

# Army Brushes Off New 700 Rounds Per Min. Gun

By TOM STONE

Heidelberg, Germany (AP)—The U.S. Army in Washington has brushed aside, on the ground that the armed forces do not need it, a new light submachinegun which field tests in Europe have showed will—

1. Fire 700 rounds a minute—almost twice as fast as the Army's present standard model, the M3 "Greasegun."
  2. Shoot farther and straighter.
  3. Weigh four pounds—half as much as the M3.
  4. Cost approximately \$10 to manufacture on a mass production scale compared to \$45 for the M3.
  5. Have a muzzle velocity of 1,800 feet per second against 750 to 800 f.p.s. for the M3.
- The new gun, which fires .45 caliber cartridges, or can be converted to use the standard 9-mm. European cartridge, was developed by Warrant Officer Loren C. Cook, stationed at Coleman Barracks near here. He is a machine-tool specialist assigned to the 7849th Ordnance Stock Control Center.
- After field tests in Germany, a description of Cook's gun was sent to the chief of ordnance in Washington with a recommendation that "the weapon is of extremely simple and of rugged construction, easily adaptable to inexpensive mass production fa-

brication." The gun was especially designed for tank crewmen, paratroopers and military police. Tests have shown it can be stripped down, in the field and without tools, in seven seconds compared to five minutes for the standard M3.

In reply, the chief of ordnance's office wrote: "There is at the present time no U.S. user requirement for a new weapon of the machine pistol, submachine-gun or carbine class."

"This situation has existed over a period of some years, and it is believed unlikely that the using arms will give serious consideration to the adoption of the type proposed by Warrant Officer Cook."

The letter added, however, that "we will be pleased to receive a model of the Cook machine-pistol which we will examine and bring to the attention" of the chief of Army field forces.

The letter was signed for the chief of ordnance by Col. Rene R. Studler. Cook was given a copy of the correspondence.

Cook said the letter from Washington, dated last Jan. 12, was considered here as a rejection and that his model has not



Wilson Adds A New Note—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson (left) contributes a new note to formal military protocol by keeping his hat on and bringing his hand up to a salute during ceremonies at Washington airport welcoming Gen. James A. Van Fleet (center), former commander of the Eighth Army in Korea. Mrs. Van Fleet is at right. The standard civilian salute calls for removal of the hat and holding it over the chest. (AP Wirephoto)

been forwarded to Washington. Cook's home is Rodeo, Calif.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served more than 12 years, was U.S. president longer than any other man.

# Observance in Kessler's Hands

Maj. Gen. Alfred A. Kessler, Jr., commanding general of the Fourth Air Force, has been named by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson as the Area II commander for the observance of Armed Forces day, May 18.

The area in which the general will be in charge of Armed Forces day observance includes Oregon, Washington, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

Slogan for the observance this year will be "Power for Peace." All branches of the Armed Forces will take part in the observance and local organizations will be asked to cooperate.

Salem's Armed Forces Week speaker last year was the commanding general of the Department of the Pacific, U. S. Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, who now is on duty in Europe. In 1951 the speaker was Maj. Gen. Robert LeGrow Walsh, U. S. Air Force, from the Central Control group of the Air Force, stationed in Washington, D. C.

# Former Salem Man, 3 Girls, Asphyxiated

Word has been received by Salem relatives of the death of

Capital Journal, Salem, Ore., Wednesday, March 4, 1953—15

# Collision with Grader Fatal to Car Driver

Harold Fowler, formerly of Turner and Salem, who was asphyxiated with his three young daughters in their home at El Cerritos, Calif., Monday by fumes from a defective stove.

Mr. Fowler attended the Turner grade school. His wife, Lurene, and two young sons, were in Sheridan on a visit with her mother, Mrs. Shively, at the time of the tragedy.

A sister, Mrs. V. M. Britnell, lives at 1798 Lee street, Salem. Another sister, Mrs. J. S. Hawk, lives at Keizer.

His Mother, Mrs. O. F. Fowler, lives at West Stayton.

Funeral services will be held in Berkeley Thursday afternoon.

# Cascade Locks Fatal to Car Driver

Cascade Locks (AP)—William Brown, 61, was killed yesterday in a collision between the car in which he was riding and a high-way grader about half miles east of here.

The Cascade Locks resident and his wife were passengers in a car driven by Henry E. Kleiber of Sandy. Mrs. Brown was hospitalized at Hood River and Kleiber was released after receiving first aid.

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