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Truman Scores GOP Cuts In Defense Budget

Ex-President Warns Of Danger In Cutting Our Armed Strength

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman condemned defense budget slashes by the Eisenhower administration last night and chastised what he called a "reckless" wing of the GOP, blaming it for cuts in the Mutual Security program.

In his first formal speech since leaving the White House, private citizen Truman said he wanted to warn the people "soberly and plainly" not to be misled by the desire for lower taxes "into cutting corners on our national security."

"Increasing the risk of World War III means increasing the risk of atom bombs on our own homes," Truman told a national convention of the Reserve Officers Association.

He said a "balanced program" of military goals was worked out by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1951, and that they urged the targets to be achieved just as soon as possible after 1954.

"Because it was about that time," said Truman, "that they expected the Soviets to have amassed a stockpile of atomic bombs that would put this country in the gravest kind of danger."

"It is of the highest importance," he went on, "that Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg (retiring Air Force chief of staff) and Gen. Omar Bradley (retiring chief of staff) testified a little while ago that nothing has happened to change the strategic estimate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on which that program was based."

"As the President has said, our government sees no reliable evidence of any modification in the fundamental Soviet aim of world domination," Truman declared. "... if the Soviets are genuinely interested in real settlements, we must be able to negotiate from strength. If they are tempted to make war, we must be able to deter them by our strength."

Truman contended that the So- defense appropriations" and plan accordingly. He said there can be no doctrine "more dangerous than the notion that we cannot afford to defend ourselves."

"I am sorry to read, however," said Truman, "that a great deal has happened to cut that program down."

Obviously enjoying his out-of-office role, Truman began his talk with mellow mildness, confiding: "I'm glad to be here as a private citizen—a retired colonel, if you please."

But then he quickly turned to taxes, defense and foreign policy. The ex-President declared that the elections last fall have not changed the attitude of the Democratic party toward the foreign policy of the United States. "The Democratic party, in the Congress and out, continues to support the United Nations, and the unity and defense of the free world."

"Unfortunately, however, the elections of last fall have strengthened the irresponsible element in the Republican party. The grave burden of national leadership has (Continued On Page Twelve)

Court Suspend Sentence On Ladd

William K. Ladd, Key West Postal employee was given a two year suspended sentence in Federal Court yesterday on the charge of embezzling \$1,585 from stamp receipts here.

Ladd had made full restitution of the amount he said he took from the Post Office, according to Fred W. Boots, assistant U. S. Attorney.

Federal Judge George W. Whitehurst gave the suspended sentence to Ladd.

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Gambling Charge Placed Against Fun, Inc., Owner

Vincent Walle was arrested on a charge of gambling and allowing minors to gamble, with bond set at \$100, at Fun, Incorporated, 535 Duval St., at 11 a.m., Police Chief Joseph Kemp announced today.

Chief Kemp had placed Police Officer L. Soriano in plain clothes at the place, because of complaints that children were playing a game of chance.

The arrest was made one hour after the plain clothesman was sent there.

Hope Mounts That Rhee May Change Stand

Withdrawal Of Most Difficult Demands Possible

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO (AP)—The possibility that a formula is being reached which will settle differences between President Syngman Rhee and the United States over a Korean armistice was seen today.

Rhee may drop his opposition to a truce if the U. S. concludes an agreement to rush to his aid if South Korea is attacked again.

A highly-placed South Korean source indicated today that stubborn 78-year-old Rhee may drop two of his demands that are now blocking an armistice if the U. S. agrees to the third—a firm military defense pact.

"That is the one point the President will never back down on," the source said. "He may give in on the other two points"—immediate withdrawal of American and Chinese forces and a three-month time limit on political conference—but he will never give in on the defense pact."

If Rhee were to drop his other two demands, which are almost certainly beyond the power of the U. N. to grant, it seemed likely that Rhee and Special Presidential Envoy Walter S. Robertson could easily hammer out a suitable security pact in their current secret talks in Seoul.

