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LEGISLATION

WITH 31 July the scheduled date for adjournment of the first session of the 83rd Congress, the legislative tempo has been stepped up and (barring some unforeseen emergency) the month should see an e
dossa of the weary lawmakers from the National Guard Appropriation Bill should arrive at the White House. The bill is expected to be signed into law by the President and become effective.

The Department of Defense Appropriation Bill for FY 1954, H. R. 6990, was reported to the House on 27 June and passed by that Body on 2 July. The House Committee was extremely generous where the Army and Air National Guard were concerned, and their recommendations were sustained by the Senate.

The National Guard Appropriation Bill received $26,000,000 for the Air National Guard for FY 1953 and $30,000,000 for FY 1954. This is an increase of $15,000,000 for the Army National Guard and $44,000,000 for the Air National Guard, or a total increase of $69,000,000 over FY 1953. In addition, the Committee recommended, and the Senate approved, the withholding of $40,000,000 appropriated in FY 1953 and FY 1954 for the purchase of military aircraft. This provision was supported by the Senate, and the House adopted it by a vote of 76 to 1.

Congressional appropriations for FY 1954 have been completed by the Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations of the Army and Air National Guard. The bill has been approved by the House and the Senate, and is expected to be signed into law by the President.

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Our Cover

Amid the smoke and din of mimick battle, crowsmen of Ft. Collins’ Co H, 157 RCT, fire their 7mm recoilless rifles at Camp Carson, Colo., during field training of the Colorado National Guard. Perfecting their technique against that time when they may have to face a real enemy are: Sgt John Triano, the pioneer gunner (left); Lt M/Sgt Robert Bryant, crew chief (far right); Sgt Obad Clapp, leader (behind), and Sgt Robert Salisbury, who is observing through field glasses results of the latest shot. (Photo by Cpl Lockard)