

Head of Joint Chiefs Explains Reserves To Offset Army Cut

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WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford said today a cut in the size of the Army is to be offset by a more active reserve program and an increase in the ground forces of our allies, partly through U. S. aid.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff explained the plan to questioning members of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee in hearings on a money bill to finance the Defense Department's "new look" planning. That program involves cuts in Army and Navy manpower and a bigger Air Force.

Radford used the occasion also to assert that:

1. "It is not correct to say we are relying exclusively on one weapon, or one service, or that we are anticipating one kind of war." It is wrong to think, he said, that "ability to deliver massive atomic retaliation is, by itself, adequate to meet our security needs."

2. The size of the proposed forces was not based on any budgetary limitation imposed on the joint chiefs, but its members believed that the U. S. economic situation "is a great factor over the long pull."

3. The "new look" which followed the end of Korean fighting is less a radical change than a

reappraisal of military methods and "would have been done no matter what administration was in power."

As the public hearing ended, subcommittee Chairman Ferguson R-Mich commented that Radford's testimony showed the program prepares "for all kinds of war, an economic war, a propaganda war, large or small wars."

"It is an answer to those who want an answer," Ferguson added.

Radford was questioned extensively about the proposed reduction in Army strength from 1,481,000 now to 1,173,000 by the end of June, 1955.

Gen. Matthew Ridgway, Army chief of staff, testified yesterday he was concerned over the Army cut "through which our capabilities will be lowered while our responsibilities for meeting the continuing threat have yet to be correspondingly lessened."



MORE MONEY—Gov. Allan Shivers addresses a joint session of the first called session of the 53rd Texas Legislature in Austin. The governor asked for new taxes to raise \$25,600,000 a year to give teachers a \$402 annual increase and state employees a \$120 increase.

Ranger Trial Of Parr Fight Set March 29

SAN DIEGO, March 17—(AP)—The trial of two Texas Rangers charged with assault to murder Duval County political boss George Parr was set today for March 29 at Brownsville.

The Rangers tangled with Parr and his nephew, Duval County Sheriff Archer Parr, after George Parr arrived at the court house to answer a charge of illegally carrying a pistol near a meeting of his political opposition.

Parr came out of it with a bleeding ear. The Rangers, sent here several years ago to patrol this politically stormy area, are free on bond and on duty.

New Bill Permits Hiring of Mexicans

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—President Eisenhower signed yesterday a bill to permit recruiting of Mexican laborers for work on farms in this country—with or without the consent of Mexico.

The bill passed Congress before the signing of an agreement last week under which Mexico and the United States will renew their cooperation in recruiting. Its purpose was to enable the United States to carry on recruiting, even if Mexico should refuse to sign.

Some congressmen urged the president not to sign the bill on the ground that the agreement made it unnecessary. Assistant Secretary of Labor Rocco Siciliano told a Senate hearing last week that he

still considered the bill useful.

Taking note of the new agreement, the President said:

"While neither government assumes that this agreement will prove to be the final answer to the whole complex problem, it provides necessary means for moving forward to more complete solutions."

Eisenhower said unforeseeable future developments may some day lead the two governments to determine that formal agreement on this subject "is no longer desirable but that appropriate action by each within its own jurisdiction is still essential."

He said that for a number of years the U. S. Attorney general has had authority to admit Mexican farm workers under whatever conditions he alone decided to establish.

The president added, however, that because of the wording of applicable legislation there had not been adequate authority for U. S. governmental measures for protection and placement of the workers at times when there was not an agreement with Mexico.

"The present law is precautionary," Eisenhower said.

Legislature Hears More on Duval County

AUSTIN, March 16 (AP)—Duval County's turbulent affairs were brought back to the Legislature today.

Sen. Kilmer Corbin, Lubbock, introduced a resolution to cut off state funds to the South Texas county until missing records are produced or a satisfactory audit made.

Corbin wanted the senate to act at once but objections of Sens. Abe Kazen, Jr., Laredo, and Dorsey Hardeman, San Angelo, forced it to a committee for study.

The State Affairs Committee set it down for public hearing March 24.

The measure requires action of both houses.

Some senators privately expressed doubt such action could be taken through a resolution. Any other route would probably require Gov. Shivers to submit the subject to the special session before it could be considered.

The resolution said it is evident "by reason of deplorable conditions involving state funds" that corrective action should be taken. Duval County affairs have been

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INTERVIEWS:

1. March 19—A representative of the Aberdeen Proving Ground (Maryland), Ordnance Corps, will interview graduates in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering for work in the development and proof testing of Ordnance material.

2. On Monday, March 22—Representatives from the Dallas office of Sun Oil Company will interview Petroleum and Mechanical Engineering and Accounting majors.

3. March 23 and 24—Parkersburg Rig and Reel Company will interview Petroleum Engineers for work in the engineering design and development of oil field production equipment. They prefer to interview students who have completed their military obligations.

