

Soviet's Bomber Force Termed Threat to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia's expanding force of long-range atom bombers is "the most ominous threat this country has ever known," U. S. Air Force leaders told Congress in testimony made public Friday night.

They also said Soviet jet plane production has been four times greater than that of the United States.

Air Secretary Thomas Finletter, Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg and other USAF leaders presented this grim picture to a House Appropriations subcommittee.

They were seeking to justify the budget request for 20 billion dollars for the Air Force in the next fiscal year. Some legislators have threatened to cut the figure.

U. S. Planes Better
Although the officials conceded Russia had a long lead numerically, especially in jet fighters, they insisted the quality of American planes is better.

They gave their testimony to a committee some of whose members were sharply critical of the American plane production effort. One of them, Rep. Scrivner, (R-Kans.), asked:

"Where are we now? Are we tyros, or are we the productive genius that we thought we were? Is Russia such a backward nation if it can do those things? Where did they get this business and production genius in the last five or six years?"

Here are some of the things the committee was told:

1. Vandenberg — "If the Russian program continues as predicted, within three years most of the Soviet air force will be jet powered. By this date, moreover, their total number of long-range aircraft capable of carrying atomic bombs will begin to approach ours."

2. Undersecretary R. L. Gilpatrick — the United States is only even, not ahead of Russia in jet engines. "We have got to do all we can to keep up with them."

3. Finletter — In Korea "we have an object lesson which should teach us not to be too complacent about the quality of our machines, and that is the excellent quality of the MIG-15," the Soviet-made fighter battling U. S. F-86 Sabres.

4. Gilpatrick — Deliveries of warplanes are about 15 per cent behind the schedules set last year. The schedules have since been revised downward.

5. Finletter — The goal of 126 wings of modern combat planes won't be attained until December, 1953, under the new "stretch-out" program. The original goal was 1953.

6. Gilpatrick — The combination piston-jet engine B-36 heavy bomber "alone has the capability to deliver atomic bombs on Russian targets." More will be bought with the funds asked for the next fiscal year. Some committee members wanted to "know about reports the big bomber would be vulnerable to Soviet interceptors. Whatever the answer, it was given off the record."

7. The plan is to use aerial refueling for the new all-jet B-52 heavy bomber, using new tanker planes which the Air Force proposes to procure.

The high fuel consumption of jet engines makes their range well short of reciprocating engines. The development cost of the B-52, the first model of which has been completed and will undergo trial flights soon, is estimated at \$250 a pound. On the basis of guesses as to the weight of the bomber, this could mean more than \$9 million dollars.

Reds Hold Pat For Russians

MUNSAN (AP)—Communist staff officers Saturday stood pat on their demand that Russia serve as a neutral Korean truce observer and an Allied negotiator said "the Kremlin is the only one that knows" why.

Col. Don O. Darrow said the Communist insistence on Russia would help their side propaganda—wise for trading.

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Public Records

PROBATE COURT

Eva I. Peterson guardianship; Guardian authorized to pay \$150 monthly for care of ward.

H. L. Moore estate; Appraised at \$6,339.79.

Wesley Newman estate; Will admitted to probate, and Jennie Dawson appointed executrix.

Mildred Woodcock Carver estate; Final hearing set April 29.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Ronald E. Jones Jr., 25, real estate, Brooks, and Barbara Jean Harris, 24 medical technician, Portland.

DISTRICT COURT

Shirley Wallace Barker, Milwaukee, charged with reckless driving, pleaded innocent, released on \$100 bail.

Melvin Leedy, Dallas, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, waived preliminary examination, bound over to grand jury, held in lieu of \$500 bail.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Walter M. Cline Jr., 870 Union St., pleaded innocent to charge of driving while intoxicated. Trial set April 17; released on \$250 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT

Lois C. Jarvis vs John L. Jarvis; Complaint for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and custody of minor child, \$45 monthly support, ownership of household goods and auto, with defendant to be awarded another auto. Married Feb. 7, 1949, at Salem.

State vs Lloyd Cross; On charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, defendant committed to State Hospital for 30 days' observation prior to sentencing.

Ella Leavy vs Earl Case; Jury finds for defendant in suit over note.

Charles W. Creighton Jr. vs Grabenhorst Blass; Defendants demand to compel plaintiff on ground of insufficient facts.

Roderick Hendrickson vs George E. Raymond; Complaint seeks judgment of \$6,000 general and \$465.20 special damages for injuries allegedly sustained Jan. 6, 1952, in auto accident at Liberty and Marion Streets.

Robert Knight vs George E. Raymond; Complaint seeks judgment of \$2,500 general and \$110.20 special damages for injuries allegedly sustained Jan. 6, 1952, in auto accident at Liberty and Marion Streets.

Overton R. and Edith L. Bruce vs Maurice and Lucille Heater; Case dismissed with prejudice, upon stipulation as settled.

