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Blood Donations

Acting on a suggestion by Columnist Rob Ruark, the American Institute of Public Opinion asked the man on the street what he thought about requiring blood donations from men who are draft exempt. Turn to Page 4-A for the findings.

MUSHROOM OVER LAS VEGAS

A touch of doom in the frivolity of Nevada's gambling center is this atomic cloud over the buildings and neon signs of Las Vegas. The shock wave thundered through the city minutes after the flash was seen, shaking and breaking store windows. (Acme Telephoto).

Allies Urged By Reds To Accept Buffer Plan

Caudle Says He Withdrew From Oil Deal

Protested Use Of Name, He Asserts

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Assistant Attorney General Theron Lamar Caudle said today he recently withdrew from an oil development project in Oklahoma because his name was being used to promote the venture.

Caudle told a reporter he had made vigorous protests about this type of promotion to Jess Larson, head of the General Services Administration (GSA) who was in on the deal, and to Frank Nathan, of Pittsburgh, who he said was interesting others in the development.

The assistant attorney general said he had known Nathan for several years as a promoter, but did not know until sometime after their introduction that Nathan had been indicted in Pittsburgh in 1946 for possession of a false sugar ration document.

The sugar ration case was dropped in 1947, when Caudle, now the justice department's tax division chief, was in charge of the criminal division. Caudle said "I suppose I approved" the dismissal, although he did not personally recall the action.

'FRAME' CLAIMED

Nathan, he said, claimed he was "framed" on the ration charge, and that there was no actual basis for it.

Caudle said that "Larson had 11,000 acres leased in Oklahoma and I had bought a 110-acre interest at $4 acre."

Nathan, he added, had no actual financial interest in the development he was helping to promote.

The tax official said he was introduced to Nathan about three and a half years ago by Col. Bennett Hill Griffin, director of Washington's National Airport. He said he had since seen him frequently on a personal acquaintance basis.

About two years ago, he said he, Nathan and Robert Fletcher, Texs oil man, were associated in a Texas oil development which produced seven producing wells. Caudle said he had originally bought only a thirty-second interest in this venture, but that after the wells came in he borrowed cash from a bank to obtain another one-thirty-second interest.

TOOK BIG LOSS

Later, Caudle, said, the wells began to dry up "and I took a big loss on it."

Larson said last night that both he and Caudle had lost a little money on the Oklahoma development.

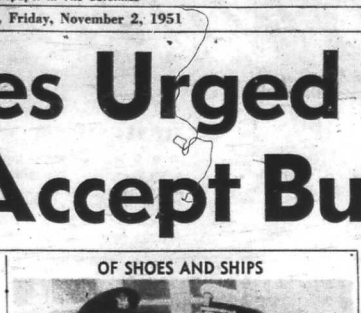
Larson denied, however, that three other men—one a gambler and another with an arrest record in Pittsburgh—were in on the venture.

The probe into the outside activities of collectors of internal revenue spread to the Department of Justice yesterday when Caudle was called into a closed-door meeting of the Investigating House Ways and Means subcommittee.

The Justice Department official had disclosed that he made an expense-paid trip to Italy last Summer to give legal aid to two American wine merchants with financial interests there.

Newspaper accounts of Caudle's oil investments had mentioned the names of Nathan, Robert Fletcher and Tony Marneres.

OF SHOES AND SHIPS



When Adm. William Fechtler (right) U. S. Chief of Naval Operations, met with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in Marly, France, they talked of many things. The General is scheduled to return to the United States and will confer with President Truman Monday. (Acme Telephoto).

Mediterranean Fleet Can Deliver A-Bomb

By JAMES M. LONG

NAPLES, Italy—(AP)—The U. S. Mediterranean fleet is capable of delivering an atomic attack if war comes, Adm. William M. Fechteler, U. S. chief of naval operations, said today.

