

# Force Base Squabbles Delays Armed Force Bill

## ARMED FORCE BILL SEEKING REJECT

### President's Home County Facility Site Bitter Wrangling About Location

WASHINGTON — A squabble over a proposed Air Force installation in President Truman's home county in Missouri has temporarily delayed House action on a record \$3,768,000,000 Military Construction Bill.

The House may reach a vote next Tuesday on the measure which aims chiefly at keeping the United States safe from any Russian atomic attacks.

But first, the House must take a roll-call vote on a \$18,000,000 project to expand the Grandview, Mo., airport in Jackson County, near the Truman family home in Independence.

The project is part of the Military Construction Bill and was approved by the Air Force and the House Armed Services Committee. It would permit the construction of the Continental Air Command from Mitchell Field, Long Island, to Grandview. An Air Force proposal aimed at strengthening the Air Reserve and Air National Guard programs.

"REID (R-Ia.) moved yesterday to strike out the proposed expansion at Grandview on the grounds it needlessly duplicated facilities at a nearby Air Force base at Sedalia, Mo., which is due for a \$22 million expansion.

Gross' state is one in which no military construction in the bill is scheduled. The others are Connecticut, West Virginia and North Dakota.

After bitter wrangling, the Gross amendment was defeated 56 to 16. Gross then moved to send the bill back to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to the House that it eliminate the Grandview project.

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### Stephen Early's Illness Is Fatal

WASHINGTON — Stephen T. Early, 61, press secretary and intimate to the late President Roosevelt, died yesterday.

He suffered a heart attack last Tuesday and died at George Washington Hospital shortly before noon today.

Since he left the White House eight years in the press office, Early had been vice president of the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company.

He took time out from that post for a stint as Deputy Secretary of Defense in the War Department.

Early resigned shortly before General George C. Marshall took over as head of the department.

Yesterday morning Early was reported improving but he took a turn for the worse last night.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature today, tonight and Sunday with widely scattered thunderstorms this afternoon and evening and again Sunday afternoon.

High yesterday 94 degrees.

Lowest this morning 70 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:40 A. M.; sunset, 7:16 P. M.

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Did you know that a "shooting star" usually is no bigger than grain of rice—and is about 50 miles high?

At this time of year, you have the annual meteor shower. Perseid meteors commonly called shooting stars.

The earth's orbit which crosses the orbit of the extinct comet, left behind a trail of dust and debris from friction when they encounter the earth's atmosphere.

The fiery trails are seen in the northeast quadrant of the sky, near the constellation Perseus, from which they get their name.

### Busy Betts Readies Racer For Derby Day



Up in Derbytown (Akron, Ohio, that is) Betts Huntley of Charlotte is having himself a busy time, getting all set for a try at the National Soap Box Derby championship tomorrow afternoon. The Charlotte champ is shown being weighed in with his racing car at the left.

### West Point Probe By Senate Unlikely

WASHINGTON — (P) — Senator Russell (D-Ga.) just about erased today any possibility of a formal Congressional investigation into the pending dismissal of 90 West Point cadets for cribbing.

"Personally, from what I know about it now, I see no need for an investigation by our committee," the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee told a reporter.

Russell returned here yesterday after a visit in his home state. He was there when the U. S. Military Academy and the Pentagon announced the dismissal action.

Previously, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee and Chairman Hoyer (D-DC) of the Senate's special investigating subcommittee said they had no plans for a formal investigation.

"I have not had a chance to poll the Armed Services Committee but I understand Senator Byrd (D-Va.) found no sentiment for an inquiry," Russell said.

Byrd was acting chairman while Russell was away.

"If there has been an violation of the code of honor, disciplinary action must be taken, despite the regrettable hardship on individuals," Russell said. He added: "There is a question as to whether or not there has been an over-emphasis put on athletics."

President Truman told his news conference Thursday he was looking into big-time, big-money football at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

He said he was looking for a remedy that would not let the patient, and said he would let reporters know when he thought he had it.

Frank B. Gigliotti, national commander of the Regular Veterans Association, said in a statement last night the West Point cadets, who have admitted cribbing, should be let off with a "severe but just" reprimand.

The problem, he said, should be approached in a "charitable, Christian" manner and the cadets restored "to service so they may become useful citizens and leaders in the armed forces."

The association is composed of

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### Tennessee Balloting Is Quiet

BENTON, Tenn. —(P) — Voting started off quietly today in a 1951 election between brothers which will decide which of two embattled political factions control Polk County after a six-month purges of government.

Three-quarters of an hour after the polls opened at 9 A. M. (EST) two lines of voters 50 to 75 feet long, waited outside the courthouse to cast a ballot in this, the largest of four precincts voting to choose one justice of the peace.

County Trustee H. C. Sarlin said from his office in the courthouse: "There's been no trouble and we're expecting none. There are large crowds on hand but everything is quiet. I guess 1,200 people will vote at this polling place today."

The voters in this mountainous Southeast Tennessee county are choosing a member of the county court — the governing body of the county — against a bloody backdrop of political strife and feud.

Political tempers, quiet for three days, flared up again last Wednesday when the legislature put one political faction in control of the county court in place of the other faction.