Claribel McCoy vs Joseph Floyd McCoy; Case dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

Ada Emmett Cole vs Eugene W. Cole; Complaint for divorce seeks judgment for share in property of defendant. Married Oct. 23, 1939, at Vancouver, Wash.

State vs Carroll Marts; Defendant continued to April 7 for arraignment on charge of forgery; counsel appointed.

State vs Larry Floyd Brady; On charge of petit larceny, defendant given suspended six-months jail sentence, placed on 18-months probation, ordered not to drive a car without permission of parole board.

State vs Albert Louis Purser; Continued to April 7 for arraignment on charge of forgery.

State vs Bernice Lorraine Bettcher; Defendant pleaded guilty to charge of conspiracy to commit a felony, continued to April 7 for sentencing.

State vs John Owens; Defendant pleaded innocent to charge of assault, continued for trial.

Nine Planes Lost to Reds

SEOUL (AP)—Nine U. S. Fifth Air Force warplanes were lost behind Communist lines in Korea in the week ended Friday, the Air Force reported Saturday.

Two Allies planes were shot down in air battles with Communist MIG-15 jets, three were lost to Red ground fire, and four failed to return for unknown reasons. The two planes lost in air battles were identified as F-86 Sabre jets.

During the same period American jet pilots shot down four Russian-made MIGs.

Leedy Waives Court Hearing

Melvin Leedy, 24, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, waived a preliminary hearing Friday in Marion County district court and was bound over to the grand jury.

Denver May Have Hooded Cobra Loose

DENVER (AP)—Scott Lamb, manager of the Teepee Reptile Gardens in the mountains west of here, claims a hooded cobra is on the loose in Denver.

Police and some newspapermen aren't too sure about it, but, this is the way Lamb tells it:

He was in Florida last week on a snake buying expedition. He stopped off here to visit a brother before he got home to his menagerie. In his car, he carried several sacks of snakes, including blue indigos, bull snakes, rattlers, cobras and \$150 in cash.

Wednesday morning, an apartment manager found a dead blue indigo snake while he was shoveling snow from his walk. Lamb heard about it, started counting his newly-acquired reptiles and discovered two indigos: a bull snake, the hooded cobra and may be more were missing.

Lamb thinks somebody picked a lock on his car while it was in Denver and made off with a sack of snakes, not knowing what kind of loot he was getting.

Newspapermen made a few telephone calls to Florida and couldn't confirm that Lamb purchased more than two hooded cobras, which he has on display in a glass cage at his menagerie.

Nobody could explain the dead blue indigo.

Lamb wouldn't explain why he kept the \$150 in a snake sack in the car.

But reptile experts say this, if there is a hooded cobra on the loose, it would live too long because of Denver's non-tropical temperatures.

Brady Pleads Guilty, Given 6-Month Term

Four persons indicted Thursday made appearances Friday in Marion County Circuit Court.

One pleaded guilty and one innocent, while the others were continued.

One sentence was issued.

Larry Floyd Brady, Eugene, who had waived indictment and pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of petit larceny, involving cigarette stolen from a service station, was given a suspended six-months jail sentence and placed on 18-months probation. He was prohibited from driving a car without permission of the parole board.

Bernice Lorraine Bettcher, Eugene, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony and was continued to April 7 for sentencing.

Albert Louis Purser, Oakridge, Ore., who was allegedly in a check forgery ring with the Bettcher woman, was given a continuance to April 7 for arraignment on a charge of forgery.

John Owens, Eugene, pleaded innocent to a charge of assault and was continued for trial.

Lloyd Cross, Stayton, was sent to the State Hospital for 30 days' observation prior to sentencing on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Carroll Marts, Salem, was continued to April 7 for arraignment on a charge of forgery.

Eight Rifles Among Loot Of Burglary

MEHAMA—Eight large caliber rifles and about 12 boxes of ammunition were part of more than \$500 worth of assorted articles stolen sometime Thursday night from the Ken Gollett general merchandise store here.

State police, who are investigating the case, listed other articles missing as fishing tackle, a batch of hunting knives, two baseball fielder's gloves, flashlights and assorted wrenches.

Entry was made, state police said, by breaking through the front door of the store.

Council Sets Special Meet

Salem City Council members Friday called a special meeting for Monday night to review a series of proposed ballot measures designed to finance city projects over the next two years.

Planned in connection with a 10-year development plan, the measures would continue improvements similar to those approved by the voters two years ago for drainage, sewage, bridge, fire department equipment and other improvements.

The new projects to be considered for the May 16 ballot are: Street widening, \$562,000; bridges, \$85,000; sewers, \$165,000; drainage, \$100,000; City Hall alterations, \$13,500; Bush's Pasture Irrigation, \$10,000; street lighting, \$54,000, and West Salem Library, \$9,000.

