

WARPLANE TYPES REDUCED TO SPUR FACTORY OUTPUT

Six General Categories Ultimate Goal in United States Rearmament Drive

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Washington, Aug. 7.—The army gradually is reducing the number of types of warplanes in its defense brochure, and the result, aircraft manufacturers believe, will be reflected in a sharply accelerated output on the production lines.

Multiplicity of designs has been one of the banes of aircraft manufacture for years.

Even Germany, with the world's greatest air force and in the midst of a war, has too many kinds of warplanes for efficient mass manufacture, in the opinion of United States army officers. The evidence is accumulating that Hitler's air ministry is cutting down on the number of designs produced.

Six Types Planned

If the army air corps hews to the line projected for maximum production in the air rearmament drive, it will have six general categories of planes: interceptors, single-engine pursuits, twin-engine fighters, attack planes and medium and heavy bombers.

Up to now, no fewer than 18 combat types have been in the service of the air corps.

That has been due partly to the existence of a tactical experimentation program. The army wanted to see what the planes could do, both individually and en masse. It is due partly to the lack of a coordinated program for the employment of aircraft in wartime. Army strategy and tactics are products of the nation's foreign policy, and the air corps has not known what it would be called upon to do.

With the emergence of hemisphere defense as the goal of the rearmament program, the air corps found its work cut out for it.

Many In Discard

Here are some of the types of aircraft which will go into the discard in the drive for greater air power: single-engine attacks, day and night bombardment planes, single-engine bombardment planes, general liaison planes and bi-plane pursuits.

Remaining in the non-combat types probably will be short-range corps and division observation planes.

The interceptors for "localized" defense, which the army is going to buy by the hundreds, are typified by the Bell pursuit, made in Buffalo, N. Y. The Curtiss "P-40," made in Buffalo, typifies the new pursuit equipment, and the Lockheed twin-engine fighter, made in Burbank, Cal., the interceptor for long-range work.

The Boeing "B-17" four-engine bomber, made in Seattle, already standard air corps equipment, and the Consolidated "B-24," made in San Diego, also four-engine, will provide the general design for long-range bombardment machines. Such planes are intended for forays deep into enemy territory on the theory that the best defense is an offense.

The army's medium bombers will be like the Douglas "B-23," made in Santa Monica, Cal., and attack planes will follow the general lines of the Curtiss "A-20," made in Buffalo. Medium bombers, unlike the long-range planes, are intended for operation in the ground army's theater of action, and attack planes are used for breaking up concentrations of ground troops. The Germans use "Stuka" dive bombers for the same purposes.

Bomber Main Development

The most sensational development in warplanes the world over is the long-range heavy bomber capable of carrying multiple tons of bombs. The United States army's newest experiment machine is designed for a "payload" of 28 tons. Germany is reported to have six and eight-engine long-range bombers in the process of manufacture.

Some American army officers are talking of an even greater simplification in types—only two kinds of fighters and two of bombers. The army long ago abandoned the idea of an "ideal" all-purpose plane.

MAYOR OF MONTREAL, FOE OF CONSCRIPTION, TO INTERNMENT CAMP

Montreal, Aug. 7. (P)—Montreal's mayor, Camille Houde, outspoken opponent of conscription, has been interned under the war measures act, the Royal Canadian mounted police announced today.

He was taken into custody at the city hall late last night, three days after he handed Montreal newspapermen an intimated statement asking the population not to comply with compulsory national registration scheduled to start August 19.

Royal Canadian mounted police and Quebec provincial police cooperated in making the arrest. Houde submitted quietly when police surrounded him as he left the city hall. He was removed to mounted police headquarters and questioned for 35 minutes, then taken to an undisclosed camp for internment.

His internment presumably is for the duration of war. Opposition Leader R. B. Hanson charged in the house of commons Saturday that Houde had "openly defied the law of Canada."

AX WIELDER WOUNDED BY PORTLAND OFFICER

Portland, Aug. 7. (P)—Tony Diorio, who attempted to attack two patrolmen with an ax, was shot and wounded in the hip Tuesday.

The shooting occurred as Officers D. D. Day and George Cawood attempted to serve a warrant charging Diorio's brother with assault and battery. The complaint was signed by a sister, Lena Diorio, who said her mother had been beaten.

Diorio broke away from a melee participated in by the brothers, the mother and the officers and returned with an ax. Cawood shot him for refusing to halt.

Dam Line Energized

Portland, Aug. 7. (P)—A 235-mile transmission line connecting generators of Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams was energized yesterday, placing the Columbia River industrial area "within immediate reach of two of the greatest power plants in the country."

Kaiser's Kin to Wed

Doorn, The Netherlands (via Berlin), Aug. 7. (P)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm II announced today the engagement of his grandson, 24-year-old Prince Karl Franz Josef von Preussen, and his stepdaughter, 22-year-old Princess Henriette Schoenach-Carolath.

Hoop Snake?

Americus, Ind. (P)—Phyllis Gray says that while cutting weeds she killed a snake which had a silver ring around it.

