

Red Air Armada In Far East Tops U.S. Force 3 to 1

TOKYO (AP)—The Communists have an armada of 7,500 warplanes in the Far East, outnumbering U.S. combat planes 3 to 1, America's top air commander in the Pacific said Friday.

Yet if war were to break out "our first objective would be to gain control of the air," Gen. Earle E. Partridge, Far East Air Force commander, said in an interview.

Partridge's estimate that Russia, China and North Korea have 7,500 combat-ready planes is 1,000 planes higher than the top previous figure.

U.S. air strength totals about 2,400 bombers, fighters, reconnaissance and transport planes, the general said.

By refueling in the air, our bombers are capable of striking at any Communist target in the Far East Friday," he said.

Weather Death Toll Hits 190

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The death toll from heat and storms rose to 190 Friday as cool northerly winds routed the season's severest heat wave in most parts of the country.

The cooler air extended from Kansas and Oklahoma eastward over Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio to the North Atlantic coastal states. Daytime temperatures in that area yesterday were 10 to 25 degrees cooler than on the preceding day.

Temperatures in the 90s and 100s still covered most of the southern half of the nation, with Little Rock, Ark., recording 107. Fort Worth, Tex., and Springfield, Mo., reported 102.

But the temperature reached a high Thursday of only 92 in St. Louis compared with 113 the preceding day. More than a week of scorching heat was blamed for 46 deaths in St. Louis.

Kansas City fell from a high of 112 Wednesday to 93 yesterday and New York City airport from 99 to 84.

Missouri was hardest hit by the heat wave, counting 60 deaths. Oklahoma had 44; Kansas, 34; Illinois, 11; Kentucky, 8; Pennsylvania, 5; Colorado, 4; West Virginia, 4; Ohio, 3; Arkansas, 3; New Hampshire, 2; Nebraska, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New York, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Connecticut, Virginia, Tennessee and Maryland, 1 each.

Okinawa Towns Enter Improvement Contest

OKINAWA (AP)—Sixty-four Okinawa villages have entered in a community improvement contest sponsored by the Ryukyuan-American Friendship Committee. Entries include village meeting places, schools, libraries and nurseries—but no tea houses like the one in the celebrated play of the August moon.

Whose Car?

CHICAGO (AP)—A judge acquitted two persons who "accidentally" stole a Cadillac. The men told the judge they went on a shopping trip in the "stolen" car — each thinking the other owned it.

"This foolish mixup could have happened to anyone," the judge said.

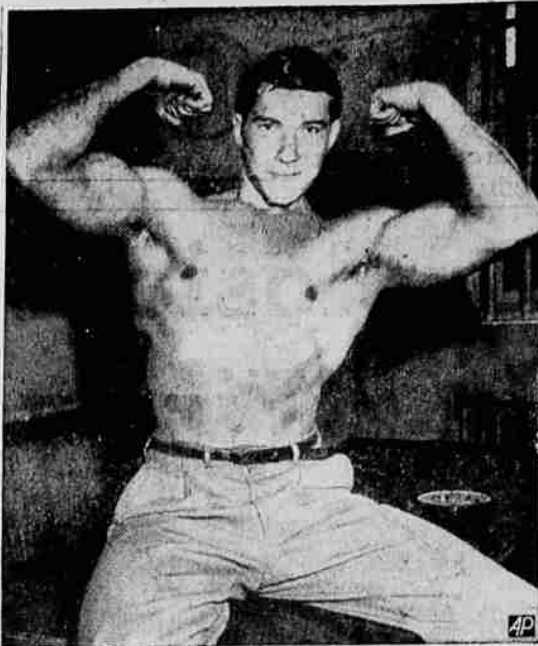


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SHOWING HIS MUSCLES—Husky Edmund A. Marmur, 21, of Tacoma, Wash., shows off his muscles in the Seattle, Wash., jail after an attempt to commandeer a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane and firing two shots at a stewardess. The farm hand told reporters he "wanted to go to Africa and live in the jungle." He is being held on an open charge.

U.S. to Try Again to Make Bikini Atoll Natives Happy

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United States is going to try for one more year to make the 200 fugitives from Bikini Atoll happy on their temporary home on Kili Island.

The promise has been given the U.S. Trusteeship Council by Frank Midkiff, U. S. high commissioner for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Bikinians, taken from

their own atoll and lagoon by the super bomb tests, have been shifted around in the islands and are unhappy on Kili, their most recent landing place.

Flying Twins Taking Food

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Gaining weight and strength after the end of their 23-day hunger strike, the Flying Finn twins expect to resume their legal battle with the federal government in about 10 days.

By that time the doctors expect George and Charles, 40, to be strong enough to leave the hospital where they were taken after release from jail on bail Wednesday.

