

Creation Of Strong U.S. Military Reserve Urged By Ike In Speech To American Legion Convention

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower today urged creation of a strong military reserve as a bulwark against communism will be "a No. 1 item" on his 1954 legislative program.

"We have failed miserably to maintain that strong, ready military reserve in which we have believed for 150 years," the President declared in a speech prepared for delivery at the legion's annual convention.

"Now, at long last, we must build such a reserve. And we must maintain it. Wishful thinking and political timidity must no longer bar a program so absolutely essential to our defense."

Then he said: "Establishment of an adequate reserve — an objective for which the American Legion and other patriotic organizations have vainly fought for a generation — will be a No. 1 item submitted to the Congress next year."

In his speech to fellow legionnaires, many of whom served under him as supreme commander in Europe during World War II, the chief executive promised:

"This reserve will not unfairly burden men who have already served. This administration will see to that."

The President said that for a century and a half the United States has prided itself "on its refusal to maintain large standing military forces."

"We have relied, instead, upon the civilian soldier. But we have done so without being fair either to the private citizen or to the security of the nation."

He went into no detail about the nature of the military reserve he wants to build. He made no men-

tion of the plan for a powerful reserve outlined a few weeks ago by John Hannah, the assistant secretary of defense in charge of manpower and now returned to the Presidency of Michigan State College.

That plan called for every able-bodied young man to put in a military service stint and then join the reserve. The White House said at the time the program Hannah set forth as a plan to thwart any Soviet aggression was under consideration by the National Security Council but that no final decision had been reached on whether to submit it to Congress in that form.

Eisenhower interrupted his Colorado vacation for 24 hours to fly back to Washington to address the legion. In his address he also gave France another prod in the hope of winning ratification of the European army project by that nation.

Without mentioning that country by name, he said progress on the six-nation project "has not fulfilled our hopes." He also declared that in the struggle for free world security and peace, "neither the ups nor downs justify any slackening of our efforts."

Dealing with the European situation and collective security generally, he said:

"The safety of any single nation in the free world depends directly on the substantial unity of all the nations in the free world. No nation outside the Iron Curtain can afford to be indifferent to the fate of any other nation devoted to freedom."

"If each, ignoring all others, pursues only its own course toward its own ends, the Communists have unlimited opportunity to turn the full force of their power upon any selected victim. Each, beginning with the weakest and most exposed might then succumb in turn, until the strongest of all ourselves — would be left alone to face a hostile world."

"The final result would be fearful to contemplate. We will never permit it to happen."

He said that because of the strength and the wealth of the United States, it has imposed upon it a heavy share of the whole burden of free world security.

Then, turning to how the United States measures up to the task, he painted this bright picture:

"Today the United States has the most powerful and the most efficient fighting force it has ever maintained short of all-out war. In fact, in some respects it is the most powerful ever developed."

"We have an Air Force of growing effectiveness. It has 50 per-

cent more jets than last year. It possesses awesome power.

"We have a mighty Navy, with 13,000 active aircraft. It is a world leader in nuclear propulsion.

"We have our strongest peacetime Army, equipped with modern weapons, trained under modern doctrine. It is capable of carrying out its assignments in the modern world."

"All this power is supported by developing intelligence and warning systems of constantly increasing effectiveness and scope."

It was just after painting that

picture, however, that Eisenhower said "we have failed miserably" to maintain a large, powerful reserve.

He opened his address with a statement that "clear recognition of several important truths" is basic to an analysis of the world situation.

He listed those truths as:

1. The Communist dictatorship — "ruthless, strong and insatiable" — is determined to establish its sway over all the world."

2. The same dictatorship "is adroit in its selection and use of every imaginable weapon to achieve its ends." The President said that, for example the Commu-

nists spend \$50 on propaganda for every single dollar the United States spends on telling the story of the democratic way of life. He said America "must preach, demonstrate and tirelessly sell the vitality and value of freedom in the world."

3. The vital importance of collective security welding the free nations together.

4. From the free world's resources must be developed the many kinds of strength — spiritual, intellectual, economic and military — required to oppose successfully "the broad front of Communist pressure."

5. America's key position in any

successful struggle to thwart Communist aggression.

Eisenhower spoke of Red subversion abroad and at home and said effective steps are being taken to crush it. Referring to the situation at home, he said:

"Your government will continue to wage relentless battle against subversion and infiltration . . . by measures realistically adjusted to the nature and the magnitude of the Red conspiracy. . . ."

"And of this you may be sure: As we continue this battle, we shall not impair the constitutional safeguards protecting our liberties. Our nation is too strong to give away to hysterical fear which, un-

der the guise of protecting our institutions, would undermine the principles upon which they rest."

The President praised "the loyal and effective officers of our foreign service, serving under the inspiring leadership of Secretary of State Dulles." Some members of that service have come under attack from Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.)

and others in Congress.

"With a few highly publicized exceptions," he said, "we have been fortunate in the high competence, professional ability and devotion of these officers upon whom we must depend in our delicate and difficult negotiations with other nations and in assuring the world of our peaceful purposes."

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British Start Junior Papers

LONDON (AP)—Fleet Street, center of London's newspapers, is looking forward to a tussle between two of its giants.

The Daily Express and the Daily Mirror, each with a circulation of four million plus, start this week to publish separate weekly junior newspapers aimed at children of school age.

The Daily Mirror, first to announce the idea, said:

"The youngsters have been swamped too long with trashy imported comics."

The Express then announced its "Junior Express" of 16 pages, half in color. For a kickoff it will run contests with prizes of 100 bicycles, 10 radios, and 2 television sets.

Both say the junior editions will be real newspapers with news presented as teen-agers want it. Besides new fictional and cartoon characters there will be departments for almost every hobby a boy ever thought of — including the collecting of cheese labels.

Stakes are large. There may be two million potential readers at 2 pence (3 cents) a head. The Manchester Guardian observes:

"Fleet Street believes that the real object is to catch 'Express' or 'Mirror' as a habit."

Lost Red Bluff Boy Found Safe

RED BLUFF, Calif. (AP) — Fourteen-year-old James Marshall wandered three days in rugged country where even Indians have been known to lose their way.

Two Forest Service men found him yesterday in primitive Mendocino National Forest. He became lost Thursday on a hunting trip with his stepfather.

Planes and bloodhounds had aided 203 men in the search. James was reported unharmed.

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