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Capt. John Shirley Post

4/23/57

Introduction -

Combat Pay - stand up
Slight " - run out
Submarine " - ducked

BOYKIN

② Alabama -

① Got gun -

Texas Longhorn story

Great, great man

Rotary Club - don't mind him

Pleased to talk with this audience about:

Security of our Nation - National Defense Program

Includes
1) own security
2) future of children
3) 50% of present types

a) You know first hand

W. W. I - \$100 billion - 150,000

W. W. II - \$300 " - 400,000

Korean War - \$75 - 34,000

b) Why have U.S. become involved -

- 1) Enemy miscalculated our intentions.
- 2) " thought U.S. unprepared.

c) What should U.S. do -

- 1) Draw a line
- 2] Keep up our military strength



What is a SOUND Defense Program

Spend a lot to win
Spend very little to prevent

Easier to point out a bad military program.

Present Program - FEAST + FAMINE

Long range - no peaks & valleys

Balanced - Army -
Navy -
Air Force.

Future Weapons for Defense - R. + D.

Can't afford "second best" weapons.

R + D - \$1.5 billion -
\$400 million - Army -

Dart - ^{4 yrs} \$15 million } \$3000

La Crosse - ^{8 yrs} \$25 million } \$50,000

Little John - ^{2 yrs} \$10 million } \$5,000

Honest John - ^{Started 1950 - with Torpedoes since 1954} \$20 million } \$10,000

Corporal - ^{4 yrs} \$35 million } \$100,000

Redstone - ^{7 yrs} \$200 million } \$1 million

NIKE -

ALAX - ^{9 yrs} \$80 million } \$20,000

HERCULES - \$60 million } \$100,000



Why a Defense Program -

Struggle Between Ideologies

Freedom + Liberty

Communism - slavery

aesthetic dictator

Privilege To see line marking freedom & slavery.

a) Korea - Prisoners of War

b) ~~West Germany~~ Czech + Poland

c) East + West Berlin

d) Hungary.

Conclusion - For the sake of freedom

for ourselves + our children

Better & wiser to spend a little more To
protect the Peace than a lot more
to win a war.