This could mean the withdrawal of Rhee opposition and the signing of an armistice to end the bloody war, now in its fourth year.

The source, an extremely reliable one, said "it doesn't matter whether they decide to write the pact before or after the armistice is signed. Rhee may agree to wait until after an armistice. But he is demanding, and will continue to demand, that there be a firm military alliance with the United States guaranteeing South Korea against further Communist aggression."

The source said Rhee and other top South Korean officials had been pressing for such a defense pact for more than a year, both in Washington and through U. N. military leaders in Tokyo.

Rhee and Robertson have been meeting secretly. The assistant secretary of state is in Korea as a representative of President Eisenhower and attempting to convince Rhee that an armistice is necessary.

An American source said the U. S. probably could guarantee to defend Rhee's country, but that Eisenhower wasn't going along with ROK demands to withdraw U. S. forces from Korea.

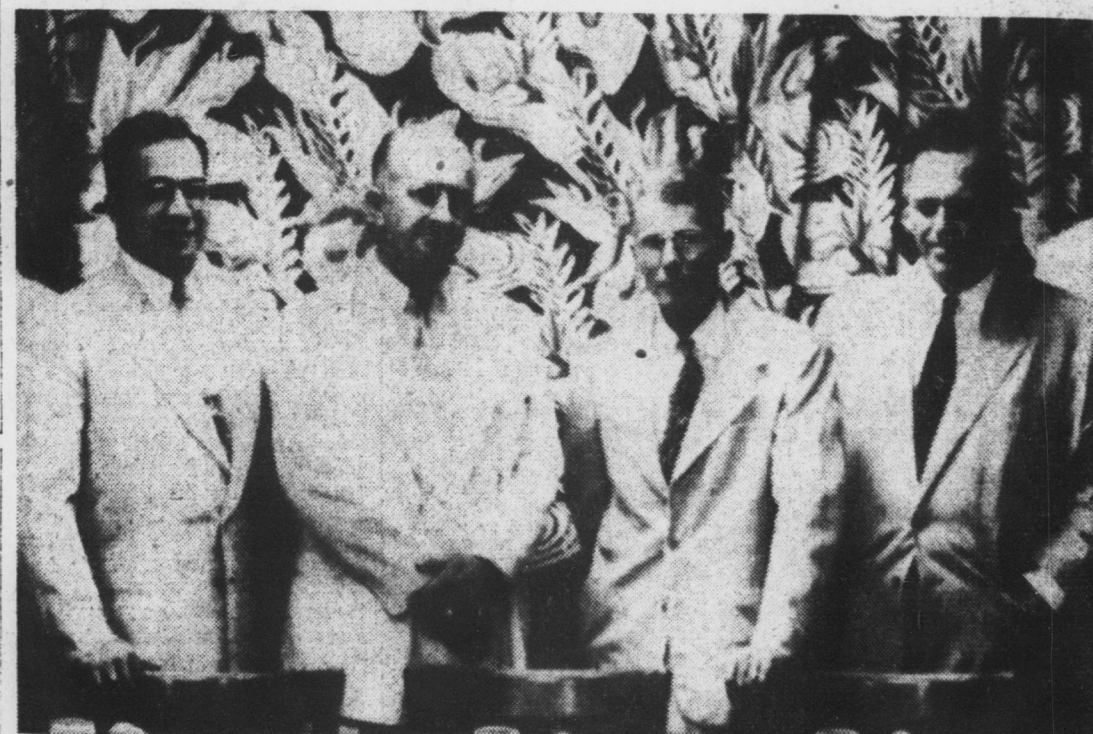
"With an investment of 125,000 battle casualties, the United States isn't about to withdraw from Korea," the American source said.

"The moral principle is too strong. Rhee is going to have to put up with American soldiers in this country until we feel the situation is safe enough to withdraw."

