

Eisenhower Hits Critics Of Foreign Aid Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—President Eisenhower tonight assailed foes of foreign aid as "ostrich-like" men whose views are based on slogans, prejudices and penny-wise economy.

He termed the administration's proposed \$3,942,000,000 overseas assistance program one of the "iron imperatives of security and the building of a true peace."

Eisenhower spoke out in a nationwide television-radio address climaxed a day-long conference of 1500 representatives of national organizations who met to boost foreign aid.

Harry Truman, speaking eight hours earlier from the same platform, shared top billing. Besides plugging foreign aid, Truman also lambasted the Eisenhower administration, saying it had failed to come up with new ideas for administering the program.

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Chairman Cites Law Violations Of FCC's Mack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—A House committee chairman said today Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack and others involved in a Florida TV license case appear to have violated the law and laid themselves open to criminal penalties.

Rep. Harris (D.-Ark.) made this charge during testimony by Miami lawyer Thurman A. Whiteside, who said among other things he couldn't account for \$75,000 deposited in one of his bank accounts two years ago.

This was Whiteside's second day before the special House subcommittee which was set up to study the operations of federal regulatory agencies. It has been looking of late into influences exerted on members of the Federal Communications Commission.

Whiteside, a lifelong friend of Mack's, has testified previously that he gave the commissioner a one-sixth share in a Miami insurance firm which does business with the successful applicant for a hotly contested TV station license.

Asked by reporters whether he thought Mack violated the law, Harris said Mack's interest in the insurance firm is a violation of the law.

Reds Begin Withdrawal Of Troops from Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 25 (AP)—Soviet troops have begun moving toward the Russian border, the official Communist newspaper Nepszabadsag said today.

This was the first mention of any actual movement of the 17,000 soldiers the Russians have promised to take out of Hungary in connection with a cut in Soviet armed forces.

Cuban Flareup Seen

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 25 (AP)—Red-faced Cuban police threw a heavy guard around world lightweight champion Joe Brown of New Orleans today, vowing Fidel Castro's rebels won't succeed in any attempt to break up his 10-round bout tomorrow night.

The nontitle fight is one of the major sporting events of the Cuban tourist season and is to be televised to the United States at 10 p.m. EST. It also marks the opening of a new, two-million-dollar sports arena.

Extra precautions are being taken by police because of the rebel coup Sunday night in kidnaping the world champion auto racing driver Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina.

The rebel's aim was to disrupt yesterday's \$10,000 Gran Premio race, and embarrass the regime of President Fulgencio Batista before the sports world.

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Dilworth Gains Support As Democratic Candidate

HARRISBURG, Feb. 25 (AP)—A move to draft Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia as the Democratic organization candidate for governor gained behind-the-scenes support today.

Gov. George M. Leader was reportedly receptive to the plan proposed to him by four top Pennsylvania labor leaders on the eve of a closed-door Democratic slatemaking conference tomorrow.

Leader, whose current choice for governor is Atty. Gen. Thomas D. McBride, was said to have gone along with the "draft-Dilworth" movement as a holding action. The governor had backed Dilworth until he withdrew from consideration on Feb. 15.

A prominent Democrat, who asked not to be identified, said Leader was agreeable to sounding out Dilworth on accepting a draft despite the mayor's announcement that he would not run "under any circumstances."

The same source said labor leaders told him that James W. Knox, Allegheny County controller, was unacceptable to them as a gubernatorial candidate.

Lt. Gov. Roy E. Furman, an announced aspirant for governor, also has been rejected by the labor group. Leader says Furman lacks the qualifications for governor.

Last AF Missile Fails In Launching Attempt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The last of the Air Force Navaho missiles lost engine power 20 seconds after launching today and had to be destroyed.

It plunged into the ocean a few miles off the missile test center while hundreds watched from nearby beaches.



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Cost of Living Hits New High

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The government announced today that food prices reached a record high last month, sending over-all living costs to a new peak. The increase was the biggest in 18 months.

Officials said moreover they foresaw no relief for housewives from soaring costs over the next 18 months.

They held out hope that heavy price cuts being felt in raw material markets—for rubber, metals, hides, wool, petroleum and lumber and so on—may trickle to the consumer level in the form of lower prices by summer and fall, and also that food may decline somewhat.

The new living cost peak was measured at 122.3 per cent of the 1947-49 average of the consumer price index. This was an increase of six-tenths of one per cent from December to January. It was the largest monthly rise since July 1956.

