

Unification Fight Does Row Give Help To Soviet?

(This is the fifth of a series of articles summarizing and analyzing the armed services controversy.)

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—How much did the Russian line about the American military power and planning from the public quarrel over strategy since the United States armed forces?

Some of the high-ranking witnesses who testified before the House Armed Services Committee indicated that they learned plenty, although they steered clear of details.

Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington, after testifying to Navy criticism of the Air Force's B-36 bomber, considered his appearance on the stand with these words:

"It is the most disturbing feature of these attacks against the Air Force is that the military establishment is what they have done and are doing to lessen the security of the United States."

"It was bad enough to have given a possible aggressor technical and operating details of our newest and latest equipment. In my opinion, it is far worse to have opened up to him in such detail the military doctrines of how this country would be defended."

The law given the military leaders of any aggressor state is further advantage in developing their strategic plan by telling them so much about our own.

Privately, officials have wondered how friendly nations abroad, who court the United States, would be affected if attacked about the policy of military thinking in Washington.

General Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff who spoke both in sorrow and anger against the attack on the Navy's atomic mission and strategic planning—put himself on record this way:

"I believe that the public hearing on the gravest of a few of the questions who do not understand the wisdom of the authorities established by law and the fact that our poor state of preparedness, have done infinite harm to our national defense, our position of leadership in world affairs, the position of our national honor and the confidence of the people in their Government."

In other words, United States prestige was involved in the dispute about the atomic mission and facts about the operation of atomic weapons since 1936-38 and jet fighters.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff, told the committee he would consider the results of the hearings on security and spoke of laws guarding military secrets.

"Freedom of speech and freedom of petition the Congress are enshrined in our constitutional system," said Vandenberg.

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"The reconciliation of those freedoms with the military security of the country is for the legislature to decide."

This is a difficult problem which cannot be solved by the executive branch, Vandenberg said. "The fact that regulations as to military security exist, and that there are criminal statutes imposing penalties upon disclosure of military secrets, indicates that those freedoms are not unlimited particularly as regards those members of the armed services who are entrusted with what we call classified information."

However, data on the performance of the B-36 long range bomber appeared in hearing testimony and elsewhere.

The once-anonymous and now identified source for which a Government civilian John, Cedric Worth, ultimately admitted authorship reported some details of B-36 performance, but the accuracy of Worth's figures was never established.

The performance of fighters, especially Navy fighters, in connection with the B-36 was not mentioned.

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Once Over Lightly

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Audrey Totter To Attend Christmas Festival

48 DIE IN ELIZABETH

HONORARY QUEEN OF CAROLINAS YULE FESTIVAL

Audrey Totter, glamorous blonde Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture star, will be the honorary queen of the Carolinas Christmas Festival, Nov. 16.

According to plans made yesterday by the Charlotte Yule Festival committee, she will arrive at 8:15 Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, on an Eastern Airlines plane, landing at the airport in New York. She will be accompanied by her younger sister, Collette.

MGM officials in New York said yesterday after she had notified Thomas L. Robinson, chairman of the Festival's District Committee, of her acceptance. The original invitation from the committee was taken up by Miss Totter by Earl Wilson, the well-known Broadway columnist.

Miss Totter reached her Hollywood home yesterday after a vacation in the East. She will make an appearance in St. Louis on Nov. 16.

She will be the featured attraction in the colorful parade which will be held on the streets of the Christmas holiday season. Between 30,000 and 400,000 spectators are expected to line the streets to watch this elaborate parade in which the movie star will ride in a flower-decked automobile.

Earlier on Festival Day, Miss Totter will be the guest of honor at a luncheon in the Hotel Charlotte at which Ted Malone and Pullen Lewis Jr. will be other prominent attractions on the program. She will attend a reception for the Festival princesses and their escorts at the Coronation Ball at the Hotel Charlotte.

Miss Totter will be the third motion picture personality to attend the festival since its inception in 1947. Anne Jeffreys a native of Goldsboro was the first to appear in the 1947 Festival, and Adele Mara, a Republic star, was the last year.

A striking blonde with a scintillating personality, Miss Totter is recognized as one of the most beautiful actresses on the screen today. She is a native of Joliet, Ill., and is now married to a Hollywood actor who is making good in radio. A lot of soap operas have been made up of millions of women who listened to the drama, Monday through Friday each week on the radio. She will be the first to appear in this work, but willingly accepted it as an opportunity to gain experience in the motion picture industry.

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Rep. Thomas Must Stand Trial On Fraud Charges

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled today that Rep. J. P. Thomas III must stand trial Nov. 7 on charges of defrauding the Government.

Holtzoff refused a further continuance of the trial, already several times postponed, after receiving a report on Thomas' financial affairs from two private physicians. The doctors were named by the court to examine him.

"Defense attorneys had a continuing right to examine Thomas, who is suffering from a stomach disorder is too ill to appear in court," Holtzoff said.

Thomas, one-time chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was indicted a year ago on charges of concealing the names of Communist sympathizers. The indictment accused the witness of defrauding the Government and taking "kickbacks" from employees.