4. March 24—Arthur Andersen & Company will interview graduates with accounting majors for positions that are open on the staff of the firm in offices throughout the country. This is an international firm of accountants and auditors providing services in the areas of auditing, tax accounting, and administrative accounting, including systems.

5. March 24—A representative of the Baumont division of Sun Oil Company will interview Electrical Engineering and Physics majors at the B.S. and M.S. levels for laboratory work.

6. March 24—A representative of the Houston office of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company will interview Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering graduates for sales engineering work in their commercial and industrial air conditioning division.

7. March 24—Columbian Carbon Company will interview Chemical Engineers for positions as Junior Process Engineers in a furnace-type carbon plant. This company has announced a starting rate of \$385.00 per month.

8. March 24 and 25—The Western Company of Midland, Texas will interview Mechanical, Petroleum and Electrical Engineers. Men in these classifications are employed in an on-the-job experience program in field work with advancement based on individual ability.

9. March 25—The Fort Worth Production Division of the Gulf Oil Corporation will interview Petroleum Engineering graduates for Petroleum Engineer Trainee openings in West Texas and New Mexico. Training period of 18 to 24 months' duration in production and engineering phases of oil field production work will lead to classification of Junior Petroleum Engineer.

French Throw Back Vietminh Attackers

HANOI, Indochina, March 16 (AP)—French firepower stopped screaming Vietminh attackers within a half mile of the heart of Dien Bien Phu today. The Communist-led rebels, suffering casualties estimated unofficially up to 8,000 in four days of battle, picked up their dead and withdrew to the hills to regroup.

French troops hurled back furious assaults by the rebels, who fired rifles, pistols, machine guns and three grenades and even spears in an attempt to knock out the French command post in the center of the beleaguered key fortress in northwest Indochina.

But sheets of heavy fire from American-supplied guns tore wide gaps in the ranks of the Vietminh. As nightfall approached they temporarily broke off frontal assault

and retreated to the hills under a dashing rain.

Bodies were strewn over the rain-soaked plain of Dien Bien Phu where the Vietminh had chosen to make its biggest effort of the Indochina War, now in its eighth year. The Vietminh's chief motive appeared to be a desire to achieve the strongest position possible for the talks on Asian problems at Geneva beginning April 26. Both a Korean and Indochinese peace will be taken up, with Communist China present.

The main assault on Dien Bien today was from the north. A French army spokesman said the rebels picked up thousands of their dead and wounded. Unofficial estimates put today's rebel killed at 3,000 and total casualties since the battle opened on Saturday night at between 6,000 and 8,000.

Rayburn Says Ike's Tax Plan Aids Upper Class

Texan Claims Program Means Special Benefits

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—House Democratic leader Sam Rayburn of Texas told the nation last night President Eisenhower's tax program would give six times as much relief to upper income brackets as to the great bulk of taxpayers.

Rayburn, in a statement prepared for radio and television broadcast, assailed the Republican program as a revival of the philosophy that special benefits for the wealthy "may eventually trickle down to the great majority."

But in actual practice, he said, little or nothing ever trickles down.

Rayburn said that is why House Democrats are fighting

to amend the GOP-sponsored tax revision program to increase individual income tax exemptions for each taxpayer and each dependent by \$100. In the Senate, Sen. George D-Ga is proposing a \$200 increase this year and \$400 next.

Rayburn urged the \$100 boost "so that you and every taxpayer in this country will get real tax relief."

He and two other Democratic Congress members took to the air to answer an address by President Eisenhower Monday, denouncing the Democratic tax-cutting plan as unsound and politically inspired.

Eisenhower said the nearly 2½ billion annual loss in revenue from the Democratic proposal would be a serious blow to the government and would undermine the "cornerstone" of his domestic program.

The GOP is pushing a tax revision bill which would cost the Treasury about 1½ billion a year as it now stands. It overhauls most of the existing tax laws and provides for more liberal deductions for many items ranging from medical expenses and retirement income to dividends and business depreciation.

Eisenhower contends this is as far as the government should go at the present time. He says the bill would benefit millions of individuals and encourage "the growth and expansion of industry, the creation of jobs."

Rayburn spoke on the eve of House debate today on the critical election-year tax issue.

He was joined by Sen. George, senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Cooper D-Tenn, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

A few hours earlier, House Speaker Martin R-Mass said after a 2½ hour closed door caucus of Republican House members he was confident the Democratic drive for an exemption increase would be beaten "by a very comfortable margin."

The House is scheduled to vote Thursday.

Martin said Eisenhower's appeal last night had been "very effective" in swinging over doubtful GOP lawmakers. House Republican leader Halleck of Indiana, echoing Martin, told reporters after the caucus: "The Democratic motion will not pass."

