

British Order Role as World Power Phased

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Military are to be reduced by 30,000 in Britain, 50,000 abroad—40,000 of them in Singapore and Malaysia.

The defense budget now running at about \$3.8 billion a year, will in 1970-1971 be pulled down by \$500 million, and in 1973-1974 by about \$840 million. These savings have been estimated on the basis of 1967 prices.

Defense research and development spending on new weapons systems will be slashed in the next three years by \$84 million, freeing scientists, technicians and factory space for civil work.

The British retreat from east of Suez, beginning with a pullout from South Arabia next year, by no means will be a total abandonment of the nation's commitments to its friends in the region.

A new system of air-sea cover will provide protection for certain countries, the government stressed. The British still mean to honor their obligations to the

Southeast Asia Treaty Organization although certain military undertakings will have to be recast. Hong Kong, off mainland China, will keep its garrison and may even be strengthened.

The nation's main overseas defense effort, the White Paper said, will be vested in the "military efficiency and political solidarity" of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, underlining Britain's attempt to assume a European role within the Common Market. The British contribution to NATO will remain broadly on the current scale unless some East-West deal can be arranged for scaling down forces in Europe.

"The present plans are the climax of a three-year study designed to bring commitments and capabilities into line," Healey said.

Further minor adjustments might have to be made, he added, in the light of unforeseeable world developments, the British economic situation or other factors.

Some Railroad Men Resist Law

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service probably would not return to normal until Wednesday. "The mail trains aren't running and we've still got some first-class mail backed up," a spokesman said.

President Johnson appointed a five-man panel, headed by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., to solve the year-long dispute between the railroads and six shopcraft unions.

"Of course we are very hopeful we can get an agreement between the parties," Johnson said at a White House news conference.

Serving with Morse will be Fred Kappel, retired president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Theodore Kheel, New York labor mediator; Leverett Saltonstall, former Republican senator from Massachusetts and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO.

Meany, in a Miami Beach, Fla., speech to a union convention, accused the railroads of "running to Congress" instead of bargaining to end the strike. "This may be a hollow victory for railroad management," he said. "If people cannot sit down together to bargain, then something has happened to America."

The back-to-work legislation signed Monday by Johnson requires a government-devised settlement if unions and management don't reach agreement within 90 days. The strike may not be resumed during that period—a cooling-off interval which could be extended to 1969.

The White House had expressed deep concern about the effect of the stoppage on the movement of farm goods to market and armaments and supplies to shipping points for Vietnam.

But there was widespread bitterness among the 137,000 machinists, electricians, boiler-makers, carmen, firemen and others who were ordered back to work.

"If the Johnson administration had just kept its nose out of this dispute in the first place, it would have been solved this time without a strike," said a union man, W. J. Peck of St. Paul, Minn. "Now nothing is really solved."

Joseph Ramsey, vice president of the AFL-CIO International Association of Machinists, snapped, "It is a sad day for American workers when Con-

gress becomes the nation's No. 1 strike breaker."

The workers, who now average from \$2.94 to \$3.05 per hour, were seeking increases of 6.5 per cent this year and 5 per cent next year, plus 12.5 cents per hour each year for higher skilled men. The railroads reportedly offered a 6 per cent wage hike over 18 months and a five-cent raise for skilled workers.

Panama, U.S. Canal Control Set

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States has agreed to turn over operation of the Panama Canal to a joint U.S.-Panamanian commission, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen disclosed Tuesday.

Dirksen, after a briefing by administration officials, released first details of a new Panama Canal Treaty which would relinquish U.S. sovereignty over the 10-mile wide Canal Zone, the flag of Panama would be flown throughout the area, with the American flag permitted only on U.S. buildings and structures.

Dirksen said the treaty contains these other provisions:—The United States will have the right to build a new sea-level canal in Panama if it chooses.

—A status of forces agreement patterned after similar treaties with European countries will protect the right of U.S. troops stationed in defense of the canal.

—The U.S. annual payment to Panama for the Canal Zone area will be increased from \$1.9 million to \$17.5 million.

Arab and Israel War Hurts Malta

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be most work, with tankers coming in for repairs in the summer months.

Attempts are being made to ease the situation. Prime Minister D.R. George Borg Olivier told the House of Representatives that the British government will send a royal fleet auxiliary tanker to refit in Malta instead of to a British yard.

