

Ike Goes To Pentagon For Talks On Defense

Seeks to Speed Reorganization

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—President Eisenhower took a personal hand today in moves to reorganize the Defense Department. He paid an unusual visit to the Pentagon and conferred with top civilian and military leaders.

There was immediate bipartisan applause from members of Congress for the President's dramatic action to speed a promised overhaul of the nation's military set-up to meet the challenge of Russia, Sputnika and missiles.

Eisenhower conferred for more than two hours with Secretary of Defense McNamara and 14 other civilian and military officials. These included reorganization advisers whom McNamara named recently. There was no announcement whether any decisions had been reached.

Twining Sits In

Among those sitting in on the conference were Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and two previous JCS chairmen—Adm. Arthur W. Radford and Gen. Omar Bradley.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty was asked why Eisenhower had gone to the Pentagon instead of having McNamara come to the White House.

"The President said he was going to take a personal interest in this, so he went over there," Hagerty said. "It was his idea."

Hagerty said this was just one of a series of conferences Eisenhower will have with McNamara prior to the President's decision on defense reorganization.

Declines to Pose

Eisenhower was so intent on his mission he declined to pose for news photographers at the Pentagon.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you," he told the cameramen "but I'm here on business."

Sen. Mansfield of Montana, the assistant Democratic leader, said he was "happy to note that the President at this time is taking a personal interest in the reorganization of the Pentagon as he indicated he would do in his last term."

"I hope he takes a close look at the extraordinary number of military and naval appointments and assistants to the assistants who are cluttering up the Pentagon," Mansfield said.

Knowledge Approves

Sen. Knowland of California, the Senate's Republican leader, said Eisenhower's action confirms agreement with McNamara that he is giving his attention to changes and will have concrete recommendations to make to Congress.

"This will tend to expedite matters," Knowland commented.

Sen. Dennis (D-Miss.), vice chairman of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee which is studying the military and naval life program, said he was glad to see Eisenhower taking a direct and active part in reorganization moves.

Those with military experience like his and should find a better way to meet the conditions that we now face for our defense," he said.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman, Sen. Francis Case (R-Ill.) said "the country will gain from this reorganization of the defense program."

Eisenhower left Jan. 13 on a conference that will end as he goes "rather fixed" ideas about the proper defense organization, he said, going to insist that all of them be adopted.

He said a consensus must be reached by Congress by Feb. 1. He was charged with operating the military services and he would "be the last to ask for a detailed organization in which I believe."

GOP Official Named Senator From W. Va.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 25 (AP)—John D. Hobbittzell Jr., chairman of the West Virginia State Republican Committee, was named by Gov. Cecil R. Underwood today to the U. S. Senate, succeeding Matthew M. Neely, Democrat, who died last Saturday.

Appointment of Hobbittzell, 45, a successful banker and real estate executive, by the young Republican governor ended the Democratic edge in the race to the 44th Congress.

Hobbittzell was campaign manager for Underwood, the first Republican to be elected governor of West Virginia since 1921. His appointment, generally expected in political circles for almost a week, was announced at a special call press conference in the governor's office.

The new senator is a graduate of West Virginia University and served on its board of governors. A former resident of Parkersburg, he has been prominent in business circles for 25 years. He also ranks as one of West Virginia's better amateur golfers.

He will serve until November, 1961.



IT'S THIS DEEP—Sarah Richardson, senior from Reidsville, shows Claude Savage, Meadville, junior, the depth of Friday's snow at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone. (The measurement was five inches.)

Klan Fails to Show For Alamance Rally

By Roy Thompson

Staff Reporter

BURLINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Klan failed to show up for the rally at Alamance County, N. C., today, as the group's leaders had hoped.

A scheduled rally four miles west of here was not held, but a crowd of several hundred persons flocked by the roadside, expecting to watch what the Klan's ward had said would be "the greatest display of strength in the history of the Klan."

Apparently the KKK was not represented in the crowd. If any Klansmen came, they were not seen. The rally was held at the Alamance County Courthouse, where a law enforcement officer, newsman or sightseer.

