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Half Sum Requested

\$225,000,000 TO Budget Approved

PARIS (AP)—The North Atlantic Treaty nations agreed today to spend \$225,000,000 in 1953 for air, land and other solid defense against Soviet aggression. This is just a shade more than half of the \$425 million that Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme commander in Europe, had outlined as the "minimum" to provide security.

Rene Pleven, French defense minister, said the reduced figure was agreed upon by the NATO Council today, after a four-day debate. The money will be provided enough to begin work on airports and other long term projects as soon as weather permits.

Decision on the final figure was taken a few hours before the projected conclusion of the meeting, called to get the 14 member nations to vote all the money they could afford without going broke.

MOUNTBATTEN STATUS
Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Britain, meanwhile, announced that "in time of war," Lord Mountbatten will be supreme commander of the British naval and air forces.

Alexander, Britain's minister of defense, said a news conference. "While the United States Sixth Fleet is not under the new Mediterranean Command, the commander-in-chief will be responsible for coordinating the activities in time of war of the American fleet with those of other naval and air units operating in the Mediterranean."

This was the first public an-

ouncement on just how much authority the new Mediterranean naval command-in-chief will have. The ministers of the treaty organization nations last Tuesday approved both the setting up of the new naval command and the appointment by Britain of Lord Mountbatten.

CARNEY'S JOB

The NATO communiqué had distinguished between the responsibilities of Mountbatten and U. S. Adm. Robert B. Carney, who commands NATO's Southern Command and the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The NATO communiqué had defined Mountbatten's command as mainly a defensive job, at least in peace time, while Carney, who commands a striking force, was to have the offensive assignment.

Alexander said, however, that in time of war, Mountbatten will have the job of coordinating all naval and air forces in the Mediterranean.

Mountbatten and Carney's jobs were to be separate and distinct, Alexander said. Mountbatten, who is boss over both of them, Ridgway, who called Mountbatten from London and Carney from Naples to a conference this afternoon at NATO Headquarters in Paris.

WINDUP SESSION

Their conference came as the foreign, defense and finance ministers of the Atlantic pact powers wound up a session in which the major achievement was approval of the Mediterranean command.

VETERAN TEACHER

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Ike Keeps Silent On MacArthur's Views

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
NEW YORK—(AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower cloaked in deep secrecy today the Korean War and world peace views outlined to him by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Aides said Eisenhower was studying ideas MacArthur set forth at their history-making conference yesterday, but they added that no detailed public account of what was discussed can be expected. Eisenhower made ready, meanwhile, for a meeting today with a group of Republican leaders in the House of Representatives.

The President-elect said the session is one of a series he will hold with the GOP high command in Congress to chart a legislative program to deal with inflation and other domestic and foreign problems.

SENATE MEETING
A meeting with Senate Republican leaders probably will be held during the week between Christmas and New Year's day.

After yesterday's Eisenhower-MacArthur conference at the Manhattan home of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state-designate, the five-star general and his aides were expected to discuss the problem of peace in Korea and the rest of the world.

The luncheon get-together at Dulles' four-story town house resulted from a MacArthur speech here Dec. 5. He said then there is "a clear and definite solution to the Korean problem."

Eisenhower, who had just completed a three-day inspection of the war zone in Korea, was seated at a formal, meandering MacArthur from about a cruiser in the Pacific that he would like to confer with him. MacArthur promptly accepted.

ARRANGED BY DULLES
The meeting yesterday was arranged by Dulles, who also said when it was over, neither Eisenhower nor MacArthur said in their brief statements whether they were in agreement on a course to follow in Korea. Neither mentioned the "clear and definite solution" which MacArthur had talked about Dec. 5.

An Eisenhower aide said privately there was no doubt that the two leaders had set forth a plan "After all," said the aide, "there was the whole purpose of the conference."

The conference started at 10 minutes after 1 p.m., and Eisenhower and MacArthur talked for about 2 hours and 15 minutes later.

The President-elect said in the meeting to reporters after the meeting: "I have just met with two old friends for a very enjoyable lunch."

"Our general topic of conversation was peace in Korea and the possibility of peace in Korea with peace in Korea."

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ONE SIAMESE TWIN CRITICAL

CHICAGO (AP)—One of the Siamese twins separated Wednesday in a historic making operation was "doing badly" today, and his physicians doubted he would survive.

Dr. Eric Oldberg, head of the department of neurology at the University of Illinois, said surgeons "had to make a choice" during the day-long surgical operation and "it was a very difficult choice."

Oldberg said surgeons found the twins had only a single fused outer covering for ultimate survival, and that Rodney, the smaller of the twins, was given the benefit because he showed the greater degree of vitality.

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