At a precaution the Tennessee Highway Patrol placed its personnel on the alert and ordered cars in the Polk County area to watch for any possible trouble.

The political feud began in 1948.

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### Betts Zips Down Race Course In Second Fastest Trial Time

By MARY CURRY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

AKRON, Ohio — Charlotte's Betts Huntley was kept up today for an attempt at the national Soap Box Derby championship after turning in the second fastest time in the trial run.

He drove his racer down the famous Derby track yesterday.

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### Home Folks Cheer Betts On To Victory In Derby

AKRON, Ohio — Betts Huntley, Charlotte's Soap Box Derby champ, got three big cheers from home today.

Mayor Victor Shaw, Vice-President Floyd Kay of the Chamber of Commerce and Publisher Thomas L. Robinson of The News sent him telegrams wishing him good luck in National Derby championship race tomorrow.

Mayor Shaw said: "All of us in Charlotte will be cheering for you Sunday when you enter the running for the championship. But whether you win or lose, you are still our favorite. The best of luck."

Mr. Robinson's message: "I wish you great success in your big race on Sunday. The hopes and prayers of your great legion of friends and admirers go with you to the starting line. In either victory or defeat you are a great champion."

Mr. Kay's telegram: "Congratulations on fast run in time trials. We are hoping you get the checkered flag tomorrow. When or lose, you are a fine representative of the Queen City."

J. P. McMillan, president of the Southern Radio Corp., which sponsored Betts Huntley in the Charlotte Soap Box Derby, arrived in Akron yesterday to cheer Charlotte's young contender.

Mr. McMillan, one of Charlotte's most enthusiastic Derby supporters, sponsored Betts' brother, Reid Huntley, when he won the Charlotte championship last year. Mr. McMillan was at the Akron course last year on Derby Day as he will be again tomorrow.

### Officials Declare Troop Train Received Warning

SIMMSPORT, La. — Plans for transportation of the Kansas City Southern streamliner, The South, which operated between Miami, Fla., and St. Louis, Mo., were made today for an official investigation into the cause of a head-on train crash in which eight men died in flames yesterday. About 60 other men were injured and one Marine is missing.

Dr. J. C. Roberts, coroner of Pointe Coupee Parish (county) where the crash occurred, said he would conduct a hearing soon to establish a verdict on "where the fault lies."

He said the crash was caused by a "garbled, forgotten or ignored message" received by the crew of a Marine troop train that plowed into the oncoming Kansas City Southern streamliner, The South.

Ernest B. The crash occurred about 7 a. m. (CST) yesterday some 60 miles northwest of Baton Rouge, La.

R. R. Sutter, superintendent of

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### Statement Strikes At Intentions

'Slammed Door', Envoys Declare

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN  
MUNSAN, Korea —(P) — Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy told Communists in strong terms today they had "slammed the door on every attempt to make progress" in the Kaesong cease-fire talks.

The senior United Nations envoy aimed his words directly at Lt. Gen. Nam Il, chief Red delegate, who Nam's aide said stood on the 38th parallel as the only cease-fire line acceptable to the Reds.

"You did not come here to stop the fighting," Joy declared. "You did not come here to negotiate an armistice. You came here to state your price — your political price for which you are willing to let the people of Korea a temporary respite from the pain of war."

"You have engaged in these conferences only to present demands, not to negotiate a real armistice."

When Nam left the conference room at the end of the day's session observers said he was "apparently angry."

### VEHEMENT ATTACK

Brig. William P. Nuckolls, an official spokesman, said Joy departed from the "normally well-tempered, cordial atmosphere" of the talks in his most "vehement" attack yet on the Communists.

The Communists said the Reds wanted for two hours and 30 minutes and reached only one agreement: to stop the talks.

At 11 A. M. (S. P. M. Saturday, EST).

Joy's blast apparently followed his failure to reach any sort of compromise agreement with the Reds.

The Communists said the Reds "Brusquely indicated" Joy's departure they had refused on his terms. They said they had "based on the present battle line and the overall military situation."

Nam and his fellow Reds stood

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### Bombers Hit At Supply Targets

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea —(P) — Fifteen U. S. B-29s today blasted Communist supplies stored near Red-held Hungnam on the east coast of North Korea.

Sighting by radar, the Okinawa-based planes rained more than 2 planes each on the targets. The planes encountered no anti-aircraft fire or enemy fighters.

In the week ended today, U. S. Fifth Air Force planes flew 2,700 sorties against targets in North Korea and highway routes in Red territory. Pilots reported they destroyed 266 Red supply vehicles.

U. S. Marine fighters and Air Force light bombers spotted more than 2,000 enemy vehicles on Red supply routes last night.

Aided by flares, the Allied pilots conducted a tactical section but the tactic for traffic which was directed at Red supply routes.

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The 1,200 to 1,500-foot hills dominate the northern road out of Inje to the mountain vastness south of Wonsan.

United Nations troops gained control of a hill but an enemy mortar and artillery threw Allied forces off the hill. The fate of the third hill was still in doubt Friday night as a U. N. force attacked from three sides.

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