The report of the examining physicians was handed to the judge on the bench.

Holtzoff read the report privately and then permitted the same to be read by U. S. District Attorney George Morris.

Hollywood Star Comes Here Nov. 6

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Truman Signs Rural Phone Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman signed the rural telephone bill today. Congress already has appropriated \$25,000,000 to get the program moving.

Is The Princess A Secret Smoker?

Elizabeth's Ash Tray Appalls Fag Foes

LONDON—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth is mighty proper out of court, but is she a secret cigarette smoker?

Those who frown on the nicotinic habit of the young princess today, for newspapers published a picture of her private den and on it was a cigarette in a public place. It caused some alarm among the anti-smoking set, and it got to be the topic of the hour in some sewing circles.

The princess' part of whose job is to be held up as a model for young folk, has never been caught with a cigarette in public or even at the semi-private functions at which, as some think, she might smoke properly light up.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express headlined its set of the princess' left the question dangling.

The Buckingham Palace press office said that Princess Elizabeth, of the National Society of Non-Smokers, accepted the ash tray

House Committee To Probe Defend Ouster

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., (AP)—Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee said today his group will take up the ouster of Admiral Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations when Congress reopens.

"The Congress for the committee cannot sit quietly by and permit reprisals against witnesses who have testified before it," Vinson said.

"This reprisal against Admiral Denfeld for having painted the picture as he sees it in the Navy will be dealt with in the committee's report and on the floor of the House in January," Vinson, a veteran Democratic Representative from Georgia, added the removal of Denfeld by President Truman a case of the Admiral's being made "to walk the plank" by the Navy, and not for the Armed Services Committee.

Denfeld, Vinson said, testified that the Navy is not being controlled as to its functions, that

Navy Enlisted Men Back Adm. Denfeld

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Admiral Louis Denfeld told a demonstration crowd of 350 Navy enlisted men today that although he has been ousted as chief of naval operations "no service and no individual will stop" the Navy.

The sailors—from offices and barracks near the Pentagon—began gathering at Denfeld's office early in the morning.

They kept the angry response of a part of the crowd to the Navy's decision to remove Denfeld from his post. The sailors, who were in the streets, were told by Denfeld for his opposition to defense policies that they would be "reinstated" as soon as he could be called over the top by big Army bombers.

Some Congress members also were angry, but others said the President and Matthews had done the right thing under the circumstances.

Matthews later told reporters the interview was a "pleasant."

"Our mutual respect for each other was not in the least bit lessened by it," he added.

Denfeld looked grim when he was taken to the Secretary's office, but came up with a small smile when he saw reporters.

He answered a question as to whether he would take another assignment, he said: "I haven't made up my mind yet."

Denfeld was given no advance word before President Truman announced the ouster of Denfeld. Denfeld's aides said that at least 1,500 telegrams had arrived by this morning for Denfeld, but that Denfeld had not had a chance to read them. Telephone lines into his office were jammed with incoming calls, they said.

When Denfeld arrived at his office, he was told that a number of men were outside "to pay their respects."

Denfeld told the entry to let them in.

The door opened and the 250 saluted.

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U. S. Industrial Output Is Hard Hit By Strikes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Federal Reserve Board predicted today the impact of the steel and coal strikes will push down industrial production this month to its lowest point in 3 1/2 years.

The board's estimate is based on the fact that production output that started in August and continued in September, was estimated at 100 percent of the level of the same month in 1948.

An 11 1/2 per cent drop in production was forecast for October in comparison with September, when a rise of about one per cent had lifted output to 72 per cent above prewar.

The board's report came a day after President Truman said the steel-coal situation has not reached a point where a temporary suspension of the board's emergency "WON'T INTERFERE NOW."

His decision not to intervene now in the disputes was expected to bring redoubled efforts to bring about a settlement.

The September rise in industrial production was made in the face of the coal strike that started just after the middle of that month. The effects of the coal strike and other effects are spreading over the economy with rising force.

The board estimated that October production "largely as a result of the steel strike," will go down to a mere 59 per cent above prewar. That would be the lowest level reached when the steelworkers went on strike in August, 1942.

The October production level forecast for the December is 22 per cent above prewar, but that is based on the all-time peak achieved in October and November of last year.

as evidence and said he was very sorry about it.

Food and fuel prices led the upward movement. They advanced 0.2 per cent, and 0.3 per cent, respectively.

House furnishings went up 0.4 per cent, reversing a continuous downward trend which had persisted for several months.

Reins and such miscellaneous goods and services as automobiles, soap, meat and dental care advanced 0.3 per cent.

Apparel prices declined fractionally—about 0.1 per cent.

Margaret Was Not To Blame, Mama Defends

HOLLIVOOD—(AP)—Margaret O'Brien's mother says Margaret was not responsible for the treatment she had to undergo at Blandford Den Spivack.

O'Brien's mother said she had to be married to her father in 1935 and then—just for a lark," he said. He said he just didn't know about Princess Elizabeth.

The pictures published were of the interior of Clarence House, the town home of the 20-year-old heiress to the throne.

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