

Ike Backs Cut In Atomic Budget

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—A \$75,900,000 cut in the Atomic Energy Commission's operating budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 was recommended by President Dwight D. Eisenhower today.

The White House said the reduction "does not mean a decrease in the scope of activities," but is made possible by savings in operating expenses and somewhat lower construction costs.

West Germany Treaties OK'd

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 14-1 today in favor of restoring sovereignty to West Germany and making her a partner in the defense of the West.

Senate ratification of the German rearmament treaties may come before Congress begins its Easter vacation next Monday.

Officials have stressed that a strong, independent and democratic German nation is a key-stone of American foreign policy. Secretary of State Dulles told the committee earlier this week that Senate approval of the treaties will "lay the basis for a new Europe."

Sen. William Langer (R.-N.D.), cast the only negative vote today. He did not explain his vote, but he has frequently spoken out in the past against what he considers to be entangling foreign alliances.

There are two treaties to be ratified. One would allow the West German Republic to build a 12-division army, a small air force and a coastal navy, all to be integrated in the military structure of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It would also give West Germany sovereignty.

The second treaty would admit West Germany as the 15th member of NATO.

Tribe--Never Saw White Men--Seen In New Guinea

PORT MOREBY, New Guinea, March 31 (AP)—An Australian patrol in New Guinea had found a Papuan tribe that had never before seen white men.

Patrol leader James W. Kent said in a report to the New Guinea administration:

"We were embraced, hugged, and patted. Headmen from the various villages vied with each other to express pleasure at our arrival. We were introduced to their families, their wives, their sons, daughter-in-law, and their children.

"Our skin and clothing were fingered and they were astounded to find that when we removed our boots we had feet like them.

"When more and more newcomers arrived we would be requested to make an appearance for the women, who would gasp in astonishment at our white skins and start animated discussions when they noted that one of the two Europeans had blue eyes and the other brown."

Pulitzer Dies

ST. LOUIS, March 31 (AP)—Joseph Pulitzer, for 43 years editor and publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, died unexpectedly late last night.

Special Hours Granted Coeds for Weekend

Special hours have been granted to coeds for tonight and tomorrow night by Women's Student Government Association.

Freshman women will receive 1 o'clock permissions for the IFC-Panhel Ball tonight and 12 o'clocks for house parties tomorrow night.

Upperclass women will have 2 o'clocks for tonight and 1 o'clocks for parties tomorrow night.

Eisenhower asked Congress to provide \$1,045,000,000 for the agency instead of the \$1,120,900,000 originally requested.

When a reporter suggested to White House press secretary James C. Hagerty that the proposed reduction would indicate that cheaper atomic bombs can now be made, Hagerty replied:

"It would indicate nothing of the sort."

He produced a memorandum from the Budget Bureau saying the savings result from "numerous program adjustments and do not reflect a cutback in the atomic energy program."

Eisenhower also asked Congress for several increases in appropriations, including:

An additional \$1,870,000 for the Agriculture Department's research service, primarily to deal with outbreaks of crop diseases.

An additional \$486,462 for the Library of Congress, mainly to meet salary increases and other new expenses.

For the current fiscal year ending June 30, the President asked \$1,370,000 for the Commerce Department's maritime activities. This money would be used to repair hurricane damage to reserve fleet sites on the Atlantic Coast.

Employment to Rise

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—A moderate rise in employment is expected throughout most of the nation this spring, the Labor Department said today.

Senate Committee Enters Yalta Dispute

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today moved into the center of the politically explosive question over release of the Yalta papers.

Without objection, the committee voted to "request" Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to explain behind closed-doors all the controversial circumstances surrounding the March 16 release of the papers.

Sen. Walter F. George (D.-Ga.), committee chairman, said a major point of inquiry is why informal memoranda and off-the-cuff remarks by the Big Three wartime leaders—Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill—were included in the formal documents published by the State Department.

One such comment was Roosevelt's expression of hope that Stalin would propose a toast to the idea of executing 50,000 German officers. Another was Churchill's comment that he did not care much for Poles himself, but that the House of Commons would scrutinize his handling of the Polish question.

Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R.-Ind.), a committee member who was absent when the committee adopted the motion by Sen. Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.), said he could see no good reason for asking Dulles to testify.

Capehart said: "I'm for publishing all of those informal remarks, everything that a President says, particularly in the presence of foreign people."

The committee's decision came just one day after the State Department, breaking an official silence of two weeks, defended its decision to release the documents. It was apparent that senior committee Democrats were unsatisfied with the explanation.

Morse said: "I think the committee has a definite responsibility to discuss the entire Yalta release situation. We must see if we can prevent a similar blunder in the future."

The decision of the committee to call Dulles came as a major surprise.

Berlin Freight Rates Disputed

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—American officials said tonight the Western Allies will not be blackmailed into paying stiff highway taxes to the Communists to keep vital goods flowing into Berlin.

The West Berlin city authorities already have advanced \$250,000 in subsidies to help truckers to meet new highway taxes imposed by the Communists. These authorities called the Communist move a form of retaliation for West German ratification of rearmament.

State Department officials said the Allied high commissions are in session at Berlin. They said the money advanced by the West Berlin authorities is simply a "palliative until a decision is reached on what to do."

At any rate, these officials said, the Allied consultation is aimed at finding "other measures than paying the price."

Increasing subsidies to the German truckers, who would then be forced to pay higher taxes to the Communists, would be sheer blackmail, they said, and the United States would not approve of that.

Texas Suffers Storm

DALHART, Tex., March 31 (AP)—Dust turned into snow as the season's worst sandstorm broke out of the Texas Panhandle late today and boiled over the rest of the state.

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