

'Ike,' Taft Split On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—Two leading contenders for the Republican presidential nomination split sharply today over the size of the foreign aid program needed to guarantee American security during the next 12 months.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said congressional proposals to cut foreign aid by \$1,000,000,000 would be "heavily and seriously felt"—and that cuts substantially beyond that point might endanger U. S. security.

"I do not at all agree," Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio declared at a Hartford, Conn., news conference when informed of Eisenhower's statement.

The senator said a cut of even \$2,000,000,000, bringing mutual security spending down to about \$6,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year, "would in no way endanger the program or the security of the United States."

Security is Stabilizing

Eisenhower's views were expressed in a message to Sen. Connally D-Tex., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He told Connally there can be little question but that the nation's mutual security policy is gradually stabilizing "the international scene."

The commander of the North Atlantic Treaty forces spoke in guarded terms and said his statement about aid funds was based on a number of assumptions.

Ike to Return

These included the assumption that the financial computations on President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid bill have been "competently made on the basis of our military requirements."

Eisenhower is giving up his international command June 1 and returning to the United States, where he is being boomed for the Republican presidential nomination.

Connally cabled him last Monday, requesting comment on the bill and on the effect of any reductions in it. In his lengthy reply, Eisenhower said in part:

"While we here are not in a position to compute in detail the effect of specific fund reductions, it is quite clear that in terms of impact on our military programs, an aggregate reduction of the order of \$1,000,000,000 would be heavily and seriously felt.

"Any cut materially greater than this would create such difficulties that a drastic revision of the whole program might well be indicated and might therefore endanger the proposed military buildup now visualized, and which I consider essential in the interest of U. S. security."

Truman To Name His 'Choice'

By the Associated Press

President Truman reserved the right to name his choice for the Democratic presidential nomination yesterday and reaffirmed his stand on the explosive civil rights issue that split the party in 1948.

Truman made it clear to his news conference that while he is still holding his fire, he may speak out on the man he would like to see as the Democratic standard bearer in advance of the party's national convention in July.

The President said along this line that he has never been gagged and won't be gagged.

Truman indicated he was waiting for the right psychological moment as he told newsmen with a grin that he was a pretty good judge of timing on political approaches.

Wide Open Convention

Less than 24 hours earlier, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee had touched on the same theme, at a different angle. The tall man from Chattanooga, leader in the field so far in the race for delegates to the national convention, told a rally in upstate New York that the people have a right to select their candidates for President and "not have their choice made for them."

Kefauver has called for a wide-open convention, without any wire-pulling by political bigwigs in picking the party's nominee.

FEPC Plank

On the question of civil rights, Truman said his position on that subject remains unchanged and he expects the Democratic platform to contain an adequate civil rights plank.

Four years ago, Truman's insistence on a compulsory Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) plank touched off a Southern revolt, and led to the creation of a States' Rights faction by Dixie Democrats.

Allies Charged With Refusing To Negotiate

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, May 9 (AP)—Communist delegates Thursday accused the Allies of refusing to negotiate on prisoner exchange, a crucial issue which threatens collapse of the Korean armistice talks.

Yet they brushed aside a second United Nations Command request for an indefinite recess and called for another session today.

As the tenth month of negotiations ends today, U.N. negotiators were leaving no room for Communist haggling over the prisoner issue.

The U.N. delegates were committed to a stand of no retreat from the principle that captives in Allied hands never will be forced to return to Red rule against their wishes.

Allied delegates were fortified by statements of full support from President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, and high government officials of Britain and Canada.

The U.N. offered to return 70,000 prisoners who said they would go to Communist territory without being forced. But about 60,000 Chinese and North Korean soldiers declared they would rather die than return to Communist soil.

Young Democrats Elect Chairman

Kenneth Doverspike, sixth semester political science student, has been elected chairman of the Young Democrats.

John Moore was elected vice-chairman and David Kresge, secretary treasurer. Joseph Stratos, former co-chairman with Doverspike, was named honorary chairman.

By-laws which call for the chairman to be a sixth semester student at time of election and for the vice-chairman to be a third or fourth semester student were also approved.

The World At a Glance

Ridgway Tells 8th Army To Free General Dodd

SEOUL, Friday, May 9 (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway today instructed the Eighth Army "to take whatever action is required and to use whatever force is necessary" to free Gen. Francis T. Dodd.