ACTRESS' STORY CHANGED

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Anne Sterling Friday changed her story of having been kidnapped and beaten by four thugs. Instead, she said she was battered by a Hollywood playboy at his home early Monday.

Coordination of Fire Fighting Agencies Aim of Organization

Statesman News Service

STAYTON—A program to initiate better coordination between fire fighting and prevention agencies in the Willamette Valley forest area was launched here Friday by representatives of companies and organizations interested in forests.

Chairman of the meeting was Donald Sheythe, of Mill City, superintendent of the M & M Lumber Co. He was charged with appointing a committee to select a name for the organization and to set the next meeting date.

Today's discussion was principally on goals and purposes of the organization, which was defined as organizing a state-wide coordinated body which will bring about better fire protection and fire prevention from county-state and federal services.

Attending the meeting were

DST Initiative Bill Petitions Lagging

PORTLAND (AP)—Less than 5000 signatures have been turned in on petitions aimed at banning daylight time in Oregon, H. G. Stevens, Salem, said Friday.

Stevens is in charge of the campaign sponsored by the Oregon Farmers Union. He said the drive would have to be intensified to obtain the necessary 27,000 signatures to place the measure before the voters at the November election.

Pianist Team Pleasing in Salem Concert

By MAXINE BUREN

Statesman Music Editor

Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe, appearing in concert on Friday night at Salem High School proved that if one piano is good, two can be better. Their playing provided a lively and entertaining evening for a crowd that nearly filled the auditorium.

This is the last in the Salem Community Concert association series. The young men, who travel the country by motor, with a truckload of pianos following, ranged in their program from the music of Handel to a modern rumba.

The Handel number, Overture to Alexander's Feast, and a Schubert Rondo were the first group, which was short and interesting. Then followed Brahms, Ravel and a modern group which included Stars in My Eyes by Kreisler, Third Street Rumba by Clifford Shaw, a ballet by Kent Kennan and a Guaracha, a beautiful Rachmaninoff number, Tears, and finally their own transcription of Enesco's Roumanian Rhapsody No. 1.

They were generous in their encores, responding to the real enthusiasm of their listeners. Three Brahms Waltzes, the ever-popular Liebestraum by Kreisler, a Polka by Shostakovich, which was, according to them, "not serious," De Falla Lullaby and the famous Bolero by Ravel.

Their is precision playing, but each is an artist, and his work fluent and thrilling.

Seattle Music Critics Like Margaret, but Not Singing

SEATTLE (AP)—Music critics of Seattle's two daily newspapers agreed that Margaret Truman had personal charm in her Thursday night singing appearance here—but suggested that she might be in the wrong ceiling.

The Post-Intelligencer headline on her performance was: "Miss Truman Charms—but not with Voice."

The Times headline was: "Miss Truman Shows Courage; She needs it."

A capacity crowd heard her at the Metropolitan Theater. Critic Louis R. Guzzo of the Times wrote:

"Let's face it, Margaret Truman has poise, charm, attractiveness,

ability to go off pitch at any point in her range."

She added that "Those who came to Miss Truman as a stage personality and a comedienne were charmed and drew her back again for bows—but not for many encores."

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Steel Walkout Threat Eases

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prospects for avoiding a steel strike threatened for April 8 brightened considerably Friday when major steel firms arranged new labor peace talks with CIO president Philip Murray's Steelworkers Union.

Six of the industry's largest producers invited Murray and his aids to meet with them in New York beginning Monday to "attempt to work out a settlement."

The move indicated the industry and union may be ready to quit sparring and start talking business.

Consolidation Rejected by Canyon Voters

Statesman News Service

MILL CITY — Consolidation of the school districts of three Santiam Canyon areas was turned down by heavy majorities in all but Mill City in an election held Friday.

In what was described as an "unusually heavy turnout," both Gates and the Detroit-Idanha school districts voted to retain their own schools.

The vote in Gates was nearly 5 to 1 against the proposal — 72 no against 15 yes. In Detroit-Idanha the vote was just shy of being a 3 to 1 disapproval — 100 no to 35 yes.

Mill City, which has the largest high school of the three areas, voted 86 to 10 in favor of the consolidation.

All three school districts, which have property in both Linn and Marion Counties, are administered by Linn County.

In an earlier election this year Detroit-Idanha residents voted against transporting students to Mill City next year.

Still unsolved in the area is the future of Detroit High School. It is now on property which must be vacated by June 1 to make way for Detroit Reservoir. Discussion currently centers on whether to build a new high school in place of moving the present building to a new location. The high school now has 53 students enrolled.

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Labor Supports Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Labor organizations lent their support to President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program Friday, while farm organizations split on it.

The spokesmen appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is nearing the end of its hearings on the program for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Several of them urged more emphasis on economic, rather than

strictly military help, to foreign nations.

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