

New German Luftwaffe Will Add Over 1,000 Modern Jets to NATO Forces

(Editor's Note: It has been 10 years since Nazi warplanes screamed out of the skies in merciless attacks on Germany's World War II enemies. Today, with West Germany allied with NATO, a new Luftwaffe is being formed—to fight for freedom instead of tyranny. Here's a report on how it will be organized.)

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BONN, Germany (AP)—A new German air force is taking shape on paper as this country proceeds

with plans to put more than a thousand modern jets in the air in support of its NATO army.

But West Germany's air force won't be called Luftwaffe. And it won't have any strategic bombers.

Tentatively named the Luftstreitkräfte (which, literally translated, means air-fight-power, as contrasted with Luftwaffe, or air-weapon) the new force will include some 1,326 planes. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer agreed in signing the Paris rearmament treaties that it would be confined to an army support role.

Some experts believe a start will be made by turning out parts for existing Allied types of aircraft under license.

There will be about 80,000 men—all volunteers—in the air force, including about 2,000 pilots.

Volunteers Offer
Enough volunteers to fly the planes have already come forward. Only a few hundred will be veterans of World War II. The survivors of the once-mighty Luftwaffe are either too old, unfit or unwilling to serve again.

finding enough men for ground technical services. They will have to compete with booming German industry to attract technicians into the service.

It will be at least six months before the rates of pay and conditions of service are known. It will take Parliament that long to approve the mass of legislation necessary to set up the armed forces.

The top officers cannot be appointed until they have been approved by a special personnel commission consisting of members of parliament and prominent public figures.

1929 and switched to the Luftwaffe in 1935. He has been a staff officer in the Bonn Defense Commission since 1952.

There are not too many experienced men to choose from as leaders. The Luftwaffe lost 101 generals in World War II, of whom 11 committed suicide.

It lost both its former commander-in-chief that way. Reich Marshal Hermann Goering poisoned himself in his Nuernberg cell to avoid being hanged for war crimes.

There will be no commander-in-chief of the new air force. Instead, an inspector-general will be appointed with the titular top command of all the services, in the hands of a civilian—either the president or the chancellor.

Actual operational command of the Luftstreitkräfte is expected to be divided between two Allied tactical air forces now in Germany. In the south it will be exercised by Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force, an American-Canadian outfit, and in the north by the Second ATAF, consisting of British, Belgian and Dutch units.

(SHAPE) in Paris.

All the German pilots will be obliged to learn English, the common language of NATO air forces.

The new inspector-general will have a tremendous task in training men absolutely from scratch. The Germans failed to get jets into the air in any significant numbers in World War II.

The Allies had overwhelming air superiority.

Now the Germans will depend heavily on the Allies to train their new forces. They will have to learn tricks undreamed of in the last war and master the controls of supersonic jets.

All men in the Luftstreitkräfte will have an initial three months of infantry training. Then pilots will be sent to Allied training schools in Germany, the United States and Britain. Ground staffs also will be helped by the Allies to learn how to maintain their planes.

\$9,500 Found On Suspected Bank Robber

LAS VEGAS (UP)—A suspect in an \$86,707 Jacksonville, Fla., bank robbery May 20 had \$9,500 in his possession when he was arrested Thursday in a parking lot of a swam... strip resort hotel-casino, the FBI said.

The suspect, Alton D. Ellis, 41, Clearwater, Fla., insurance salesman, was taken into custody without incident by FBI agents and Sheriff's Sgts. Noble Witcher and Robert Griffin.

The sheriff's office said Ellis had been the subject of a search for several hours before he was finally located in the parking lot. His arrest followed a tip that he had been seen in the vicinity.

Ellis was the second suspect to be arrested in connection with the robbery. Two other men are still sought by the FBI.

A Clearwater dishwasher suspected of involvement in the robbery of The First National Bank of Jacksonville was arrested earlier.

Four bandits staged the holdup after kidnaping a bank official and forcing him to open the bank. The robbery was staged while two of the four gunmen held the bank official's wife and two small daughters hostage in their home.

Finn Twins Tell of 'Forced Feeding' By Goon Squad

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (UP)—The attorney for the imprisoned Finn twins charged Thursday that the two were "spread-eagled" on their hospital beds by guards he called "the goon squad," in order to force them to take food.

Joseph Scott, Los Angeles, interviewed the twins, George and Charles Finn, at the Federal Medical Center here for about an hour Thursday.

Afterwards he told reporters that the twins told him that every morning guards came to their beds and strapped their wrists and ankles with "leather collars." If they refuse to eat, "someone sits on their chests and they are fed forcibly," he said.

Scott said he was told the brothers, under one-year sentences for interfering with a Los Angeles federal officer, often are involved in "incidents" with the guards.

"The big heavy jailers subdue them and completely overpower them in spite of their resistance," he said.

Voluntarily Renounced

Long range bombers, along with atomic, bacteriological and chemical weapons, were voluntarily renounced by the federal republic.

The new air force will be organized like this:

Eight 75-plane squadrons of fighters.

Six 75-plane squadrons of fighter-bombers.

Two 36-plane squadrons of all-weather fighters.

Two 54-plane reconnaissance squadrons.

Two 48-plane transport squadrons.

Jet Transport
All except the transports are expected to be jets. The types of planes to be used have not yet been finally chosen. It will depend largely on what deals the Germans can make with their allies, particularly the United States, over delivery of aircraft.

The whole question of the program of military assistance to new German armed forces, has yet to be worked out in detail.

German officials who have been planning the air force for the past four years are determined to get the best and most modern planes.

As fighters they are thinking of either British Hawker Hunters, now being produced in quantity for NATO countries, or the battle-proved American Sabres.

These two types are the basis of the NATO forces with which the Germans will be operating.

Industry Banned
All the planes initially will have to come from abroad. The German aircraft industry is nonexistent. Making of planes—even experimental aeronautic research—was prohibited throughout the 10-year occupation by the Allies.

Some former manufacturers, like Heinkel and Messerschmidt, have joined together in an association.

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