Fechteler said at a news conference here that the powerful U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean "does not have a (atom) bomb." But its aircraft carriers, he declared, "have the capability of delivering an atomic attack."

The American Navy chief declined to disclose how soon atomic bombs could be made available to the fleet from their nearest storage base.

"A lot of people on the other side of the Iron Curtain would like to know that," he added.

URGES COMMANDER

Fechteler said he thinks "a supreme naval forces commander for the Atlantic should be appointed forthwith."

The United States, he told a questioner, "has a nominee to put forward immediately if an American is to be that (the command)."

The proposal to appoint Fechteler to the Atlantic naval command drew loud objections earlier this year from Britons—particularly Winston Churchill, who said the selection of an American would be an affront to the British Navy.

It was the second news conference within a week at which Fechteler has stressed the urgency of appointing a supreme Atlantic naval commander. He is making a tour of U. S. Naval installations in Europe.

Fechteler himself is no longer in the running for the appointment because of his elevation in August to his present post.

He said that as far as he knew, no further progress toward making the appointment had been made.

Asked whether Churchill's appointment as British prime minister might change the situation, he laughingly replied: "I am just a sailor."

Fechteler arrived here yesterday to visit U. S. Adm. Robert B. Carney, commander in chief of Allied forces in Southern Europe.

Suggestion Stops Short Of Ultimatum

By WILLIAM JORDEN

MUNSAN, Korea —(AP)— Red truce negotiators pressed Allied delegates today to accept the Communist proposal for a cease-fire buffer zone across Korea—but balked at issuing an ultimatum.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, United Nations command spokesman, said the Communist subcommittee at Panmunjom urged the Allies to give up their demands for Kaesong and accept the Red line.

Maj. Gen. Henry I. Hodes, head of the U. N. subcommittee, asked the Reds if they were issuing an ultimatum.

"They refused to answer directly," Nuckols said, "and were evasive, saying that sincerity was necessary on both sides."

MEET TONIGHT

Two meetings during the day wound up with "no progress." They agreed to try again at 11 a. m. Saturday (9 p. m. Friday EST).

Allied airmen shot down one Red jet and damaged four in nine separate dogfights today—a record number of air battles for a single day in the Korean war.

The Fifth Air Force said all United Nations planes "involved in these encounters returned safely to their bases."

The blazing air war contrasted with cold quiet on the snow covered ground fronts.

100TH MIG

The one Red jet sent spiraling down in flames was the 100th MIG-15 reported downed by the Fifth Air Force. B-29 gunners are credited with blasting 33 others out of the skies.

Truce negotiations hinge now on whether the former armistice city of Kaesong and its guardian hills are left in Red territory or placed in Allied hands. The Reds say they must have it.

Nuckols said the U. N. position is "firm, but not adamant."

Asked if the Allies would let the talks break down over Kaesong, he said:

"That's a matter of pretty high policy. It means looking into the future."

REDS OFFER NOTHING

Nuckols protested the Red buf-

See Reds on page 7-A

D. A. REALLY PUT TEETH INTO CHARGE

JASPER, Tenn. — (AP) — The State got its teeth into a murder trial in which John Stewart was charged with killing his wife and for a few moments the proceedings were halted completely.

Assistant District Attorney A. F. Sloan was winding up his arguments with great vigor when his upper plate flew out and skidded across the courtroom floor.

Judge Alan S. Kelly, like the spectators, was convulsed with laughter and made no attempt to restore order immediately.

After the proceedings were resumed, Sloan reached high gear again only to clamp his hand over his mouth suddenly. "I almost lost 'em again," he gulped.

Ike Slated To Ask European Arms Speedup

Supreme Commander To See President

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is expected to urge on President Truman at their conferences next week a maximum speedup in European rearmament. The aim would be to create a balanced, effective, fighting force in the shortest possible time.

The idea of striving for a completely organized small army in the next six to twelve months is already being widely discussed here in advance of the supreme commander's visit and in the wake of conferences just held by one of the President's top advisors, W. Averell Harriman.

Harriman is American member and chairman of the temporary committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Council. It is meeting in Paris to resurvey military planning of Western European defense, balance this planning against civilian capacity to rearm and come up with some new recommendations for "sharing the burden" of the whole program.

The committee has been in session for several weeks, going into all details of the situation. Harriman returned last week-end for talks with top Washington officials and also to take over as mutual security director in charge of economic and military aid to other countries.

Immediately after Harriman left again yesterday for Europe, the White House announced Eisenhower would be here for talks with the President on Monday.

In addition to purely military matters, the meeting will give Mr. Truman an opportunity to settle a question of political as well as administrative importance.

That is whether Eisenhower might leave his post as supreme commander to seek a Presidential nomination in 1952.

If so, the President undoubtedly would like to know so he could advise other nations in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that they should begin thinking about someone to fill the job.

LARGEST CALL SINCE SPRING

59,650 Face Draft In January

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Defense Department today offset its "Christmas gift" lull in drafting men into service by asking for 59,650 in January — the largest number for any month since last Spring.

The December call was for only 16,900 men, with all inductions suspended during the Dec. 21-Jan. 2 holiday period. The record high was 80,000 last March. The average has been about 40,000 a month.

Of the January total 48,000 will go to the Army, 11,650 to the Marine Corps.

The department explained the January jump by saying it made up for the low December call, and provided for "an orderly build-up of the armed forces," particularly the Marine Corps which is being boosted from 204,000 to 236,000 men.

AGE LIMIT EXTENDED

In another announcement today, Selective Service estimated that about 2,000,000 men have had their liability for military duty extended from their 26th to their 35th birthdays.

These are men under 26 who have been deferred from the draft since June 19, 1951, for some reason or other.

A Selective Service spokesman said, however, that unless world conditions take a serious turn for the worse, there is little likelihood of widespread drafting of men in their 30's — partially because of the high rejection rate among them.

The Selective Service Act of 1948 set ages 19 to 26 as the period in which men would remain liable for training and service in the armed forces.

The new draft law — the Universal Military Training and Service Act — which lowered the liability age to 18½, also extended it to age 35 for all men granted deferments on or after June 19, 1951.

Among those affected are men deferred as students, or for dependency or essential occupational or agriculture reasons, 4-F's, ROTC students; those who enlisted in the National Guard before they were 18½, aviation cadets deferred up to four months in order to enter the aviation training program, elected officials and others.

A Selective Service official said in an interview that all draft boards have been asked to bring individual files up to date to identify those whose period of military service liability has thus been extended.

Red Arms Blast Fatal To Seven

SESTRI LEVANTE, Italy —(AP)— The death toll from last night's disastrous explosion of a secret Communist arms cache rose to seven today as firemen continued to dig through the debris. At least seven others were injured.

Preliminary estimates said the blast which laid waste to an entire street in this village near Genoa caused some 15,000,000 lire (about $25,000) damage.

It was feared the final casualty toll would be higher.

Police disclosed they had taken seven men — all of them Communists — into custody for questioning. The arrests were made after authorities discovered in the wreckage of one house two rifles, one machinegun and 350 machine gun bullets.

Police blocked off the center of the town and began a minute search for other arms and ammunition. Sestri Levante counts many members of the Communist Party among its population of some 16,000.

SOLDIERS FIND SOLUTION FOR SNORING PROBLEM

WITH U. S. FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION, Korea —(AP)—A Fifth Cavalry Regiment company has found a solution for handling the company's loudest snorers. It teams them up.

Cpl. Gerald M. Devlin, son of Mrs. Anna Devlin, Philadelphia, and Pfc. James E. McIntyre, son of Mrs. Mary McQueen of Hamlet, N. C., have low, snorting, growling snores.

The two assistant machinegunners in the regiment's Company B alternate on guard one hour and sleeping an hour—all night long.

