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# LBJ War Policy Wrecking NATO

The war in Vietnam and, more recently, internal problems here at home have left us little time to focus attention on our allies in Western Europe. Yet, with increasing criticism of our nearly unilateral action in Southeast Asia, the time has come for a re-evaluation of our North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance.

The present Administration's policy has led to a crumbling of this once formidable anti-communist military force.

The Republican Task Force on Western Alliances recognized this problem

when it recently adopted a policy statement which I authored. The group took this action after we held a two-hour in-depth session with former President Eisenhower, one of NATO's chief architects.

Our report discusses the serious state in which NATO finds itself today and warns that some of our European friends may drop out when the treaty expires in 1969.

## Bonnie Store Gets Berent For Pharmacy

Sol Ross and Edward Edwards, co-operators of Bonnie Discount Store, 930 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, this week announced the appointment of Melvin Berent as full-time head of the new pharmacy.

The department will offer a complete prescription service as part of its continuing growth, Ross said.

Berent, a registered pharmacist, is a graduate of Ferris State College. The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Friday when it remains open until 9 p.m. It is closed on Sunday.

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This is the essence of what was a rather lengthy report. I would not be allowed to deteriorate further and these steps would serve to strengthen our Western European relations. We have already floundered too long—reacting rather than acting. It's time to do something before it's too late.

To prevent this, we must first provide for involvement by our allies in defense strategy. Second, NATO should begin to broaden its scope on the subject of economic and social problems as well as those of a military nature.

Specifically in the area of defense involvement, my committee recommends:

The establishment of a NATO "strategy council" to give Europeans a genuine role in determining NATO defense policy.

An attempt to harmonize national defense policies and defense budgets of the NATO partners.

A consideration of more equitable distribution of NATO command positions. As to broadening NATO's scope, we suggest:

Revitalizing the NATO council, as the principal instrument for allied political decision-making, to resolve alliance problems, determine strategy as proposed by the "strategy council," and consult on crises within and outside the NATO sphere.

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# Festival "Caller" Follows Tradition

When the signal is given to "strike up the band" for the square dances in the Plymouth Fall Festival next week, a tall, slender fellow will stop at the microphone to "call" the dance and carry on a tradition of more than a half century.

The "caller" will be Jack Whitehead, Jr., son of one of the most famous callers in Michigan history, "Old Jack" as he was familiarly known, called dances in all sections of the state for five decades and no square dance seemed official over that period unless Jack did the calling.

Through the years he often had young Jack as an assistant. And when Old Jack decided to retire several years ago, Jack Junior had no trouble filling the role and carrying on the family name in what was once the most popular type of dancing in the state.

Young Jack has been in the music business for 35 of his 52 years and has been "calling" since he was 15.

He has called dances in the Madison Ball Room, Grande Ball Room, the Hotel

Slater in Detroit, and the Oxbow Lake Dance Hall where his father, before him, was a standby for years.

For the past ten years Young Jack has been the caller at the Old Timers Grove at the Michigan State Fair.

"I call strictly Michigan 'Hoe Down,'" he says with pride, "and many people claim I sound just like my father did when he was calling."

"This is not surprising," he went on, "because he taught me to call and many were the times we worked as a team."

Old Jack, now retired, worked for years for Wayne County Welfare Department and was a member of the original City Council in Livonia when the city was incorporated in 1859. He built up a great record for attendance at Council meetings, but even these sessions couldn't hold him when the Michigan State Fair called for services at the square dance time.

Now Young Jack is following suit. He is a drummer, too, and has his own band, known as "The Old Men."

As he describes it "we specialize in square and round dancing for the older people who like the old time modern tunes."

When you watch him and hear him call he is a living image of what they call "A chip from the old block."



JACK WHITEHEAD, JR.

## Evans Names New Manager Of Lease Dept.

The appointment of Robert M. Raymond as General Manager of the Freight Car Leasing Division of Evans Products Company, operating as United States Railway Equipment Company, was announced by Sheldon Kauffman, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Evans Products Company's Transportation Equipment Group, and President of United States Railway Equipment Company.

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## City Is Recognized For Traffic Record

A traffic record of having gone four years without a single pedestrian fatality has brought Plymouth special recognition from the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Representative of the Auto Club will present a Pedestrian Safety Citation to city officials in a City Hall ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18, in conjunction with that evening's regular meeting of the City Commission.

Plymouth is one of 29 Michigan communities receiving such an award in the 28th annual AAA National Pedestrian Safety Program.

The citation is presented to cities which record no fatalities for at least one year. An additional requirement is that each contending city must have an effective pedestrian education program.

Of the 29 winners for 1966, six cities were cited for going a year without registering a pedestrian death, nine for two years, four for three years, Plymouth and one other for four years, four for five years, one for six years, two for seven years and one for a nine year period.

In addition, special receiving awards have been gained by the municipalities of Sparta and Riverview which have gone 16 and 21 years, respectively, without a pedestrian fatality.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Saled bids will be received by the Board of Education, Plymouth Community School District, Plymouth, Michigan until 7:30 P.M., E.D.T., September 11, 1967 for the Addition and Alterations to Center Administration Building, 1024 South Hill Street, Plymouth, Michigan in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach, Inc., Architects, Engineers and Planners.

Lump sum proposals will be received for General Construction Work, including Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical Trades Work. Bidders will be limited to General Contractors.

Bidders shall include in their Bid Proposal a sufficient sum of money for fixed fee for assuming and coordinating contracts for Steel Joists, Metal Roof Deck, Structural Beams (all for material and erection), and Aluminum Scaffolding (material only), for which bids were received by the Owner. Bidders will, by the submission of their bids, indicate agreement to assume said contracts.

Plans and specifications will be available at the Office of the Architect, 950 North Hunter Boulevard, Birmingham, Michigan on or after August 18, 1967.

Two complete sets of Bidding Documents, consisting of Architectural, Mechanical and Electrical Trades, will be allowed to a bidder.

A deposit of \$150.00 will be required for two complete sets of documents obtained.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, in forms provided by the Architect, enclosed in sealed envelopes marked with the name of the bidder and the title of the work, and shall be delivered to the Library, Plymouth Junior High School East, 1024 S. Hill Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contracts to other than the low bidder, to accept any or all alterations, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion to be in the best interest of the School District.

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