

Kennedy Wants Buildup Of Ground Troop Force

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy obviously is dissatisfied with this nation's preparedness to fight brush fire wars. Why? First, a look at recent reductions in U. S. military manpower: In three years—from 1955 to 1958—the Eisenhower administration lopped four divisions off the Army. In 1959, the Marine Corps was cut from 200,000 men to 175,000. Despite these cutbacks in troop strength there was no corresponding reduction in U. S. military commitments around the world. All this boils down to the fact that the United States, supposed-

Algeria War Major Issue

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Algerian Nationalist rebellion began in November 1954 and quickly rose to become the major issue in France. The French regarded Algeria as much a part of France as Hawaii is part of the United States. French "settlers" have roots in Algeria going back beyond the turn of the century. But the outnumbered Europeans fear independence would bring an end to their traditional privileges. In 1958 a revolt of Europeans in Algiers demanded that Algeria remain forever French and that Charles de Gaulle, then writing his memoirs in his country home, be returned to power. De Gaulle was elected president. Then, to the disillusionment of the Europeans in Algiers, he set about to end the rebellion by negotiations. He sent his own supporters to run the army and civil government in Algiers, taking away the settlers' main sources of support.

ly the mightiest nation on earth, has only about 105,000 ground troops immediately available to fight limited wars. Thus President Kennedy is not exactly happy with the United States' ability to fight the so-called limited wars without drastic revision of all our military commitments. Kennedy said at his news conference Wednesday that he had under consideration recommendations from Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara for an increase in conventional war forces. Just what these recommendations entail is one of the Pentagon's closely guarded secrets. The truth of the situation is that the United States now has only seven divisions available to fight in a limited war. A limited war, by the way, is defined as a war in which the national existence of the United States is not at stake. On paper the Army has 14 divisions, the Marine Corps 3 divisions. Five of the Army divisions are tied down in Germany as the first line of defense against any aggression by Communist bloc nations in Europe. There are two under-strength divisions in Korea, each containing only 75 per cent American soldiers. Not many Americans realize that Koreans supply an additional 25 per cent of the troops in these divisions and these Koreans could not leave that country without approval of their own government. For all practical purposes, the two partially American divisions in Korea are immobile. That leaves seven Army divisions to be accounted for. There are three highly trained ready-to-go divisions in the United States known as the Strategic Army Corps. There is a fourth ready division in Hawaii.

Extremists demanding a "French Algeria" became more isolated from French public opinion. Frenchmen began looking for an end to what they sometimes call "The Dirty War." Persistent stories of French troops torturing rebel prisoners have pricked at the French conscience. The war itself had become a military stalemate. The rebel force, numbering in the thousands and training in the sanctuary of Tunisia and Morocco, pinned down a French army consisting mostly of young draftees. In recent months the international complications have become ominous. The rebels sought aid from the Communist bloc and it was beginning to arrive. Soviet Premier Khrushchev promised help and endorsed the Algerian cause. Rebel Premier Ferhat Abbas visited Peiping and won a promise of aid from Communist China. France's ally, notably the United States, began pressuring De Gaulle to end the rebellion—which had always been regarded by the French as an internal matter.

Girl Attends State Senate

Eunice Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt of Bonanza, was an honorary page in the Oregon State Senate Wednesday. Miss Hunt, a junior at Sacred Heart Academy, was the guest of Sen. Harry Roivin of Klamath Falls, president of the Senate. She toured the state capitol, met many governmental officials, and Thursday afternoon was scheduled to attend an open house sponsored by Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield, the governor's wife. Fred B. Ehlers Jr. of Klamath Falls was an honorary page in the legislature last year. The program was set up by Senator Roivin to give Klamath County youngsters the opportunity to learn more about government. Miss Hunt will report to her student body upon her return to school next week.

