

U. S. Still Cold Toward Spain's Dictator Franco

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(AP)—The State Department yesterday reaffirmed its cold shoulder policy toward Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain despite a call by senator Gurney (R-SD) for renewed friendly relations.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott said there is "no change in our position" when asked about Gurney's visit to Spain last week. Gurney, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was accompanied by Army, Navy and Air Force officers.

After an hour's private talk with Franco, Gurney said he favored "complete re-establishment of all relations" between Spain and the United States.

His statement probably reflected the feeling of some military leaders that, in view of political conflict with Russia, the United States should straighten out its relations with strategically-located Spain.

At the news conference in which McDermott restated U. S. policy toward Spain, he released a statement of greeting from President Truman to President Carmona of Portugal, Franco's neighbor. The occasion for the message was the anniversary of the proclamation of the Portuguese Republic.

By contrast, the State Department was silent over the week-end when Franco held a birthday celebration in Madrid.

Story of Fortune Bequest Fails To Get Confirmation

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 6 (AP)—Truck Driver Walter Pearson, 52-year-old father of five, says an uncle in Montreal, Canada, for whom he was named, will be him \$363,000, a mansion and a fishing lodge.

Pearson said yesterday he saw his uncle Walter Pearson, Montreal brewer, only once. Then last June a man who said he represented the Montreal law firm of Mackenzie and Mackenzie told him of the legacy.

Reporters in Montreal, however, were unable to locate anyone who had ever heard of a brewer named Walter Pearson. A check of the Montreal directory showed no listing for a law firm of Mackenzie and Mackenzie.

Advised of this, Pearson commented:

"I visited the law offices of Mackenzie and Mackenzie on the fifth floor of a building in Montreal during the week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 6. I went there with a man named MacDougall who worked for the firm."

The truck driver said he could not recall in what building the office was located but insisted "I was there."

"I really can't tell you why I was left all of the money," Pearson said, "but the lawyers up there agree that it's probably because I have the same name as my uncle."

"I guess you would say I was a little surprised," he added, "I'm going to keep on working."

The fledglings of the hoatzin (South American bird) have well-developed claws on each wing and can climb trees like a quadruped.

Crash Landing—On Purpose



Tommy Walker does this for a living. A former Flying Tiger in China, Walker flies with the Flying Tigers Air Show, and his act is to crash into a wooden wall. Here he performs his specialty at the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Airport, Avoca, Pa. The show is touring the country for the benefit of underprivileged children of Europe.

Screwball Weapons Crop Up With Development of War Dangers

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WASHINGTON — Whenever the international situation gets particularly crucial the services start dusting off the ideas for weapons which verge on the screwball. And some of these screwball ones suddenly become very practical. When the idea of an atomic bomb was propounded many important people labeled it just plain nutty.

Anyway, the one they've pulled off the shelf now actually originated in the Sunday supplements about 20 years ago. Everyone at least once has seen an "artist's conception" of a floating airport in the middle of the sea on which planes flying across the ocean could land and refuel. That's the one they're working on again with a "super secret" stamp on the details.

At the start of World War II the Navy and Air Force spent plenty of money on the project before it was finally abandoned as impractical. But a lot of sound conclusions were reached on the subject. First, it was decided that any floating base would be too vulnerable to enemy subs and bombers and that it wouldn't be maneuverable enough to dodge attack. Then the thinking switch-

ed to the idea of calming the water over an area large enough for a seaplane to land. The idea was for the plane to taxi up to a conventional ship in the calm area and refuel.

Tests with oil soon showed the impracticability of calming the sea that way. Further experiments, however, revealed that the best way to calm the water in the open sea was to break the cadence of the waves. At this point the details of the progress of that research become highly secret. It is known that large square objects floating in regularly spaced rows will break up waves, however. That much was revealed before the idea was shelved.

Now, however, several more

details of a general plan to use the open ocean as an airplane base have come to light. The Navy has approached the problem by trying to improve the hulls of sea planes.

Jet Seaplanes Next?

In addition to extending the time of operations of seaplanes, the new hulls can be used on planes of the 500-miles-per-hour range, according to a Navy expert. The Navy actually is taking a careful look at the possibility of buying jet seaplanes that could be used as fighters.

This idea isn't in conflict with the operation of carriers. Seaplanes weren't much in use for actual combat during World War II because they were too slow. If they could be made so as to

have close to the speed of a carrier-based plane, they could be used to supplement carrier operations by being launched from other type ships with a catapult.

It is possible that the tremendous power that jet propulsion gives to an airplane might change the whole picture of the usefulness of seaplanes or amphibious planes. The biggest bug in jet propulsion so far is the limited range it gives to a plane. A bomber, for instance, wouldn't need much more range than jet power gives it now. If it could flash over a target, drop a bomb and land somewhere at sea and then be hauled aboard a ship with a crane. That would certainly be a less hazardous operation than the first bombing of Tokyo from the decks of a carrier.

A jet fighter able to land safely at sea obviously be a very versatile weapon for both the Air Force and the Navy. It opens up many possibilities for radically new types of operations against an enemy.

Whether the wave-dampening idea is an integral part of the new thinking on the use of sea-

Deer Hunting Poor In Coast Region

The deer hunting season got off to a poor start in Reedsport vicinity this year, despite the fact that it seemed as if most of the local hunters left last week for Central, Southern or Eastern Oregon to hunt mule deer.

Many hunters who preferred to remain home and hunt in favorite spots along the coast found deer suddenly unusually scarce and hard to find.

A few good kills have been reported from the Loon Lake vicinity, and from Weatherley Creek, but many hunters are returning from these areas without even having had a chance to fire a shot.

One hunter, who was fortunate planes isn't definitely known. Weird as it may sound, it's still a possibility. And the services have learned the lesson well that no possibility can be ruled out without careful consideration.

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Hunters in some localities report signs indicating more than the usual number of wild cats, coyotes and some cougar, and it is known that these kill many young fawns and drive large deer away.

States' Rights Candidate Draws Negroes' Boos

HIGH POINT, N. C., Oct. 6.—(AP)—A group of Negroes bood

states' rights Presidential Nominee J. Strom Thurmond here today after a public address. Thurmond, governor of South Carolina, had just told an audience estimated by police at 300 that President Truman's civil rights program would "bring about a total state in America."

As he left the courtroom where he spoke a group of six or seven young Negroes standing in a corridor booed him. He glanced at them and continued walking.

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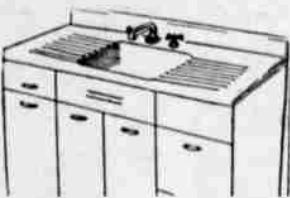
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