

Clamor Growing In Europe For Cut In Defence Bills

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON (AP) — Inflation is the biggest immediate worry facing Europeans but there is a growing clamor for slashes in defence spending.

The trend towards reductions comes with the United States confronted with a huge increase in defence output linked with the Viet Nam war.

Britain has already served

notice of intention to trim ruthlessly her \$1,000,000,000 annual overseas defence bill.

France, West Germany, Italy and other major U.S. Allies generally have been holding the line in defence appropriations during the last few years. Some have managed cuts.

The new West German budget calls for military expenditures of \$4,370,000,000 or 25.3 per cent of the total appropriations compared with 26.4 per cent last year. West Germans are subject to an 18-month military draft but none are serving abroad.

HAS UNITS IN AFRICA

France's military allocation this year is \$4,490,000,000—22.1 per cent of the total budget compared with 22.6 per cent in 1965. France, with an 18-month draft system, has units in nine former African colonies south of the Sahara.

Italy, which has had compulsory military service since 1970, but has no troops abroad, is earmarking \$1,984,000,000 of its national budget of \$12,000,000,000 for defence, two per cent more than last year.

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total budget for defence, has troops in West Germany; Sweden, with units serving in Cyprus and the Gaza Strip, spends about 42 per cent of its gross national product for defence, compared with 4.6 last year, and in Holland 8.5 per cent of the total budget goes for defence.

Prime Minister Wilson is sending foreign Secretary Michael Stewart and Defence Secretary Denis Healey to Washington Jan. 27 for talks with State Secretary Dean Rusk and Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

Healey said a few months ago that while Britain was spending \$1,000,000,000 as "our contribution to the defence of the free world it is ironic that West Germany is gaining \$1,000,000,000 a year of foreign currency through the stationing of Allied forces on her soil."

A new regional office for the Atlantic provinces is being established at Amherst, N.S. The director for this region will be R. R. McIntyre, 41, former chief of the soil and water conservation section of ARDA. He is a

native of North Battleford, Sask. Headquarters for both the Quebec and Ontario regions will be established in Ottawa. Paul Boisclair, 40, of Irberville, Que., will be director of the Quebec region. He was previously programming co-ordinator for ARDA's rural development projects. R. C. Hodges, 46, of Toronto, now chief of the ARDA land use division, will be Ontario director.

The Western regional headquarters will be at Regina, and the director will be Lee Pratt, 38, a native of Russell, Man. He now is chief of the Canada land inventory with ARDA.

The announcement said a director of planning and policy will also be appointed at Ottawa to co-ordinate regional activities.

COW SAVES GI

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP)—A frightened cow spared a U.S. marine patrol from possible death or injury Thursday. The cow darted from a thicket 25 feet in front of leaders of a marine patrol. A puff of smoke went up from a detonator but a hidden land mine did not explode.

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RULER OF A PERSIAN EMPIRE ENCOMPASSING MUCH OF ASIA AND EUROPE IN HIS REIGN OF 36 YEARS COMMUTED 36,000 DEATH SENTENCES

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Boy meets girl
5. News
9. Do a household job
10. Prepare food
11. Always
12. Trimmed girl
14. Witty remark
15. Part of speech
16. Burmese language
17. Worrier: slang
19. Not fat
21. Inquire
22. Family member
23. Scolds mercilessly
26. Joint
27. Neck frill
28. Forbid
29. That water group
30. Like a bear
34. Jade (the stone): Chin.
35. Grate
37. At the present time
38. Drowsy
40. Cavern
41. Ventilates
42. Sharpen, as a razor
43. Scottish Gaelic
44. Adam's son

DOWN
1. Golf term
2. Mountain crest
3. High hill
4. Half an acre
5. Beige
6. Natural springs of water
7. Unit of weight
8. Moving sidewalks
9. Sideways city
10. Kind of meat
11. Italian poet
15. Promotory
16. Travel agent
18. Bar-barian
20. Ravele
24. Bronze Age crematorium
25. Aster
26. Musical instrument of healing: Norse
27. Silly
28. New
29. Female sheep
29. Church part
30. Goddess of healing: Norse
40. Male swan
42. Exclamation

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: **AKYDLBAKX** is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

WHERE'S THE PROF. STAIRS NUBBIN AT A DICTONARY?

NAN, HE LOST HIS APPELITE AFTER WATCHIN' THE MAJOR LOSE TO HIS SPARRIN' PARTNER. PROF. DUMPED HIS CHAPTER ON MARRIAGES NOW HE'S GONNA CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN!

REMEMBER THE LAST PROFESSOR WE HAD HERE? HE COULD WALK AWAY IN LANGUAGES WHEN HE ARRIVED, BUT AFTER TWO MONTHS OF THE MAJOR'S HE COULDN'T GIVE HIS OWN NAME WITHOUT PEKIN AT HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE!

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East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
K98
AKQJ6
Q86
J10

WEST
5
742
754
Q98732

EAST
643
93
AKJ2
AK54

SOUTH
AQJ1075
1085
1092
6

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 1 ♣ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead—seven of diamonds.

The declarer generally has an advantage over the defenders because he sees every one of the 26 cards held by his side. As a result, he knows exactly which high cards are missing, as well as the combined number of cards in each suit held by the opponents.

The defenders labor under a corresponding handicap, since each of them can see only his own hand and dummy's. They do not know their precise high-card strength or distribution, nor can they tell exactly where declarer is weak or strong.

The situation would be sad for the defending side were it not that many means are avail-

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