

Call For Use Of Federal Troops In Civil Strife Predates Constitution

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The presence of federal troops in Little Rock, Arkansas, is being called a "constitutional issue" but federal forces were being called out to suppress local disturbances even before there was a constitution.

Way back in 1786, the Congress (there being no president to issue the call) authorized a federal force of 1,340 men to put down a Massachusetts mob action known as Shays' Rebellion.

The uprising, named for one of its leaders, Daniel Shays, grew out of the protests of debt-ridden Massachusetts farmers that the state was doing nothing to alleviate their sufferings.

The federal government paid no attention to the affair until the Shayites began making threatening gestures toward Springfield, home of a tempting United States arsenal.

As it turned out, federal troops were not necessary as the Massachusetts militia repulsed Shays' attack on the arsenal and routed the rebels in a brief battle at Petersham.

George Washington was the first President to pit federal forces against American citizens — the whisky-making backwoods farmers of western Pennsylvania.

The so-called Whisky Rebellion — a protest against an excise tax on whisky — had been under way in fits and starts for more than two years before Washington decided on the drastic step.

He called out 15,000 militiamen and, under Revolutionary War Gen. Henry Lee, they put down the insurrection. Two of its leaders were convicted of treason but pardoned by the President.

Andrew Jackson issued the call twice, the first time to halt riots among ill-paid Irish laborers on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. His second cause for call has significance even today.

The South in Jackson's day was largely agricultural. It favored free international trade. The North was beginning to become an industrial giant. It favored a high protective tariff. The tariff bill passed in 1832 favored protectionism.

South Carolina called a conven-

tion which voted to nullify the tariff act, prohibit collection of tariffs, and ban appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court in cases involving the nullification act.

The convention also decided that use of federal force would constitute grounds for secession and the

state legislature took steps toward raising a state army.

Jackson, never noted for hesitation, immediately placed federal troops in South Carolina on the alert, sent Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott to take command, and issued his famed "Proclamation to

the People of South Carolina." In it, the President, a southerner from Tennessee himself, asserted without equivocation that no state could disobey the laws of the nation and no state could leave the union.

The Senate passed a bill author-

izing the use of federal troops to enforce revenue laws — and also passed a compromise tariff bill which satisfied South Carolina and the issue of secession was left to be settled another day.

Jackson's successor, Martin Van Buren, also used troops in the Caroline Affair, named for an American steamboat seized and burned in the Niagara River by Canadian rebels.

The troops under the same Maj. Gen. Scott, were stationed along the New York-Ontario border to prevent American sympathizers from supplying the Canadian rebels.

Federal troops were dispatched in 1859 to recapture the Harper's Ferry arsenal, seized by abolitionist John Brown in his abortive

attempt to instigate and arm a slave rebellion.

They were called out again in 1861 and stayed in the field four years before the armed controversy raised at Ft. Sumter, South Carolina, was resolved.

Federal troops, of course, were posted throughout the South during the occupation period that followed the Civil War and twice those troops were used to help settle local problems in Arkansas.

Three Arkansas counties rebelled against state laws in 1868 and federal forces were deployed at key points while the state militia squared things away.

Six years later, the feds were used as a buffer between the armed camps of two men who claimed to be governor of Arkansas — Elijah Baxter, who won the election, and Joseph Brooks, who lost in the balloting but occupied the state house. Baxter finally prevailed.

Since that time, the federal government has used its troops to pacify at least four labor disputes starting in 1877 with a railroad strike in Pittsburgh and Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Later, they were used during a strike of silver miners in the Coeur d'Alene section of Idaho, in the Pullman strike in South Chicago in 1894, and in coal strike disorders in Arkansas in 1914.

Prior to the Little Rock school integration dispute, the last time federal troops were used to pacify Americans was in 1932 when the World War I veteran bonus marchers were evicted from buildings they had occupied in Washington, D.C.



AP Newsfeatures

Textile Firms Plan Fabrics Completely Free From Ironing

By GAY PAULEY
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NEW YORK (UP)—The ironing board, once the mainstay of wash-day, may be on its last legs.

From a variety of textile authorities comes word that wash and wear is a reality for many cottons and synthetic fabrics. This means no ironing—not even that touch-up we've been used to giving the wash and wears in the last few years.

Here is what the textile people promise:

The DuPont Co., which makes orlon, dacron, nylon and other synthetics, demonstrated automatic wash and wear for a whole group of women's fashions, scheduled to appear in retail stores early next year.

The Agriculture Department said its researchers have developed "truly wash and wear" cottons.

A century-old shirt manufacturing firm said ironing of shirts will be a "lost art" in 10 years.

A spokesman for Dan River Mills said wash and wear will be a "permanent thing" in five years.

