

Solons Give Cautious Nod To Ike's Military Plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten lawmakers in a Congress never before willing to vote for universal military training gave cautious approval today to President Eisenhower's program of boosting the military reserves while cutting armed services strength.

Both Democratic and Republican members generally approved a defense department announcement yesterday of plans to excuse 100,000 youngsters yearly from six months active training and follow it with 9½ years reserve duty.

But most of the legislators willing to comment keyed their acceptance of this proposal to changes Congress may want to make in a program generally retained as revolving in limited form UMT recommendations that have not been popular in the past.

As outlined by the Defense Department, the Eisenhower plan would permit 17-year-olds to volunteer at \$30 a month for six months training and lengthy reserve duty in the National Guard, Army or Marine Corps units.

The draft would continue, the

National Guard would remain unchanged, and the Navy and Air Force would rely on other programs to build up their reserves.

The over-all program would provide a five million man reserve by 1959, including three million in a ready reserve subject to immediate call, and two million in a secondary reserve composed largely of veterans.

Secretary of Defense Wilson estimated the cost at \$1,100,000,000 yearly, about 350 millions more than the present cost of National Guard and reserve activities.

As the stronger reserve comes into being, tentative plans call for a 468,000-man cut in the present armed forces strength to a level of 2,700,000 men in June 1959. Wilson did not estimate the saving this would bring.

Sen. Russell (D-Ga.), prospective new chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, withheld judgment until the program is formally presented to Congress. Russell has been an advocate of UMT in the past.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), a member of the committee, said in an interview he thinks the plan is in favor of it. "But he said that congressional committees 'will have to work out details' in extending hearings.

Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass.), retiring chairman of the committee, said "in a statement that the proposal 'is certainly a constructive step toward building up our reserve system.'

Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.), another member of the committee, forecast approval of what he called "a modified UMT" if it has "the strong support of the President."

Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he would "look with favor on any reasonable plan" to build up the reserves.

Now he was homesick in an alien land. He even had forgotten the Korean tongue of his fathers. All he could speak was English — American style. It gushed out in a stream.

U.S. military officials urged that he be permitted to stay on Okinawa. Sympathetic immigration officials made him a "prisoner at large" while they sought ways to save him from deportation.

At this point, a distraught Japanese showed up and identified Jim Bob Syngman Rhee as his wayward son who had run away a month ago from his Okinawa home. The family had come from Japan two years ago.

And his teacher verified that the lad had "an excellent command of English and also an excellent imagination."

So "Jim Bob Syngman Rhee" isn't going anywhere—except back to school.

FISHING

MORIOKA, Japan, (AP)—A Japanese fishing boat is scheduled to sail to the Caribbean for the first time next May to teach Japan fishing techniques to Venezuelans.

New Longview Mill Planned

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The Tacoma Paper and Weyerhaeuser Timber companies Friday announced the organization of the R-W Paper Co., which will immediately begin construction of a paper mill at Longview.

Upon completion of the mill in 1956, the company will offer improved service to customers in the Pacific area, the announcement stated. The plant will obtain its supply of wood pulp from the mills of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.

Rhineland Paper Co., is a nationally known manufacturer of glassine and greaseproof papers. Officers of the newly formed company are Folke Becker, president; W. P. Gullander, vice president and treasurer; George S. Long Jr., secretary and Ruth Neumann, assistant secretary.

Directors are B. R. Cancell, R. P. Nelson and Becker, of Rhineland Paper Co.; J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., Charles H. Ingram and Howard W. Morgan of Tacoma.

It is the second announcement of the week for a new Longview industry. Weyerhaeuser announced plans two days ago for a new Longview plant to produce chlorine and caustic soda for its pulp and paper operations.

Drive Ordered Against Monks

SEOUL (AP)—President Syngman Rhee today ordered police and education officials to help unmarried Buddhist monks drive married colleagues from South Korea's temples.

Wading into the religious controversy, the President also declared that priests in charge of temples should be elected and apply for government licenses.

Rhee said in an order to his officials that traditional Korean Buddhism had been damaged by monks who succumbed to Japanese Buddhist influence and took wives during the 40-year Japanese occupation.

Some 700 unmarried monks and nuns have been staging what they call a Buddhist reformation movement. They say 5,000 married monks must leave the temples.

Married monks now occupy most of the 1,000 temples in South Korea.

Rhee, a Methodist, urged the married monks to repent and leave the temples to become "faithful" laymen.

SOYBEANS
TOKYO (AP) — Japanese firms which have ordered 40,000 tons of soybeans from Red China, on a barter basis Saturday got a list of chemicals and wonder drugs the Communists want in return.

It included penicillin, streptomycin, carbon black, wax, acetic acid, acetone, sodium bichromate and potassium bichromate, the companies said.



"If my husband comes here—he's a short man in a blue suit and a red tie—tell him I'd prefer the cash!"

AEC Chairman Raises New Questions On Dixon-Yates

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has raised fresh questions in the Dixon-Yates controversy by issuing a new down-the-line defense of the private power contract with AEC.

