

American Tanks 'Hollywood' Type

LONDON — (AP) — A British Army officer says American tanks in action in Korea are "made for Hollywood, not for fighting."

Lt. Col. Sir William Guy Lowther, commander of the 9th Royal Hussars Armored Regiment, declared one British Centurion tank is worth two American Pattons.

He told 3000 workers at the Centurion plants in Leeds Tuesday:

"In Korea we did not want the Patton, but the Americans wanted the Centurions. They used to say 'what wouldn't we do with a tank like that?'"

"IN ONE BATTLE 52 Allied tanks—half British and the rest American—were damaged by Chinese mines. All the British tanks got away under their own power. Every American machine had to be towed back.

"The whole world is awakening to the fact that Britain can produce the best tanks."

Another Hussars officer, one of 14 Korean veterans who toured the plant with Sir William, told reporters afterward:

Tunisian Ministers Ask Travel Ban Repeal

PARIS — (AP) — Two Tunisian ministers have appealed to the French government to lift its ban on their foreign travel and permit them to visit the U. S.

Minister of Justice Salah Ben Youssef and Minister of Social Affairs Mohammed Badra said they wanted to present the case for Tunisian home rule to the American public.

"It's time people at home realized the truth. American tanks in Korea are no good. They are outclassed by ours in every way. Ours climb better, move quicker and can get in and out of a tough spot before the Americans are half started."

AN EMBARRASSED official of the Ministry of Supply, which arranged the visit to the Leeds plant, said, "The visit was arranged so that someone from Korea could say thank you personally to those who made tanks. We did not know Sir William would speak out so strongly against our Ally."

A War Office spokesman commented that Lowther was "speaking for home consumption, after all."

"I suppose," added the official, "that he wanted to buck the workers up a bit."

Steel Company Head Urges Price Boost

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government may come up Wednesday with a decision on the price phase of the steel industry labor dispute, but it was questionable whether it would avoid a strike.

The chief of one of the big steel companies, Adm. Ben Moreell of Jones & Laughlin Co., warned that, if the allowable price boost is not big enough, the companies faced either a strike or going broke "by inches."

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Austria Hungry On Food Ration

VIENNA — (AP) — Life for Austrians was progressively grimmer and more expensive during 1951.

Once the lowest in Europe, prices in Austria jumped by 39.1 per cent during the year, more than four times the average rise through the world. Stringent measures were taken to deal with increasing food shortages.

Two weekly meatless days were ordered last autumn. The sale of pork and veal, basis of wiener-schnitzel, the country's national dish, was limited to Saturdays.

This winter, rationing of butter, which has been unobtainable except at black market prices, was ordered. Each person was limited to a weekly ration of 4.5 grams, or less than one fifth of an ounce.

Most painful of all to the coffee and pastry-loving Austrians was the ban put on the manufacture and sale of whipped cream, Vienna's famous "schlag" which once topped every steaming cup and filled most rolls.

Soaring food prices have become the gravest danger to the national economy. In a country which does not produce enough to feed itself and had an unfavorable balance of trade, the average Austrian spends more than 60 per cent of his income on food.

Allen Gets New Term On Geology Board

SALEM — (AP) — Neil R. Allen, Grants Pass, was reappointed by Gov. McKay Wednesday to a four-year term on the state board of the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Dr. J. Warner Henderson, Hood River, was reappointed for five years to the Dental School Advisory Council.

Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog Out — New Phonetic Alphabet in Use

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Here is a preview of things to come in the air world.

A jet pilot zeros in over an airfield for a landing. The control tower gives him his wind velocity and tells him which runway to use.

"Romeo," the pilot radios back. "Alfa, Lima, Lima, Sierra, Echo, Tango."

What he would say in the former lingo is:

"Roger, Able, Love, Love, Sugar, Easy, Tear."

That means:

"Okay, All Set."

This streamlining of the airman's jibberish known as the phonetic alphabet is the work of two college professors who decided the old "Able, Baker, Charlie" system in use during World War II has outlived its usefulness.

The language professors, one unidentified American and one unidentified Frenchman, scraped around for words which they thought would be most easily understood by airline pilots throughout the world.

They said the old business was "strictly English" and that the new one was much more universal because it used only "the basics," and had its roots in Latin.

For example:

Instead of the old item for "I" there's "India," and Love has taken a back seat to "Lima" to represent the letter "L."

"Quebec" has taken over from Queen as the designation for "Q" and "Tango" has stepped in for Tear at the "T" position.

Pan American here says most of its pilots think the new alphabet system is a better one.

Perhaps most difficult of all to do without will be the old standby "roger," which has helped immortalize every adventure-in-the-sky movie thriller since Wrong Way Corrigan.

The only symbol that was left untouched was the one for "V"—Victor.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, governing body for the world's major commercial airways, has passed the list around to Pan American, United, TWA, Philippine Airlines, and the other major airlines.

Most of them have agreed that new jargon is here to stay.

The new alphabet (with old symbols in parentheses):

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| A—Alfa (Able) | O—Oscar (Obel) |
| B—Bravo (Baker) | P—Papa (Peter) |
| C—Coco (Charlie) | Q—Quebec (Queen) |
| D—Delta (Dok) | R—Romeo (Roser) |
| E—Echo (Easy) | S—Sierra (Sugar) |
| F—Foxtrot (Foxy) | T—Tango (Tart) |
| G—Golf (George) | U—Union (Uncle) |
| H—Hotel (How) | V—Victor (Victor) |
| I—India (Iem) | W—Whiskey (Willie) |
| J—Juliet (Jie) | X—Extra (X-Ray) |
| K—Kilo (Kiss) | Y—Yankee (Yosie) |
| L—Lima (Lime) | Z—Zulu (Zebra) |
| M—Metro (Mike) | |
| N—Nectar (Nan) | |

Rice Shortage In Philippines

MANILA — (AP) — The government-controlled national rice and corn corporation announced plans to import 50,000 metric tons of rice during the first six months of 1952.

The corporation notified the import control commission that it will apply for a \$8,000,000 foreign exchange license to buy rice abroad.

The agency did not specify from what country the rice would be bought. In the past the Philippines has imported large quantities of rice from Thailand.

Although rice production in the islands has increased since the end of World War II, the Philippines is still not growing enough of the staple to feed its population.



HEADING FOR WILD BLUE YONDER—First photo released of the delta wing Convair XF-92A with afterburner (contained in extended tail section), which adds substantially to the thrust of the plane's J-33-A-29 engine. The XF-92A, shown over San Diego, was designed and built by Convair as an experimental ship to expose and test the flight characteristics of a true delta wing. The plane made its first light in 1948.

Family Dead By Suffocation

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — Death, apparently by suffocation, has wiped out a family of the Lucerne Valley, a community 18 miles east of Victorville.

Deputy Coroner E. J. speculated that they were of a house so constructed as to be virtually air tight.

Norman J. Komer, 38, his wife Bertha, 35, and their three children recently moved into their 40-acre ranch. Komer himself had built the house of concrete blocks on a cement foundation.

The six bodies were found one by a visiting neighbor on day by a visiting neighbor. Doyle said sheriff's men were nauseated when they entered the place. The windows were tight and a gas burner burning full blast.

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