The United States has about half a million service men in the (Continued On Page Twelve)

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KEY WEST UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION, an affiliate of the state and national organizations, installed their officers for the coming year at a dinner meeting at Wylys last night. Outgoing president Arthur Valladares, left, stands beside the new president, Gerald Saunders. L. H. Todd, vice president, is at Saunders' right. Far right is state president W. W. Wynn, Miami, installing officer.—Finch, Citizen Staff.

Rhee Reported As Happy After Talk With Emissary From U.S.

Price Of Accepting Truce Is Not Told After Conferences

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea's President Syngman Rhee was described as "very happy" today following a 40-minute secret conference with a special truce emissary from Washington and the top U. N. military commander.

Speculation mounted that the stubborn old statesman might accept an armistice.

No new conferences were scheduled. Most members of Rhee's Cabinet went into closed door session immediately after the session. Members of the U. N. delegation met at the U. S. embassy.

Rhee's price for accepting a truce has not been disclosed. But high sources were quoted as saying he might agree if the U. S. gives him an iron-clad pledge to come to his aid in the event of a new Red attack.

Gen. Mark Clark, the U. N. commander, flew here from Tokyo to join Assistant Secretary of State Walter S. Robertson in the critical second meeting in Rhee's hilltop presidential mansion. Clark was accompanied by Ambassador Robert Murphy, his political adviser, and Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., chief Allied truce negotiator.

Just before the session began a source close to Robertson said that "if things go as well as they have so far" the mission would not have to remain in Korea much longer. The party was expected to leave for Washington in two or three days with a stop-off in Tokyo.

The assistant secretary of state plans to tour the fighting front before leaving Korea.

Robertson and other high U. S. officials were scheduled to be guests of honor Saturday night at a dinner given by Rhee and his Austrian-born wife.

Saturday's crucial session began at 2:30 p. m. (12:30 a. m. Saturday EST) and broke up at 3:10.

South Korea's Prime Minister Paik Tuk Chin and Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai sat in on the session.

Robertson flew here from Washington with secret messages to Rhee from Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He met for almost three hours with the defiant statesman Friday and said afterward he was "very optimistic" that Rhee could be won over.

Rhee also expressed optimism over the outlook for an agreement.

The aging President has refused to accept a truce negotiated at Panmunjom and created a crisis when he ordered the release of 27,000 anti-Communist Korean prisoners from U. N. stockades.

Robertson emerged from Friday's meeting to tell newsmen "we hope we are making progress in removing misunderstanding" in the terms.

And Rhee said "Mr. Robertson has brought good ideas and our mutual understanding is being greatly improved."

The Korean public information office quoted Rhee as saying the talks had been "very good" and an understanding might be reached.

Rhee has balked at any truce which leaves his country divided. (Continued On Page Twelve)

Resignation Of CAA Official Regretted Here

The resignation of Harold Wilde, District Civil Aeronautics engineer, because he refused to be transferred to Fort Worth, Tex. is a great blow to Key West, Commissioner Joe Allen said today.

"Mr. Wilde has been a great source of help and information to the Monroe County Commission in its ownership of Meacham airport," Allen said.

The letter from Wilde telling of his resignation from the CAA said that he had been in Miami for 15 years, made his home there, and had no intention of being shifted to Texas.

He told Allen that he hopes to remain in aviation and to have continued association with his friends in the county.

Losses Reported

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force has told Congress that its net air-plane losses in the fiscal year ending Tuesday equaled "six wings worth of fighters."

With an average of 75 fighters to a wing, that would be about 450 airplanes. Testimony on the losses was contained in a report, released today, on budget hearings of a House appropriations subcommittee.

The Air Force normally does not break down its plane losses by years. It has announced only that combat losses of the Korean War through June 19 total 973 airplanes. The total includes 111 shore-based Marine aircraft and 81 "friendly foreign" planes—aircraft belonging to United Nations Allies. It does not include accidental, non-combat losses.

Honor Rhodes

OXFORD, England (AP) — This old university town will see a sentimental pilgrimage next week to honor a man who even in the 20th century wasn't reconciled to having the American colonies break away from England.