Strauss told a news conference yesterday the proposal to supply additional private power to the Tennessee Valley was a "good contract," linked to national defense and needed to meet expanding AEC power requirements.

He made his points in a 35-page statement and a one-hour talk which he said represented his personal views. He said he had not consulted in advance with other members of the commission. The chairman said he held the news conference despite contrary advice from some "good friends."

His defense of the contract came amid a sharp legal fight before the Securities and Exchange Commission which is considering whether to approve financial arrangements for the project. The SEC resumed open hearings Monday 10 a.m.

Strauss said his purpose was to clarify his views on Dixon-Yates and not, as a reporter asked, to ward off expected Democratic attacks on the contract when Congress reconvenes Jan. 5.

"But I hope it will have that effect," the AEC chairman said. The Dixon-Yates group is composed of the Middle South Utilities

Inc. headed by Edgar H. Dixon, and the Southern Co., headed by Eugene Yates. It plans to build a 107-million-dollar generating plant at West Memphis, Ark., to furnish power to the Tennessee Valley Authority. TVA furnishes electricity to atomic plants in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Strauss expressed belief that the AEC could obtain all the power it needs from TVA by exercising its priority. But without the Dixon-Yates contract, he said, this "would deprive other users" of power in the Tennessee Valley, where needs are rising. He added: "I presume that other plants in this area are supplying defense needs to the Army and Navy. And we need a certain amount of added power."

"So there is no question that national defense is involved" in the Dixon-Yates proposal.

WARFARE

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Thailand is being infiltrated by about 2,000 Thai Communists who have completed special training in guerrilla warfare in Red China, a Nationalist Chinese news agency said Saturday.

Tatso News Agency, operated by the Nationalist interior ministry, said the Thai Reds were equipped late last month with light arms and now are infiltrating into Thailand through northern Viet Nam.

Baker Named Eugene Editor

EUGENE (AP) — Alton F. Baker, Jr., 35, Friday was appointed editor of the Eugene Register-Guard. He succeeds William M. Tugman, who resigned Thursday after 27 years with the newspaper to publish a weekly at Reedsport.

Alton F. Baker, publisher, also announced the appointment of Robert B. Frasier as associate editor. He said both his son and Frasier will write editorials for the paper.

The younger Baker had been managing editor since 1950. He joined the staff as a reporter in 1948 after his graduation from the University of Oregon. In 1951 he received the Oregon Press Club award for the best reporting of the year in the state. Later he won a Nieman Fellowship on which he attended Harvard during the 1952-53 year.

Fraser, 33, also a veteran, joined the Register-Guard staff in 1948 after his graduation from the University of Oregon. In 1951 he received the Oregon Press Club award for the best reporting of the year in the state. Later he won a Nieman Fellowship on which he attended Harvard during the 1952-53 year.

No immediate successor to Baker as managing editor was announced.

Remains Of Ancient Israel Church Attracts Visitors

JERUSALEM, Israel Sector (AP)—The remains of a 1,500-year-old Christian church, newly discovered, is attracting visitors this Christmas season.

The church was situated near the well where, legend says, Mary and Joseph rested on their trek from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

The mosaic floor of the church and the foundations of an adjacent monastery were unearthed in the precincts of a 3,000-year-old Judean town. The finds were made on a hill close to the Israel collective settlement, Ramat Rachel. From it one looks down on Bethlehem in the south, the Judean Desert, and the Dead Sea Canyon in the east, and the towers of Jerusalem in the north.

The well is mentioned in the writings of the sixth century Father Theodosius. Recounting Christian legends of his time, he relates how Joseph and Mary quenched their thirst at that well, from then on known under the Byzantine name "Kathisma"—resting place. The name recurs later also in Arabic; Arabs in the Holy Land call the place "Bir (well) Kadismou."

Another tradition identifies the well with a legend that the three wise men on their way to Bethlehem stopped there to drink.

Father Theodosius says that a church and monastery near the well, also named Kathisma, were donated in honor of a certain Theodosius by a Jerusalem Christian woman named Ikalia.

The church was originally 48 feet wide and 65 feet long, fairly big for that time. Nothing is known regarding the height of the building as no complete columns or side walls have remained intact. The best preserved part is the mosaic floor of one of the aisles showing various geometrical designs of red, blue, grey and white stones. A big cross hewn in stone was found along with marble fragments which apparently formed part of the chancel screen. Byzantine ceramics and a number of oil lamps.

Outside the eastern front of the church a thick wall—probably part of a city wall—was dug out. It is built in a technique which experts say resembles the lower strata of the citadel of the old city section of Jerusalem.

The excavations are being carried out on behalf of the Antiquities

Department of the Israel government and will be continued next spring. The work is being directed by Yochanan Aharoni, an archaeologist trained at Hebrew University.

TWINS
GELNHAUSEN, Germany (AP) — Bob and Bill Denny of Lancaster, Ky., are identical twins. They are privateers, belong to the same U.S. Army engineering company and are members of the company basketball team.

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