

Ike's Budget Cut In House by 26%

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The House today voted its biggest percentage cut so far in the 1958 budget—and the executive office of the President was its target.

By voice vote, the House chopped by 26 per cent the amount of new money President Dwight D. Eisenhower asked to operate his executive office in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

President Lets Budget Slashes Up to Congress

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today he is shoving off for the Bermuda conference by slow boat tomorrow, leaving it to Congress "to go ahead and cut" his budget if it can.

In effect Eisenhower was bouncing right back to the House a resolution it adopted yesterday asking him to pick places for substantial reductions in his 72-billion-dollar budget for the 12 months starting July 1. He did tell a news conference that "I will be just as helpful as I can."

The President was feeling "some better" today. But he still has a cold—and his voice showed it—along with a resulting ear inflammation. In contrast with last week's news conference, he didn't cough once in a question-and-answer session with reporters today.

Eisenhower started off by announcing he has given up plans to go to Florida to try to shake off his ailments with sunshine and recreation. Instead, he said, he is boarding a Navy cruiser at Norfolk, Va., tomorrow evening for "a very slow trip to Bermuda."

20 Killed in Battle Fought In Cuba President's Home

HAVANA, Cuba, March 13 (AP) — Armed rebels stormed into the presidential palace today in a bloody revolutionary attempt to seize or kill President Fulgencio Batista.

Twenty men were reported killed in battle inside the palace. Twenty others were reported killed in scattered fighting outside the palace.

The 56-year-old President, a veteran of violence, survived and directed a successful tank-led counter-attack on rebel supporters outside the palace.

5 Guards Killed

Fifteen out of about 40 invading rebels and five palace guards were reported killed within earshot of Batista.

The attack on the palace apparently was in two phases:

1—A 40-man invasion team to tackle the palace guard and fight into Batista's private quarters and take him.

2—A covering armed force to deploy in nearby buildings and keep up an outside attack.

Batista at Lunch

The invasion force broke past the guard and into the first floor where Batista has offices. He was on the second floor finishing a late luncheon with two Cabinet ministers.

Heavy firing around the palace lasted nearly three hours.

The government announced tonight the rebel forces at the palace had been beaten back and calm prevailed throughout the island.

Pa. and Minn. Nix Stassen's Chance for Gov.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—A Pennsylvania congressman today advised Harold Stassen not to seek the governorship of the Keystone State, while a Minnesota lawmaker said Minnesota doesn't want its former governor back.

The discussion in the House chamber was started by Rep. Leon H. Gavin (R.-Pa.), who said he has read that the former Minnesota governor may run for governor of Pennsylvania.

Many Pennsylvanians, Gavin said, to the obvious enjoyment of several hundred Pennsylvania women visitors in the gallery, "look with disfavor" on Stassen and believe there are better qualified men in their state.

"Has he so worn out his welcome in his home state of Minnesota that he hesitates to return there?" Gavin said.

Asked by Rep. Noah M. Mason (R.-Ill.) if he considers Stassen "a carpetbagger," Gavin said he certainly does.

Rep. Roy W. Wier (D.-Minn.) told Gavin that "you took him" when Stassen became head of the University of Pennsylvania. Wier said Minnesota "doesn't want him."

Nixon's Reception By Sudan Cool

KHARTOUM, Sudan, March 13 (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon ran into a relatively cool reception on his arrival today in Sudan. Communists had campaigned for a boycott of his good will visit to this Arab nation, which is linked with Egypt by the Nile.

"Go out of our country Nixon," said Red leaflets.

The government frowned on the campaign, however, and officially the welcome was correct.

Prime Minister Abdullah Khalil greeted Nixon in 95-degree heat on his arrival by plane from Ethiopia.

Greek Cypriot Executed For Possessing Gun

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Thursday, March 14 (AP)—Evagoras Pallikarides, 18, was hanged early today for possessing a gun.

He was the ninth Greek Cypriot to be executed under British emergency regulations.

In Washington, two Republican members of Congress Wednesday had urged the State Department to protest plans of British authorities to execute the Greek student.

The action upheld the recommendation of the House Appropriations Committee that executive office funds be fixed at \$12,582,370, instead of the \$17,047,870 Eisenhower requested.

The bill, the third acted on by the House this year, now goes to the Senate.

It was passed less than 24 hours after the House approved a Democratic-sponsored resolution asking Eisenhower to indicate where substantial cuts could best be made in his 1958 budget.

Eisenhower told his news conference today he will be as helpful as possible in trying to achieve budget cuts. But he said it's the job of Congress to decide where or whether to make reductions.

That Congress intends to take a hard look at the budget—a record one for peacetime—was indicated again today when Democrats and Republicans on a House Manpower subcommittee gave notice to the Agriculture Department that it had better consider manpower cuts—or else.

The department plans to increase its personnel by 25 per cent between now and June 30, 1958.

Eisenhower's national defense emergency fund took the bulk of the cut voted today by the House. Instead of the \$5 million dollars which the President asked, the House approved \$1 million—the same amount allotted for the present year.

Britain-Jordan Pact Ends

LONDON, March 13 (AP)—Britain ended its 20-year defense pact with Jordan today with hope that a beachhead of friendship will be preserved in the Arab kingdom.

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Dulles Calls A-Weapons 'Normal Part' of Forces

CANBERRA, Australia, March 13 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said tonight American fighting forces almost everywhere in the world carry atomic weapons as "almost a normal part of their equipment."

He did not specify whether U.S. forces are equipped with live atomic warheads, but it has been disclosed previously that the United States has stockpiled such equipment at its NATO bases in Europe.

Dulles also told the people allied with the United States in Southeast Asia that their danger from Communist attack is as great as the present danger in the Middle East.

He said this is true although Red China has switched from overt threats to a campaign of subversion.

Dulles disclosed that the United States and Australia both are concerned that Soviet Russia may be engaged in other activities in Antarctica—on the SEATO pact's southern flank—under the guise of building scientific bases for the International Geophysical Year.

Dulles held a conference for 50 newsmen from the eight SEATO countries at the close of the alliance's third annual Council of Ministers' meeting.

During three days of closed talks, the ministers agreed on the need for greater economic cooperation coupled with continued military vigilance to combat Red aggression.

Congressman Hints White House Leak Of Story in 'Life'

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Rep. B. F. Sisk (D.-Calif.) questioned today whether the Eisenhower administration deliberately "leaked" a military secret to a national magazine for the purpose of political gain.

Sisk said classified information and pictures were given to Life magazine, but withheld from others, in connection with last January's nonstop flight around the world by U.S. Air Force B52s.

In a House speech, Sisk called on the House Information subcommittee to make an "inquiry into all the facts."

Sisk termed Life editor-in-chief Henry R. Luce an "ardent" administration supporter and noted his wife, Claire Boothe Luce, was an Eisenhower ambassador to Italy.



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