

Pentagon Not Too Irked At Military Funds Bill

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High defense officials, after taking a quick look at the new military appropriation bill, say Congress was not too unkind after all.

Despite threats earlier in the year to ride rough shod over the administration's "rosy" estimates of what it must spend, Congressmen decided to make a few significant increases in defense spending. And the scariest threat to the Pentagon of an economy cut was eased at the last minute.

The \$40 billion bill, passed by both House and Senate yesterday, gives the administration about \$650 million more than it asked. Congress added money for a bigger stand-by airborne alert for the big bombers, voted extra money for the B-70 all-purpose bomber, for Army modernization, for nuclear submarine, missiles and a variety of other items.

But at the same time, Congress voted to reduce the administration's request for "procurement" by 3 per cent—or about \$400 million—and to cut administrative costs by \$18 million.

Hits Capital Area

This last reduction is expected to be the biggest troublemaker. And it hit squarely at the Washington area.

The intention of Congress was to force the Defense Department to pare expenses of its big headquarters, most of them in Washington.

The administration asks \$336 million for these headquarters, almost all of it for salaries. In order to absorb the cut, the Defense Department will have to reduce its payrolls.

Pentagon officials have not had time to study the new bill in detail, so all its implications are not yet clear. No one knows whether the Department of Defense will have to fire a large number of headquarters workers or whether normal turnover plus the current Pentagon-initiated 5 per cent reduction in civilian personnel will save the necessary money.

Congressmen who initiated this cut say it is designed not to affect military personnel or foreign based civilian employees, and it was made flexible in order to make it easy on defense officials.

The original House-passed bill called for a flat 10 per cent cut in headquarters spending here, which probably would have meant a 10 per cent reduction in people. The Senate, at the request of Secretary of Defense Gates, dropped this provision. The House-Senate conference arrived at the present compromise.

Except for the personnel cut, Congress gave the administration all the breaks. The administration need not spend the extra money if it does not want to, and it has potential leeway to compensate every procurement cut.

The chances are good right now that most of the extra money will not be spent by this administration. "What Congress did in effect was to give the next administration a little \$650 million nest egg," one Pentagon official said. This is reasonably satis-

factory to the services which feel the new President, whoever he is, might well decide to spend that extra money six months from now.

At Cross Purposes

The procurement cut irritated defense officials. With one hand Congress voted more for procurement (in Army modernization, Navy ships and Air Force planes) and with the other hand cut procurement by 3 per cent. The effect, the Pentagon says, is that Congress directs the Defense Department to buy extra hardware and refuses to vote enough money to pay for it.

Congressmen say the 3 per cent can be made up in more economical procurement practices. The Pentagon says it is ever more efficient, but that foreseeable efficiencies will be more than enough by expected inflation.

To buy what Congress wants, the Pentagon will have to divert extra money voted for projects the administration does not want or go back to the House and Senate appropriations committees next spring for informal permission to reallocate money to fill the gap.

On the balance, however, the new appropriations bill accepts the administration's estimates of defense needs and offers the Pentagon enough flexibility to get around almost all of the points of differences.

Belgians Confer Highest Award On J. C. Folger

J. Clifford Folger, Washington, D. C., financier and former Ambassador to Belgium, yesterday was awarded Belgium's highest decoration.

Mr. Folger was awarded the Grand Cordon de l'Ordre de Leopold by Belgian Ambassador Louis Scheyven in a ceremony at the Embassy, 3300 Garfield street N.W.

The decoration is the highest and oldest Belgium can confer. It was created in 1832 by the Parliament and is only awarded to persons of high rank for superior services to the country. Mr. Folger was Ambassador to Belgium from 1957 to 1959. Among those present for the ceremony was Mrs. John Foster Dulles, widow of the Secretary of State.

GI Housing Goes On

The Senate last night approved a two-year extension of the GI housing program, due to expire July 25, and sent it to President Eisenhower. Action was by voice vote on a bill passed earlier in the day by the House, 391-1.