The new living cost jump was attributed mainly to the record freezes of Florida's winter fruit and vegetables crops, and to a low supply of meat with consequently high costs.

Byrd Reveals Plans To Seek 5th Term

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 25 (AP)—Sen. Harry Flood Byrd (D.-Va.) reversed today an announced decision to retire.

Byrd, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a long-time advocate of fiscal conservatism, said he would seek a fifth term. He announced his decision in a message to the General Assembly of Virginia.

It quoted a statement of consent from Mrs. Byrd whose illness was given as the reason in his retirement statement Feb. 12. She has been going to Washington in an ambulance.

AF Stresses Importance Of First Base on Moon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Air Force told Congress today the United States should make certain it is the first nation to establish a military base on the moon.

In testimony prepared for the House Armed Service Committee, Lt. Gen. D. L. Putt, Air Force development head, said serious studies have been made of the military advantages of a manned missile-firing station on the moon.

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tators. Four Cubans were killed instantly and two others died later in hospitals. Thirty-two persons were injured.

Race officials said their technicians eliminated all suspicion of sabotage and claimed the oil on the course had seeped from the 27 racing cars. But some of the drivers said the track was slicked down with oil, apparently by Castro's rebels.

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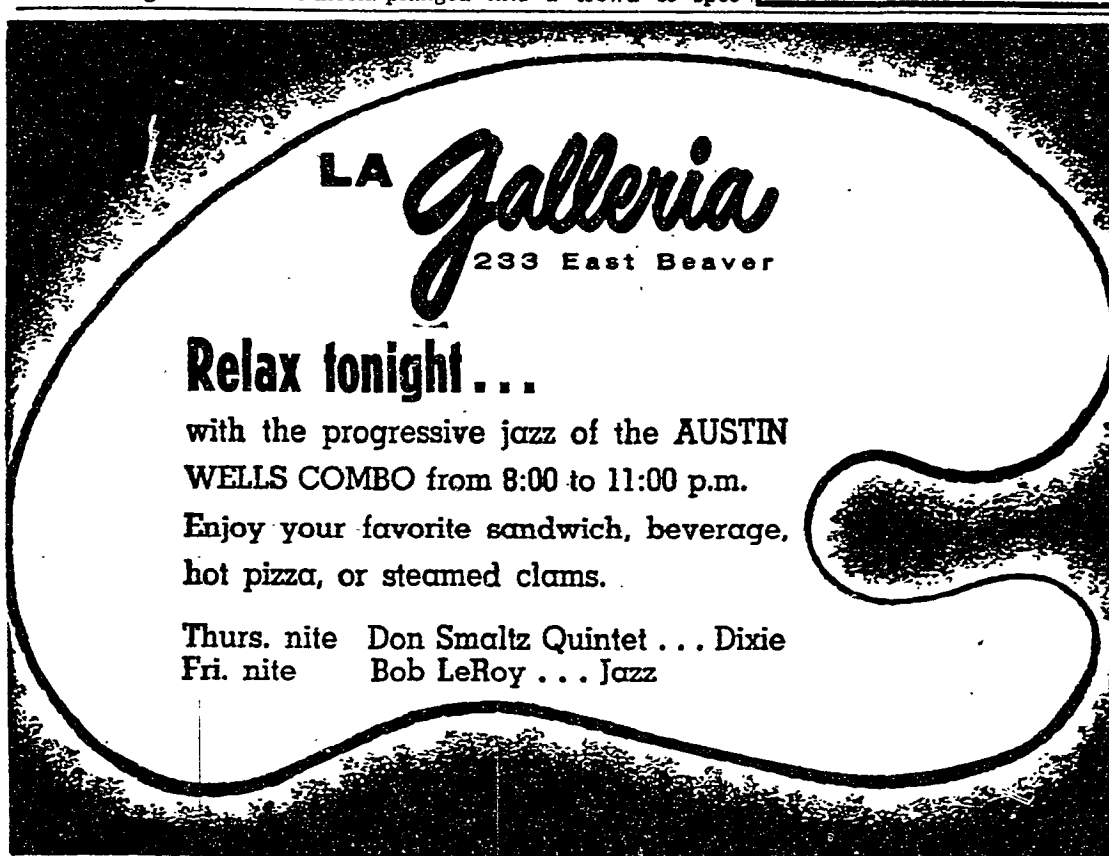
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