

U.S. Builds Bomb Bases in England

MILDENHALL, Suffolk, England—(AP)—Miles of heavy new eight-foot barbed wire fence are going up around the growing number of American air bases in Britain.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill calls them the U. S. Air Force's atom bomb bases. During a defense debate in the House of Commons he referred to the "great and ever-growing American airbase in East Anglia for using atomic weapons against Soviet Russia should the Soviets become the aggressor."

U. S. Airmen carrying arms patrol the perimeters of the giant bases 24 hours daily. Airmen assigned to U. S. anti-aircraft units man their guns around the clock.

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS are far tighter than they were on the U. S. Eighth Air Force bases in Britain during the last war.

The stringent security rules have led to many guesses that the United States has stockpiled some atom bombs here. But there is no positive indication that there are any atom bombs on any of the U. S. bases.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 U. S. airmen, including the anti-aircraft units, are in England now.

Senators Fight Dairy Imports

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Farm state senators invited Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan to a secret conference Saturday at which they hoped to map strategy against a bill to relax import restrictions on cheese and butter.

The meeting was planned in the office of Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind), author of a pending motion to send the bill back to the Senate Banking Committee.

MORE THAN a score of senators opposing repeal of the restrictions planned to meet with Brannan. The agriculture secretary, who supports the repeal measure, was asked to supply the latest figures on domestic production of the products most affected by the restrictions.

Sen. Edward J. Thye (R-Minn.), a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a leading opponent of the repeal, said a "battle line" against the measure might be mapped at the meeting.

THE SENATE WILL resume debate Monday on the bill, which would eliminate a section of the Defense Production Act limiting imports on cheese, butter, peanuts, and other fats and oils when they threaten to injure American producers.

Capehart has not expressed a flat stand on the bill, but thinks it should be sent back to the banking committee for more study.

President Truman asked repeal of the import restrictions on grounds they interfere with trade with friendly nations.

Sun Explosion Tickles Fancy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Space investigators are trying to find out whether the sun plans to blow up one of these days.

Their interest is not entirely academic. Stars occasionally do explode. And when they do, they destroy in a flash any family of earth-like planets they may possess.

That being the case, Dr. Albert G. Wilson states, "it would be of considerable interest to know whether our own sun is a star of the type that may explode some day."

Wilson is astronomer in charge of a vast exploration of space being conducted by the National Geographical Society and the California Institute of Technology at Palomar Observatory.

This sky survey already has dug out "new secrets of space" and is uncovering new clues "to the mysteries of how large the universe is, and how it is put together," the National Geographic reported.

New Lifesaving Method To Get Public Showing

A practical demonstration of the new method of giving artificial respiration will be given Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Red Cross offices.

This will be a public demonstration, with all persons interested in first aid welcome.

This new system, proved more effective in use, is now being taught in all first aid classes.

Survey Shows Taft Leads GOP

McKay and Morse Favor Eisenhower

NEW YORK—(AP)—A nationwide political survey indicated Saturday that Sen. Taft has been promised more than half the necessary delegate-votes to win the Republican nomination for President, but supporters of Gen. Eisenhower are pressing him hard.

The survey, conducted by the Associated Press bureaus, brought reports from each of the 48 states.

IT INDICATED 12 states are virtually solid for Sen. Taft. Assuming the dozen gave him all their convention votes, he would have a total of 312. It will require 603 to win the GOP nomination at Chicago in July.

Gen. Eisenhower appeared to be the popular choice in six states, with a total convention-vote of 210.

IN OREGON Gov. McKay and U. S. Senator Morse are for Eisenhower. The General's admirers have formally organized for campaigning. Taft's backers also are organized.

White House Almost Ready

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman, moved out of the White House by redecorators before his current term began, has been assured he can move back in before it ends.

The commission on renovation promised Mr. Truman Friday he and his family can return "in something like two months." At the commission meeting the President urged quick action.

The Trumans moved into the White House in April 1945 when President Roosevelt died and Mr. Truman stepped up from the vice presidency. He was elected Nov. 2, 1948 but White House renovation began seven days later, weeks before inauguration, and the family moved across the street to Blair House.

Fewer Persons Getting More Relief Money

PORTLAND—(AP)—Persons on relief are getting more money in Oregon than they did a year ago but the number is smaller.

That was the report Friday of Loa Howard, administrator, to the State Public Welfare Commission.

She said that 35,388 persons received a total of \$2,191,229 in assistance payments last month. In December of the previous year, 37,170 cases received payments totaling some \$3000 less, she said.

Bomber Crash Kills 2 Fliers

PORT CHICAGO, Calif.—(AP)—An Air Force B-26 bomber exploded and burned in a crash-landing attempt into marshland near here Saturday, killing two of the three crewmen aboard.

Walter F. Hallett, Sacramento, Calif., Air Force civil service crew chief, survived the crash with minor injuries. He was taken to nearby Mare Island Naval Hospital where it was reported he suffered shock and minor lacerations.

Hospital authorities said nobody had questioned Hallett yet as to the possible cause of the accident. The twin-engine plane had taken off on a routine test flight from McClellan Air Force Base, near Sacramento, Calif., and ran into trouble.

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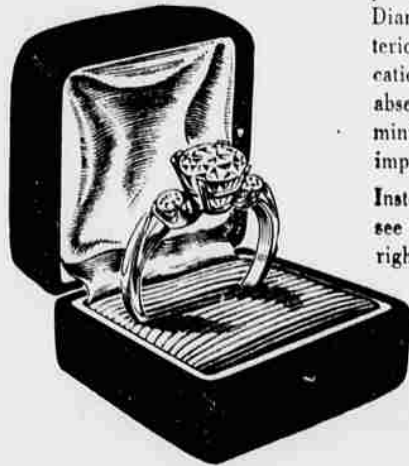
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