

EXPERTS TO PICK AIRBASE SITES, STEIWER SAYS

Cities, However, Should Continue to Campaign for Consideration — Fields Must Be Big, He Says

Selection of sites for the proposed army airbases in the Pacific Northwest will be determined by a survey now being made by military engineers and strategists and not by the offers of any individual city, Senator Frederick Steiwer told the Mail Tribune today.

Military technicians are now making a survey and it will not be completed for six months, the senator from Oregon said. Selection of sites will be based upon their report, the war department to construct the primary and secondary bases where they are considered by military experts to be most strategic, he emphasized. The airbase authorized by the Wilcox bill may be constructed in Oregon, Washington or Idaho.

Field Must Be Large
Reminded that Congressman J. J. McSwain stated that military defenses on land and in the air were lamentably weak in Oregon, Senator Steiwer said:

"Airplanes are mobile. They can be moved swiftly," thus implying that wherever the airbases are built they will afford protection to Oregon. "We must have major and auxiliary bases large enough to accommodate not hundreds but thousands of airplanes," the senator said. "There must be room for a large army crew, supplemental equipment, workshops, machinery and all the other necessary things. A small area will not suffice at all. It must be quite extensive."

When it was suggested that because the military experts would decide for themselves as to sites it was a waste of time and effort for cities to continue trying with one another to bring the airbases to their communities, Senator Steiwer replied:

Brief Is Filed
"Not at all. They should make known what accommodations they have to offer. I understand that the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has submitted a brief calling attention to the strategic position of Medford. That is a good thing to do and that should be followed up."

Senator Steiwer conferred yesterday with officials of the Chamber of Commerce but the subjects discussed were not made known.

The Chamber of Commerce has notified Senators Charles L. McNary and Steiwer and Col. J. D. Reardon, chairman of the army airbase board, that southern Oregon is united in sponsoring Medford as the site for one of the airbases.

Senator Steiwer this morning inspected the southern Oregon experimental station at Ashland and had lunch in Ashland. He was to address the P-T. A. convention here tonight.

Squaw Lake Man Escapes Flames

BIG APPLEGATE, Oct. 24.—(Sp1)—"Dad" Thatcher, elderly resident occupying a log dwelling at Squaw lake owned by Orle Phillips of this community, escaped with minor burns Wednesday morning, when he awoke to find the house on fire.

Mr. Thatcher, unable to save his clothing, wrapped himself in a blanket, and putting sunny socks around his feet, walked a mile to the Kubil cabin for aid. The cause of the fire, which occurred about 4 o'clock, is unknown.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HEAR MISSION LEADERS

Mrs. Sanders, state missionary president, and Mrs. Stewmaker, state secretary, will stop over in Medford Friday night on their return home from the international convention of the Brotherhood of Christian Churches at San Antonio, Texas.

At 6:30 there will be covered dish supper, after which they will give their messages. All those wishing to attend are asked to bring a covered dish.

TRACTOR PULLS ITALIAN GUN INTO POSITION



This photograph, made in Ethiopian territory with the invading Italian army, shows a tractor pulling a heavy gun into position to protect troops occupying Aduwa. (Associated Press Photo)

AIRPORT AFLOAT PROJECTED FOR CHICAGO STUDY

CHICAGO—(UP)—A \$4,000,000 revolving airport 1500 feet out in Lake Michigan is being studied by Chicago officials as a possible substitute for a triangular island port originally planned by Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

The floating airport is the scheme of E. LeRoy Pelletier of Detroit, formerly consulting engineer of the Ford Motor company.

Federal funds, already promised to Chicago, will be obtained for the project if it is finally approved. The plan proposed by Pelletier consists of a mammoth, turn-table formed like a dart and constructed of reinforced concrete floats completely enclosed in a basin of water. The dart, 3800 feet long and 700 feet wide, would be in effect—a huge weather vane keeping its nose pointed into the wind at all times.

The area in which the vast turn-table revolves will be enclosed by a dyke with a 50-foot runway on top. Hydraulically operated draw bridges connect the floating pontoon with the roadway, at the same time preventing any motion which might disturb planes landing or taking off. Two buildings, each 600 feet long and 100 feet wide, would provide emergency hangars for repairs, office space and waiting rooms. Water inside the dyke would be smooth at all times and a special device would cut ice forming during the winter, thus preventing any lost efficiency.

The project, which would require about six months to complete, has been approved by the department of commerce and navy engineers, Pelletier said.

Because of his rapid delivery he has been called "The Lightning Express." Services begin tonight at 7:30.

12 BOATS MISSING IN ALASKA STORM

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Twelve fishing boats, believed lost in a storm off the southeastern Alaskan coast, were sought today by coast guard and lighthouse service crews.

Three boats were known to have foundered, with crews of two rescued and the fate of the third crew undetermined.

As messenger reports of the storm tickled in, it was feared the gale may

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Chinese Dollars Take Nose Dive

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24.—(AP)—Sino-Japanese tension and rumors of impending devaluations today sent the Chinese dollar plunging to its lowest level in months during trading on the Shanghai exchange markets.

The Chinese dollar closed at 32 1/2 cents against the United States dollar, compared to yesterday's rate of 34 1/2 cents.

'STONE MAN' SUCCUMBS TO CREEPING DISEASE

EDMONTON, Alta., Oct. 24.—(AP)—Thomas McDonnell, 55, Edmonton's "stone man," paralyzed for 50 years, is dead.

He became paralyzed when he was seven years old. For many years he had been gradually turning to stone, and was forced to remain in one position. Doctors said he was suffering from muscular ossification.

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CATTLE RUSTLERS WILL BE FOUGHT BY FARMER BAND

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (UP)—For the first time since pioneer days, Missouri farmers are arming themselves and organizing night patrols to halt cattle rustling and the theft of small farm animals and rats on orchards.

Strange as it seems in this modern age, the practice which has grown to huge proportions in the last six months has been based on the use of the motor car.

Farmers of rural Jackson County, near here, have held meetings and mapped plans. Shotguns have been cleaned and rusty revolvers removed from trunks filled with war mementoes.

Old Group Reorganized
The Farmers' Protective association which operated years ago to stop farm thievery has been reorganized and will take an active part. Jackson county will be divided into districts and farmers detailed to ride those districts nightly. Law enforcement agencies plan to cooperate with the farmers.

In Jackson county in the center of the state Judge Harry Libby of the circuit court called a special grand jury to investigate cattle rustling and farm thefts.

"The use of a speedy motor car," Judge Libby said, "makes it possible for the thieves to move quickly and dispose of their loot quickly." He instructed the grand jury to spare no efforts or expense in investigating the depredations.

Large Band Exposed
At Lamar, Mo., in the southwest section of the state, two persons recently were sentenced to prison for cattle rustling. Their confessions un-

covered a large band that stole cattle and all types of farm animals and fowls and escaped across the state line into Kansas, where the animals were sold.

From other parts of Missouri have come reports that farmers are forming their own organizations, and preparing to stop the stealing of their stock. They can stand drought and depression but a return to the old forms of cattle rustling and petty thievery is too much for them.

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JOHN BOLES HURT IN WATER SCENE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 24.—(AP)—There's more danger to acting than the average fan thinks. For instance, John Boles, the star, went to work today with his hand in a sling, and Bill Robinson, the negro

tap dancer, recuperating from a near drowning.

The two were hurt when they fell off a log floating in a tank of water during filming of a scene in the Shirley Temple picture, "The Little Rebel," at 20th Century-Fox studios. Robinson was caught under water, but James Donlan, a technician jumped in and pulled him out. Boles swam out but cut a gash in his hand.

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