Eisenhower Is Assured Of ‘Wholehearted’ Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (P).—President Truman told Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Saturday that he has the “wholehearted backing” of the United States and the other North Atlantic Treaty powers in his mission to weld Western Europe’s defenses against Communist aggression.

Eisenhower met with the president for half an hour before taking off for Paris and the first organization steps looking to a unified and stronger European armed force.

The general told newsmen that before going to the airport he also would talk with W. Averell Harriman, special assistant to Truman on foreign affairs.

Joseph Short, White House press secretary, said the president discussed the whole world situation with the supreme Allied commander.

“In this conversation,” Short added, “the president made it plain to General Eisenhower that he had the wholehearted backing of the United States.

“The president also expressed himself as being certain that General Eisenhower had the same sort of backing from the 11 other nations.

“It was stressed in the talk between the president and General Eisenhower that this is an organization for the peace, security and tranquillity of the world.”

After their talk Truman was expected to see the general off at the Washington airport.

Eisenhower is expected to tell the Europeans that while the U. S. is prepared to do its full share toward making western forces strong enough to repel Communist aggression, their nations also will have to do all within their power to supply men, money and materials.

American officials so far feel that the scope and speed of military preparations in western Europe generally are far from adequate.

Eisenhower plans to visit the capitals of all the European members of the North Atlantic Alliance ranging from Norway and Britain in the north to Italy in the south. He probably also will talk with American officials in Germany.

Father of Two Pope Home Girls Is Missing in Korea

The father of two Lena Pope Home girls was reported Saturday missing in action in Korea.

He is Corp. Morgan V. Bellah, 32, brother of Lavonia Bellah, dance teacher.

Miss Bellah (in private life Mrs. Eddie Deems of 816 Summit) was notified Saturday by Defense Department telegram that her brother, with Army combat engineers, had been missing since Dec. 1.

His daughters, Lavonia Lou, 10, and Sharon Sue, 8, were not told that their daddy was missing.

“They know he is overseas, but I don’t think we’ll tell them of this report,” Mrs. Deems said tearfully. “They don’t read the newspapers, and I don’t believe they’ll find out for a while.”

She was hoping that later her brother would be found, she said, and then the little girls could be told.

The girls have been at the Pope Home for about four years.

Bellah and their mother were divorced, and the mother’s whereabouts is unknown here, Mrs. Deems said.

Corporal Bellah formerly attended Central High School and at one time operated an exterminating business under his own name. He also had worked for Liberty Towel Company.

Bellah was the 21st Tarrant Pvt. George A. Warren, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Warren, 401 Waynell. His wife, Rosalie, lives at the same address.


Latest Fort Worth man reported wounded was Marine Pfc. Kenneth Roland Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gross, 3259 Runnels. He had written earlier that he was recovering from an arm wound. Gross, whose father is a Swift & Company butcher, formerly attended Technical High School.

Mrs. Klein said that her son, Private Prince, had written relatives several times since he was reported missing and that she believes he now is back with his organization.

Three Admit DWI Charge

Three men pleaded guilty in Criminal District Court No. 2 Saturday to charges of driving while intoxicated while a fourth posted $1,000 bond on a similar charge.