

Pentagon Overhaul Urged by McElroy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense McElroy testified yesterday that the Pentagon organization is out of date in the age of missiles and nuclear weapons.

He urged Congress to modernize it as President Eisenhower wishes. Before the House Armed Services Committee and its hostile leaders, McElroy opened the administration's drive on Capitol Hill to put through Eisenhower's program.

Alcorn Doubts Party Chances In November

WASHINGTON (AP)—Meade Alcorn, Republican national chairman, said Tuesday "I just don't think it's in the cards" for the party to capture control of the Senate from the Democrats in the November elections.

Alcorn, who made the statement to newsmen after conferring with President Eisenhower, predicted the Republicans will win the House by a bare majority.

The Democrats now control both the House and Senate.

The Senate division is now 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans. In the House, the lineup is 232 Democrats and 198 Republicans. There are five vacant seats—three formerly held by Democrats and two by Republicans.

Alcorn reported to Eisenhower on the party's prospects in November on the basis of a recent trip into several states.

Alcorn's statement that he thinks his party's Senate chances are not good is about as blunt an admission as newsmen could ever recall any national party leader's making.

6 Navy Men 'Return' From Moon Trip Study

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Six Navy men returned from a week long simulated trip to the moon Tuesday, all in apparent good health, all admittedly bored and one man clad only in his underwear.

The general consensus of the volunteers was that the "trip" was rather boring when they were not engaged in work. The men said they had little time for games because only one man was at complete leisure at any time.

Powerful opposition lies ahead, in strongly entrenched positions. McElroy encountered it at the outset. Yet Chairman Vinson (D.-Ga.), a formidable foe of the plan, promised that the committee "will consider the President's recommendations seriously, objectively, and in detail, and with full awareness of the constitutional responsibility of Congress."

The secretary, in turn, promised no penalties or retaliation against civilians or men in uniform who testify against the program.

The reorganization plan would give McElroy greater flexibility over defense spending and considerably greater authority over the separate armed forces.

He relied heavily on Eisenhower's reputation and prestige as a military man. He said it is the plan of the President, that the judgment of a man with a "lifetime of personal experience, in peace and war," deeply marked every element in it.

The study may go on for weeks. Only five of the 37 committee members had their chance to question McElroy Tuesday.

Stassen Promises New Labor Laws

Harold E. Stassen pledged Tuesday night to work for a "new, sound, fair" Pennsylvania labor law if elected governor.

The independent candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination gave what he described as a major affirmation of his views on labor policy in a speech carried over radio stations in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Non-Crash Device Said In Planning

WASHINGTON (AP)—A spokesman for the Air Transport Association said today the airlines have been trying since 1954 to develop a device to prevent collisions like that over Las Vegas yesterday.

Two lines of research are being followed. John Roving, the Association's vice president for public relations, said. One is a Proximity Warning Indicator and the other a Collision Avoidance System which would take command of the plane in an emergency.

About a year ago, Hoving said, the Collins Radio Corp. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, thought it had the problem licked with a PWI device, and the airlines placed about \$2 million worth of orders. But Hoving said Collins ran into technical difficulties later and the device was not produced.

Then the search moved into the infra-red field, and tests were made of devices using the heat principle of detecting flying objects.

Hoving said Aerojet General of Arcadia, Calif., is developing a PWI on the infra-red principle but that "the thing has a lot of technical difficulties." It seems to work all right in the laboratory, he added, and field tests have now begun.

Congress Delays Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP)—A brake was applied on labor legislation in the Senate Tuesday because of moves to offer amendments broadening the scope of a pension-welfare fund regulation bill.

Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) announced that consideration of the bill, scheduled for Tuesday would be delayed while his aides study the proposed amendments.

Tito Warns Moscow On Party Influence

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Tito tartly advised Moscow Tuesday to abandon attempts to force this country's Communist party into a Kremlin-designed mold.

The Yugoslav leader's defiance of the Kremlin brought delegates to their feet at the party's Seventh Congress. The hall rocked with applause each time Tito emphasized a difference between Yugoslav and Soviet ideology.

Tito's four-hour speech was a retort to Moscow's boycott of the congress. Tito did not mention the boycott specifically.

Tito's 35,000-word speech, distributed in advance to the delegates, said Yugoslav-Soviet relations were improving on the basis of the 1955 Belgrade-Moscow declaration after Nikita Khrushchev's pilgrimage of apology to this country.

In delivery, Tito changed this to read that relations "until today were developing very successfully."

The Russians obviously have been stung by this turn of events. In Moscow Tuesday Peter Pospelov, a Soviet party theoretician, lambasted the Yugoslav party's draft program being considered here.

He called it "a document aimed at weakening the unity of the Communist and workers' parties, at weakening the unity of the Socialist Communist-ruled countries."

Safety Council Takes Steps on Ticket Fixing

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Governor's Traffic Safety Council suggested that steps be taken to eliminate the "fixing" of traffic violation tickets throughout Pennsylvania.

The council unanimously adopted a proposal that uniform traffic violation tickets come into use in all communities of the commonwealth.

Breakthrough Seen in Battle Against Cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate investigators were told today that researchers may be nearing a number of major breakthroughs in the battle against cancer.

Dr. John R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute, told the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that "current studies are substantially increasing our understanding of viruses as a possible cause of cancer."

If it should be definitely established that "certain forms of human cancer are viral in origin," Heller said, "it might then be possible to immunize man against the disease."

He said one project supported by the institute has developed a vaccine which protects 80 per cent of mice from a virus-caused disease resembling leukemia.

Whether it would have applied to human cancer, Heller said, is still the object of research.

Unemployment in March Up 10,000 in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Unemployment in the Pittsburgh labor market area in mid-March stood at 114,600—an increase of 10,000 over February.

The Pittsburgh labor market area comprises Allegheny, Beaver, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

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