

Reporter Tom Schilling, cut-out of the picture who is playing the role of a man who went out to see for himself. His story, with picture, is on the second front.

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Air Force Expansion Urged To Meet Atomic Threat

ARMY MAN SEES FEEL

Air Policy Group Asks Big Increase In Outlay

Attack Called Possible By 1953

By JAMES J. STREIB
Associated Press Aviation Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman's Air Policy Commission said today the Government should add billions of dollars to air power spending estimates to create a force "capable of dealing with a possible atomic attack on this country" by Jan. 1, 1953.

A report by the five-man board declared the Air Force presently planned would be "inadequate" even for the intervening five years. It would be "hopelessly wanting," the report said, for the later period when it should be assumed that "other nations will have atomic weapons in quantity and the equipment to deliver them in sustained attack on the United States mainland."

The commission said plans should be expanded all along the line to call for:

1. Doubling the present total of 1,300 first line combat aircraft by 1953.
2. A 50 percent increase in the number of bombers from 1,000 to 1,500 by 1953.
3. An additional \$1,000,000,000 for the development of new aircraft by 1953.
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"We believe," the commission said, "that the United States will be secure in its own defense only if the institution of war itself is abolished under a reasonable time."

Meanwhile, its final 140-page study urged a "double-barreled" policy of attempting to achieve world peace through the United Nations and the defense of the United States.

To achieve this goal, the commission said there must be a reversal of our traditional attitudes regarding "militarism and national security." The nation must spend more and more for the military and naval armaments, and preservation comes ahead of economy.

The commission urged an immediate start on expansion of the Air Force to modern equipment, asserting "we have no breathing space in which we do not need air."

The ready-to-flight, W-group aircraft, the commission said, would have 6,000 first line aircraft in a total of 12,000 modern aircraft by 1953.

There also would be 23 special squadrons, 37 National Guard squadrons, and 14 reserve squadrons. Reserve would be 8,100 aircraft in a total of 12,000 modern aircraft, dubbed "A-day" and Jan. 1, 1953.

The Naval arm was described as adequate in size, but needing modern aircraft replacements.

The commission noted that its proposed program would mean only very heavy bombers for strategic operations, compared with 14,000 bombers employed by the American and British forces in the European Theater.

WAR CONCERN
Along with the thesis that "world peace and the security of the United States are now the same thing," the commission offered a new concept of strategic defense.

"The defense must be based on air power," the commission asserted. "Therefore we have now one force, the air arm, and we need two, the air arm and the Navy. There is a new element to defend the air."

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Petrillo Goes Free

Court Acquits Music Boss Of Violating Lea Statute

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CHICAGO (AP)—James C. Petrillo, pugilist chief of the Musicians Union, was acquitted today of a charge that he violated the Lea Act aimed at curbing his power, and his attorney declared "the Lea Act is dead."

Federal Judge Walter J. Leach, who conducted the bench trial of Petrillo at a three-day hearing ended Jan. 2, ruled that Government prosecution had failed to prove their case.

Petrillo, looking grim in a blue suit and white shirt while waiting for the decision in court, burst into smiles. Later he happily told reporters:

"I guess I put a different light on the situation. The broadcasters have been telling me I cannot force them to hire more musicians than are needed."

"Now I can ask for additional musicians as long as they perform actual services."

His attorney, Daniel Carmell, a Chicago AFL leader, told reporters:

"The essence of this decision is that the Lea Act is dead. The act, also known as the anti-Petrillo law, was passed by Congress in 1938 to limit the power of Petrillo's broad union powers. The Government contended Petrillo violated the act by attempting to force a Chicago radio station, WABD, to employ more union musicians than it said it needed."

But Congress did not limit the number of union musicians to be employed in the United States.

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Arab Drive Is Rumored

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Senators Insist Nations Help Pay Pledge Of Alien Funds Is Demanded

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Associated Press Aviation Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators today emphasized demands that the sixteen nations to receive aid under the Marshall Plan pledge their hoards of "gold and dollars" abroad and their investments in this country to help cover costs of the \$6,800,000,000 European recovery program.

The proposals by members of the Foreign Relations Committee were made to Secretary of Treasury Snyder who testified before the committee. Snyder said it would be "folly" to force European nations to make such pledges.