"I tried to listen," said McIntyre, "but the snoring was too much. I couldn't hear a thing but snores."

Devlin retorted, "You're worse than I am. I can't even hear myself think for your wood-cutting."

Both agreed that the one on duty is more alert because he has to overcome a lot of racket to hear any enemy-made noise.

"Our snoring must be the reason the Chinese never try to get through our positions," said McIntyre. "We probably sound like an M-46 tank!"

Roberts Says Free World Must Unite Against Reds

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)— Former Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts said here last night that free peoples must form themselves into one common enemy against Communism if World War III is to be averted.

Furthermore, said the noted jurist from Washington, the free peoples must combine their manpower and resources into a single bulwark in order to make it impossible for Russia to act.

Roberts is here for a two-day session of the Atlantic Union Congress, of which he is president. The Congress was organized to promote world peace and to work for the confederation of democratic countries.

Delegates for the session which opened here today include top leaders in this country and representatives from abroad.

"The idea is growing among free people of the West," Roberts declared, "that the Atlantic Union is the only salvation to the free way of life in the world."

Roberts is scheduled to make the main address at an AU banquet tomorrow night.

High on today's list of speakers is Gen. Pierre Billotte, former chief of staff of the French army and leader in the French resistance to Nazi rule. He also served formerly as France's chief delegate to the United Nations.

On hand for addresses tonight are Joseph C. Grew, former U. S. ambassador to Japan, and Allister Stewart of the Canadian Parliament.

Two main topics are up for discussion at the two-day session:

1. Can World War III be averted?

2. Can the democratic nations achieve sufficient economic, political, military and spiritual unity to halt Communism without recourse to another World War?

The Atlantic Union Congress was founded by Clarence Streit of Washington. Streit said here yesterday that the present world crisis was speedily spurring the Atlantic community nations toward a Federal union.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and cooler today and tonight. Continued cold Saturday, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Low tonight 35 degrees.

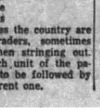
Highest yesterday, 71 degrees. Lowest this morning, 41 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:45 A. M.; sunset, 5:28 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 7-A

WEATHER ALWAYS CHANGES

Telling tomorrow's weather is sometimes difficult, but one thing about weather is certain: It always changes, eventually. Clouds will be followed by sunshine and fair weather will yield to rain or snow. Fine weather and storms follow each other in endless procession, but the parade is not an orderly one. The highs and lows that march across the country are like rookie paraders, sometimes bunching up, then stringing out. But in time each unit of the parade will pass, to be followed by a new and different one.



Strike Called Off At Borg-Warner

DETROIT — (AP) — Yielding to pleas from President Truman, the CIO United Auto Workers today called off at least temporarily its three-week strike at ten Borg-Warner Corp. plants.

The UAW's top policy committee voted to "recess" the strike to permit an attempt at settlement by the Government's Wage Stabilization Board.

But in doing so, it implied a threat to call the 6,500 strikers out again if the WSB's terms are not satisfactory.

President Labels Civil Defense Fund Inadequate

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman today described as "tragically insufficient" the funds voted by Congress for civil defense.

"It is reckless to evade, under the pretense of economy, the national responsibility for initiating a balanced Federal-State civil defense program," he said in a statement.

Today's statement followed his signing yesterday of two supplemental appropriation bills carrying funds for mobilization activities.

One bill called for $74,945,000 for civil defense, the other $4,000,000 for community facilities.

ASKED MORE

Although he signed them, he said he felt "these bills fall seriously short of providing adequate funds for a number of vital activities." He had asked for far more.

The President emphasized his objection to cutting his civil defense request from $535,000,000 to $74,945,000.

He complained of the elimination of the program for protective shelters, and heavy reductions in money for stockpiling emergency supplies and equipment.

He said important functions such as procurement, research, public information and technical guidance will have to be greatly reduced at a time when civilian defense is a vital part in our mobilization effort."

