

Ghana Leader Escapes Blast

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — A bomb exploded near President Kwame Nkrumah in a small town in northern Ghana Wednesday night, killing four persons and injuring 58. Nkrumah escaped unhurt. The dead included a schoolboy and two uniformed policemen. The attempt on the president's life was made when he stopped at a village 500 miles north of Accra on his way home from a visit to Upper Volta, Ghana's northern neighbor.

Czechs Claim Negro GI Asks Asylum

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The Czechoslovak news agency, CTK, said Thursday a member of a U.S. Army rocket unit in West Germany has sought political asylum in Czechoslovakia. The agency said the soldier, identified as R. S. Hareld, asked for asylum on the grounds of racial discrimination in the West.

In Prague, Communist sources were reported to have told Western newsmen Hareld was a Negro officer, but CTK did not give his rank.

Hareld was accompanied by a German woman identified by CTK as Margita Schlotting, said to have been a U.S. Army employee in Germany.

In Washington, the Army said a Sgt. Raymond S. Hareld has been absent from his unit since May 8 and was last seen near the Czech-Austrian border May 30.

Hareld was listed as assigned to the 5th Missile Battalion, 1st Artillery, 32nd Artillery Brigade, at Wiesbaden, Germany. Army records show his next of kin as Mrs. Hareld of East Providence, R.I. He enlisted in the Army in December 1949.

Presidential Vote Sought by Island

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Gov. Luis Munoz Marin's ruling Popular Democratic Party will seek an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to give Puerto Ricans the right to vote for the President of the United States. The party decided Wednesday night to include the amendment proposal in its platform for the coming plebiscite in which Puerto Ricans will decide whether to strengthen the present commonwealth system, seek statehood or seek independence. The party supports the commonwealth system.

Ousted President Arrives in France



(AP Wirephoto)

Exile Begins

Deposed Peruvian President Manuel Prado and his wife, Clorinda Malaga de Peru, are shown on arriving at Orley Field, outside Paris, Thursday for exile in France. They flew from Lima, Peru, with a 90-minute stopover Wednesday night in New York. Prado was ousted by a military junta and imprisoned 11 days before his six-year term expired last Saturday.

U.S. Missiles to Take Over Red Targets of British Thors

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. missiles will take over Communist targets now assigned to 80 British-manned Thor rockets after they are taken off their pads.

American authorities disclosed this Thursday following a British announcement that the above ground, vulnerable Thor missile bases in Britain will be closed down during the coming year.

U.S. informants said "the basis of the British action was financial." They suggested the money Britain saves in this way may be used to strengthen her conventional forces — including those assigned to NATO — and said this meets with U.S. approval.

Officials expect the 1,500-mile range Thors to go out of operation by October 1963.

By that time, the United States will have nearly doubled its fleet of Polaris missile firing submarines from the present nine to 17. The Navy considers them

virtually invulnerable to attack. Each Polaris sub mounts 16 nuclear tipped missiles, and one official noted that four such submarines would more than make up any loss in striking power from dismantling the 80 Thors.

Polaris warheads are believed to pack a heavier nuclear punch than the Thors. And the most advanced model of the submarine-launched missile is designed to reach nearly 2,000 miles—about 1,400 miles deeper than the Thors can strike.

Also, the force of American 6,300-mile-range intercontinental ballistic missiles will have risen from the present 81 to more than 480 by the time the Thors are taken down.

President Kennedy told his news conference late Wednesday the British gave the United States advance notice of their intention to end the Thor agreement. He said it should have "no adverse effect" on the defense of Europe.

Under this pact, the United States supplied about \$100 million worth of missiles and other equipment while the British chipped in with about \$33.6 million for launch sites and related expenses.

While the missiles are manned by RAF crews, the

United States has retained control over the nuclear warheads and the missile could not be launched with such warheads unless this country agreed.

The Thors were erected in Britain in 1960 as a stop-gap measure, to provide some missile power while the United States was pushing ahead to develop heavier ICBMs capable of striking from the United States at targets inside Russia.

Britain's force of "V" bombers remains a factor in NATO's nuclear power.

The United States and Britain long have coordinated their plans for striking at an enemy with bombers and missiles in event of a war.

This country is developing a nuclear-headed 1,000-mile range missile called the Skybolt which is intended to be launched from both U.S. B52 heavy jet bombers and Britain's Vulcan bombers against ground targets.

The Skybolt, which has had one successful flight in two tries, is due to become combat ready in 1964.

New Name for Depot

HERMISTON (AP) — The Umatilla Ordnance Depot near here became the Umatilla Army Depot Wednesday. The change in name came with creation of the new U.S. Army Maintenance and Supply Command, which will take over activities at about 150 depots across the country.

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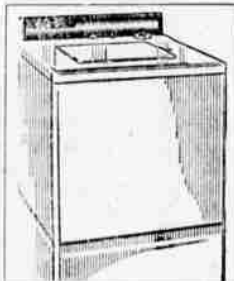


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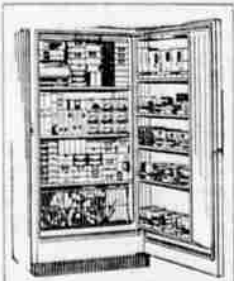


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