtime pay has been sent to four employees involved, he added.

Oregon GOP Plan Meeting Series

PORTLAND (AP) — A series of conferences have been scheduled in Oregon next week by Bertha S. Adkins, assistant to the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Miss Adkins will arrive in Portland Sunday night. She has scheduled a speech the next day Ocean Lake and on Tuesday at Cook Bay. She is to make a number of appearances in the Portland area the rest of the week.

DROWNED
CARLINGFORD, Northern Ireland (AP) — Seven persons drowned last night when a motorboat on a pleasure cruise capsized in rough waters.

Solons Hear Views On Indochina

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith was quoted as telling a White House conference of Congressional leaders Wednesday that most of Indochina probably will remain free from Communist control.

"They still expect Laos, Cambodia and part of Vietnam to remain Communist," a veteran senator, who asked that his name not be used, said in an interview.

The senator was one of 30 key Congress members, both Republicans and Democrats, who were invited by President Eisenhower to hear a report by Smith on the stalemated conference with the Communists at Geneva on Korea and Indochina.

"Under Secretary Smith gave us a detailed report on what went on at Geneva, what is expected of our allies and what the reactions of the Russians appeared to be," the senator said.

"He gave us the realities but did not regard the situation as hopeless. They had no new plan or proposals but seemed to think things might be more definite after the conference here with Churchill and Eden."

Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Eden of Britain are due here Friday for conferences with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

One House member, also asking not to be named, said he received the impression that the State Department expects France to seek a "truce at any price" in Indochina. He spoke of the tone of Smith's review as "pessimistic."

The Guatemala situation was not mentioned, this informant said.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, told newsmen it was "just a review" and that no new policy decisions were set out.

Johnson also said he came away with the impression "It is high time we and our allies close ranks" and "get ahead with some kind of a program to save freedom."

After Smith's hour-long report on Geneva at the start of the meeting, Secretary of State Dulles took over for a half-hour and talked about international problems generally.

There also was 30 minutes of general discussion, with the President and the congressional leaders participating.

World Grain Sales Said Lagging

WASHINGTON (AP) — A question being raised in world grain markets is whether major wheat exporting countries will cut prices of the grain to minimum levels permitted under an international agreement in an effort to boost lagging export sales.

There have been indications that the United States, a major exporter, would like to cut its export prices in a move to reduce a surplus supply. But opposition has been encountered from Canada. The United States hesitates to act lest relations with Canada be disturbed.

A large portion of the wheat sold in world trade moves under provisions of an international wheat agreement. This pact sets up export quotas for major surplus-producing countries, except from certain countries, and import quotas for about 40 countries which do not produce as much wheat as they need. It also sets maximum and minimum prices which exporters may charge.

Export and import quotas totaling 421 million bushels were set for the marketing year ending July 31. But, with only little over a month to go, importing countries have taken only 215 million bushels. The United States, for instance, has sold only 103 million bushels of its 200 million export quota.

Importing countries are obligated to buy their full quotas only if wheat is offered them at the minimum price, which is \$1.25 a bushel. The top price is \$2.05.

Presently, both Canada and the United States are offering wheat at about \$1.70, or 15 cents above the minimum.

A further cut in the export price would adversely affect Canadian wheat growers, but not those in the United States. That's because the wheat programs of the two countries are different.

Jury Verdict
Decreases Death

TACOMA (AP) — A Superior Court jury convicted Artel Farley of first degree murder Tuesday night and decreed the death penalty for the 25-year-old former roofing salesman.

Farley, accused in the budgeon slaying Feb. 21 of Mrs. Flora McFarland, sat unmoved as the verdict was read even though proceedings were interrupted by a woman spectator who screamed: "Don't take that boy's life. I killed Flora McFarland."

The woman was led from the courtroom and Farley later asked permission to talk to her. Judge Bert Johnson said it would be arranged "at the proper time."

Mrs. McFarland, 30-year-old grocery clerk, was found dead in a gravel pit near her home.

Farley was arrested later at a Roseburg, Ore., bowling alley.

Perjury Sentence
Begun By Young

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — E. Merl Young, who gained national attention during the "mink coat" investigations under President Truman's administration, began serving a sentence for perjury in the federal correctional institution here Tuesday.

The former Reconstruction Finance Corporation official was charged with lying to senators who investigated his mink coat buying and his financing. He is under an indeterminate sentence of four months to two years.

However, the judge who sentenced him recommended that Young be released after four months time.

Young, 39, surrendered to the U. S. marshal's office here to begin his sentence.

Raft Used For
Long Sea Voyage

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A 61-year-old Texan who hopes to reach Samoa on a 35-foot raft, waited along on his 11,000-mile odyssey Wednesday, accompanied only by a parrot and a cat.

Determined to outdo Norwegian Thor Heyerdahl's trans-Pacific "Kon Tiki" expedition, William Willis set out from Callao Tuesday night on his 35 by 18-foot balsawood raft "Seven Little Sisters."

Mrs. Tess Willis, who saw her husband off, will live in New York until he winds up his lonely voyage. He thinks it will take eight months.

Heyerdahl had five companions on his 1947 voyage. Willis has only his parrot, Eeckie, and cat, Meeckie.

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