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NATO Votes Increase In Air, Land Strength

UMT PLAN IS OPPOSED IN CONGRESS

Presidential Advisory Group's Proposal Draws Criticism

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most members of Congress who expressed themselves today on a presidential commission's recommendation for a military manpower policy recoiled from its central idea—universal military training for youths not drafted.

The National Security Training Commission said yesterday in a special report to President Eisenhower that UMT could be put into effect by January 1955(or earlier, operating simultaneously with the draft. The plan would require congressional approval.

The commission proposed a lottery to determine whether a youth would get six months training or be required to serve two years as a draftee.

VET RECALL HIT

The group said the program, while not achieving absolute equality, at least would avoid what it called the present unfair situation in which veterans are the only reservists available to be called up in a sudden war emergency.

Under the proposed UMT program, the trainees would be called ahead of veterans.

The commission contended its program also might save money by permitting a reduction in the regular military forces, and might help deter war by setting up a steady program of long-term preparedness.

However, the arguments apparently made little impression on most members of Congress available in Washington for comment.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. said flatly, "I don't think the program would have much chance." He added that "Congress has already said the draft and UMT should not operate concurrently."

OPPOSED BY SHORT

Rep. Short (R-Mo), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, which would have to act on a UMT bill, declared, "I am opposed to UMT. It won't work."

Rep W. Sterling Cole (R-NY), chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, commented that with the increasing emphasis on atomic weapons "the need for large numbers of men in uniform is considerably lessened."

Cole, who has supported UMT in the past, said he did not think Congress would pass it now and that he might switch his own position.

Rep. Arends (R-Ill), House GOP whip, said the draft and UMT cannot operate simultaneously.

Rep. Allen (R-Ill), chairman of the key House Rules Committee,

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Ike Planning Augusta Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower will fly to Augusta, Ga., Christmas Day or the day after to spend several days working on the State of the Union message which he will deliver to Congress early in January.

Announcing this today, the White House said the President and Mrs. Eisenhower will be joined at their new cottage at the Augusta National Golf Club by their son, Maj. John Eisenhower, his wife and the three Eisenhower grandchildren.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, said that if the President is unable to leave Washington on Christmas Day, he will depart some time Dec. 26.

Hagerty said it had not been decided how long the President will remain in Augusta, but he indicated the stay quite likely will be through New Year's Day.

Eisenhower expects to complete the final draft of his State of the Union message in Augusta and get a good start on the budget and economic messages which will go to Congress a bit later, Hagerty said.

OUR WEATHER

Fair weather this afternoon and tonight. Tomorrow, some cloudiness and not so cold in the afternoon.

Low temperature this morning, 32 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 25 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 48 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 42 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:34 a.m.; sunset, 5:12 p.m.

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PAT'S HOME AGAIN

Pat Nixon, home again after a 10-weeks trip to Asia with her Vice President husband, shows her two small daughters some of the Christmas presents she brought for them. Julie, 5, (left) holds a gold beaded mat from Pakistan and her seven-year-old sister, Tricia, looks at a dress from Afghanistan. After a reunion with his daughters, Vice President Richard Nixon hurried to the White House for a conference with President Eisenhower. (AP Wirephoto)

Grand Jury Seeks Extension Of Term

By ANN SAWYER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Members of the Mecklenburg grand jury said today they want their terms extended so that they can continue their investigation of the City Police Dept. in January.

Nine of the eighteen members, including Foreman Theodore S. James, are scheduled to end their six-month terms on Dec. 31.

There appeared little likelihood this afternoon, however, that the grand jurors' request for more service time can be met.

A special act for Mecklenburg County states that the presiding judge "shall cause to be drawn nine new jurors at the first regular term of Superior Criminal Court in January.

There appears to be no provision in the state statutes for holding over members of a grand jury after their regular terms expire.

The grand jury interrupted its secret questioning of witnesses late this morning to call in reporters and dictate a statement.

JURY'S STATEMENT

Mr. James himself did the dictating, but he and others on the jury made it clear the statement came from the entire jury. The statement said:

"The grand jury as a whole feels like we cannot complete our job in the time remaining for the present term of court.

"We feel, if legally possible, the term of the present grand jury should be extended as a whole to function during the next term of court, which convenes Jan. 4."

Just a few minutes before this statement was dictated, Mr. James told a News reporter that he did not think it was advisable to hold night sessions in an effort to complete the inquiry this week.

"It's too tiring" after being in session all day, he said.

The last criminal court term ex the year ends Saturday night.

