

DEFENSE

L.T.-Odds. Fri. Jan. 13 - '61.

^{The}
~~President~~ Eisenhower's final ~~def~~ defense budget -

is a record for peace time. Almost - forty-three billion.

Even so, it's short of - what the Pentagon wanted. ^{Pres.} ~~Mr.~~

Eisenhower, ordering cut-backs - in aircraft construction,

missiles, and a few space projects. Also, ear-marking

less money for - the military. The army, receiving ~~only~~

ten billion. The Navy - ~~only~~ eleven billion. The Air

Force - ~~only~~ nineteen billion. One spokesman for ~~the~~ the

armed services calls it - "a harsh squeeze."

All three are cherishing - one hope. They feel they may get a bigger share ~~of the pie~~ - when President Kennedy examines this Eisenhower defense budget.

KENNEDY

Today the President-elect and his Secretary of State were discussing - more State Department appointments. John Kennedy and Dean Rusk emphasizing - ambassadorial posts. ~~These~~ key jobs -- in the capitals of the world. The Kennedy policy is not to reveal his choices - until after his inauguration. But he wants the list of names ready - to ~~be~~ send to Capitol Hill.

The latest rumor out of Palm Beach has it - that the Governor of Kansas is due for a ~~in~~ high appointment in the new administration. George Docking, they say - will be offered the presidency of the Export-Import Bank.

Next item on the Kennedy agenda - ^{the} ~~an~~ space program. Lyndon Johnson, who has made a special study of ^{is} ~~that program~~ - arriving ~~in~~ in Palm Beach with a whole battery of advisers. The Vice President-elect, primed with proposals - for stepping up ~~an~~ exploration of outer space.

INTEGRATION

The University of Georgia will have to admit its two negro students to classes on - Monday. So ruled by Federal Judge W. A. Bottle - who has already overruled the state laws against integration.

Judge Bootle's court order mentions two University officials by name -- President O. C. Aderhold and Dean Joseph Williams. The Judge, forbidding them to bar Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes - for their own safety, ² ~~That~~ university argument - about law and order ~~g~~ breaking down. Judge Bootle points out that the police - should be capable of handling any attempted violence, Hence there's no excuse -- for compelling the two students to stay home.

While Today's court order - does not enforce integration, *It denies* ~~But~~ it does remove - one roadblock. ~~Denying~~ the right of a ~~hostile~~ mob to decide -- who shall attend the University of Georgia. Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes declare - they want to go back to classes on Monday. Judge Bootle says they have a perfect right to go back.

LAOS

The situation in Laos is more confused tonight -- following the refusal of the ex-Premier to join a coalition government. Souvanna Phouma fled to Cambodia last month - when the anti-Communists refused to accept his leadership. They claimed he was leading Laos directly toward - a Red take-over.

~~BUT~~ Souvanna Phouma ~~was~~ has always called himself -- a neutralist. So the present Premier of Laos, Boun Oum - suggested that the two could stabilize the government by working together. The former Premier, saying "no" - to that. Souvanna Phouma insisting - he won't return to Vientiane, ~~except~~ except as sole head of the administration.

So Laos has a Premier - who is an anti-Communist,
and An ex-Premier - who is a neutralist, *And* a would-be Communist Premier named Quinim Pholsena - who is with the Red rebels, hoping they'll put him in power.

Quinim Pholsena must be more hopeful tonight -

with the Reds claiming important victories. However, the ^{se} reports are denied - in Vientiane. No one seems to know - just what is happening, ~~out~~ in the Laotian jungle.

Meanwhile, six Asian countries have decided to hold a special conference - on Laos. All six - on our side of the Iron Curtain:— Nationalist China, Pakistan, Thailand, North Korea, South Viet Nam, and the Philippines. Their representatives will gather in Manila next week - to ~~discuss~~ discuss ways and means of preserving the independence of Laos.

CUBA

That atrocity story from Havana - sounds like a manufactured excuse for a Castro attack on Guantanamo. The story concerns Manuel Prieto Gomez - who used to work at our naval base. He says he was called a spy - then mistreated by his American employers. In his words - "they beat, tortured, and brain-washed me."

The episode is supposed to have taken place - last Saturday. The victims didn't tell his story - until yesterday. The question being - where was he during those five days?

Around Guantanamo - they say the answer is rather simple. Castro finally had to give up his myth - of an imminent Yankee invasion. Even ~~his~~ his militia realizing - there was nothing in it. The Dictator, ^{now trying to} ~~diverting~~ attention - by inventing his atrocity story, ~~which~~ ~~is~~ he could use for an excuse - should he decide to attack Guantanamo.

URUGUAY

A member of Uruguay's national council calls Fidel Castro's regime - "a government of thieves and bandits." The interesting thing is that this Uruguayan - is a member of the opposition. Cesar Pacheco's party, opposing the ~~mt~~ motion -- to expel the Cuban Ambassador. Pacheco, voting against his party - because of the Ambassador's interference in Uruguay's domestic affairs. Pacheco, using the phrase - about Castro being a leader of thieves and bandits.

HOURGLASS

A Republican from South Dakota has come up with a new idea - for controlling talkative members of the Senate. Or rather -- it's an ~~an~~ old idea, ~~In fact -~~ *all the way* going back to ancient Greece.

On Capitol Hill, Senators are supposed to limit their remarks to three minutes -- during their famous "morning hour." Many of them, exceeding their ~~in~~ limit - before realizing that their time is up.

Senator Case's solution - install an hour-glass in the Senate. The kind the old Athenians used - in their popular assembly. When the sand ran out - an Athenian speaker ~~was told that he'd~~ *knew he had* used up his three minutes. *And* ~~Ordered~~ *he had* to sit down. Senator Case thinks something like this might work - with his colleagues.

~~In short~~ the Greeks had a word for it, *Dicks. Now?* *in Greek?*
I wonder what the ~~Greek~~ word for "hour-glass" is?

LIBRARY

Here's an official announcement from Washington - that will interest ~~a lot of~~ scholars. The first batch of presidential documents - on the way to Abilene. Headed for - the Dwight D. Eisenhower library.

A mountain of documents - filling two thousand drawers. Adding up to - millions of individual items. Books, speeches, memoranda - letters and so on. The whole shipment, taken from Washington to Abilene in special trailers, ~~Under heavy guard~~ ^{Under heavy} guard - because many of the documents are not yet available to the general public.

They'll be housed in the institution especially built for them - in Mr. Eisenhower's home town. ^{the} Director - Robert Bolton of Michigan University and the government archives. Who can use this library? ~~On~~ some exhibits will be on public display - and ~~the~~ professional scholars will have access to the special collections.

These documents, covering the two Eisenhower terms, *which in a few days becomes* ~~now becoming~~ part of our history. A basic source for historians writing about - the Eisenhower years.

One of America's finest research centers - the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene.