

# Stahr says U.S. 'leapfrogging' on weapons

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States is "leapfrogging" the Soviet Union in the quality of its tanks, artillery and rifles, according to Army Secretary Elvis J. Stahr Jr.

"And my best information is that our tactical nuclear weapons are better than Russia's," he said, in an exclusive interview with United Press International.

He also had high praise for the potential of the Army's controversial Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile as a weapon for effective defense against Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles.

In a wide-ranging discussion of military progress under the Kennedy administration, the 46-year-old World War II veteran said the Army was "way behind 15 months ago in modernization and quantities of materiel, but we have reversed the trend, and started up the right road."

### Leaves On Trip

After the interview Thursday, Stahr left on a 15-day trip to the Far East.

Stating that America has a "distinct advantage" over Russia in overall military power, Stahr expressed these points of view on two admittedly controversial questions:

—He believed the West might be able to hold Europe against a Russian conventional attack without itself resorting to nuclear weapons. He said the West certainly has the "greater potential."

—He thought it possible that there could be localized, limited use of small atomic weapons in Europe and that this would not necessarily result "in escalation to general thermonuclear war." The large conventional and tactical nuclear forces Russia maintains indicate that the Soviets might think the same way.

### Nuclear Policy Constant

In general, the North Atlantic alliance's policy since 1954 has been to use nuclear weapons to the extent necessary if there should be an attack on Western Europe.

Discussing the Nike-Zeus, which neither the Eisenhower nor Kennedy administration has been willing to put into production, Stahr said it has the potential to give America an effective defense against Russian missiles that now exist or are likely to be produced.



**TINY PINES PLANTED IN BURN**—A Deschutes National Forest crew has completed planting of some 38,000 pine seedlings in the Fly Creek Ranch burn of last July. Earlier, cover vegetation was planted from a helicopter. Top picture shows Leonard Werronen giving individual attention to a tiny pine. Lower picture: Crew at work planting pines in burn. Seedlings are protected with chemical.

## 38,000 pine seedlings are planted on Fly Creek burn

Work of planting in the Fly Creek Ranch burn, Metolius Ranger district, of approximately 38,000 pine seedlings grown at the Bend nursery has been completed, Ranger Mervin Wolf has announced.

A crew of ten men did the planting, started in March to take advantage of optimum moisture conditions. All the trees were planted by hand, because of the rough and rocky topography that prevented use of machinery.

To prevent the tiny trees from

## Breshears with railway battalion

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Army Pvt. Bobby G. Breshears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Breshears, 620 Florida, Bend, Ore., is a member of the 714th Railway Operating Battalion at Fort Eustis, Va. Breshears, a draftsman in Company A of the battalion, entered the Army last September and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

The 23-year-old soldier is a 1957 graduate of Bend High School. Before entering the Army, he was employed by the Department of Agriculture in Bend.

### VIOLATE RATION LAWS

HOLGUIN, Cuba (UPI) — The government is seeking prison terms ranging from three to five years for four members of one family because two of them killed a cow illegally and sold the meat to the others. The slaughter violated Cuba's stringent ration laws.



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### SAGEBRUSHINGS

## Young man comes of age; Mikels movie coming soon

By Ila S. Grant  
Bulletin Staff Writer

It was a day full of memories. "Do you know what happened to me 21 years ago?" I asked the office receptionist.

"No. What?" she said and asked, falling into the trap.

"I had a baby," I said, in my best Sarah Bernhart manner, letting my voice drop to dulcet "how now, brown cow" tones.

"How exciting," said the O.R. You feeling all right?"

I was feeling, all right. Just hoping someone would think it was MY twenty-first birthday. No luck. I have never been asked for my ID in my life. Of course, way back then — the country was dry, and the only thing to look forward to on reaching the 21 mark was to be able to vote.

Now the young people are anxious to get a voter's card, so they'll have another form of identification when they heard the bars.

So, the bearded bard, to corn a phrase (he's the Young Man) called for me after work, and we set out to celebrate the occasion.

"You know," said the B.B. (also known as the Y.M.) "now I haven't anything to look forward to except being 65."

"How come?" I sez.  
"Then I can retire on my social security."

After a short cruise around town, we went home to have dinner, and later the Y.M. went out with younger, gayer companions.

And when the house was empty, and the walls started to creak, I picked up The Bulletin and read the story about all the prowlers around town.

I peered out into the darkness, and nobody peered back.

It's enough to make a gal turn in her eye-shadow. (Or else wash the windows.)

From Hollywood comes news that Ted Mikels' movie, "Cross-hair," will be shown at a sneak preview at the Burbank theater next week. It should be in Bend by the end of the month, Ted says.

This isn't really the work of art that Ted had hoped for, as his debut into movie making, he confessed some time ago to this writer. But it has been his dream, his goal, his inspiration for so many years now — his friends

are happy that he has his foot in the door.

Ted wrote the story, and directed and produced the movie. He has been down in Hollywood the past few months, editing, dubbing in musical background and doing all the other technical chores that most producers have to delegate to someone else.

The picture was made in Bend last September. Ted brought a number of Hollywood hopefuls to Central Oregon for the shooting, and Gen. Ted's wife, cooked for them, bandaged their bruises when they got too much realism into a chase over the rocks, and listened to their troubles. Anyone who knows the Mikels can picture the one-big-happy-family atmosphere.

Localities for the shooting included the Elk Lake pack station, the Paulina Creek area, the lava beds, the Century Drive country and a number of un-named caves east of town.

The picture stars Gary Clarke and Jeannine Riley, with Steve Quinn in a major supporting role. People who read fan magazines recognize these names.

Local people who have bit parts are Frank Smith, Gordon Mouser and Phyllis Mailland.

I can tell you one thing. I may not see "West Side Story," or "Cleopatra." But I'll see "Cross-hair." I like Ted Mikels, and I wish him well.

Let's all go to the movies, shall we?

### PERMISSION ASKED

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Southern Pacific Co. Thursday asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon 3.6 miles of track in Polk County, Ore.

The railroad cited insufficient traffic to justify continued operation and maintenance of the Falls City branch line.

## Ministers plan hospital visits

REDMOND — A chaplaincy program, in the planning for several weeks, has been initiated at Central Oregon District Hospital, reports Fred Baer, administrator.

A minister will be on call at the hospital 24 hours per day. The chaplain will call on each new patient from 12:30 to 2 p.m. seven days a week. Eight ministers in the Redmond area have signed up for the program. They are the Rev. Bert Wilson, who is on duty this week; Rev. Marlin Love, Rev. James K. Egly, Rev. William R. Cooke, Rev. Harolan Taylor, Rev. Paul Harvey, Rev. Rustin Kimsley and Rev. Mark Shockey.

Each participating minister will wear a badge, with his name and the name of the hospital. After visiting patients, he will notify their local pastors that they have been admitted, if they so wish. Brochures on the program will be available at the hospital. These will contain special prayers.

## Nelson given 5-year term

PORTLAND (UPI)—Ernest Nelson, 29, Silverton, was sentenced to five years in the Oregon Penitentiary Wednesday for unarmed robbery.

Nelson was arrested by police in Portland Feb. 13 following a robbery at a grocery store.

### FILES FOR SEPARATION

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Academy Award nominee Judy Garland said Tuesday she planned to file for a legal separation from her husband of 10 years, Sid Luft. The marriage of Miss Garland, currently under Oscar consideration for her supporting role in "Judgment at Nuremberg," and producer-agent Luft has been troubled for some time.

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