But Democratic leaders also predicted victory for their side in the big-stakes battle which was certain to resound throughout the congressional election campaigns this fall.

Cooper said throughout the Republican tax revision program, "The wage earner appears to be the forgotten man."

Rayburn explained the Democratic amendment not only would propose an exemption increase but would knock out of the giant, \$75-

Junior Ducats On Sale Now In SA Office

Tickets for the Junior Class Banquet and Dance Saturday are now on sale in the student activities office, second floor of Goodwin Hall.

The tickets will be on sale until noon Saturday.

The banquet will be at 6:45 p.m. in the banquet room of Sbis Mess Hall. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the main room of Sbis. The Aggie-land orchestra will play for the dance.

A class sweetheart will be selected from five finalists at the dance.

Oilman Spots Money Bag; Youths Caught

OZONA, Tex., March 16 (AP)—Two young men held up the Ozona National Bank today and were spotted from the sidewalk by an oilman as they stuffed money in a suitcase.

The pair fled without the loot and were collared by the oilman and another citizen in a creek bed some 100 yards from the bank.

L. H. Smith and Billy Bruce, both 21 and of Junction, were charged with armed robbery.

Sheriff V. O. Earnest said this happened:

Two men drove into this West Texas town and entered the bank just before 3 p. m. One forced eight bank employees into an office and locked the door. The other started filling a suitcase with money lying loose in tellers' cages.

They had locked the front door of the bank. While they were stuffing money into the suitcase, Byron Williams, Ozona oil lease broker, looked in and saw what was going on. He ran to give the alarm.

Then Williams returned to the bank with a pistol he had borrowed from the sheriff and saw the pair running toward the creek bed.

They had taken off, the sheriff said, because within a few minutes after Williams gave the alarm 15 or 20 armed citizens had gathered around the bank.

The men went out the back, climbed over a grocery store and sprinted toward the creek bed.

Williams and Dick Henderson, a rancher, set out after the pair and overtook them. Williams held the gun on the pair while Henderson took a revolver from one of the men.

Smith and Bruce will be given a hearing tomorrow morning. The sheriff said the men told him they "cashed" the bank yesterday and thought it would be an easy robbery.

Nobody was hurt.

West Texas Manhunt Spreads After Escape

BIG SPRING, March 16 (AP)—A manhunt spread out over West Texas today for three of five prisoners who escaped from the Howard County jail.

The five, including a convicted killer and a man nabbed in a running gun battle at Colorado City last January, slipped from a fourth floor window into the early morning darkness.

Police discovered the breakout when they stopped two men acting suspiciously on a Big Spring street. They were recognized as prisoners and were quickly returned to their cells.

Hours later, no trace of the other three was reported. The five escaped by removing bars from a window.

One of the two recaptured desperadoes is Randall Hendricks,

convicted last week of murder without malice in the death of his wife, Patricia, 14. She was shot while the two were driving from Abilene to Big Spring. Hendricks, 20, of Sweetwater, was sentenced to five years.

The other prisoner returned to jail is Jack Thompson, sentenced to five years on a robbery by assault conviction.

Two of the three at large were awaiting transfer to Huntsville.

They are David Leach, captured last January in a gun battle with officers at Colorado City and given a five-year forgery sentence; and John Springer, sentenced to three years for auto theft and wanted in Michigan as a federal parole violator.

The third man still at liberty is Thomas Taylor, charged with armed robbery.

Safety Confab Starts In Dallas On March 29

The 15th Annual Conference of the Texas Safety Association will be held at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, March 29-30. Col. E. B. Tilley, President, announced today. In announcing the meeting, Col. Tilley said "No Texan can fail to show increased concern for the steadily growing number of injuries and deaths due to traffic accidents. With the number of vehicles on Texas streets and highway growing at a record rate, traffic safety is everybody's business."

Sectional meetings for industry, fleet operators, school and colleges, traffic, police and traffic court representatives, farm and ranch, and women's groups are scheduled for the two-day meet. General Chairman for the Conference is J. Thurman Green, Safety Director, Sun Oil Company, Dallas.

Greek Letter Fraternities Studied By Ags

"Are professional fraternities wanted by the students at Texas A&M?" asked Charles N. Shepardson, dean of the School of Agriculture, at the Monday night meeting of the Student Agricultural Council.

Dean Shepardson explained that several groups have asked permission to organize professional fraternities at A&M. The present regulations permit no such organizations to be formed. The only Greek letter organizations which exist on the campus at the present time are honorary fraternities which were approved by the Board of Directors in 1947. Action by the Board of Directors would be necessary before any professional fraternities could be brought to A&M.

The Executive Council has decided to determine through the school student councils whether the students want professional fraternities or not. The student representatives from departmental clubs have been asked to find out what the opinions of the members of their clubs are on the subject.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

Cloudy and occasional light rains today and tomorrow. High yesterday 61. Low this morning 37.