

House Moves to Boost Defense Spending

H-Bomb Development Is Still Not Certain

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON — Success in developing a hydrogen bomb was described at the Atomic Energy Commission today as "entirely in the lap of the gods" and "somehow between probable and possible."

That was the appraisal made at a news conference by Sumner Paine, acting AEC chairman.

Paine also said the Government is making a variety of atomic weapons, but he wanted to stop right there and not expand on the point.

A recent defense department report had indicated that the country was developing a variety of such weapons.

Paine was told there have been some suggestions lately that there was no determined effort to develop the H-bomb, which reportedly would be tremendously more powerful than the atom bomb.

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Effort made. Paine said that it is entirely in the lap of the gods. If he was asked whether progress is being made toward the development of the hydrogen bomb, he said, "I would say yes. As to whether progress is being made, I would say yes."

Air Power To Receive Biggest Sum

Slash Proposed On Other Outlays
By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House was set all today to add an extra \$350,000,000 for national defense spending, mostly on air power.

The money would be put into a \$29,000,000,000 "ombuds" appropriation bill now approaching a House vote.

A Congressman's suggestion that a United States warship may have recently sunk "a strange submarine" was not expected to hurt the cause of House members insisting that the cold war was too warm to permit economies at the expense of national defense.

Republicans whose policy committee meets today to figure out a plan to cut \$2,000,000,000 more from the pending one-p-a-o-k measure indicated that they will keep hands-off the \$12,811,000,000 national defense budget already recommended by the appropriations committee.

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On a cross-country speaking tour, President Truman arrived in Ottumwa, Iowa, on his birthday, Monday, and was presented a cake by Harriet Lester, 7 (left) and Lynn McCullough, also 7, of the American Home Finding Association orphanage. The cake was a gift of an AFL bakers local union. (Acme Telephoto).

Congress Against K. Cooley Shows Truman Praises Brannan Plan

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Truman carried his western tour to Casper, Wyo., today for a speech on water and land development after trading punches with the Republicans on agriculture.

He declared his Administration would push for Western development in the face of "reactionary forces" of "privilege and greed" which he said were blocking the way for the farmer.

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Line Acts To Meet Threatened Strike

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Other Roads Curtailing Operations

CHICAGO — Railroads imposed in a strike set for 6 A. M. (local time) tomorrow, today began placing embargoes on freight and passenger traffic.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, largest of the four singled out for the embargo, said it was curtailing operations of its passenger and freight trains west and north of Harrisburg, Pa., tonight.

All freight operations in the area will come to a halt at midnight, a PRR announcement said, and passenger train services will be tapered gradually to prevent any travelers being stopped by the strike before reaching their destination.

The PRR ordered a similar embargo two weeks ago when the strike was first threatened. The embargo was lifted when that strike was settled.

The Santa Fe railway system said it is curtailing passenger service starting today. Plans for freight trains remain to be completed, the road said.

At Indianapolis, a New York Central spokesman said the railroad's freight service will be curtailed in Indiana if the strike materializes. He said the railroad will make a special one freight train daily between St. Louis and Cleveland.

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Rejection Of Red Terms For Berlin Election Seen

By THOMAS A. REEDY
BERLIN — Russia says she will agree to a city-wide election in Berlin if Allied troops moved more than 100 miles back to West Germany.

Along with four other demands calculated to give East Berlin Communists the upper hand in the elections, a Russian note last night proposed withdrawal of all occupation troops from the city.

The Soviet demanded, in addition to the troop withdrawal: 1. Scrapping of the occupation law now in force in West Berlin.

Other communities endangered by the flood waters in North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Minnesota.

Another Big Fire in Canada

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Once Over Lightly
BY THE DR. FRANKS

By Associated Press
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By Associated Press
A 24-hour rain sent the Red River cresting today, threatening to sweep away homes and farms.

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National Guardsmen were called out at Grand Forks, N. D., as the Red River crest hit 5.5 feet, 17.2 inches above flood stage.

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Graham Or Smith Or Reynolds?

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