

## Eisenhower Says Military Budget Needs Several 100 Millions More

### Senate Votes To Bar FPC On Gas Rates

#### Measure Exempts Operators in Field From Regulations

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—The Senate voted Wednesday to exempt natural gas operators in the field from any price controls by the Federal Power Commission.

On a 44 to 38 roll call tally it adopted a measure which would specifically bar the FPC from extending its rate regulations beyond the wholesalers who distribute the gas through interstate pipelines.

Passage of the legislation climaxed two weeks of bitter debate centered mainly around the price issue.

Opponents claimed that the move would result in increased costs to housewives and industrial consumers and would boost the profits of a select group of natural gas producers.

But Senator Kerr of Oklahoma, co-sponsor of the measure, denied this. He contended that it was needed to keep the gas industry healthy and stable and that it would serve to end the "confusion" over the bounds of the commission's authority as set forth in the 1938 natural gas act.

Before the final passage the bill's backers defeated an attempt by Senator Douglas of Illinois to send it back to the commerce committee for further study—a maneuver usually used to pigeon-hole legislation.

Douglas' motion lost on a roll call vote of 45 to 37.

The Senate then rejected a substitute measure offered by Senator Kefauver of Tennessee to limit the FPC rate-fixing authority to the so-called independent operators who gather or produce more than 2,000,000 cubic feet a year or whose revenues exceed \$250,000 annually.

Kefauver contended that this proposal would free the "little fellows" from the rate controls which they say hamper their operations.

But the Senate cold-shouldered his plan on a 58 to 25 roll call vote.

The Kerr bill now goes to the House which passed similar legislation last year by a vote of 182 to 131.

Named as conferees to work out differences with the House were Senators Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, McFarland of Arizona, Johnson of Texas, Tobey of



BIDDERS WANTED—Discussing Air Force procurement Wednesday after a meeting of the manufacturers' committee of the Chamber of Commerce at the Convair plant are, left to right, D. C. Burrows, Maj. Jack Rogers, J. Clyde Jones and C. D. Williamson.

### Convair Payroll to Stay For Years, Declares Aide

The \$50,000,000 annual payroll of the Convair plant here will remain "stable for some years to come," more than 100 members of the manufacturers' committee of the Chamber of Commerce were assured Wednesday by D. C. Burrows, assistant division manager of the plant.

Committee members and guests attended a luncheon in the plant cafeteria and toured the B-36 assembly line.

A previous company announce-

ment that conversion of B-36B bombers to B-36D models would henceforth be accomplished at the San Diego division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, does not mean the Fort Worth plant will suffer, Burrows said.

"Although our facility here is the largest integrated aircraft plant in the world," Burrows said, "we just ran out of room here." He pointed out that the Fort Worth plant is the site of the B-36 manufacturing program and the San Diego plant of the modification and modernization program.

"Employment at the Fort Worth division will remain stable, although there may be some additional employment in the next few months due to expanded operations," Burrows stated.

He reported that Convair's annual payroll here amounted to \$50,000,000 and declared, "Fort Worth can look forward to sustained purchasing power for some years to come. We visualize the B-36 program at this time," Burrows continued, "as a program encompassing many years to come."

Lloyd L. Turner, director of public relations, described how the power plant of the B-36 has been doubled since the advent of the first model. Speed, ceiling and rate of climb of the bomber have been "substantially improved."

Raymond Meyers, chairman of the Fort Worth Chapter of the

### TWO ARE INJURED IN ON-FOOT CRASH

DENVER, March 29 (AP).—Denver's traffic problem has gotten so bad that even the pedestrians are mowing each other down now.

One woman was hospitalized and another was shaken up in a head-on crash on a busy downtown sidewalk Wednesday.

Mrs. Louise Knifond, 70, was knocked to the sidewalk. She suffered face cuts and a possible broken hip when she collided with Marilyn Smith at a business district corner. Miss Smith said the two did not see each other until too late to avoid an accident.

Police said no charge of reckless walking would be drawn.

### Bomber Fitted With Cat Track In Test Flight

First takeoff and landing of the experimental XB-36 bomber equipped with a caterpillar type track landing gear was made Wednesday afternoon at the Fort Worth division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

Low speed taxi tests on the experimental gear were conducted last week, and high speed taxi runs were made prior to the take-off Wednesday.

Additional taxi tests, takeoffs and landings with the experimental gear will be made by the

### AF, Anti-Sub Forces, Alaska Bases Listed

WASHINGTON, March 29 (NYT).—General Eisenhower testified Wednesday that "several hundred millions" of dollars probably should be added to President Truman's military budget to strike a proper balance between the requirements of economy and security.