If it is not legally possible for the present 18-man jury to function as a unit beyond Saturday, Solicitor Basil L. Whitener said the grand jury can file a report of its findings and request the next grand jury to continue the investigation.

Mr. James has said for several days he did not see how the jury could complete the inquiry by the end of this week.

SURPRISING

The length of the investigation already has surprised both City and court officials. Before the questioning began last Tuesday, most officials expected the investigation to take up only two or a few more days.

From the original subpoena list of 21 witnesses as the investigation started, the array of witnesses has grown to beyond 40.

Mr. James has said that there are a number of other local men the jury wants to question.

As the investigation continued in the jury room at the Courthouse, Chairman Al Smith of the City Police Civil Service Board spent most of the morning being questioned.

Other witnesses quizzed today included Emsley Gowden, otherwise unidentified, and Reuben Marshall, who has been described as being connected with a local night club.

The jury's investigation was requested by the City Council after Columnist Drew Pearson of Washington declared there had been "rackets with police payoffs" thriving in Charlotte.

Gen. Marshall Leaves For Home

FRANKFURT (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, 1953 Nobel Peace Prize winner, left here by military plane today for Paris en route to the United States.

Gen. Marshall spent three days in Germany after he was presented the prize in Oslo last week. He was the house guest of Gen. Thomas T. Handy, deputy commander of American forces in Europe.

WALLET STOLEN

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Lawyer Felix Ortiz complained in District Court that his wallet containing $480 was stolen right in the courtroom. He said the wallet disappeared while he was presenting a motion in behalf of a client charged with being a pickpocket.

DEATH CAR FOR SIX PERSONS

Three adults and three children were killed near Royse City, Texas, Sunday when the station wagon in which they were riding crashed into the "Texas Special" passenger train. The impact of the crash derailed the engine and four cars. Approximately 30 of the train passengers were injured. (AP Wirephoto)

Dean Rejects Red Proposal To Renew Talks

U. S. Envoy Resents Repetition Of Insult

TOKYO (AP)—U.S. envoy Arthur H. Dean arrived today en route to Washington after bluntly rejecting a Communist proposal for immediate resumption of negotiations to set up a Korean peace conference.

The State Department envoy who for seven weeks wrangled with the Red diplomats at Panmunjom said he won't return to the conference table unless the Communists retract charges that the United States connived with South Korea to release 27,000 anti-Red war prisoners last June.

Dean broke off the talks Saturday.

CHARGE REPEATED

A Communist note delivered early Tuesday suggested immediate resumption of negotiations. But an Allied spokesman said the note also repeated "the Red charge of perfidy."

It drew a prompt rejection.

"I shall not be with you . . . at any time until you make an appropriate retraction or correction of this insult in a manner satisfactory to my government," Dean wrote in his reply.

He will leave Wednesday for Washington to report to the State Department and officials of 15 other United Nations which fought in Korea.

Dean, on his arrival in Tokyo, said the Communists "are deliberately stalling the negotiations, "because they do not dare to have the subject of the nonrepatriated prisoners aired" at the long-delayed peace conference.

He was referring to the 22,000 anti-Communist North Korean and Chinese prisoners who overwhelmingly have rejected opportunities to return home during explanations.

BLAMES REDS

The Reds, he said, "knowingly and intentionally wrecked" the explanation program because "so few of their soldiers came home."

The U.S. State Department called in ambassadors representing 16 Korean War allies yesterday for a briefing on why the talks were suspended.

U.S. officials told the envoys Dean suspended the talks—but did not break them off entirely—until the Reds withdraw the perfidy charges and show a willingness to negotiate in good faith.

While Dean headed for Washington, the Indian command at Panmunjom appealed to the 22 American war prisoners converted to communism to come out for explana-

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Just-Drained Lake Yields Big Bass To Young Angler

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Preston Delph Jr., 2615 Selwyn Ave., was grinning today as wide as an 11-year-old can.

And it's not because of Santa Claus either. It's because of a fish.

He snared a big-mouth bass, 15 1-2 inches long and weighing almost 2 pounds.

And the mystery of the catch is that it was pulled out of the water of Freedom Lake, which had been drained in the summer of 1952 when a suspected DDT contamination killed ducks and fish and caused Park and Recreation officials to flush the lake and leave it empty to dry out for several months.

RESTOCKED IN MARCH

Marion Diehl, superintendent of the Park & Recreation Commission, said the waters were just restocked with fingerlings last March.

And the mystery was where the young Delph's whopper came from and how it got into the lake at this time.