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Renews Plea For Curbs

President Cites Inflation Menace

By STERLING F. GREEN

Associated Press Aviation Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman declared today that American prosperity is riding a "wave of inflation" toward the peril of a "serious" business slump.

By leaving his second annual economic report to a renewed plea for legislative power to cope with soaring prices, the Chief Executive told the Republican-controlled Congress:

"The American people are keenly aware that inflation is the dominant problem in our affairs."

Mr. Truman used urgent words in demanding once again the full-scale piece of anti-inflation legislation which the lawmakers refused him during last Fall's special session. He asserted that steady price, wage, and rationing authority are "needed, needed badly, and needed promptly."

In addition to Congressional action, the President called upon business to cut prices wherever possible, "foregoing a quick and dangerous excess profits in favor of long-run stability."

And he urged labor to be "moderate" in its third round wage demands.

Nor did he yield any ground on taxes. He insisted that the \$7,000,000,000 Treasury surplus now in sight for next June 30 must be used to lower the national debt, not to cut tax rates as the Republicans are determined to do.

After reciting record-breaking gains during 1947 in nearly every phase of economic activity, the Chief Executive forecast "another year of splendid achievement." But he took alarm as well as pride in the advances.

"Unless we as a nation show an ability to impose restraints upon ourselves and to utilize the machinery of our representative government to devise well-considered regulatory measures, we stand in grave danger that runaway prices, over-extended credit and inflation will bring about a serious economic recession."

"We cannot be sure that such a recession would not be severe and recovery slow and painful."

Mr. Truman added: "When an inflation is in progress, there is no time to lose. One must be certain to act before it will break the back of the economy. It must be met with decisive force."

The economic report, laid out three major White House messages to Congress, set three national goals for 1948:

1. A three per cent gain in production.
2. Last year's target of five per cent was narrowly missed—seven per cent more goods and services were available.
3. The target of 50,000,000 as a year-long average. This is 1,000,000 above the 1947 figure even though last year's June peak topped the so-called "full employment" goal of 50,000,000 jobs.

The report also called for a broad social, public welfare, resources conservation and industrial development program designed to intensify the nation's production of goods and services and to provide Americans with more satisfying lives.

MORE CONSUMER INCOME NEEDED
More income for consumers will be needed, Mr. Truman said, to keep production up when savings are reduced, and "more consumer income must be accompanied by better income distribution."

He continued: "Within ten years, maximum employment will mean a level of productivity and to provide outlet for the high level of production which technological changes may displace from education, health and social security."

Going over again much of the ground he covered in his State of the Union message a week ago and his budget message last Monday, President Truman said the Government's program for 1948 was to improve the standard of living, and to increase the coverage of Social Security, both old-age and jobless pay benefits.

Speaking in terms of ten-year goals, Mr. Truman proposed improved soil management on half the nation's crop and pasture lands, and to increase the production of food, and a doubling of strategic materials, and the industrial development of "retarded" areas.

"We should within ten years be able to increase our annual national output by 35 per cent," the President said. But he declared that business plants and equipment need expansion—especially in the steel, oil, and electrical industries.

Thurmond Urges SC Government Be Revamped

By JAMES J. STREIB

Associated Press Aviation Reporter

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Governor Strom Thurmond called formally on the General Assembly today to enact the pending State Government Reorganization Bill.

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No Change In Daniels Condition

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RALEIGH (AP)—Joseph Daniels, 52-year-old editor-publisher of the Raleigh News & Observer, former Navy Secretary and former Ambassador to Mexico, continued yesterday in his condition, said a member of the family said last night. Daniels' condition was not encouraged by the long fight he had made. His condition had been recorded as grave since last Friday.

Connolly Skipper's Own Story

By JAMES J. STREIB

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By Captain Ben A. Connolly, skipper of the ship, I ordered the four lifeboats to stay as close to the Connolly as possible as our best chance of being rescued.

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Plane Credited With Sea Rescue

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Buchalter Mob Figure Is Slain

By JAMES J. STREIB

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NEW YORK (AP)—An obscure New York mob figure, an ex-convict and a police informant, was shot and killed today by a mobster in a gun battle that lasted for more than an hour.

The victim, Benjamin "Chippy" Weisberg, was shot in the back of the head by a mobster in a gun battle that lasted for more than an hour.

INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT

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What AMI Saying

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Forecast for 24 H. today: -23 High and low last 24 hours: -45-28

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