NEBRASKA HAILSTONES

Only the stitching on the baseball (right) distinguishes it from these hailstones which fell on a farm near Sidney, Nebr. Mrs. Murrell Crosby holds two of the half-pound spheres of ice. —AP Wirephoto.

Johnson Urges Defense To Spend Voted Funds

By the Associated Press

Senator Johnson, Democrat of Texas, urged President Eisenhower and top defense officials to spend the extra money that Congress added to their military budget for the fiscal year that began today.

"I certainly hope that the executive branch will not let some budget clerks willfully disregard the expressed intent of Congress," the Senate Democratic leader said.

The administration has declined in several past years to permit spending of appropriations added by Congress over its objection.

Passed by 82-3 Vote

The defense money bill providing \$39,996,608,000 — about \$661,608,000 more than Mr. Eisenhower asked — whisked through the Senate last night by an 82-3 margin after earlier House approval. It now goes to the President for probable approval.

Senator Johnson, in a statement inserted in the Congressional Record, said "a truly amazing document" he obtained indicated that Pentagon heads might ignore the wishes of Congress.

The Senate leader quoted parts of the document, which he said was written June 9 by O. M. Gale, former special assistant to the Secretary of De-

fense, who since has joined the staff of the Republican National Committee.

Senator Johnson said the Gale memorandum established guidelines or financial directives for Pentagon heads preparing the next fiscal year's budget.

Paragraphs Quoted

The Senate leader inserted this paragraph which he said came from the directive:

"In so far as our watchword is the 'risk-taking responsibilities of free, self-confident individuals,' we will be true to the principles which have developed our Nation; in so far as the Nation has followed 'cradle to the grave security,' we have dulled our resistance to unwise spending and to a creeping inflation."

And he quoted a second paragraph which stated that if Congress voted extra funds "where the law does not require expenditures, agencies should reserve the increases and carry them forward to the maximum practical extent to FY (fiscal year) 1962."

Senator Johnson said this appears a clear order to brush aside congressional intent.

Political Poner Raised

He added that since writing the memorandum, Mr. Gale "has transferred his desk to the Republican National Committee where, it is said, he will head a special five-man information unit to prepare background material for the campaign."

"The only question in my mind is whether this June 9th memorandum, establishing the guidelines for the 1962 budget, was meant to be part of the Republican campaign material," Senator Johnson said. "If so, I welcome it because the glib slogans it contains rather glibly betray some of the reasons for the drift and delay that we have experienced in our defense program."

UEW Demands Raise From Westinghouse

By the Associated Press

The International Union of Electrical Workers yesterday presented a series of contract demands to the Westinghouse Corp., including a wage increase of at least 3 1/2 per cent. The bargaining proposals follow in general the pattern laid down two weeks ago when the union announced its demands on the General Electric Co.

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'Death Slide' Turns Real As 10,000 See Plunge

NEW YORK, July 1 (AP). — A British Royal Marine captain, taking part in a military tournament and tattoo at Madison Square Garden, plunged 85 feet to his death last night from the roof to the floor.

An estimated 10,000 spectators looked on as Capt. Antony Laurence Easterbrook, 31, fell as he was about to begin a "death slide." The audience was not immediately aware that they had seen an accident. The show went on.

Capt. Easterbrook, in serious condition, was rushed to St. Clare Hospital, where he died later.

Capt. Easterbrook, commander of the Royal Marines contingent in the tattoo, was about to follow 30 other Marines down a 200-foot rope stretching from the roof to the ground at a 45-degree angle.

Attired in a black suit and a black bowler and carrying an umbrella in one hand and holding a strap attached to the rope in the other, Capt. Easterbrook was to climax the act.

It was not immediately clear whether he stepped off the platform and lost his grip as the strap became taut or whether he had lost his footing before starting down.