Dockyard officials said this would provide 500 men with work for a month. For the other shipyard workers, there is little chance of work. Unemployment is a chronic Maltese problem.

There is potential damage to other sectors of the economy.

Exports to North Africa and the Middle East already have been hit and are unlikely to return to normal until the Middle East crisis has been settled.

A rise in oil prices would hurt the island.

Oil companies are paying vastly increased freight rates for chartered tankers and an increase in prices would be one way of offsetting these costs.

The main question for Malta, however, is how long the canal will stay closed.



Weather Forecast

Shows and thundershowers are expected Wednesday in the lower Lakes region, the Carolinas, and from the central Gulf Coast into the southern plains and the central and southern plateaus. It will be cooler in parts of northwest, warmer in northern and southern plateaus, central plains, central Gulf and Virginia.

(Pensacola Journal-AP Wirephoto)

Obituaries

FISHER-POU FUNERAL SERVICE
Mrs. Della Elizabeth Gray
Funeral services for Mrs. Della Elizabeth Gray, 74, of 1401 S. 1st St., will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Fisher-Pou Chapel with Dexter D. Beavers, minister, officiating.
Mrs. Gray was a life long resident of Escambia County and was a member of the Church of Christ.
Survivors include her husband, Walter Gray, and two sons, Walter and Bobby Gray.
Burial will be in Barrancas National Cemetery with Fisher-Pou Funeral Service directing.

FISHER-POU FUNERAL SERVICE
Mrs. Myrtle Inez Havel
Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Inez Havel, 38, of Rt. 4, Box 1295, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Don L. Havel, minister, officiating.
Mrs. Havel was a native of Gaston, S.C., and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.
Survivors include her husband, James Havel, and two sons, James and William Havel.
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Mrs. Jennie Andresson Testman
Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Andresson Testman, 74, of 730 South P St., died Monday afternoon at a local hospital.
Mrs. Testman was a lifelong resident of Pensacola and was a member of the Lutheran Church.
Survivors include her husband, John Testman, and two sons, John and William Testman.
Burial will be in Hillcrest Baptist Church with Fisher-Pou Funeral Service directing.

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Mrs. Nora Lee Stepler
Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Lee Stepler, 55, of 1314 N. 1st St., died Monday afternoon at a local hospital.
Mrs. Stepler was a native of Escambia County, Ala., and was a member of the First Pentecostal Church and the Ladies Auxiliary.
Survivors include her husband, James Stepler, and two sons, James and William Stepler.
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Rev. Arrie D. Morris
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Rev. Morris was a native of Escambia County, Ala., and was a member of the First Pentecostal Church and the Ladies Auxiliary.
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Arrie Morris, and two sons, James and William Morris.
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Haiphong Oil Depot Is Hit

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ous cuts in tracks, heavy damage to two buildings, destruction of a pontoon bridge and sl-

Burned Camp A Tinder Box, Cabinet Told

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phase out.

"We've been phasing out two to three each year... obviously this should be accelerated and many of us regret we did not do it sooner," said Conner, also chairman of the Cabinet's subcommittee on corrections.

Conner told the alarmed Cabinet members "a lot" of the barracks at the camp had been painted repeatedly over the years, making them "inherently more flammable."

Conner said state authorities "knew" the camp near Jay was a potential danger. He recommended that the state adopt a fire safety review program at its prison facilities.

The coroner's jury, which began meeting Monday at Milton, 20 miles south of Jay, said the three prisoners who started the fatal fire with toilet tissue and newspapers were Thomas E. Ard, 28, of Pensacola, Earl F. Hoffman, 41, of Tallahassee, and Joseph Earl Wynder, 31, of Marianna.

State Fire Marshal Broward Williams told the Cabinet, headed by Gov. Claude Kirk, that Ard's records listed him as a "suspected arsonist."

Kirk responded that the state should not put accused arsonists in wooden buildings. "I'm serious about this. Let's check into this," he said.

Conner said state agents check the prison camps on a monthly basis and were fully aware that the World War II type barracks building was a fire hazard.

Fifty-one prisoners were in the barracks at the time of the fire. Thirty-seven died, six were burned seriously and eight were unharmed. The survivors were transferred to the Santa Rosa County jail at Milton.

