

Senate Passes \$60 Billion Defense Bill

Largest Single Military Bill Passed by Unanimous Vote

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—The Senate passed the largest single military spending bill in history today, voting almost \$60,000,000,000 for America's expanding armed forces.

Just before passage of the huge defense measure, administration leaders accepted an amendment by Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) to cut the total funds by a straight 2½ percent. At that time they stood at \$61,033,856,030.

Smith and other Senators estimated the last minute cut would save about \$1,500,000,000, but added that this figure is subject to revision.

79-0 Vote

The final roll call vote was 79 to 0.

Closing stages of the debate were marked by repeated efforts to reduce the size of the bill in recorded and voice votes, but Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), floor manager for the measure, beat them all off until the Smith amendment was introduced.

Later, O'Mahoney told reporters the bill carried \$59,508,009,630 as finally passed.

O'Mahoney said the Secretary of Defense would have authority to apply the 2½ per cent approved by the Senate just before passage to selected items.

House Bill Changed

The Senate made numerous changes in the House-passed bill.

The house had voted to release, after 12 months' service, thousands of World War II veterans who had been called back to duty in the Korean war.

It also had barred early retirement of officers and men before the number of years fixed by law, after complaints about high-ranking Generals and Admirals retiring to accept well-paid jobs with industries, many of them getting defense contracts.

The Senate knocked out both these provisions, which had been inserted on the House floor after long and critical debate.

Taft Cites Danger

If passage of the bill neared, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told the Senate he would vote for it, but he said the contemplated scale of government spending in the next few years endangered the nation's economy.

He told the Senate that there is just as much danger in overdoing military expenditures in peacetime as there is in not doing enough.

W and M Head Gives Resignation

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Sept. 14—(AP)—Dr. John E. Pomfret, President of the College of William and Mary, said tonight he has submitted his resignation to the board of visitors.

Dr. Pomfret was criticized in a Sept. 8 report of the board, which is probing an athletic scandal at the college.

The board has spent the past several weeks probing alleged irregularities in the college's athletic department. It reported its findings only last Saturday and criticized the college administration for not handling the situation "with dispatch."

Dr. Pomfret was named President of the college in 1942. He was formerly dean of the senior college of arts and sciences at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

The board said it found evidence that the Athletic Department altered the high school transcripts of promising athletes applying for admission to William and Mary. It said further that some athletes at the college had been granted credit for work they had not done in physical education classes.

It said Pomfret's administration had "let the matter drift" and had taken no positive, quick steps to remedy the situation when it was uncovered.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—Fifty-six Senators, both Democrats and Republicans, told President Truman today they are opposed to either the U. S. or Japan recognizing Communist China or Japan making a treaty with the Chinese Reds.

N. Y. Governor



Thomas E. Dewey

Dewey Urges Aid To Asian Friends

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey gave President Truman a 40-minute report on Asia today, then urged a "great program" to "help our friends" there.

The New York Governor described the White House meeting as a "cordial," two-way discussion of the Pacific and the Far East, which he termed the world's "critical" area for the next few years.

Truman termed it a satisfactory conference.

Politics Not Discussed

Political matters were not discussed, Dewey said. The name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, whom Dewey is booming for President on the Republican ticket, was not mentioned, he added.

Dewey declined to specify the conclusions he gave the President after his seven weeks' tour of Korea and other oriental countries. But he told newsmen upon leaving the White House: "Now that we have succeeded in launching a great program for the defense of Europe in our own defenses require that we develop a similar program in Southeast Asia."

Area Might Be Lost

Otherwise we face the loss of Japan, the Philippines, and that whole area to the free world."

He told newsmen we need "much closer political and military alliances with nations in the Pacific area." He said the defense of the Philippines, Indonesia, China, Malaya, and Indonesia—where "wholesale revolutions" are underway with Communist help—is the "cornerstone of the whole free Area of the Pacific."

New Missile Included in AF Plans

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Air Force today disclosed it is forming a combat unit to use guided missiles, and President Truman said this involved one of the deadly new weapons he has described "fantastic in their operation."

The Air Force report amounted to announcement that it has reached the threshold of pushbutton warfare on the battlefield. The missiles may be able to carry atomic charges for blasting troops and fortifications in frontline areas.