In the first 20 hours after ending the fast the twins each gained a pound and a half. They had lost 50 between them during the hunger strike in protest against one-year jail sentences for interfering with a government officer. The Finns say they will pursue their fight for a C48 war surplus transport plane that started their trouble with the government. They bought the plane from a school district and reconditioned it. The government later seized it, claiming the sale was illegal.

WHAT NEXT?

Midkiff did not say what the United States planned next if the new attempt—to build up farming on Kili and to provide a fishing lagoon on Jaluit Atoll 30 miles away — fails to make the Bikinians happy.

But he did tell the council, "It is evident that it will be impossible for the Bikinians to return to their original Bikini Atoll in the near future." More bomb tests there and at Eniwetok are intended, U. S. officials have hinted.

Kili was a rich island, formerly a German copra plantation, but it had been allowed to run down in recent years. And it does not have a quiet lagoon for fishing.

The U.S. officials are trying to build up the production of taro or bread fruit, copra, papaya and other fruits and vegetables. A native islander, James Milne, heads this project.

FISH POND

The Americans plan also to build a fish pond on the island, start the manufacture of fiber rope and charcoal for export, and the bottling of syrup made from the boiled stem of the coconut blossom.

Thirty miles away, on Jaluit, the administrators plan to make two islands available for the Bikinians. There they can fish in the lagoon, raise pork and trade in copra.

German President To Be Re-elected

BONN, Germany (AP)—Germany's third democratically elected President will be named to a second term Saturday by a federal convention of 1,018 members.

Unlike political conventions in many other countries, the German "electoral college" will reach its decision in a sedate atmosphere in which campaigning, debate and nominating speeches are outlawed.

There will be no tension or excitement either when the delegates convene in a Berlin exhibition hall, 100 miles behind the

Iron Curtain. The outcome is a foregone conclusion.

SECOND TERM

The convention will elect 70-year-old President Theodor Heuss, a former history professor, to a second five-year term. Folksy, popular Heuss has been endorsed by all the major political parties.

The vote may not be unanimous, however. The convention will include 10 Communists, and the Red party organ in East Germany, Neues Deutschland, denounced Heuss Thursday as a "traitor" and "willing tool of German and foreign monopolists," whose re-election would be a "provocation for all peace-loving people."

The federal convention consists of the 509 members of the Bundestag (lower house of the Federal Parliament) and an equal number of delegates chosen by the state legislatures.

The President of the Bundestag presides at the convention. Candidates are nominated from the convention floor by delegates who simply say, "I nominate so and so."

THREE BALLOTS

The candidate receiving the votes of the majority of the members of the convention is elected. If such a majority is not obtained by any candidate in two ballots, the candidate receiving the most votes on a third ballot is elected. This insures that the convention completes its work in one day.

The first German President following the ouster of the Hohenzollern dynasty was Frederick Ebert. The second was Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg.

After Hindenburg's death, Hitler seized power.

Jet Airliner Flight-Tested

SEATTLE (AP)—The plane Boeing Airplane Co. believes is the world's largest and fastest jet airliner has left its nest and proved its wings in a dramatic flight test.

The big ship, dubbed the 707 and built to serve as an airliner for commercial airways or a tanker to haul fuel for Air Force jet bombers, took off on its maiden flight Thursday.

The takeoff of the 110,000-pound craft came at a point two-thirds of the way down the 5,400-foot runway at Renton Municipal Airport. Its four 10,000-horsepower jet engines had boosted it into the air in 17 seconds. Within 15 minutes it was at 20,000 feet. An hour and 24 minutes later it landed after what its pilots said was a faultless flight.

Company officials said no speed test was involved but the big craft, designed to carry 130 passengers in its massive belly, is supposed to be capable of a speed of 550 miles an hour.

The company says it has invested 16 million dollars in the ship.

Soviet Naval Units Pay Visit to Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—The brand new Soviet cruiser Admiral Ushakov and four modern Soviet destroyers sailed into Stockholm Friday on the first Russian naval visit to Sweden since long before the Russian Revolution.

Earlier Friday a Swedish naval squadron of similar strength, including the Swedish navy's new flagship cruiser Tre Kronor, anchored in the Neva River opposite the winter palace in Leningrad. The Soviet naval visit was the most spectacular Soviet gesture so far toward traditionally neutral Sweden in the Malenkov regime's peace offensive.

Farmer Say Plane Caused Death of Birds

CHEHALIS, Wash. (AP)—A Chehalis farmer reported Thursday that a low-flying jet plane frightened his turkeys into a stampede that killed 529 birds and injured 205.

Ted Goebel said the birds were being transferred from one field to another when the jet came over. In a panic, they plunged into a nearby creek and piled up. Some drowned and others smothered.

Goebel estimated his loss at \$2,500.

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