The uninjured prisoners testified Monday that Ard, Wynder and a man the court identified as Earl Evans, set the blaze. County Judge Mahlon McCall later said Evans was wrongly identified and that Hoffman was the third man named by the jury.

Officials at first reported Sunday night the blaze was accidentally started during a fight between a Negro and a white.

Pascall Rowells, a State Road Department employee who supervised the road working prisoners, told of repeated incidents of racial violence in the ensuing two weeks after 16 white men were integrated with 36 Negroes at the camp.

The coroner's jury said it found no evidence of racial strife at the prison camp, integrated only two weeks before the fire. Wynder was a Negro. Hoffman and Ard were white.

In ruling arson as the cause of the fire, the jury did not attempt to find out what prompted the prisoners to set the blaze, although a guard testified he felt the fire was intended as retribution for the confiscation of a pornographic book from Ard.

Asst. State Atty. Curtis Goldensaid a fourth prisoner, Jimmy Copeland, 30, of Pensacola, had been accused of participating in the firing of the barracks and promised an investigation. Copeland was burned and is suffering brain damage.

The jury officially ruled the 37 men died from "burns and/or asphyxiation" and singled out a guard, A. O. Lovett, for commendation.

Lovett, burned slightly in the fire, was one of four guards at the camp. He was credited with entering the flaming building and personally leading five prisoners to safety.

Convicts testified Monday it was six minutes after the fire broke out before they were released from the locked building.

Lovett and other guards testified they first ran for shotguns before releasing the prisoners. Officials estimated the building was gutted within eight minutes.

The coroners inquest was in Milton and the jury heard two days of testimony from eight survivors of the tragedy and from guards who were on duty when the flash fire swept through the wooden building between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

The jury's decision on the cause of the fire came while the grim task of identifying the charred bodies that have been kept in a temporary morgue in a state road camp along U.S. 90, near Milton was begun.

The victims were burned beyond recognition, and dental records were being used to identify some of them.

Copeland is one of six of 14 survivors burned critically in the fire. He is being held under guard in a nearby hospital.

Weather

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU
Pensacola, Fla.

Weather Report for the Pensacola Journal

SUN AND TIDES FOR TODAY July 19
Sunrise 5:58 Sunset 7:21
Moonset 11:15 a.m. Low 9:00 a.m.
Adjustments to be made to the times of Pensacola tides to obtain times of tides at the following places:

Place	High	Low
Pensacola Bay	1:23 earlier 0:34 earlier	
Warrington 12 miles south	0:27 earlier 0:30 earlier	
Fort Myers 40 miles south	0:24 later 1:03 later	
Milton 1:40 later 1:47 later		
(East Pass)	0:27 earlier 1:30 later	
Panama City 0:43 earlier 0:44 earlier		

TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY
Highest 93 Lowest 72
Record High 97 Record Low 67

RAINFALL
Normal for July 4.32 inches. Total this month to date 4.01 inches. Yesterday 1.31 in. Total this year to date 14.01 inches. Deficiency this year through yesterday 0.31 inches. Deficiency this year through yesterday 0.31 inches.

FORECASTS
Pensacola and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warm through Thursday with widely scattered, mostly afternoon and early evening thundershowers. Highest Wednesday 88-90, Low night 70-72. Mostly sunny with winds 6-16 miles per hour. Probability of showers 20 per cent nights and mornings, and 40 per cent in the afternoon.

Middle Gulf: Mostly east and southeast winds 5-15 knots and a few showers through Thursday.

River stages at 7 a.m. Tuesday:
Apalachicola River at Marietta, Miss. 4.8 ft. (Flood stage 22 ft.)
Alabama River at Claborn, Ala. 26.3 ft. (Flood stage 40 ft.)
Apalachicola River at Blountstown, Fla. 10.9 ft. (Flood stage 18 ft.)
River stages at 8 a.m. Monday:
Yellow River at Milligan, Fla. 2.5 ft. ft. Concho River at Breton, Ala. 1.8 ft. ft.

Forecast for the Apalachicola River at Blountstown:
7 a.m. Wednesday 10.7 ft. — 7 a.m. Thursday 10.7 ft.
Forecast for the Apalachicola River at Marietta:
7 a.m. Wednesday 4.5 ft. — 7 a.m. Thursday 4.5 ft.

Florida Temperatures

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