Capt. Easterbrook said in a recent interview: "If anyone



CAPT. ANTONY L. EASTERBROOK
—AP Wirephoto

did fall, he'd never make the descent again."

Lt. Col. Edward Heywood, British surgeon, joined American doctors working at the hospital to save the captain's life.

Envoy Bags Lion

DURBAN, South Africa, July 1 (AP). — United States Ambassador Philip Crowe bagged a 422-pound lion with one shot on a hunt in Transvaal Province this week.

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District and vicinity—Mostly cloudy with occasional showers or thunderstorms tonight. Lowest temperature tonight will be about 68. Showers ending tomorrow morning, followed by gradual clearing and rather cool.

Maryland—Scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight with low temperatures in the 60s and low 70s. Scattered showers in the eastern sections will end tomorrow morning and will be followed by partial clearing. High temperatures will range between 77 and 84.

Virginia—Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight; low temperatures tonight, 70 in the south-east and 64 to 68 in the west and north. Showers ending tomorrow morning, followed by gradual clearing in the north. Moderately cool.

Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay—Southwest winds at 10 to 20 knots tonight will shift to northerly at 10 to 20 knots tomorrow morning. Cloudy, with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight and over the southern sections of the Bay tomorrow morning. Strong gusts of wind likely in shower areas. Visibility, 5 to 10 miles, except for less than 1 mile in the heavier showers.

FIVE DAY FORECAST

For Washington and Vicinity July 2-6

Temperatures will average near the area normals of 86 and 68 for the high and low. Slightly cooler Sunday, warmer again by Tuesday. Showers tomorrow and Monday through Wednesday may total 1/2 inch.

Resort Area Forecast

Long Island and New Jersey beaches — Showers tomorrow; high about 82.

Maryland, Delaware and Virginia beaches—Showers tomorrow; high, 85.

Capitol Hill area — Brief afternoon thundershowers tomorrow; high, 85 to 90.

Chesapeake Bay area—Scattered thundershowers tomorrow; high, 85 to 90.

Skyline Drive—Showers tomorrow; high about 80; visibility, fair.

River Report
Potomac River clear at Harpers Ferry and clear at Great Falls. Shenandoah clear at Harpers Ferry.

Temperatures for Yesterday
Highest, 86, on April 23
Lowest, 74, on March 11.

Record Temperature for the Year
Highest, 95, on April 23
Lowest, 15, on March 11.

Tide Tables
(Furnished by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)
Today Tomorrow
High 1:30 a.m. 2:30 a.m.
Low 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.
High 1:31 p.m. 2:31 p.m.
Low 7:31 p.m. 8:31 p.m.

For high and low tides at the following points subtract times indicated from the above.
Annapolis, 3 hours; Bloody Point, 3 hours; Colonial Beach, 5 1/2 hours; Deal, 3 hours; Solomons Island, 5 hours; Point Lookout, 6 hours.