AMERICAN FLIER WITH BRITISH IN GO WITH NAZIS

Texan Given Credit for Probable Destruction of German Plane in Dogfight

London, Aug. 7. (P)—Arthur Donahue, stocky, 27-year-old American volunteer flier from Laredo, Texas, was given credit by the Royal Air Force today for the "probable" destruction of a German plane in a dogfight over the English channel.

To Donahue, who joined up because he "wanted to do something more than just teach other people to fly," the fight was "great fun."

Donahue and other members of a Spitfire squadron shot down two Messerschmitt-109 fighters and possibly downed two others in battle off the French port of Calais yesterday.

Experienced Flier

Donahue had had 1,800 hours of flying experience before he enlisted. His name was temporarily withheld by the R.A.F. because of the British emphasis on teamwork.

Descriptions of him, however, had convinced Robert F. Donahue, Lowell, Mass., radio station manager, that he was his brother, Arthur, for the past two years a flying instructor at Laredo. Arthur went to Canada to enlist with the British air force, and his family received word July 17 of his arrival in England.

The young American joined the Spitfire squadron less than 24 hours before the engagement. Known to his British mates as "Texas Shorty," he returned from the battle with his plane riddled with machine-gun bullets but escaped unscathed.

First Yankee Mentioned

He was the first American pilot to be mentioned in air ministry accounts of battles over the channel for the past few weeks.

"I was never so tickled in my life," the American said, describing his reactions to the battle.

"We went across the channel to look for trouble, but it was the Germans who found it. Four miles from Calais, at 10,000 feet, we saw five Messerschmitt-109s and somewhere around was a larger group of them.

"We sailed right into them

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and our squadron leader set the pace by cracking down one Messerschmitt. He and another pilot saw it dive into the sea.

"Then another pilot chased one German toward France and shot pieces off it. I had a good crack at one myself, but suddenly found two others on me. Something hit the fuselage, shaking us a bit, but we came out of it quickly.

Foes Disappear

"While I whirled around another Messerschmitt fired into the cowling. I had another crack at him before he disappeared—then we turned for home.

He said he decided to join the R.A.F. after France collapsed, went to Ottawa from Laredo and showed a log-book with 1,500 hours flying time.

"In fifteen minutes I was out on the street again with the promise that I would be on the next boat to England, and I was," he said.

Weather

Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday, but overcast or foggy on coast night and morning; normal temperature; moderate northwest wind.

IOWA PICNIC SET FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The annual Iowa picnic will be held in Luthia park, August 11, according to W. S. Stennett of Ashland, president of the association.

The gathering will be in the upper picnic grounds just above the park auto camp. Those attending are asked to bring lunch and table service. Coffee and cream will be furnished.

The dinner will be at 1 p. m. and will be followed by entertainment and a short business meeting.

Hecla Dividend

Spokane, Aug. 7. (P)—Directors of the Hecla Mining company of Wallace, Idaho, declared 15-cent dividend on common stock at a meeting here today. The dividend, amounting to \$150,000, will be paid September 15 to stockholders of record Aug. 15.

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WORLD WAR VETS WILL BE NUCLEUS OF HOME DEFENSE

Roosevelt Reveals Home Duty Probable for Legion and VFW if Guard Called

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 7. (P)—World war veterans and their organizations probably will form the nucleus for home defense, President Roosevelt asserted today, if and when the National Guard is called into federal service.

Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference the whole question of home defense still was in the study stage from the point of view of all the states, and he had not yet obtained the war department's recommendations.

But the replacement of the guard for purely home defense duties, once it is brought into federal service under legislation now pending in congress, he said, probably will be built up around war veterans and such organizations as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Next Trip Indefinite

As for further personal inspections of national defense activities, the chief executive said he was not yet ready to announce an itinerary. He said he could not tell when an announcement might be made or even whether he might set out this week on a survey trip.

The president also said that without question Pan American unity was more an accomplished fact now than ever before.

The recent conference of American republics in Havana, he said, was extraordinarily interesting and extraordinarily successful because it produced:

1. A meeting of minds on defense of the hemisphere against any non-American power.
2. Steps to solve mutual economic problems of North, Central and South America.

3. Prospects of controlling fifth column activities originating outside the Americas.

Gas Ban Explained

In response to questions, the president said the limiting of sales of aviation gasoline to western hemisphere nations supplied a good illustration of steps to bring about material and economic unity, now that spiritual unity of the Americas has been accomplished.

His order last week which restricted sales of the fuel, Mr. Roosevelt said, might be termed a Pan American defense measure.

Because of defense requirements of the United States and other American nations, he said, we can't afford to have aviation gas go to Europe and Asia.

\$25 Lesson

Seaside, Aug. 7. (P)—It cost two seaside men \$25 each yesterday to learn that the American flag cannot be used as a "danger" signal on the rear of a truck. Otto Achord, contractor, and George E. Riley, driver, were fined \$25 each in justice court.

Team Work

Topeka, Kas. (P)—The other day Topeka's No. 3 fire company responded to an alarm. While the fire ladders were absent, grass in their station's back yard caught fire. The boys came over from Station No. 4 and put it out.

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