He was Cecil Rhodes, who was born July 5, 1833, and gave his name to the Rhodes scholarships just 50 years ago.

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Shakeup Of Defense Dept. Looks Sure

Dispute Centers On Power Given Chief Of Staff

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House headed today toward expected quick endorsement of President Eisenhower's plan to reorganize the Defense Department, but only after hot disagreement on key provisions.

Its unusual Saturday session was called to wind up a debate after lengthy wrangling yesterday.

The dispute centered around sections in the plan which would give the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff authority to manage and pass on the membership of the Joint Staff, subordinate planning group.

The disputed sections were assailed as "a barefaced attempt to impose military domination on the American people," and "defended as nothing more than a simple provision to pinpoint the chairman's responsibility for greater efficiency in military planning."

There was no such argument over the rest of the plan.

In general terms, it would clarify the authority of the civilian secretary of defense over many functions of the military and would authorize six new assistant secretaries to Secretary Wilson.

It also would abolish the Munitions Board—military purchasing and supply agency—the Research and Development Board, and the Defense Supply Management Agency. Their functions would be transferred directly to the secretary of defense.

Unless disapproved by Congress, the plan goes into effect automatically on Tuesday, 60 days after it was proposed.

Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich), leader of the opposition to the change in the Joint Chiefs of Staff setup, sought an eleven-hour compromise to knock out the controversial portions and approve the rest of the bill without a floor fight.

He told newsmen he was turned down.

In yesterday's debate, Chairman Short (R-Mo) accused opponents of the plan of making a mountain of the bill without a floor fight.

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Jaycees Will Hold Dinner-Dance On Installation Night

The annual installation of officers for the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held July 3 at a dinner-dance to be held at the La Concha Hotel. Time of the event is set at 7:30 p. m.

Robert Floyd, state representative from Dade County and ex-mayor of Miami, will be the guest speaker.

Installation ceremonies will be conducted by Earl Adams, president of the Senior Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Junior Chamber.

It is requested that all reservations for the affair be made as soon as possible. They may be made by phoning 2-6370.

Fingerprints Don't Match Those Of Rape Suspects; Investigation To Continue

Offensive On Wide Front Batters ROKs

Reds Make New Gains In 13-Mile Frontline Fight

By JOHN RANDOLPH

SEOUL (AP) — Thousands of Chinese Communists sent South Korean troops reeling back along a wide front today in a grinding renewal of the Reds' two-week-old Pukhan River offensive.

At least 20,000 divisions—more than 20,000 soldiers — unleashed the assault on a 13-mile front on both sides of the Pukhan River, on the East-Central Front Friday night.

At one spot in the wild hills east of the river, the ROKs were forced back a mile and a quarter and were fighting desperately to hold. This Red gain was second only to the two-mile bulge the Communists punched in Allied lines in the same sector earlier this month.

Associated Press Correspondent Milo Farneti reported ROK soldiers on the west side of the river recaptured El Paso Hill — or Look-out Mountain — at the junction of the Kumsong and Pukhan Rivers, and another nearby height in a fierce mid-morning counter-attack.

A full moon shining fitfully between cloud layers illuminated the bitter night-long fighting. At daybreak, waves of Allied fighter bombers swarmed over Red fortifications and dumped 500-pound bombs and bullets.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said Allied Sabre jets far to the north shot down two Communist MIG jets and probably destroyed a third.

The MIG kills were credited to Lt. Henry Buttlesman, Bayside, N. Y., and Flight Lt. John H. J. Lovell, Peterborough, England. It was Buttlesman's third MIG and the first for Lovell, a Royal Air Force exchange pilot. The probable went to Lt. Robert A. Lyggard, Osage, Ia., who already has one damage claim.

While the Eastern Front shook with the roar of new battles, the Chinese hurled another division against the Imjin River defense, north of Seoul, in the west.

In a concentrated see saw battle under a hail of artillery the Reds Saturday morning forced the crack First ROK Division back from two hills it had re-captured in bitter counterattacks.