It's probably just as well the Klan didn't try to make it. Cars came by the hundreds and created a first-class traffic jam. If Klansmen had tried to get to their meeting site they probably wouldn't have made it anyway.

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More Gravy Than Meets the Eye

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) demanded to know today why the Air Force was "spending \$10 million on a new 'gravy train' for the Air Force."

The only woman senator called for "a prompt and full report" on why Idaho potatoes are being shipped into Loring Air Force Base.

She said she had made both a personal call and sent "a formal letter" to the Air Force asking prompt "corrective action."

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Khrushchev Makes Offer To Discuss ICBM Ban But It Is Part Of Package Deal

MOSCOW, Sunday, Jan. 26 (AP)—Soviet Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev said in a speech published today the Soviet Union is ready to discuss a ban of intercontinental ballistic missiles—but only as part of a disarmament package deal.

He made clear he was not proposing such a ban outside an agreement that would include disarmament proposals the Soviet Union has been trying to sell without success in the past.

The conditions Khrushchev laid down called for the West to agree to dismantle military bases with which, he said, the United States has surrounded the Soviet Union and the Communist camp.

He called for a summit conference to discuss these issues, but said they would have to be part of an agreement on the reduction of foreign forces in Germany and other European states.

Wants Tests Banned

The package deal, he said, also would have to include standing Soviet proposals for the immediate banning of atomic and hydrogen weapons and their tests and the creation of an atomic-free zone in central Europe.

Khrushchev charged President Eisenhower's recent proposals for an international agreement on the use of outer space was a one-sided proposition. He said it was aimed at banning weapons that could threaten American territory—and which the United States does not possess—while retaining the use of weapons with which the United States can "hold the world in a state of fear."

"Imperialist circles of the United States wish to retain military bases and set up rocket-launching bases on territories surrounding the Soviet Union as a constant threat to the Soviet Union whose cities they claim they can wipe from the face of the earth," Khrushchev asserted.

He Boasts of Power

He charged the Western Powers have proposed disarmament problems "on which it is difficult or even impossible to reach agreement" at an international disarmament conference. These proposals, he said, were advanced in the form of "an ultimatum."

The Communist party secretary boasted that the Soviet Union already possesses a "superior" capability of destroying not only U.S. bases in Europe but also more distant objectives.

Six Are Injured In Auto Collision On North Liberty

Six persons were injured last night when two cars apparently collided head-on in the 4000 block of North Liberty Street.

One of the injured, a woman whose identification was not immediately known, was taken to City Hospital. Her injuries were not reported to be serious. She was admitted because the car was parked some 75 feet away.

Three bicyclists fleeing from a head-on collision were also involved in the crash. One of the bicyclists was injured and taken to City Hospital. The other two were not injured.

The accident occurred about 12:30 a.m.

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PAUL BEACH, Fla., Jan. 25 (AP)—Robert R. Young, chairman of the board of the New York Central Railroad, committed suicide in the top floor billiard room of his mansion here today with two shots from a double-barreled shotgun.

The death was called a suicide by L. Fred Mead of the Palm Beach police department who said friends told him the 56-year-old executive had been despondent lately.

A deputy sheriff who took pictures of the body emerged shaken and said "It's the worst one I've seen." Mead said the right half of Young's head was shot away. There was no immediate information on who discovered the body at noon. No notes were found.



WHATSOEVER GOES UP, ETC.—Surveying the remains of the homemade rocket they successfully launched are (left to right) Michael Stanford, Tommy Thompson and Averette Overyby.

Six Twin City Youths Mendores Returns Home From Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 25 (AP)—Premier Adnan Menderes has been home today from a sudden and secret mission to Iraq. He is returning to the opening Monday of an important Baghdad Pact conference here.

The five pact nations and the United States will discuss the defense of the Middle East against threats and thrusts of Soviet communism.

The strains and stresses of the Middle East political map formed the background both to Menderes' unexpected mission and to the conference of the Baghdad Pact alliance which U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is attending as an observer.

There is every indication that in the meetings inside the flag-bedecked, closely guarded Turkish Grand National Assembly building, where Dulles will have to play the delicate role of keeping the Menderes state firmly allied to the West.

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