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Good Words

By BILL JENKINS

Bully for Admiral Arleigh Burke and his recently released testimony that the United States is in a damn good position to take care of herself in the advent of any future war.

And a great big raspberry for the mush-minded grief-singers in the Pentagon who have spent better than a month mauling the text of Burke's statement while they decided how much of it the American public should be let in on.

Speaking as a poor-wallet taxpayer who knows that whatever he says isn't going to do the least particle of good I have no hesitation in saying that I think the administration is leading the American public up the primrose path at a breakneck clip. I can think of no more pitiable thing than the subjugation of the spirit of a free people crushed under the smashing impact of the "classified" stamp as currently used in high government circles.

Ever since the shooting stopped in World War Two (that's the one that came just before World War Three) the American public, under a succession of leaders, has been informed by every available means that we don't stand a chance, that the end is near, that despite the valiant efforts of the government defenders to build a protective wall of dollars around our nation we are doomed.

Now, at last, comes word that a highly respected member of our armed forces has had the courage to tell the elected representatives back in Washington that it is all so much hogwash and that of course we are keeping our powder dry.

I am filled with admiration. Much more of this sort of thing and I shall even achieve a small measure of confidence in the future of the country.

And as my admiration for Burke grows just so does my disgust with the secret keepers in Washington. Is the American public so untrustworthy as to require censorship of even good news?

Have we, and this is my main point of worry, reached the point where we will allow the government to do our thinking for us?

If we have then all the Admiral Burke's in the world won't do any good. Because there won't be anything left to stand up for.

It was cheering indeed to read on the front page of this newspaper yesterday that an honored member of our defensive team says we are in fighting trim.

I hope we hear more of that sort of thing.

I have enough confidence in our armed forces to believe that they can back up any such statements they make. So let's have a little less whimpering and a little more confidence.

Big 'ifs'
By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analysis
WASHINGTON (AP)—War with the Soviet Union looks a long way off.

That seems the sensible interpretation to put on hitherto secret testimony of American military leaders before a committee of Congress.

For months there has been deep concern here and abroad as to whether the Berlin crisis might lead to conflict with the Soviet Union.

But the Joint Chiefs of Staff painted for the House Appropriations Committee in secret a picture of such overwhelming American power that the U.S.S.R. would look crazy doing anything to cause a war if—

There are a couple of big "ifs." The Soviets would be crazy to start a war if they are as convinced of America's military power as are the joint chiefs and if no one in the Soviet Union loses his head in a way that would cause war.

The chiefs' testimony, after security censoring, was released in part Monday. It can be summed up this way: The U.S.S.R. would be flattened by America's nuclear bombs if war started.

The chiefs said American military power — built around long-range bombers, missiles and missile-launching submarines — is growing at a pace to deter any Soviet military adventure in the future.

that our planned military programs will keep us, as we are now, ahead of the Soviet Union in overall strength at any projected point in the future.

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.)—chairman of the subcommittee which heard the military leaders — added: "I think it is important for everybody to know that we have a terrific capability for launching an unstoppable counter-offensive if attacked."

McElroy's predictions — plus the statements by the chiefs and by Mahon — did more than just reassure those who might have been worrying about war with the Soviet Union any time soon.

They also tried some other fish for the Eisenhower administration by taking some of the steam out of Senate Democrats' arguments that President Eisenhower, in his search for economy, is putting too little money into defense and that in a short time he will be at a missile disadvantage with the U.S.S.R.

Still, all these self-confident statements may make new difficulties for the administration in its efforts to seek a peaceful solution with the Soviet Union over the Berlin crisis which the Soviets created.

There is already a lot of talk in the air about making concessions to the Soviets to pacify them in their demands that the Western Allies get their troops out of West Berlin.

There are plenty of opponents of concessions to the Soviets and they may well ask now if American military power is so overwhelming, how can the administration justify any concessions to the Soviets, if concessions are made?

The testimony, perhaps only by coincidence, was made public just as the representatives of America's 14 allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were coming here to discuss the Berlin situation.

The smaller West European nations understandably may have been jittery about the possibility of war with the Soviet Union. The testimony of the chiefs must have had some reassuring effect on them.

Revolving Doors

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress spent \$10,000 each for those revolving doors in the Capitol that were guaranteed to be collapsible and panic-proof. Now the first visiting high school girl has managed to get squeezed by one.

This means the Washington tourist season has started. Easter week, with the lawmakers and lobbyists out of town, is as good a time as any to see the sights of your capital. Get reservations though if you care much where you sleep.

Next to making and administering the laws, the figuring out ways to get around them, tourism is Washington's biggest industry. The Board of Trade says 6,500,000 visitors spent some time, and 360 million dollars here in 1958.

That was a record year and 1959 has started out like another one.

The school buses, those yellow and mud-stained harbingers of Washington's spring, already have begun to arrive. Some days between now and June they will be so thick on Capitol Plaza congressional leaders in their \$11,000 Cadillac limousines will be hard-pressed to get through.

The Board of Trade happily estimates that 400,000 students, mostly high school seniors, will have been here in chartered groups of 50 or more before summer is over. It is not considered likely any school bus will make it, from Hawaii, but on past ex-

perience most other states will be represented.

Where they get it nobody knows, but the boys and girls part with respectable sums while here, probably only a little less than the \$50 per capita average of Washington visitors. For this the kids sleep four to a room and carry home souvenir hats, models of the Washington Monument, and the happiest memories of their lives.