The World War II allied supreme commander, now president of Columbia University, listed maintenance of 48-group Air Force in a state of modernization, defense of Alaskan air bases and adequate anti-submarine forces as the three principal areas for additional outlays. He gave them equal priority.

He also expressed concern over the state of preparation for industrial mobilization in the event of war and the effectiveness of the country's intelligence service. The amount of federal expenditures in those fields, however, is controlling to a much lesser degree, he observed.

General Eisenhower appeared before a packed hearing of a Senate appropriations subcommittee in response to its request for his views on the administration's budgeted requests of \$13,028,675,000 in cash, plus \$1,085,785,000 in authority to enter into contracts, for operations of the Defense Department in the 1951 fiscal year, which begins next July 1.

Resulted From Speech.

The invitation resulted from a speech the general made last week at New York City in which he said the United States had "already disarmed to the extent—in some directions even beyond the extent—that I, with deep concern for her present safety, could possibly advise . . ."

His testimony Wednesday was in amplification of that observation, which has caused considerable surprise here in view of the widely held belief that he not only supported the president's overall military budget of \$14,144,460,000 but in fact had drafted it himself while serving as presiding officer of the joint chiefs of staff.

Conceding that his New York statement may have been phrased "in terms that were more emphatic than I intended," Eisenhower explained to the Senate subcommittee nevertheless that he was merely the "carpenter" of the final budget.

"Someone else was the architect," he said, presumably referring to Louis Johnson, secretary of defense.

He related that he had worked for six months with the joint chiefs to devise a budget within an overall ceiling of \$15,000,000,000 that was originally set by President Truman.

At that point, he testified, the ceiling was reduced by about \$1,000,000,000, and "I was never asked, with the exception of the \$15,000,000,000, including stockpiling, whether I thought a par-

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### Loyalty Unit Asks Names Of Accused

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP). A new tug-of-war over federal loyalty files developed Wednesday night with the outcome likely to provide an historic court test of the president's powers.

After a Senate emissary had handed subpoenas to three administration leaders demanding that they produce records which President Truman has refused to release, the loyalty board itself filed a counter request.

McCarthy Names.

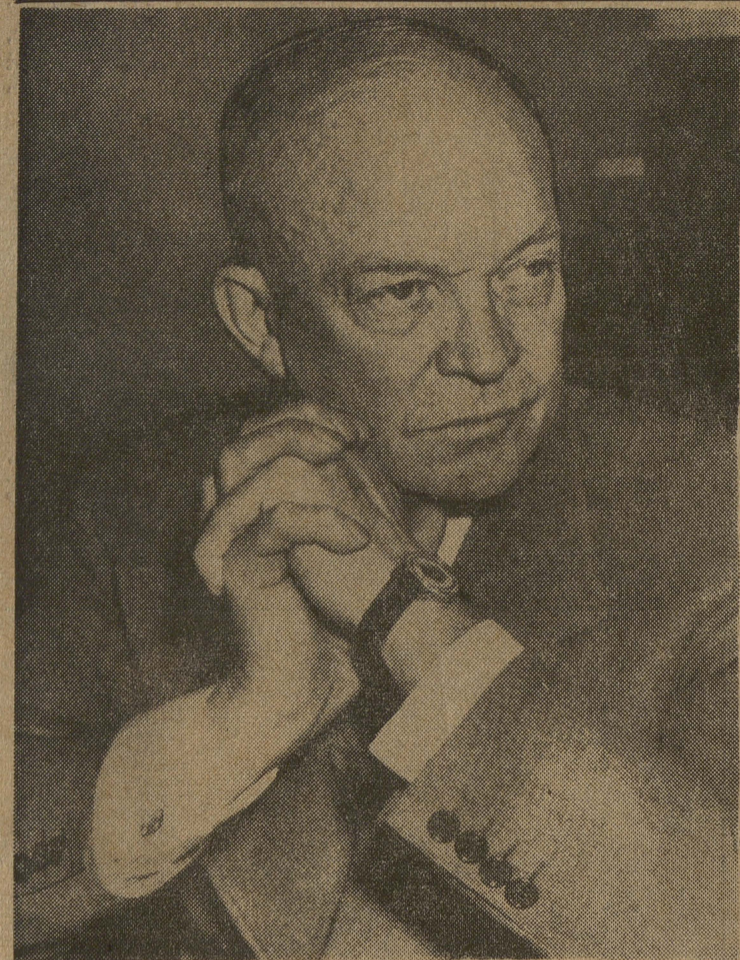
Board Chairman Richardson called on a Senate foreign relations subcommittee to hand over the names of all government employees accused by Senator McCarthy in his charges that the State Department has been infiltrated by Communists.

