

Army Of British Soon To Become More Flexible

LONDON (AP) — The British army Wednesday announced plans to transform itself into a more flexible force geared to use nuclear weapons and able to avoid destruction by an enemy's atomic and hydrogen bombs.

The generals foresaw that in a future major war all army equipment will have to be either self-contained, with its crew protected by armor, or capable of being dug in easily and quickly. They denied that nuclear weapons made land forces obsolete.

War Secretary Anthony Head introduced a white paper in Parliament with the army estimates for the fiscal year beginning April 1. Like the navy estimates brought in Tuesday, it forecasts sweeping changes in military planning.

The statement stressed that the army must not only organize itself under conditions of the nuclear age but must also adapt itself to fighting little wars against guerrillas in jungles and mountains.

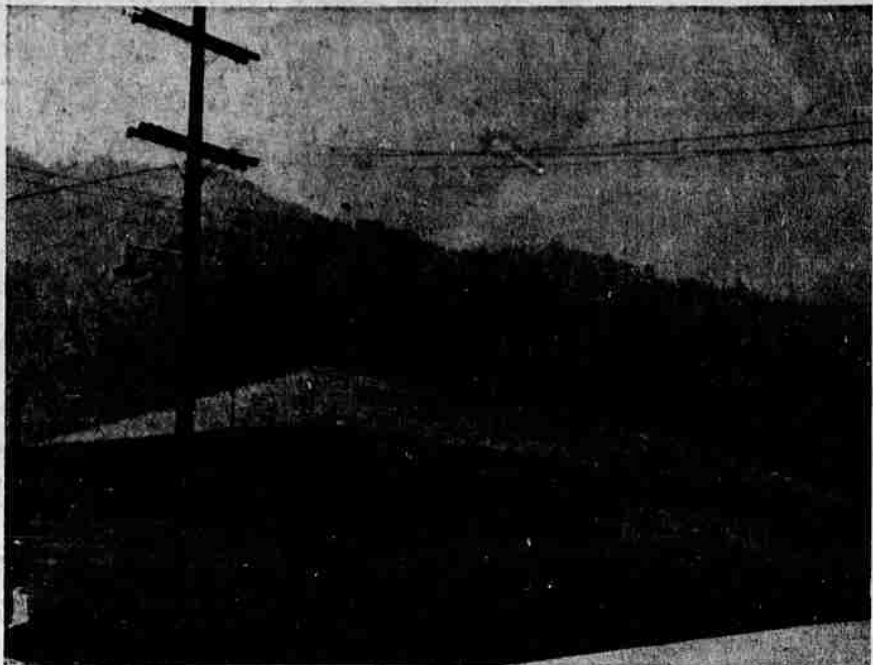
Britain's over-all defense strategy also calls for the army to take a big hand in bolstering civil defense in the event of nuclear bombardment.

Expenditures for the coming fiscal year were budgeted at 484,000,000 pounds (\$1,355,200,280) exclusive of American defense assistance. This represents a decrease of 77 million pounds (\$215,600,000) from current expenditures.

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Second-Growth Fir Summerwood Content Studied

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Summerwood content in second-growth Douglas fir is under study at the Oregon State college forest experiment station as part of a broad program of research on second-growth timber.

Summerwood—that part of the

annual growth ring formed in the summer or last part of the growing season—is the darker and denser, or stronger, part of the growth.

Because of this, estimation of summerwood in timber is used as one basis for its selection for structural purposes.

Natural Gas Studies For 18 Cities Planned

SEATTLE (AP) — Engineering studies aimed at supplying 18 Washington, Oregon and Idaho communities with natural gas will get under way Thursday, with the first survey at Pendleton, Stewart Matthews, president of the Cascade Natural Gas Corp. announced.

The 18 communities, including 14 in Washington state, either now receive gas from the firm or will when natural gas reaches this area, he said.

Substantial expansion of existing distribution systems will probably be necessary, he added.

J. D. Snodgrass, associate professor of forest products at OSC, has gathered samples of second-growth fir from 20 different Western Oregon sawmills to study basic information on summerwood content in the new-growth stands.

Age of second-growth forests ranges from 80 to 120 years while old-growth stands are 250 to 400 years old. Properties of the second-growth timber do not always conform to the qualities established for old growth, Snodgrass points out, and the OSC research is aimed at supplying information on differences.

Snodgrass is also testing several methods of measuring summerwood content to find the most practical and accurate system. Eye estimation is used most now.

The summerwood study is tied in with other research on specific gravity, or density variations, in second-growth Douglas fir. It has been found that strength properties of Douglas fir depend to a large degree upon its density.

The study by Snodgrass was supported earlier by grants-in-aid from the OSC graduate school. It is now financed by funds from the forest experiment station. Lawrence Brown, senior in forest products from Pendleton, is assisting on the project.

Johnny Ray And Actress Visit His Home In Salem

SALEM (AP) — Singer Johnny Ray and actress, visited Ray's parents in their home at Fruitland, six miles east of here, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ray, who soon will begin a world tour, and Miss Bennett flew here from Hollywood Tuesday. They returned Wednesday.

