

Must Convince Enemy Leaders Facing Defeat

Retired General In
Interview Tells Of
How To Prevent War

Editor's Note: In the opinion of one of the nation's experts the best way to prevent war is to convince the leaders of enemy nations that if war comes they will be defeated. Retired Lt. Gen.

Leslie R. Groves gives his views in an interview with UPI correspondent James L. Kilgallen.

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NEW YORK (UPI) — The United States, according to Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, USA (retired), is being "outclassed," as far as world opinion goes, in the field of scientific weapon development.

Groves can speak with authority on this subject. He was formerly head of the wartime atom bomb project and is now vice president of Remington Rand, a division of Sperry Rand Corp., with offices at Stamford, Conn.

When I asked Groves for his comment on world conditions, he replied "What can one say today?" Then he added:

"We certainly are being out-classed, as far as world opinion goes, in the field of scientific weapon development. The major objective of our military establishment should be to prevent a war, particularly an all-out war, and the secondary objective is to win any war that comes our way."

The best way to avoid war, he declared, "is to have the leaders of other nations—particularly Russia—fully convinced that if war comes they will be defeated."

Disappointed in Leadership
"We will strengthen this feeling in the Kremlin, if the leaders and the people of other nations feel that we will win," Groves said.

"With military defeat bearing such tragic results on any nation, no leader will, if he can prevent it, ever choose the losing side."

"This means that if the Kremlin feels that the other nations are convinced that we would win then the Kremlin will count on other nations supporting us in the time of war, and the likelihood of war will be decreased."

Groves is known nationally and internationally for his service in connection with the Manhattan atomic bomb project, which he headed beginning in 1942, almost from its inception. He remained head of the project until January 1, 1947.

"As one who is no longer fully informed on advanced military weapons, I cannot say who is ahead, but I do say that I am quite disappointed in the way that our leadership in such matters seem to have frittered away," he said.

Local Topics

W. Robert Fleming, Democratic candidate for Congress, visited in Decatur with friends this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. "Abe" Miller, of near Washington, D. C., visited in Decatur today. Miller formerly ran a bakery where Stewart's Bakery is now located, which was founded by his father. A 1934 commander of Post 43, American Legion, he moved away from Decatur in 1945.

Mike Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Fort Wayne, is visiting with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ogg and Terry, Becky, and Neil, this week.

Miss Ann Uhrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uhrick, was accompanied by her parents and her brother, David, to Rockford, Ill., where she registered in the Rockford memorial hospital as a student nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoup and Mrs. Charles Eyanson returned home Sunday after two weeks in California. While Shoup took two weeks of training in Bridgeport, Calif., the ladies visited with friends and relatives in California.

Mrs. Wilbur T. Meeks, of 1039 Winchester street, underwent surgery Tuesday at the Clinic hospital in Bluffton. Her room number is 457.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elzey, from Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Elzey, of Miami, Fla., were visitors at the home of Hubert Sprunger in Winter Haven, Florida.

John R. Smitley was admitted to the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne Wednesday, where he was scheduled to undergo eye surgery at 10 o'clock this morning. His room number is 212.

The Rev. and Mrs. William L. Burner are spending the next few days visiting members and friends in Warren, Ohio, Buffalo and Wellsville, New York, where he held pastorates. A reception is being given the Burners by the Richmond Avenue Christian church, Buffalo, Monday evening. They will return in time for him to conduct services the following Sunday in the First Christian church here.

Admissions to the Jay county memorial hospital at Portland over the weekend included Miss Hazel Banta, Geneva librarian, and dismissals included Alice Pyle of Geneva.

Miss Florence Haney, second grade teacher at Lincoln school, will not be able to teach for the remainder of this week because of a broken left wrist. Miss Haney will be replaced on the teaching staff temporarily by Mrs. Myles F. Parrish.

COURT NEWS

Marriage Application

Joan Kay Neuschwander, 21, Berne and Otto Franklin Schug, 21, Berne.

Complaint in Ejectment

On motion of the plaintiff, the cause was set for trial September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the case of Ernest Thieme and May Thieme vs. William Kahn.

Divorce Cases

A complaint for divorce has been filed by Bonnie J. Smitley against Ralph Smitley, Jr. A summons was ordered issued to the sheriff of Adams county for the defendant, returnable September 25. A verified application for suit money was filed. A summons was ordered issued for the defendant returnable September 9 at 10:30 a.m. A restraining order was filed against the defendant.

By agreement of both parties, the cause of Carolyn M. Lee vs. Doyle D. Lee was continued to September 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Petition To Vacate Alleys

An answer by the defendant was filed in the case of the Adams County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc., Ralph V. Deam, and Marcella M. Deam vs. the board of commissioners of Adams county. The proof of publication of notice to all defendants was filed. The petition to vacate alleys was submitted and sustained.

Complaint To Quiet Title

In the case of Hazel R. Robinson, Harold C. Davis, Lena M. Barr, Harry W. Davis, Edwin V. Davis, Mabel B. Byers, vs. Stella Davis, the proof of publication to all defendants was filed. The complaint to quiet title was submitted and sustained.

Complaint For Damages

The plaintiff by counsel filed a motion to withdraw the plaintiff's amended complaint for damages in the case of the General Insurance company of Washington, Merchants Fire Insurance company of Indiana, and the Northwestern Mutual Fire Association vs. Everett R. Knepper, doing business as The Knepper Transfer Service, and Ulrich B. Bell. The plaintiff has filed an amendment to the plaintiff's amended complaint.

Estate Cases

In the estate of Frank George Steele, the petition to sell real estate was submitted, examined and approved and the administrator was authorized to sell real estate in compliance with the order.

The report of sale of personal property at public sale was filed in the estate of Sarah Roth. The report was submitted, examined and approved.

The schedule to determine the inheritance tax with reference to the county assessor was filed in the estate of Henry Kukulhan.

The proof of mailing was filed in the John A. Harvey estate. The schedule to determine the inheritance tax was submitted finding the net value of the estate to be \$15,200 and that there was no tax due.

State Agencies Ask Construction Funds

\$10 Million Wanted
Includes Baer Field

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) —Budget Director William H. Hardwick today released five construction program requests totaling almost 10 million dollars, including a 1959-61 request from the Conservation Department for 7.7 million dollars.

A major portion of the conservation budget, about 2.7 millions, was for a geological survey wing on the 4.4 million dollar Indiana University geology department building now under construction on the Bloomington campus.

Other major conservation requests included \$252,810 to expand the Indiana Dunes beach; \$250,000 to build a dam at Glendale Fish and Game area; a similar amount for development of a fish and game site near New Castle, and \$100,000 for a fishing and hunting site in Daviess County.

A request for 1.1 million dollars for construction projects, including architect's fees of \$716,000, came from Adj. Gen. John W. McConnell. About \$279,000 of that amount would be used for construction of a bachelor officer's quarters at Stout Field in Indianapolis and \$100,000 for housing at Hulman Field at Terre Haute.

Also included was a request for funds to extend runways at Hulman Field and Fort Wayne's Baer Field when the Air National Guard changes from F-84 to F-100 jet fighter-interceptors.

The Department of Public Works and Supply asked for about \$265,000 to spruce up the Statehouse. The money would be used to repair a leaky roof, replace skylights, paint and clean the outside of the rotunda, enlarge the parking lot, install new metal doors at the entrances, replace the present information booth, paint offices and corridors and build new sidewalks around the 78-year-old landmark.

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