

# Cannon Attacks Defense Program, Expenditures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee declared yesterday that the United States has forfeited control over land, sea and air by spending too little for defense.

Chairman Clarence Cannon (D.-Mo.), who usually holds tight to the government pursestring, appealed for an increase in President Eisenhower's 41-billion-dollar military budget.

# Bostonians Questioned On Payola

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators, looking for evidence of payola (side-payments for special favors on the airways) fixed their sights yesterday on Boston.

Norman Prescott, a former Boston and New York disc jockey, was described by the investigating subcommittee as "a cooperative witness" at a 2½-hour session behind closed doors.

His testimony, not made public, opened the long-heralded investigation into charges that disc jockeys were paid for plugging certain songs into popularity.

The next witness called was Paul G. O'Fria, general manager of station WBZ in Boston.

Chairman Oren Harris (D.-Ark.) of the Legislative Oversight subcommittee denounced what he termed "wholly unfounded reports" that the group was concentrating on particular stations, areas or individuals.

The hearings now opening are just a beginning, Harris said. Later, he said, the group will "hold hearings concerning these practices in Pennsylvania and many other parts of the country."

As the hearings opened, Harris said the subcommittee has been "flooded with complaints from all parts of the country" about payola, commercial bribery and related matters. He said it has not prejudged the issues, but will "look into representative situations."

# State Legislature Votes for Recess

HARRISBURG (AP) — The 1960 Legislature recessed last night until June 6.

Gov. Lawrence and the Democratic-controlled House bowed to the wishes of the Republican Senate on the issue. They had wanted final adjournment immediately.

Sen. James S. Berger, Republican floor leader, in restating the GOP's position said that the recess will give the lawmakers an opportunity to look at the Commonwealth's revenue situation in four months. The first half of the state's two-year fiscal period ends May 31.

"If there is nothing more to do then, we will adjourn finally," said Berger.

Berger indicated that if the Lawrence administration is correct in its gloomy projection of the revenue outlook at the end of May, the lawmakers will adjourn.

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# West Looks For Soviet Verbal Fire

BONN, Germany (AP) — Western officials said yesterday they expect the Soviet Union to grow "noisier and nastier" in dealing with the Berlin problem between now and the summit meeting May 16.

These officials said the Soviets are likely to aim increasingly heavy verbal fire at German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He has been a prime Communist target for the past month or so and there is little sign of a letup.

Adenauer has been pictured as a war monger, the architect of the cold war, and a villain fighting efforts to bring harmony between East and West.

So far this campaign by the Soviet Union and Communist East Germany appears to have done little more than stiffen the Western stand against concessions on Berlin.

President Eisenhower last week told a news conference a grave situation would exist if the Soviets were to try to limit Western occupation rights in Berlin. The Eisenhower statement was cheered by political circles in Bonn.

# Pennsy Railroad, Union Continue Wage Talks

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Negotiators for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Transport Workers Union met for nearly three hours yesterday trying to reach agreement on a new contract.

The chief issue is wages. The old pact expired Nov. 1.

The TWU, which claims to represent 20,000 maintenance and non-operating employees, has asked for a 35-cent-an-hour wage increase and continuation of a cost of living clause which provided additional boosts.

Negotiations will continue today.

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He also threw his considerable influence behind moves to triple the money sought by Eisenhower to prepare for a constant airborne vigil by U.S. bombers.

"Every city in the United States is subject to direct attack and our enemy has the weapons to launch such an attack now," Cannon told the House.

"By 1963 he will be able to destroy every major city on the face of the earth," Cannon said.

Republicans sprang to their feet and accused Cannon of trying to "scare the American people to death."

John R. Rhodes (R-Ariz.) said statements like Cannon's hand Russia a potential psychological weapon and deepen the danger that the Communists might start war by misjudging U.S. strength.

Cannon joined equally influential Chairman Richard B. Russell (D.-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee in supporting more spending for defense. In a Georgia speech, Russell said the administration's military policy "involves an unnecessary gamble with world peace and our national security."

In his House speech, Cannon aimed harsh words at the Navy, accusing "the admirals" of blindly, obstinately refusing to recognize that technological advances had promoted the submarine to supremacy as a naval weapon.

Cannon avoided naming the admirals he was attacking but it was assumed that he was referring to Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations.

But about the time Cannon was cutting loose with his blast, Burke was making a strong argument for the submarine—the type of submarine capable of firing a Polaris missile, 1200-1500 miles from the safety of the ocean deep.

# January Unemployment

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Labor and Industry Department reported yesterday that unemployment in Pennsylvania last month rose to the highest level since April 1959.

The total unemployed in mid-January was 377,000 or 46,000 above the mid-December figure. The previous high was 413,000 listed idle last April.

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# Ike to Present Special Farm Message Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower will send Congress a special farm message today.

He will ask that something be done about a crop control program that is failing to prevent a costly accumulation of wheat in which taxpayers already have 3½ billion invested.

Eisenhower is also expected to urge changes in programs for tobacco and peanuts.

No changes are expected to be recommended for programs covering cotton, rice, corn, other livestock feed grains, dairy products, oilseeds and other price-supported commodities.

If Eisenhower adheres to previous recommendations, he will call for lower price supports and elimination of controls on wheat.

There was speculation in political circles that Eisenhower might indicate a willingness to compromise with critics on the question of price-support levels.

# Lama Returns to Tibet

TOKYO (AP) — Tibet's panchen lama is en route home after five months' absence from the land he was to rule by order of the Chinese Communists.

The panchen's acting chairman of the preparatory committee for what the Reds call the Tibet autonomous region.

The 21-year-old panchen succeeded to the powers of the exiled Dalai Lama following the Tibetan uprising last March and has been touring Red China for several months.

# Stassen Petition Rejected by Court

HARRISBURG (AP) — Harold E. Stassen's petition to intervene on behalf of a Philadelphia councilwoman in a case testing the legality of the state movie censorship law was rejected yesterday by Dauphin County court.

Stassen asked the court to allow Mrs. Virginia Knauer to become an intervening defendant along with the state in a test of the 1959 act. Stassen is her attorney.

The law has been challenged by William Goldman Theaters, Inc., the Pennsylvania Assn. of Amusement Industries and the 20th Century-Fox Film Corp.

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