



LEVELED—A mass of twisted steel is all that remains of the Stallworth Pine Products plant in Whistler, Ala., one of four communities at the head of Mobile Bay struck by twin tornadoes. Accompanied by brilliant lightning displays, the tornadoes injured at least 14 and piled up a \$250,000 damage bill.

Previously Secret Details On Advanced Defense Weapons Told

Washington, Apr. 26—(U.P.)—Previously secret details on advanced weapons for defense against air and ground attack were disclosed today.

The weapons include: Two air force fighter planes, the Republic XF-96A and the Lockheed F-97, not yet officially announced.

Army anti-aircraft rockets and guided missiles said to be able to destroy bombers flying above 60,000 feet.

A potent anti-tank weapon.

Revealed in Interview
Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, guardedly revealed development of the new anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons last night in a radio interview with Lyle C. Wilson, United Press Washington manager. The interview was carried nationally on the American Broadcasting company network.

Collins said relatively inexpensive anti-aircraft rockets are in the advanced stages of development. He was confident they will be able to destroy planes flying at altitudes of more than 11 miles.

The army has a guided missile, he said, that "gives promise" of knocking out planes at an even greater range.

The anti-tank weapon, he said, may "change the whole concept of tank warfare." Nothing that "potential aggressor armies" have large numbers of tanks, he said the army is "well on the way toward producing" the weapon to stop them.

To Test Large Rocket
The navy announced meantime that its guided missile ship, the "Norton Sound," sails from Port Hueneme, Cal., today for a 29-day Pacific cruise during which a "Viking" rocket will be launched sometime next month.

The Viking is the largest U. S. built research rocket. Almost 50 feet long and 2½ feet in diameter, it attained an altitude of 51½ miles in experiments at the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds a year ago.

Next month's test will be the first in which the Viking has been launched from a ship.

It was disclosed that the new XF-96A air force fighter, still experimental, is a swept-back wing version of the F-84 Thunderjet.

TO ATTEND SESSION

Camp White, Apr. 26—A large delegation of Camp White members expect to attend the past commanders' night in the Medford armory today. Two weeks ago the Medford post conducted an open meeting here and extended an invitation to the men.

108 Planes Ordered
Collins said in his interview with Wilson that modern aeronautical developments have given the army a tough problem in devising defenses against planes that "may be used to attack the United States."

He was "confident" that new anti-aircraft rockets "will be able to destroy" planes at altitudes that are at least two miles higher than any bomber flies today.

He gave no further details, but it was considered fair speculation that the rockets may have proximity fuses—small radio sets that set off their explosive charge when they reach attacking planes.

Collins gave no details at all on the "radical" anti-tank weapon. But some quarters speculated that the army may have combined the recoilless gun with the shaped charge. A shaped charge, used in bazookas of World War II fame, is a concentrated explosive that will blast a hole through almost anything, when set off at the right time.

Institute of Folk Dance Set at SOC During Week-End

Ashland, Apr. 26—A folk dance institute will be conducted at Southern Oregon college on Friday and Saturday this week, it was announced today by Miss Violet Stockham, dance instructor at the school.

Henry "Buzz" Glass, Oakland, Cal., founder and first president of the Folk Dance Federation of California, will attend the event and will give instruction in some of the easier round dances and mixers, such as the "Patty Cake polka," "Astoria schottische," the Swedish "hambro," and others.

Glass has conducted similar institutes in the bay area of California and in Portland. He has also taught extension classes at Stanford university, University of California and Mills college in Oakland. Miss Stockham said he is one of the most enthusiastic and best-known leaders in the California dance movement, and is a former editor of the "Let's Dance" magazine.

The first session of the institute will be at 8 p. m. Friday in the SOC Memorial Court gymnasium. Saturday sessions will be at 9 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. Material presented at each session will be different.

Those interested in learning the dances are invited to participate.

LIBRARIAN LEAVES
Camp White, Apr. 26—Miss Helen Webster, center librarian, will combine business with pleasure when she leaves today for Sacramento, Cal., on annual leave. In her absence affairs of the library will be conducted by two members, Ed Sieverts and Donald Henley. Miss Webster expects to be gone for two weeks.

SPONSOR DANCE
Camp White, Apr. 26—The Business and Professional Women's club sponsored a dance here Monday. It was well attended and featured some square dancing, Paul Jones dances and modern steps. Refreshments followed the social hour.

Shakespearean Authority To Be Asked to Festival

Ashland, Apr. 26—Plans are under way to invite Sir Edmund Chambers, Devonshire, England, who is generally recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on Shakespeare, to attend the 10th annual presentation of the Ashland Shakespearean festival.

These plans were announced at a meeting of the festival association here this week, and Gene Malecki, Salem publicity man who is working for the festival this year, said that it is believed that if an authority such as Sir Edmund will attend the event, many other students and actors will be attracted.

Committees Named
Committee assignments were announced by President John Cotton at the meeting this week, including groups which will handle housing, a parade, banquet, decorations, visitation, souvenirs, reception, queen and Elizabethan fair.

Work will begin immediately on preparation of banners and flags to be placed on the streets and the theater building. Cotton stated that women who are interested in assisting this work may get in touch with Bill McGee at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Plans for landscaping the theater structure is progressing, according to Board Member A. C. Allen Jr., Central Point.

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