But Preston isn't worrying about that. He's got the fish and he had the thrill of his life hauling it out yesterday afternoon.

His father said he is a regular fisherman and frequently fishes in the Freedom Park lake. He went fishing by himself yesterday afternoon and made his catch with a rod and reel using a casting plug.

The big fellow put up a fight but Preston landed him and proudly marched home to display his trophy.

Note to adults: Only youngsters are permitted to fish in the Freedom Park lake and you seasoned fishermen might just as well stay home. You won't be allowed to try your luck there.)

Thimayya Tries Again

Appeal Fails To Move POWs

By GEORGE MCARTHUR
and STAN CARTER

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya failed today in a personal appeal to coax 22 balky American prisoners to hear Allied efforts to woo them home. He said afterward he felt they never would agree.

Thimayya said he is certain in his own mind that all prisoners in the pro-Red North Camp — 22 Americans, 1 Briton and 325 North Koreans—decided to stay with the communists because of firm political beliefs.

Thimayya pictured the Americans as suspicious and hostile and pointed out that any who wanted to go home could do so easily merely by turning himself over to an Indian guard.

The Indian chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission said the 22 Americans told him Tuesday that after they are released some plan to attend universities in Peiping and other cities. Others plan to farm in China or visit Iron Curtain countries in Europe.

WORK FOR 'PEACE'

"They say they will work towards world peace," Thimayya said.

He added that one American told him that any who change their minds and decide to go home, after say five years, will return to the United States.

(All presumably would be subject to desertion charges and possibly more serious offenses if they returned openly, however.)

Other prisoners told Thimayya the Communists had told them "after a couple of years, if you like, we will take up the question of bringing your families out here."

Thimayya said the Americans "are suspicious of anybody and everybody. They think anyone who enters the compound to see them must be trying to convert them."

WANT NEWS

The general said the prisoners were "dying for news."

He told them that President Syngman Rhee of South Korea recently visited Formosa, that a meeting of the Big Four will be held, that the political talks to arrange a peace conference have been broken off, and that a former fellow prisoner, Cpl. Edward Dickenson of Big Stone Gap, Va., had just got married.

"I told them the news and they said it was the best day they had had," Thimayya said.

"I thought they had a secret radio but apparently they have not. Their anxiety for the news seemed to be genuine."

Thimayya said he had received about 150 letters from the United States—mostly from religious associations—asking him to pass on letters to the prisoners.

CAN'T BE DELIVERED

He said the letters were pleas to the prisoners to return home. Thimayya said he replied that it would be impossible to deliver the letters.

The prisoners have asked the Indians to censor all mail and weed out propaganda.

The general added that he could not understand efforts the United States is making to win back the prisoners. If 22 Indians refused to return home, he said, India would let them do as they please.

Thimayya said Indian troops will not retain custody of prisoners who have refused to go home after Jan. 22, removing one of the last remaining barriers to the release of all unrepatriated prisoners as civilians.

Pamplico Slaying Inquest Postponed

PAMPLICO, S. C. (AP)—An inquest scheduled for tonight into the slaying of a young couple here last week has been postponed indefinitely.

In announcing the postponement Sheriff John Hanna said: "We're not ready yet." The inquest was to be held in Florence.

The around the clock investigation of the brutal beheading of Miss Betty Clair Cain, 15-year-old Pamplico schoolgirl, and the slaying of her companion, Henry B. Allen, 22, of Latta, will continue, Hanna said.

The sheriff reported that Margaret Page, wife of Raymond Carney, 38-year-old Negro wanted in connection with the slaying, is being held in jail. Hanna said that the name Page was one of several aliases used by Carney.

A bloodstained, mudcaked shovel found Sunday has been sent to FBI laboratories in Washington for tests. But Hanna said a report on the findings is not expected for a week or 10 days.

Meanwhile police left no possible clue to Carney's whereabouts uninvestigated. The sheriff said his department had received numerous telephone calls from people who said they thought they had seen Carney. None of them panned out.

Allen and Miss Cain were last seen Dec. 6 when they left the girl's house to go on a date. The next morning Allen's bloodstained car was found. That night the headless body of the pretty schoolgirl was found buried in a shallow grave at a spot known as "The Bluffs" overlooking the Pee Dee River.

The girl's head and Allen's body were found buried in an abandoned well two days later.

The tip that led officers to the well was furnished by Rosa Graham, who lives near it. Officers said she is the mother of Carney's wife.

A bunch led Deputy Sheriff Ray Shupe back to the Graham house early Sunday where the blood-spattered, mudcaked shovel was found. It is believed to have been used in the slaying.