Lost heights were Outpost Bak and another nearby hill. With this new setback, the balance sheet for the narrow but savage fight showed the Reds holding three of five hills they originally attacked two days ago.

The Red gains, however, were on a very shallow frontage and were nothing like the deep advance in the East.

Massed air and artillery strikes supported the first ROKs in their counterattacks, which were costly for both sides. Chinese bodies littered the slopes. The ROKs estimated 2,400 Reds killed in the Western battle — almost the strength of a Chinese regiment.

The Chinese objective in the Pukhan battle, aside from mauling and humiliating the ROK Army, was (Continued On Page Twelve)

"Good Summer Season" Predicted By SE C. Of C.

Harold Laubscher, Key West Chamber of Commerce manager has just returned from a five day school for Chamber executives held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

More than 250 Chamber managers heard lectures, and discussions on problems concerning chambers throughout the Southeastern United States.

The consensus on the coming summer season was that it promises to be a good tourist season in Florida. Laubscher said.

Pair Remain In County Jail Without Bond On Suspicion

Fingerprints, taken from the door of a refrigerator in the apartment of a young Navy wife who was allegedly raped on the night of May 26, do not match those of two suspects, it was learned today.

Two 21-year old Negroes, are being held without bond in the county jail for investigation in the case. No formal charges have been filed against them pending a further check into the case by Justice of the Peace Roy Hamlin, Navy investigators and the Sheriff's Department.

The men were jailed after the woman spotted them in a Duval Street grocery store and later positively identified one of them in a police lineup as one of the men who forced their way into her bedroom and criminally attacked her.

One of the rapists she said, went to the kitchen for a drink of water and fingerprints were obtained.

Meanwhile, the family and friends of the suspects continued to maintain the innocence of the pair. Neighbors today said that "it was impossible that they could have committed such a crime. They are good boys."

The pair have been identified by police as Prince Gabriel, 21, 1127 Emma Street and Andrew Jackson 21, 716 Emma Street. They have remained noncommittal about any connection with the alleged crime.

Investigation will continue into the case today. Law enforcement officials have indicated that they will have the case "wound up by Monday — one way or the other."

The manner in which the pair suspected of the attack entered the second story apartment and committed the attack is being checked closely, it was reported today. They apparently sealed a drain pipe and cut a screen to gain entrance.

At the time of the attack, they threatened the woman at knifepoint. The woman said that she (Continued On Page Twelve)

Truck Runs Over Man's Foot Today, His Injury Slight

A city garbage collection worker miraculously escaped serious injury this morning when a truck ran over his foot.

The man, Leon Ambrose, 808 Windsor Lane was at work when a truck driven by Freddy Robinson, 816 Terry Lane backed up and struck him. He apparently slipped when he attempted to dodge the vehicle. The accident occurred at Catherine and Pearl Streets.

Ambrose was rushed to the Monroe General Hospital where his injuries were diagnosed as nothing worse than lacerations.

Tornado Victims Get New Home

FLINT, Mich (AP) — The Gatcia brothers — Pedro and Antonio — are going to get a brand new house, raised from foundation to roof between now and Sunday night.

They lost their home and four members of their families to Flint's June 8th tornado which snuffed out 115 lives. They'll get a new story-and-a-half home.

The Flint, Mich., Chapter of the Red Cross is supplying the lumber for the new home. The Flint AFL Building Trades Council is supplying forty-five workmen. The Gatcia brothers were picked by a committee headed by the Rev. Father Henry Berkheimer for the volunteer two-day, house-raising event.

In the first test Monday, the House will decide whether it approves this procedure and agrees to take up the tax bill for action. Both sides concede the bill will pass if it clears this hurdle.

Reed, oldest Republican in continuous service in the House and a stout foe of the "New Deal," found himself banking chiefly on Democratic votes on the issue. He prepared to try to overturn what he (Continued on Page Twelve)

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