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New Mobile Army Units Revealed

By NOEL YANCEY
 FT. BRAGG, N. C. (AP) — The Army Tuesday took the secrecy wraps off the existence of STRAC — the tough, fighting force it has poised and ready to fight limited brush fire wars anywhere in the world. The Navy and the Air Force must furnish the transportation.

STRAC, the Army revealed, furnished the 500 Army troops which were air-lifted to the Caribbean last week when Vice President Nixon was beset by rioters in Venezuela.

But that was a minor matter compared to what STRAC is capable of doing with its more than 125,000 men organized into four divisions, said Maj. Gen. Robert F. Sink, its commander.

Korean Outgrowth
 He said that STRAC, which has been in existence for several years, was organized partly as a result of the nation's experience in Korea. It is intended to get highly trained units to the scene of trouble in a hurry and "stop the little mess before it gets to be a great big mess."

The existence of STRAC and the units that compose it were announced simultaneously in Washington and at a news briefing here.

Gen. Sink, a tough paratrooper from Lexington, N. C., had one major complaint: STRAC must call on the Air Force or the Navy for transportation when it has to move.

"These divisions are a bunch of hitchhikers," he said. "If we don't have the means of getting transportation from the Air Force or the Navy why, hell, we stay at home."

Tough Fighting Corps
 STRAC stands for Strategic Army Corps. It is the tough, fighting core of STRAF, which, to the Army, means Strategic Army Force. STRAC's four divisions are the 82nd Airborne stationed at Ft. Bragg, the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell, Ky., the 1st Infantry at Ft. Riley, Kan., and the 4th Infantry at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

STRAC's command post is 18th Airborne Corps Headquarters at Ft. Bragg, and its largest concentration is at Ft. Bragg.

Record Catch of Fish
 TOKYO (AP) — The government announced Japanese caught a record 5,398,575 tons of fish in 1957. This was 10 per cent more than the previous record set in 1955. Good fishing conditions, improved techniques and better equipment were cited as reasons.

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Tito Rejects Moscow Bid To Join With Soviet Bloc

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Tito has told Moscow that Yugoslavia will not join the Soviet-led bloc, and further attacks on this country can harm the Soviet's prestige, Communist sources said Tuesday.

Tito sent to Moscow in reply to one from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The Soviet leader reportedly demanded that Yugoslavia join the Soviet bloc.

Governors Ask Drive to End Slump

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A governors conference panel swung in to drive Tuesday to get President Eisenhower to summon congressional chiefs of both parties and draft a nonpartisan program for fighting the business slump.

The Yugoslav reply has not been published here. Reliable sources say it was drafted last weekend by the party's Politburo and signed by Tito.

Then, with business out of the way for the day, the state executives flew off for a look at the missile testing center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The sources said the reply declared Yugoslavia is ready to continue discussions about ideological differences. A repetition of 1948 — when Yugoslavia was kicked out of the Soviet-led Cominform — would greatly damage the international Communist movement and Soviet prestige, the letter added.

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, spearheaded the anti-recession maneuver.

Soviet-Yugoslav tension rose last month when the Soviet bloc disapproved of independent Yugoslav policies and refused to send delegations to a meeting of the Yugoslav Communist party.

Eight other governors, both Republicans and Democrats, quickly teamed up with him — after chatting and scuffling over what caused the recession and what should be done about it.

There are growing signs that the Soviets are now ready to apply an economic squeeze on Yugoslavia. They canceled a meeting of a mixed Yugoslav-Soviet economic commission which was to discuss the fulfillment of trade agreements and credit arrangements.

Ribicoff proposed that the governors petition the President by resolution. Adoption of a resolution takes a three-fourths vote — 36 of the 48 governors.

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Bernstein Given Superb Reception In Latin America

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Leonard Bernstein, New York Philharmonic conductor, said Monday night his Latin American tour sponsored by the State Department has had a superb reception everywhere — including Caracas, Venezuela. That was one place where Vice President Nixon's good will tour met severe violence last week.

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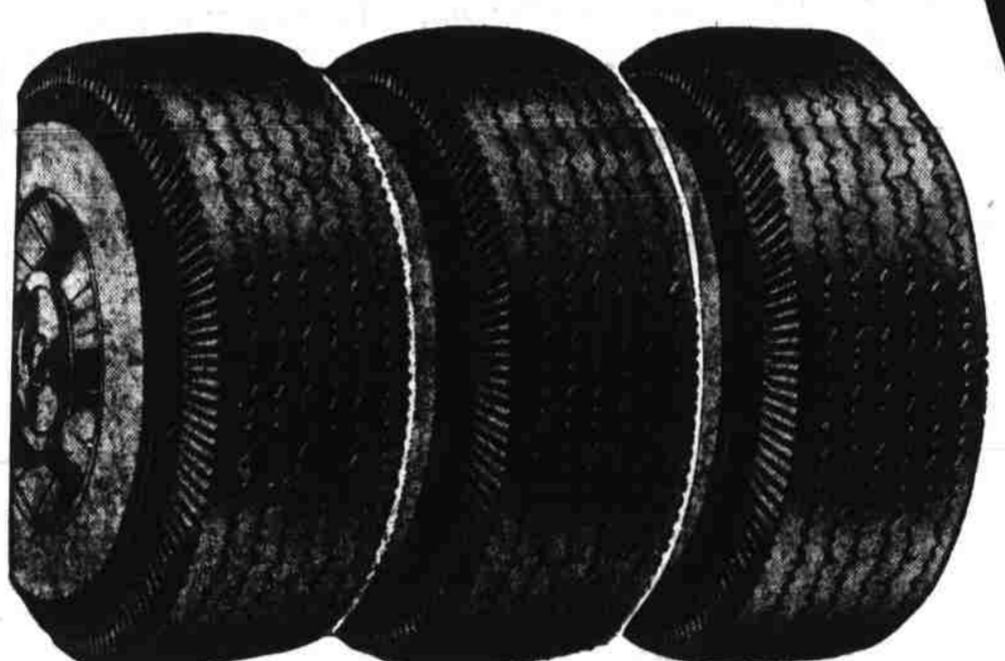
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