An intensive search for Carney has been conducted since last Thursday. Hanna said he was reported seen in Tarboro, N. C., Friday night, but the trail from there is cold, the sheriff reported.

PARKING METER KEYS STOLEN IN SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—(AP)—Consider the plight of the Syracuse Police Dept.

When the Bureau of Traffic and Lighting workshop was broken into among the articles taken were two keys which open every one of the city's 2,400 parking meters.

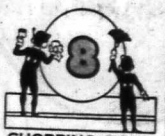
Police say the meters receive about $1 a day each. They say they don't contemplate changing the locks, which would cost approximately $1.50 each—about $3,600.

Marjorie Rawlings, Novelist, Dies

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP)—Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, 57, Pulitzer prize winning novelist, died at a hospital here last night.

Over the weekend she complained of indigestion and was taken to a hospital here.

The native of Washington, D. C., won the Pulitzer prize in 1939 with her novel, "The Yearling."



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Man Who Resembles Suspect Held In N.C.

CHAPEL HILL—(AP)—Police today continued to hold on a vagrancy charge a Negro man said to "look like" the suspect being

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Operation Saturation Out To Trap Speeders

RALEIGH (AP)—The Highway Patrol will soup up its highway saturation program during the Christmas and New Year holidays, Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt announced today.

Scheidt told a news conference the holiday traffic control plan went into effect yesterday. He said it would keep patrolmen, some in unmarked vehicles, and mechanical speed detection devices in constant use on selected stretches of highway.

Scheidt said it was the first time the department has used scientific equipment in its saturation plan. Previously the saturation plan had consisted primarily of a half dozen patrolmen riding in marked cars along a specified 10-mile stretch of road.

In explaining the holiday plan, Scheidt said: "This means the motorist inclined to take chances will be taking a greater risk. If he doesn't see a patrolman, it's no sign one is not there, perhaps in an unmarked car."

If the motorist passes one mechanical speed checker he may run into another five or 10 miles down the road, Scheidt added.

The purpose, Scheidt said, is to encourage "every motorist to conduct himself as though every highway were being enforced all the time," during the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Action Follows Sharp Warning From Dulles

French And British Rap U. S. Secretary

By TOM MASTERSON

PARIS (AP)—On the heels of a sharp warning from U. S. Secretary of State Dulles of a possible American "reappraisal" of its European policies, the NATO Council of Ministers today voted to boost its warplane and troop strength in 1954.

The council, governing body of the 14-nation Atlantic Pact, met as French officials were reported furious over Dulles' statement that a shift in American policies could follow any French failure to ratify the European Army pact soon. Paris newspapers termed it a "blunt ultimatum."

In London, British newspapers on varying political complexions also blasted Dulles.

LIKED BY ADENAUER

In Bonn, however, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party hailed his warning as "logical and natural." A party statement said: "We have pointed out time and again that there would come a time when American patience would end."

Approval of increased force for the alliance was reported by an American delegate.

FIGURES REMOVED

The delegate said the approved figures were those submitted by the military committee yesterday.

A highly informed American military officer said those recommendations included:

1. An increase in the NATO air force of more than 1,300 warplanes, boosting the alliance's air power to 5,700 planes by the end of 1954.

2. An 8 per cent increase in ground forces, bringing NATO's frontline and reserve divisions to 107 by the end of the year.

The delegate said the report ran into no opposition.

Most officials were guarded or refused comment on Dulles' declaration, though Italian Premier Giuseppe Pella termed it "a very courageous statement." Dutch Foreign Minister J. W. Beyen called it "very important." British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declined to comment.

"I have nothing at all to say," snapped French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

Dulles spoke yesterday to a news conference after addressing the opening meeting of the NATO Council gathering. Informants said he made the same points to the council.

STRONG LANGUAGE

In the strongest language yet heard at an NATO meeting, the secretary of state warned:

1. Unless the European Defense Community Treaty is ratified quickly, the United States will have to "re-study" how to implement its obligations to NATO, and the disposition of U. S. troops "would, of course, be a factor in the agonizing reappraisal."

2. If the Western nations, "especially France and Germany," decide to commit suicide by failing to unite, "they may have to commit it alone."

Dulles' threats were aimed mainly at the French, who first proposed the EDC and then turned sour on the idea. They fear the pact, which would bring 12 West German divisions into a six-nation European army would give German troops a new chance to invade France.

Yet many French leaders agree a European army including West Germans is necessary to defend Western Europe against Soviet attack.

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