Among sights you ought not to miss:

The White House — Happily still open to the public, despite wars and rumors of wars and security-minded police who may even take time to tell you what you are seeing as you wander through front hall and East Room where Dolly Madison once hung out the wash.

The Capitol — Don't worry, it hasn't been bombed. But the east front is being extended and the rotunda is closed. You can still see everything else, including House and Senate chambers and the Senate's 25-million dollar new office building, where the elevators persist in thinking taxpayers are as important as senators. This may soon be corrected; so hurry.

St. Vernon — The home of a well-known Virginia farmer who also dabbled in politics and the military. The most beautiful sight anywhere around here.

The Monument — For the most thrilling sight, ride for 10 cents the new 60-second elevator up the tall pillar of stone named for this same country gentleman.

The slums — Too bad for the photo fans, but that famous shot of the Capitol Dome from beside a rickety privy can't be made any more. Many blocks of the worst slums south of the Capitol have been leveled. Deluxe new apartments are rising.

The National Gallery of Art — You have read where the Post Office may bar Goya's famous nude from the mails. Here they call that kind of thing culture. Take a tip, fellows: Don't let the rest of the crowd catch this without you.

Turkey-Russia

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Editor

ISTANBUL, Turkey (UPI)—The Aras River flows along a 'great portion of the border between Turkey and its age-old enemy, Russia.

Watch towers on the Turkish side extend along the length of the Aras, each tower overlapping the sighting distance from its nearest neighbor.

Sentries stand guard on the bridges crossing the Aras, on the one side Russian and on the other, Turkish. Each marches regularly to mid-span and then back to the river bank on his own side.

About seven to 10 miles back in the hills, away from the valley, are the encampments of Turkey's 3rd Army, which is entrusted with guarding the frontier.

Within the Turkish army are three separate armies, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The 1st stands guard around Istanbul and Thrace.

The 2nd stands along the borders with Syria and Iraq. Altogether, the force totals around 500,000 men.

Approximately one-third of Turkey's 800-million-dollar annual budget goes into its armed forces, on constant alert against Communist encroachment, whether it be from Russia or from one of its satellites or friends.

Turkish watchfulness does not end there.

A Turkish spokesman invited this correspondent to lunch one day. We drove away from the city where wide avenues represent the new, and a Roman aqueduct and a ruined city wall, the old.

Possible Cure

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Written for NEA Service

Enormous effort and vast sums of money are now going into research on cancer. Thousands of articles reporting this research are published each year in the medical journals. It now seems clear, I think, that the conquest of this great killer has come into the range of the foreseeable future.

In a brief discussion of this subject, it is possible to mention only a few highlights.

First, it should be pointed out that cancer consists essentially of certain cells of the body becoming abnormal and growing wild instead of behaving as normal cells do. Thus one line of research is aimed at trying to find out what causes these cells to start behaving in this peculiar fashion.

At the present time there are clues being followed up from studies of heredity, from external factors such as tars or chemicals in tobacco or smog and from chemical or hormonal influences within the human body. There are other possible causative factors, such as viruses within the cells.

If the cause or causes of cancer can be pinpointed, it may be possible to develop preventive measures. But there is also need to discover tests or other methods whereby cancer anywhere can be identified early. Even with our present-day available methods of treatment early cancer can frequently be stopped in its tracks. So research goes on along these lines also.

Possibly the most exciting research is that being conducted on the differences between cancer cells and normal cells. There are such differences, many of which have already been identified.

It therefore seems possible that by further study a chemical or other substance may be found which will destroy the cancer cells so that they can no longer grow.

Indeed, in this area of research there have already been some exciting and promising developments though there are still some enormously difficult problems to surmount.

Pending the time when new and more effective methods of prevention or treatment can be developed, cancer must be attacked by ever increasing efforts to make a diagnosis early and to use those methods already available.

These are removal of the cancer tissue by surgery, and treatment by some form of radioactivity. One must add now to these methods chemical treatments in some forms of the disease and sometimes glandular surgery or hormone treatment.

Quotes

United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO—Scott Lamb, a snake dealer who reported to police that a 12-foot king cobra has been stolen from his truck: "One drop of its venom would kill an elephant."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Jury Picking Continuing

OREGON CITY (AP) — Efforts to select a jury for the first-degree murder trial of 17-year-old Duane Marvin Anders continue in circuit court here today.

At Monday's opening session of the trial, 11 prospective jurors were questioned. All were excused or rejected.

Young Anders, a former honor student, was vice president of the senior class and treasurer of the student body at Estacada High School.

He is accused of fatally shooting his father on Feb. 8 and then setting fire to the family barn to hide the deed.

At first Anders denied knowledge of how his father met death. Later, when police confronted him with the bullet found in the father's body, young Anders said that he had accidentally shot his father and then set fire to the barn in a moment of panic.

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Eight Felled By Car Fumes

MEDFORD (AP) — Seven kindergarten children and a woman driver were treated at a hospital here Monday for illness, apparently caused by exhaust fumes from an automobile.

The children, all five years old, became ill after arriving at the private kindergarten in a station wagon bus. The operator, Mrs. E. D. Kincaide, became ill while driving the youngsters. Not knowing what was the matter, she telephoned her husband and he completed the trip to the school.

The children all were released from the hospital later in the day.

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