Richardson said his request was based on Truman's instructions to the board to arrange for a "complete and detailed review" of all the cases cited by McCarthy.

There was some talk at the Capitol that the Republicans on the committee might object to turning the names over to the board on the ground that the president had refused to honor

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### Stab Wound Fatal to Man



—Associated Press Wirephoto.

EISENHOWER TESTIFIES AT HEARING—General Eisenhower sits in the witness chair before the Senate appropriation committee Wednesday in Washington. He was called to tell why he thinks this country has gone too far in disarming.

### FOR AID UNITE IRISH, HOUSE TELLS BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, March 29 (INS).—The House dealt a stunning blow to the administration's foreign aid program Wednesday by tentatively voting to deny further aid to Britain until Ireland is united.

The surprise action was taken after the House further altered the Truman program by setting aside \$1,000,000,000 in Marshall Plan funds to buy American farm products.

On a teller vote the House decided, 99 to 66, to withhold additional funds from England "as long as partition exists in northeast Ireland" but the move is subject to a roll call later.

Administration leaders are expected to seek a reversal of the decision before final passage of the omnibus foreign aid appropriations measure—probably Thursday or Friday.

Representative Fogarty of Rhode Island submitted the amendment concerning Ireland and a big shout of approval arose when the vote was announced.

Representative Kee of West Virginia, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, who is piloting the bill on the floor, immediately terminated until Thursday further consideration of the legislation.

Fogarty told the House his amendment will not "hurt" the European Recovery Program. He said:

"If it is adopted, I'm sure that within 24 hours the Parliament in England will vote to permit a free election in Ireland so the people there can determine whether they want to be united."

Northern Ireland is now a part of Great Britain. A similar amendment was tentatively added to the 1949 foreign aid bill, but subsequently eliminated.

### 7 Patients Die, 30 Overcome in Hospital Fire

PHILADELPHIA, March 29 (AP).—Police said at least seven patients suffocated and 30 others were felled by smoke in a fire that swept a basement of a private sanatorium in near-by Springfield, Montgomery County, Wednesday night.

Nurses led most of the 90 patients through dense smoke from the 40-year-old Belle-Vista Sanatorium for convalescent, senile, nervous and mental patients.

The blaze was in a relatively new wing of the L-shaped two-story stone building. The wing faces the College of Chestnut Hill, on the northern limits of Philadelphia.

Institution authorities reported there were 43 male patients on the first floor, 33 women on the second floor and about 15 male mental patients in restraining garments in an adjoining dormitory at the rear.

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ticular item or cut was justified."

## Suggested Reserve.

He said he had also recommended, apparently without avail, that \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 in addition to the new ceiling be held in reserve for allocation by Johnson among the services when final touches were put on the budget for submission to Congress.

Eisenhower said an Air Force of 48 first-line groups "is probably a safe minimum." But he had been told since drafting the budget that the funds allowed would permit maintenance of an establishment of only 42 modern first-line groups. In that light, he added, "I felt we had probably lopped that item too heavily."

With respect to Alaska, Eisenhower called for appropriations sufficient to maintain adequate group forces to protect our air bases.

"I consider it was a clear mistake not to provide the quarters and soldiers that would permit a small and reasonable garrison on each of our main airfields in Alaska," he asserted.

Questioned on that point, he told the subcommittee that any attack on Alaska would come from the air, since the Navy could control the sea.

"I don't cry wolf," he said. "I merely say that that looks like one inadequacy that we could cure with reasonable expenditure."

The general suggested that the subcommittee ask Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, whether budgeted sums were sufficient to "combat the submarine menace."

## Amount Not Proposed.

"While I personally believe we are taking chances in the submarine field," he said, "you have a real expert (in Admiral Sherman) who can tell you more about it."

"Ike" did not say how much additional money should be made available for each of the fields where he felt that disarmament had gone too far.

Eisenhower declined, on grounds of military security, to discuss in public session any specific means of improving the intelligence service. He advised the subcommittee to obtain the views of the armed forces and the central intelligence agency.

In planning a level of defense that can be maintained for an indefinite period, since "we do not believe that war is imminent," intelligence must be depended upon "more than anything else," he maintained.

The general gave great emphasis, also, to the need for adequate industrial mobilization plans as a means of assuring the country's ability to defend itself adequately. He recommended "earnest attention" to the question.

## Norton Physician For 45 Years Dies

BALLINGER, March 29. — Dr. W. W. Mitchell, 76, Norton physician for 45 years, died at 8:15 a. m. Wednesday. He retired five years ago.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday from Newby-Davis Chapel in Ballinger.

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