The Sun and Moon

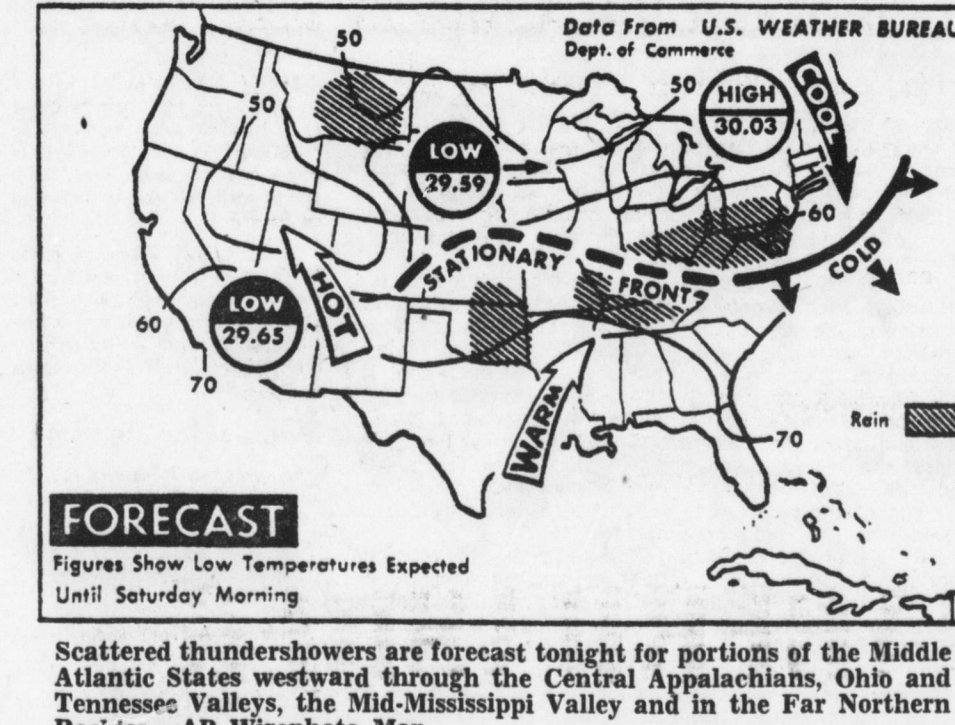
Rises Sets
Sun, today 5:44 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Sun, tomorrow 5:45 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Moon today 12:49 p.m.
Automobile lights must be turned on one-half hour after sunset.

Precipitation

Month 1960 1959 Norm. Record
January 2.66 2.21 3.24 7.83 '37
February 3.33 1.51 2.44 6.84 '48
March 3.08 2.08 3.03 8.84 '21
April 3.15 4.01 3.06 9.13 '28
May 4.35 2.89 3.98 10.69 '53
June 2.57 4.41 10.94 '09
July 4.38 4.26 11.06 '45
August 3.87 4.11 14.11 '28
September 3.05 4.12 17.45 '34
October 2.43 2.86 8.81 '37
November 3.43 2.73 7.18 '77
December 3.26 2.61 7.56 '01

Temperatures in Various Cities

H. L. H. L.
Albany 89 74 Key West 90 82
Albuquerque 88 72 Knoxville 91 73
Anchorage 60 51 Los Angeles 90 70
Atlanta 84 75 Louisville 86 68
Atlantic City 88 69 Memphis 94 73
Baltimore 92 70 Miami Beach 87 81
Billings 88 59 Milwaukee 69 53
Birmingham 90 76 Mobile 87 49
Bismarck 77 60 New Orleans 92 74
Boise 98 68 New York 87 72
Boston 86 68 Norfolk 92 70
Buffalo 75 61 Oklahoma City 93 70
Burlington 83 65 Omaha 69 56
Butte 82 59 Philadelphia 90 65
Charlotte 92 70 Phoenix 107 78
Cheney 78 53 Pittsburgh 83 64
Chicago 76 59 Portland, Me. 84 72
Cincinnati 84 67 Portland, Or. 71 56
Cleveland 85 65 Raleigh 93 67
Columbus 82 66 Rapid City 77 59
Dallas 89 70 Reno 88 47
Denver 81 60 Richmond 92 68
Des Moines 92 67 St. Louis 92 67
Detroit 89 58 Salt Lake City 93 65
Duluth 43 35 San Antonio 93 75
El Paso 98 74 San Francisco 80 53
Fort Worth 94 63 Savannah 90 74
Fresno 91 78 Seattle 83 59
Hartford 91 78 Tampa 91 74
Huron 80 67 Washington 89 70
Jackson 97 74 Wichita 97 68
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Scattered thundershowers are forecast tonight for portions of the Middle Atlantic States westward through the Central Appalachians, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, the Mid-Mississippi Valley and in the Far Northern Rockies.—AP Wirephoto Map.