Public Opinion Said Factor In Highway Safety

PORTLAND (AP) — Public opinion is one of the major factors in halting bad driving by the 15 per cent of drivers who cause some 90 per cent of all highway accidents, speakers suggested here at a meeting of Oregon Lifesavers.

Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry of Multnomah County said those whose accident records show them to be repeaters, must be taken from the highways, and public opinion must support that action. Justice of the Peace Frances E. Cook of Washington County said that too often irresponsible drivers seem "a bit proud of it."

Gordon Raney of the Oregon Alcohol Education Committee said too much attention is given to drunk drivers. "A man does not have to be drunk to have a feeling of increased power, a false sense of self confidence and impaired vision," he said.

But on the matter of drunk drivers, Dr. Harry Dillon, president of Linfield College, said Oregon law needs strengthening because police will not arrest a drunk driver unless he prosecutes a drunk driver unless the offender is actually seen driving while drunk.

Offshore Salmon Fishing Treaty Being Proposed

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House of Representatives approved Wednesday a resolution asking British Columbia, Washington, California and Alaska to join Oregon in drafting a treaty to control offshore salmon fishing. The resolution goes to the Senate.

The resolution says the salmon industry is declining, especially the catching of silver and chinook salmon. At the same time, the House sent to the Senate another resolution to name a committee of three legislators to do Oregon's share of the treaty work.

Ex-Mayor Of Eugene Passes At Age 81

EUGENE (AP) — Frank J. Berger, who served for a time as mayor of Eugene after his election in 1911, died here Tuesday. He was 81.

Berger, once in the banking business here, retired a year ago from a real estate firm he operated.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Corbina Lyons, both of Eugene, and three sons, the Rev. John Berger, Portland; Joseph, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; and Carl, Brookings, Ore.

Funeral services will be held Friday.

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Corvallis Timber Sale Bidding High

CORVALLIS (AP) — One of the largest revenue-producing timber sales ever held on the Siuslaw National Forest saw 20 million board feet of timber sell at more than double the appraised price this week.

The sale attracted such wide interest that it was moved from the Siuslaw offices to the ballroom of the Hotel Benton to accommodate about 50 timbermen who were on hand.

Consumers Cooperative, Swiss-home, was high bidder with an offer of \$540,080 after more than two hours of bidding. An additional \$10,300 was paid for brush removal and re-planting.

Main attraction was 13,400,000 board feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$204,350. It sold at \$485,080, or \$36.20 a thousand board feet. The stand is about 10 miles south of Florence near Tahkenitch lake.

Twelve bidders submitted sealed bids to qualify. Most of the bidding was between Consumers Co-op and Coos Head Lumber Company of Coos Bay. When Coos Head quit bidding, Mary's Peak Plywood of Corvallis continued on.

Cottony Substance Falls Over New York State

HORSEHEADS, N. Y. (AP) — A gray, cob-webby substance that fell out of the sky here and spread over an area half-a-mile square was identified this week after exhaustive tests as heavily damaged cotton fiber.

Dr. Charles B. Rutenber, a professor of chemistry at Elmira College, said the condition of the fiber indicated that it was waste material or had been damaged in some sort of explosion.

At first, scientists were stumped in efforts to identify it.

The fiber fell over a residential area of this south-central New York village and draped over houses, trees and bushes.

Rutenber said that the substance was radioactive but not dangerously so, and that this was not surprising in view of the atomic tests now underway.

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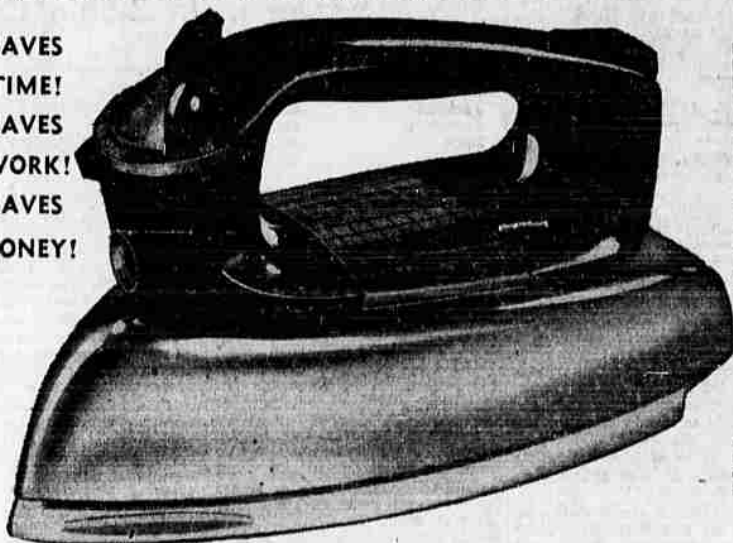
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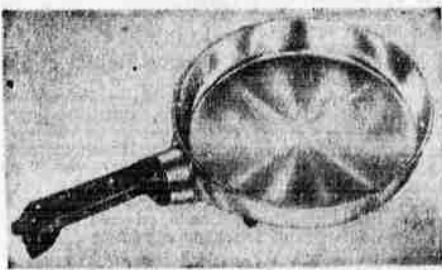
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