The DuPont Co. Wednesday ushered in a "whole new era" in women's fashions, with tailored suits, dresses and sportswear coming from home washer and tumble dryer "as if freshly pressed." The company said the no-ironing is possible through the built-in qualities of the fabrics, plus new methods of garment construction — trims and such designed to take the beating a machine gives them.

Fabric combinations included orlon-cotton, dacron-cotton, dacron-rayon, and dacron-nylon.

DuPont said it expected the success of wash-wear in women's clothes to match what already has happened in men's wear. It reported that by spring and summer, 1958, there will be 37 men's wear manufacturers offering no-iron apparel, more than two million men's garments will be produced in the wash-wear category. At present, six firms are working with DuPont in the women's field.

In Washington, the Department of Agriculture said it had produced no-iron cottons which don't develop seam pucker even after repeated launderings.

USDA's southern regional research laboratory told of dresses which held the box pleats after washing... of one shirt which was still presentable after 51 launderings.

Sylvan Geismar, president of the Manhattan Shirt Co., said the wash and wear cottons will make ironing of shirts obsolete in 10 years. He told the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers that by spring, 30 to 50 per cent of his company's line will be in the no-iron category.

"About 80 per cent of our dress goods and shirtings are wash-wear," said Harry Ferguson, vice president in charge of merchandising and sales at Dan River Mills, one of the big all-cotton firms. "In a year's time, it will be 100 per cent. Wash and wear will be a permanent thing in five years."

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Home Extension

By Ruth Harris

Seven members of the Merrill Home Extension unit met at the Merrill Recreation Hall on Friday, October 11, for a morning meeting. The business meeting was conducted by the vice president, Mrs. Lloyd Henderson.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell and Mrs. Jack Liskay gave information regarding the lamp shade making meetings scheduled for December 4 and 5.

The next meeting will be held on November 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Merrill Recreation Hall. Project leaders, Mrs. Iva Jane Will and Mrs. Muriel Brown, will present a program on textile painting.

KNOWS THE JOB

RACINE (AP) — Albert Baumann has been elected commander of the Bancroft Post of the Spanish American War Veterans—the same position he occupied 55 years ago when the post was originally chartered.

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Travelers Get Big Surprise

DORRIS — Two San Mateo men had a pleasant surprise this week during an enforced stop at Dorris to have a tire repaired after a blowout.

Russell Varsi, 2454 El Cenito, San Mateo, a businessman of that city, and his father Joseph Varsi, retired, thought to occupy the time during their wait by going to the Magazine Corner at Club 40 Cafe. Leafing through a teen-age magazine, the younger Varsi exclaimed: "Why, that's my daughter."

The magazine carried the story and picture of his daughter, Diane Varsi, 18, who has just been chosen by Director Mark Roberts to play the role of Lana Turner's daughter in a new film, Peyton Place.

Varsi said the girl had had only a few hours' rehearsal and one screen test and that the role is said to have been coveted by several veteran actresses.

Diane's grandfather proudly displayed a picture of the girl which he carries in his wallet.

They were on their way to Klamath Falls to visit another daughter, Gale Varsi, 17, who is visiting the James Thurber family. She is attending school at Wenatchee, Washington. The girls' mother is at home at San Mateo and was unable to accompany her husband and his father on the trip.

Diane was born in San Francisco but most of her life has been spent at San Mateo. She showed unusual talent as a child and has been given special drama and dance instruction, her father said. This will be her first movie experience.

A FRIEND INDEED

LAURENS, Iowa (UP)—Police said thieves took \$600 from a safe in Laurens High School but left an envelope containing \$160 marked "this belongs to Mrs. Joe Workman, hands off." Mrs. Workman is secretary to School Superintendent Joe Halterman.



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MERRILL — Adult and junior exhibitors who wish to make entries in the Klamath Basin Potato Festival harvest flower show, are reminded once again of the rules recently released by Mrs. M. A. Bowman, Merrill, chairman of the show committee, and president of the Lost River Garden Club of Merrill.

Entries will be limited to a 20 inch space or less. Only one entry in each class may be made by an exhibitor. All entries not conforming to the schedule will be used for decorative purposes. Decision of the judges will be final.

Cash prizes will be awarded in the children's division for under 12 years of age, any type of arrangement.

Ribbons will be presented to winners in the adult division which will include a section for a Thanksgiving arrangement to be made predominately from fresh materials, including either fruits or vegetables, and a Thanksgiving arrangement which may be made predominately of weathered wood or dry materials.

All entries must be placed in the gymnasium of the high school and registered before 10 a.m. on Friday, October 18. Exhibits must be left in place until 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. Place name and address on bottom of container. The committee will not be responsible for loss of container.

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