

Pacific Air Force Plan Underway

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A Pacific Air Force is being formed to take command over all United States Air Force installations and personnel in the vast ocean area from Hawaii to the boundaries of the Far East theater of operations.

Commanding the Pacific Air Force, which is to become operative this month, will be Maj. Gen. Sory Smith, now director of public relations for the Air Force.

This will be the first single command of air forces in the Pacific since World War II. During the war, combat and transport operations in the central Pacific were under control of the 7th Air Force.

CRUCIAL AREA

The over-all military command of the Pacific, under the unified set-up, is held by Adm. Felix Stump, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet and director of combined Army-Navy-Air Forces. The Army commander for the Pacific is Maj. Gen. Clark L. Ruffner. Until now, there had been no Air Force command.

It is planned that all U. S. Air Force bases in Hawaii, central and southwestern Pacific islands and the Philippines will come under Smith's command. Planes and personnel operating in that area and westward on missions or assignments to Southeast Asia also come under him.

A B-50 medium bomb wing will arrive at Guam next month to take station there under the rotational duty program. Medium bomber wings from the Far East Air Force also operate in and

out of Clark Field in the Philippines, where a jet fighter-bomber wing is permanently based.

SHIFTS ANTICIPATED

Later, interceptor outfits presumably will be assigned to the larger bases in the Pacific command area; and in the future any withdrawal of American air power from bases in Korea and Japan as a result of broad changes in strategic and international policy would mean that it would take up positions in the Pacific Air Force command zone.

The immediate major function of the Pacific Air Command will be to supply and maintain Military Air Transport Service units, operate air-sea rescue outfits and air evacuation hospital planes. The Pacific commander also will work with Stump and Ruffner in preparing and keeping up-to-date Pacific war plans integrated into the over-all strategic plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Washington.

2 Drivers Indicted For Fatal Accident

PENDLETON (AP)—The drivers of two automobiles which figured May 6 in an Athena high school girl's death, are under indictment for negligent homicide.

The two, are Earl A. Sams and Orville E. Faircloth, both Weston.

The girl, Joan Reed, was thrown from one car and was run over by the other which was following closely.

Arraignment is set for Tuesday before Judge William W. Wells.



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire eng.)

BANK BOOK, SHOWING deposits totaling \$500, was presented to the Pearl Buck School Friday by Lewis Blue, center, president of the local chapter of the Deodorized Skunks, better known as "Stinkers." The group, which raised the money through local civic projects, is a high school boys' organization. Receiving the bank book is Mrs. H. H. Waechter, director of the school, while Mrs. Margaret Krocker, a teacher at the school, and three students look on.

Wagon Wheels New to Farmers of Iraq

KUK, Iraq (AP)—Horse and wagon wheels could revolutionize the farming industry in Iraq.

It is the belief of a Montana agent acting as a kind of cultural ambassador for the United States among primitive peoples in the remote Kurdish region of northern Iraq.

One of the first things that came here from the United States, nearly two years ago, was a "Point Four" farm demonstration specialist. When he returned to America, he intended to leave here 13 well-trained young Iraqis to act as extension agents in the area.

EL'S FIRST

Before we teach them to use plows, we first have to teach them to use wheels—ordinary wheels," Boteh says.

Iraqi farmers' usual practice is to cut wheat with hand sickles and pile it on a wooden rack. When the rack is filled, a man walks beneath and it is rolled up. The overloaded animal then goes to the field a few miles away, where the wheat is unloaded. The donkey returns to the field for another load.

Donkey pulling a four-wheeled wagon could carry five or six times as much wheat per trip as the animal on his back. But farmers here always have moved

their wheat by donkeyback, and they won't change until they have seen better methods with their own eyes.

SIMPLE WAGONS

That is why Boteh is bringing into this area a few simple farm wagons of a type the farmers can build themselves. Once they see these wagons used, the American is sure they will begin building their own.

The same thing is true of good animal harness. The primitive type harness used by farmers here slows down the animals by choking them when they pull a plow or water pump.

If such simple devices are introduced, Boteh believes the Iraqi farmer can break out of a cycle of poverty in which he has been caught since civilized man first began farming the Tigris and Euphrates valley.

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Writ Ordered Court Rift

AMATH FALLS (AP)—Circuit Judge David Vandenberg ordered a writ of habeas corpus issued Friday in the latest development in the rift between the judge and the county attorney, Frank Alderson. Vandenberg ordered the writ in case of a 36-year-old cook charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The judge there was no evidence the offense was committed in Amath County. He set next Tuesday for a hearing on the writ.

Centennial Plan Pushed

PORTLAND (AP)—A Portland Chamber of Commerce committee Saturday plans to engage interest in a 1959 Oregon centennial exposition. The visitors' service committee said it would ask Gov. Paul Peterson to appoint a state committee to do preliminary planning for the exposition. It also would ask for an early agreement with the proper Portland authorities to outline the exposition in order it may be co-ordinated with the eight-million dollar exposition-recreation center in Portland.

Joseph J. Thurst, committee chairman, estimated the proposed centennial committee would need \$150,000 and \$200,000 for preliminary expenses.

Parole Petition Filed For Trotsky Slayer

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A petition for release from prison was filed for the release from prison of Jacques Mornard, picket leader of exiled Russian revolutionist Leon Trotsky, according to reliable reports.

Mornard killed Trotsky in his New York City fortress-like home 14 years ago. He became eligible for release last Dec. 20 but made no attempt to get freedom at that time. It was believed that he feared assassination by Communists.

It was learned that his lawyer had filed a petition for his parole with the government last Thursday.