Dodd was seized Wednesday by Communist prisoners of war on the Kojima Island stockade.

Ridgway handed the firm orders to Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U. S. Eighth Army commander, shortly before the supreme Allied commander left Korea last night.

Greeks Demonstrate

ATHENS, May 8 (AP)—Huge crowds demonstrated in downtown Athens today for the return of British-held Cyprus to Greece. The entire Athens police force was alerted to forestall any march on the British embassy.

Allies Bomb N. Korea

SEOUL, Friday, May 9 (AP)—Allied war planes Thursday turned a big North Korea base into flaming ruin with the mightiest air blow of the entire Korean War, the Fifth Air Force said.

Earthquake Jolts Japan

TOKYO, May 8 (AP)—One person was killed today when a moderate earthquake jolted the Tokyo-Yokohama area. No serious damage was reported.

Truman Calls Situation In World 'Very Grave'

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—President Truman called the world situation very grave today. He said Congress' move to cut defense spending, and the current labor-management disputes, are right down Stalin's alley.

But the President added a flat prediction that World War III will be avoided if, 1, Congress votes all he asks for the defense of this country and its allies, and, 2, American industrial production can be kept at a high level.

England Takes Step

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative government took the first step today toward returning a big slice of the British trucking industry to private ownership.

New Atomic Weapon

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—The Army boldly claimed tonight its first atomic artillery weapon can "hit its target under any weather conditions and give ground troops the kind of devastating close support never before available in warfare."

Police Called Grafters

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—Two more of ex-mayor William O'Dwyer's "honest" police brass were labeled grafters today by boss bookie Harry Gross.

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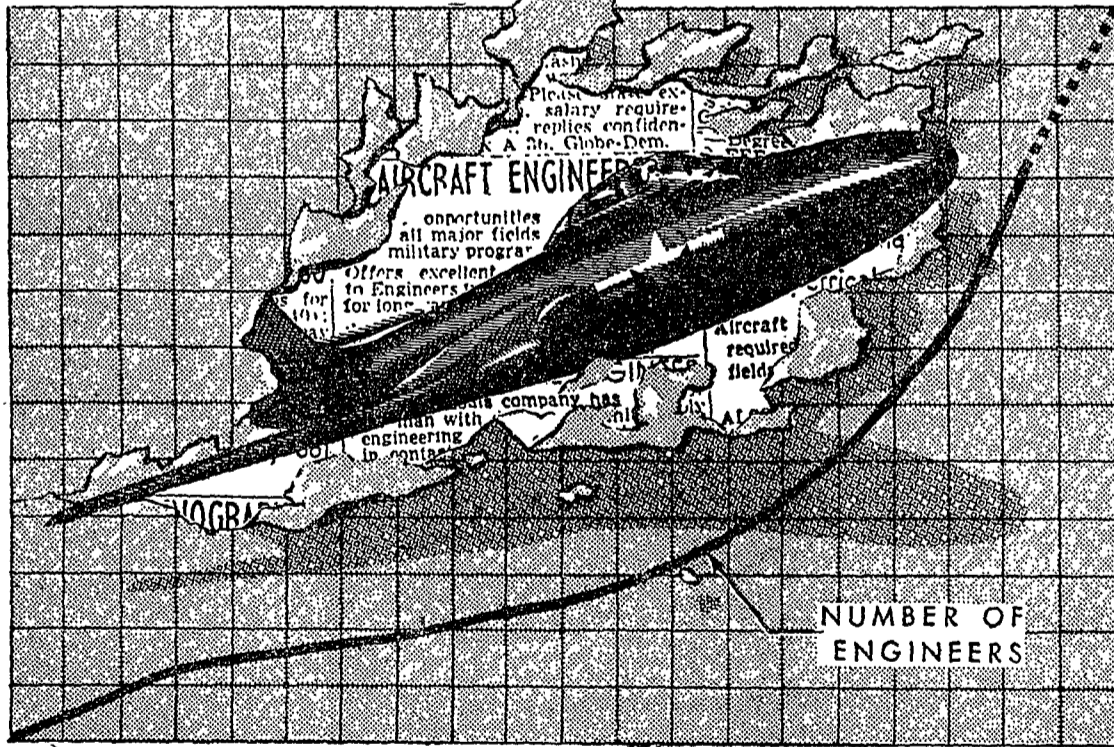


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