

FUSION BILL SOURS NAVY; ARMY HAPPY

Plan to Merge Armed Forces Pleases War Secretary
But Admirals Preserve Icy and Eloquent Silence.

WASHINGTON, April 10 (U. P.)—Army-navy rivalry broke out again today over a bill to merge the armed forces under a single department of common defense.

The measure, written by a Senate military affairs subcommittee, was hailed by Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson as a "comprehensive security program" that was "of vital importance to the country."

The generals were jubilant, recognizing the bill as a full-fledged army victory.

At the navy department, where a wedding with the army has always been bitterly opposed, the admirals indicated their opposition to the subcommittee's bill with icy but eloquent silence.

In winter-long public hearings, the navy fought the principal merger proposals so bitterly that President Truman finally had to put on a "gag" by announcing that merger was administration policy.

"Gag" Still Effective

The "gag" still was effective to day, but the Senate Naval Affairs Committee was quick to reflect the navy's alarm.

The committee "invited" the military subcommittee to explain its proposal to place the army, navy and air force on an equal status under a single cabinet officer.

The subcommittee was expected to do the explaining tomorrow. After that, the naval committee will decide whether to take any action.

Committee Chairman David L. Walsh (D. Mass.) of the naval committee has threatened to hold his own hearings if the military committee's bill failed to satisfy the navy.

This would delay Senate consideration of the measure for months.

Even without an additional inquiry, the outlook for the merger bill was so stormy that Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah) of the military committee predicted it could not pass Congress at this session.

At the public hearings, navy witnesses objected particularly to any proposal to eliminate the secretary of the navy from the cabinet. This the new bill would do.

New Secretary Supreme

Present duties of the secretaries of war and navy would be assumed by the new secretary of common defense. He would have under him—below cabinet rank—secretaries for the navy, army and air force.

These civilian jobs would guarantee civilian control over the military—a factor which the subcommittee considered fundamental to any reorganization.

The bill would create a chief of staff of common defense—an overall commander of the armed forces, subject only to the President and the civilian secretary of common defense.

This top commander could be appointed by the President from any branch of the armed forces, but navy witnesses constantly complained that it probably would be an army man.

Incorporate Navy Ideas

The bill, however, does incorporate some ideas heavily backed by the navy. These included:

ONE: A national resources board composed of heads of appropriate government agencies to plan conservation and efficient use of America's critical resources.

TWO: A council of common defense composed of the secretary of state, secretary of common defense and chairman of the resources board. This group would help coordinate the nation's foreign policies with the country's ability and willingness to use armed force.

THREE: Continuation of the joint chiefs of staff as an advisory group composed of the chief of staff of common defense, and the respective commanders of the land, sea and air forces.

FOUR: A central intelligence agency to co-ordinate the gathering and interchange of intelligence information among all military and civilian agencies.

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11 New State Troopers Are Sworn In Here



Eleven new state policemen were sworn in today at the statehouse. They are (left to right): Charles A. Ferrell, Nelson E. Weinbrenner, Lexie W. Stalcup, George W. Allen, Myrel D. Masey, William P. Booth, Wayne O. Tolbert, Samuel L. Burch, Paul D. Christian Jr., Stanley W. Guth and Vernis N. Purcell. Thomas C. Williams (right) delivered the oath.

Lucky? Just Ask This Mr. Anderson

CHICAGO, April 10 (U. P.)—James Anderson, 29, was working on a 15th floor scaffolding on the Dearborn hotel. He lost his grip and fell.

A rope hung down the side of the building, but Mr. Anderson's falling body was at least four feet away. His partner, Phil Walsch, 53, swung the rope toward the falling man.

By what Mr. Walsch called "a

million to one chance," the rope looped about Mr. Anderson's body as he hurtled past the eighth floor.

Mr. Anderson slid down the rope to the third floor. But there he lost his grip and tumbled to the ground.

Attendants at St. Luke's hospital said today that Mr. Anderson's only injury was a wrenched back.

BATHROOM 'PEEPER' JUST A NOSEY POOCH

READING, Pa. (U. P.)—Police investigated an apartment house uproar started when a woman reported there was a man outside her bathroom window.

Quick capture came for the peeping annoyer—a large dog who climbed a fire escape, placed his paws on the window sill and pushed his face against the frosted glass window.

IDENTIFY GUN IN RAEBER KILLING

Ballistics Test Cited at Stephenson Trial.

A police criminologist identified a .38 caliber revolver today as the one used in the slaying last Sept. 12 of William Edward Raeber, East side grocer.

Describing technical ballistics tests that occasionally puzzled the criminal court jury, Lt. Howard Hunter of the police department declared there was no doubt in his mind the gun was the murder weapon.

The gun found in Stephenson's possession was not the one that caused Mr. Raeber's death, despite ballistics tests.

A former employer of the slightly built defendant visited the prosecutor's office prior to opening of today's testimony and charged Stephenson was "being railroaded."

Stephenson, through his attorneys, M. Wilson Beene and Henry Wilson, has admitted the weapon never left his possession from the Senate ave. and Maryland st.

Russia and Hungary Sign

New Pact on Oil, Bauxite

LONDON, April 10 (U. P.)—A dispatch from Budapest disclosed today, coincident with Hungarian Premier Ferenc Nagy's visit to Moscow, that Russia and Hungary have signed a bauxite and oil agreement.

The new Soviet-Hungarian agreement was part of a Russian program to revise, and in some cases ease, its reparations arrangements

gary was not reported. It was signed in Budapest Monday night.

Father Stephen Balogh, undersecretary to the prime minister, told the United Press, "the agreement does not hurt United States interests as regards exploitation of oil plants that are American property."

Mr. Balogh said that American rights would be respected in the future. He said that the Hungarian government would take 15 per cent of the oil products to use as reparations payments for one year, but the American firms would be able to dispose of the rest of the products.

Immediate clarification was lacking as to whether the American

concerns could operate their own wells, or whether the wells would be operated by the Russians.

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