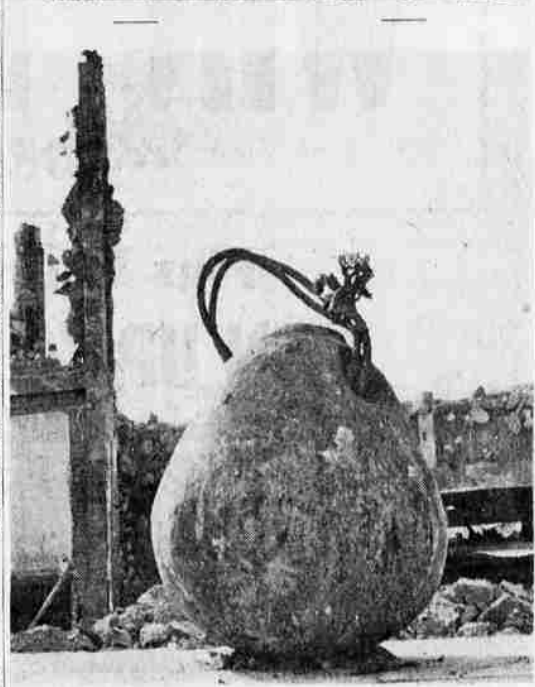
POLICY ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman plans to bring up South Africa's racial segregation policy again at the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in London next month. Since becoming a republic last year, South Africa must reapply for Commonwealth membership in its new status.

Convict Sounds Call For Help

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Mrs. Lynn Roberts of the Utah Automobile Association opened an envelope to turn over license plates to a customer. There were two stamped plates inside a blank upon which was scrawled: "Help us... John Turner is holding us against our will, and has made slaves out of us making these license plates." John Turner is Utah State Prison warden. He said it was a prank by some inmates in the shop at the prison which makes Utah's license plates.

The first bridge across the Mississippi River was built at Davenport, Iowa, in 1855.



ANOTHER WALL of the reinforced concrete structure of the Pelican Theater comes smashing down, bowing to the destructive efforts of man. Work on the demolition of the building is proceeding on schedule, and plans still call for the lot to be opened to parking on April 1. Lower picture shows the huge metal ball used in the razing process on the building. Another type of metal ball resembling a bomb is also used. The parking lot will be a part of a Park and Shop Corporation plan.

BUY CANADIAN

QUEBEC (AP)—The Canadian Manufacturing Association today urged the government, labor unions and private organizations to back its "Buy Canadian" campaign. T. R. McLagan, CMA president, told a luncheon meeting that corporation taxes also must be reduced to help Canadian industry compete in world markets.

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Fidel Castro Sounding Out Venezuelans

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro reportedly was sounding out Venezuela today to help solve Cuban-United States differences as a fifth nation in the Americas severed relations with his revolutionary government. The Venezuelan foreign ministry said in Caracas Wednesday it had received a note from Havana asking for efforts toward a solution. Sources said the note amounted to a Cuban request for conciliation—but outside the Organization of American States. At the same time El Salvador broke off relations with Cuba in protest against a vigorous campaign in Havana against the junta that rules the little Central American country. The Salvadoran ambassador to Cuba was recalled in mid-January and never returned here. The Cuban ambassador to El Salvador has now been asked to leave there as soon as he can. The United States, Guatemala, Peru and the Dominican Republic previously cut official relations with Cuba. Four other nations—Haiti, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Colombia—have pulled their ambassadors out of Cuba. In seeking Venezuela as a conciliator for its rift with the United States, Cuba chose a nation that believes in working with OAS—not outside the organization. President Romulo Betancourt helped draw up the Bogota charter that regulates inter-American relations. He feels the charter should be strengthened even further. One Betancourt goal is to exclude any Latin-American government that takes power without free elections. Cuban leaders in education and labor took advantage of a protest meeting over a school bombing to whip up a frenzied anti-clerical demonstration Wednesday night in Havana. Nine students were injured in the bombing, blamed on counterrevolutionaries.

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NEW JOB
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Hygas Chagas Pereira arrived Wednesday as Brazil's new charge d'affaires.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

Local Nurses Hold Dinner

The annual alumnae dinner for Licensed Practical Nurses was held at the Winema Hotel Feb. 24. Mrs. E. Vaughan Thielemann, president of Area 4, was present with adviser Mrs. Lena Buckham, R.N., a guest. Joyce Palmer, who is leaving to make her home in Sacramento, was presented with a going-away gift from the group. Reports of the past year's activities were given. Places were marked for 20.

VOLCANO SNOWED
NAPLES, Italy (AP)—Snow fell Wednesday night on Mt. Vesuvius blanketing the upper cone of the volcano which overlooks this city known as one of the sunniest in Italy.

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