The President attacked a cut by Congress of his request for $25,000,000 for community facilities such as schools, sewage lines and water systems to $4,000,000.

"The inadequacy of the funds made available by these bills threatens other programs of major importance to our national security position," he said.

"There are no bargain basements where we can pick up America's security at cut-rate prices."

Congress' action, he said, also means that the proposed monitoring program of the communications commission in connection with the air defense for the U. S. and Alaska "will have to be discarded."

The President complained that Congress cut budget estimates by 37 per cent for defense production and economic stabilization and declared "There is no economy in slashing these programs."

"Without adequate appropriations for these activities we cannot maintain our production schedules, and all of us will pay for this lack of foresight with a higher cost of living," he said.

Harriman In London For Economic Talks

LONDON —(AP)— W. Averell Harriman arrived today for talks with Prime Minister Churchill and other cabinet leaders on Britain's rearmament and economic problems.

Harriman, recently named by President Truman as head of the U. S. foreign economic and military aid program, was invited to lunch with Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Later he will go to Paris for meetings of the committee set up to study economic problems of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

READY TO BEGIN JOURNEY HOME

Princess, Duke Winding Up Capital Visit

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh — hitting the high spots of capital showplaces like tourists with the $5 tour — got in a whirlwind sightseeing trip today before winding farewell to the United States.

Their schedule called for them to leave by plane for Montreal this afternoon, and they packed as much as they could into the final hours.

First, they had a quick look at the beautiful Washington Cathedral, then went from there to Capitol Hill to see the Capitol itself, the Library of Congress and the nearby Supreme Court building.

The day was cold, drizzling rain. The Princess wore a forest green, long velvet, close fitting coat over an olive green crepe tucked dress with short sleeves and soft belt. Her hat was a lighter color green, off the face and close fittings and trimmed with feathers on the right side. Her accessories were brown.

Her husband, Philip, was in naval uniform.

They were met at the cathedral by Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington. With him was Francis B. Sayre Jr., dean of the cathedral and grandson of the late President Wilson.

The bishop walked with the Princess and Philip dropped behind to walk with Sayre.

Despite the weather, a crowd of around 2,000 had gathered in the cathedral grounds to see the royal couple.

The cathedral, described in its literature as the fifth largest in the world, is an Episcopal church.

Of al lthe tourists who have visited it, Elizabeth and Philip may have made the fastest time. They walked through the place and came out the other side in thirteen minutes.

Elizabeth was presented with a bloom from the cathedral's Glastonbury thorn. The thorn is a cutting from a tree at Glastonbury, England. Legend says the tree was once the staff of Joseph of Arimathea, and that it blooms when royalty is near.

As the royal couple left they shook hands with some workmen who came over from Scotland years ago, and are now working on the still incomplete cathedral.

Swept swiftly across the city by limousine, they stopped next at the Library of Congress for a brief tour escorted by Berner Clapp, assistant librarian. The chief librarian, Dr. Luther H. Evans, was not in the city.

They visited the gallery overlooking the expansive reading room in the library and then moved to exhibits of the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Carta.

There was a large crowd around the library. They clapped and cheered.

There was more cheering from spectators—1,000 or more held back by ropes—when the royal couple reached the Supreme Court building.

The Princess climbed the steep marble steps gracefully but as warily as any other woman in high heel shoes. As she reached the entrance, she turned and waved to the crowd. They burst into wild applause.

Since they came here late Wednesday afternoon, Elizabeth and Philip have been wined and dined, stared at, cheered, shaken by the hand, photographed so intensively that they've hardly had time to catch a few winks of sleep in their Blair House bedrooms.

EVENING PRAYER

O Thou who slumbereth not nor sleepeth, we put our trust in Thee. Be Thou our sure defense against all who would do evil against church or nation. Refresh us with helpful rest that we may arise to work according to Thy Holy Will, for Christ sake. Amen.

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