A New Weapon

Truman later in the day told a news conference questioner that the announcement involved the new weapons he hinted at in a speech Sept. 4 at San Francisco.

Out of a sparsely worded announcement and an official photograph of the weapon in horizontal flight, these points emerged:

1. The weapon, now in production at the Glenn L. Martin Company airplane plant in Baltimore, Md., is designated as the "Mata-dor," B-61 "pilotless bomber."
2. The "1st pilotless bomber squadron (light)" will be organized at the big USAF missile test center, Cocoa, Fla., on Oct. 1.
3. The missile is about the size of a smallish fighter plane, but compact-size atomic bombs have been developed for use in smaller aircraft.

Radar Controls

4. Because it is equipped with radar and radio controls for guidance it also presumably can be exploded in the air over a target as well as detonated by actual impact with the target. This probably can be done by remote control firing, by the familiar proximity device or by other, newer and more unconventional methods.

Eisenhower to Lead 'The People Act'

President Milton S. Eisenhower has been named chairman of a national educational project to show how community problems are solved at the local level.

Called "The People Act," the project will feature a weekly radio series of dramatic tape-recordings, showing how people are solving local problems in rural and urban areas throughout the country. The project is being financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation's fund for adult education.

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Lovett's Appointment Approved

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Robert A. Lovett's nomination as Secretary of Defense was swiftly approved by the Senate Armed Forces committee today.

Senator Flanders (R-Vt.), emerging from a private session of the committee, reported the vote was unanimous. He said no one voiced any criticism of the 56 year old former banker, or of his actions as a government official.

President Truman named Lovett yesterday to succeed Gen. George C. Marshall, who, at the age of 70, is retiring to his home in Virginia. Lovett has been serving as Marshall's deputy.

With committee action out of the way, the appointment now goes to the full Senate, where it is expected to be approved with little debate.

William C. Foster, chief of the economic cooperation administration, has been nominated as Lovett's deputy. Senators said Foster probably would be asked to appear before the committee next week for interrogation before his nomination is voted on.

Truman Says Acheson Stays

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—President Truman said crisply and emphatically today that "as long as I am President of the United States" Dean Acheson is "going to be Secretary of State."

And that, Truman said with a chuckle, may be for a good while. The President shook with laughter at newsmen's prodding inquiries as to how long a good while might be.

"Another four or five years?" a reporter asked.

Still keeping up a mystery about his plans for the 1952 presidential election, Truman jovially accused the reporter of standing there with an innocent expression on his face and asking a "shot-gun" question.

The newsmen would have to do their own speculating, he said.

Red Troops Mass For Expected Drive

U.S. Eighth Army Headquarters, Korea, Friday, Sept. 14—(AP)—Fierce fighting raged on eastern Korean hill tops Thursday while at least 250,000 tank-supported Red troops were reported massed along the western battle front for a possible "full moon" drive toward Seoul.

AP war correspondent Stan Carter reported there was some speculation among Eighth Army officers that the Red offensive in the West—if it develops at all—may come this next weekend when the moon is full.

Red Troops Not Ready

However, other sources still were inclined to doubt that the Communists plan an immediate attack. These officers pointed out there is no indication that Communist troops have received full assault rations and equipment for an offensive.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo has disclosed that 40 re-fitted and re-equipped Communist divisions have been firmly identified along the battlefield and at least 30 more divisions in rear areas between the front line and Manchuria. Most were deployed in western Korea where the terrain is less rugged.

The Communists are believed

to have 250 Soviet-built T-34 tanks in the west and 1200 Manchurian-based planes for support.

For the past month, the heaviest fighting has been on the east-central front, north of Yanggu and Inje. But it was believed unlikely, Carter said, that the Reds would launch a major drive in the wild Taebak Mountain Range that just across that front.

Most of the Red troops in eastern Korea are North Koreans who have been mauled in recent fighting. In the past, major Red offensives have been spearheaded by Chinese troops who have most often attacked under the light of a full moon.

Allied officers feel the purpose of a Communist offensive would undoubtedly be to push the United Nations line below the 38th parallel.

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