

Military, Transport Planes Now in Operation Far Short of Wartime Need

Washington, May 29—(UPI)—The total number of military and transport planes in the United States today probably falls short of 2,200.

That is well below any reliable estimate of needs at the outset of a war.

Authorities believe air force troop carrier units would be hard pressed at present to move an airborne army division over any appreciable distance.

MATS Would Be Strained

The military air transport service (MATS) would be strained to the breaking point in an emergency, as its normal worldwide services almost were when it was contributing heavily to the Berlin airlift.

And the airlines, which might have to give up from one-third to two-thirds of their planes to the military, would be severely taxed to handle essential civilian traffic.

All these agencies now are trying to map plans for meeting a war situation, in the event that one should develop.

A survey shows these transport planes in operation: Scheduled domestic and international airlines, 1,083; MATS, 588; air force troop carrier groups, 250 (estimate); strategic air command support squadrons, 24; and navy support squadrons, 70.

Additionally there are 33 four-engine airplanes being operated

by non-scheduled air carriers, according to government records. There are about 150 air force C-82 packets doing miscellaneous jobs. Beyond all these there may be a few hundred assorted military and civilian transports unaccounted for but they would not be of appreciable significance.

Few Are Postwar

Of all the transports, fewer than 300 are postwar, 300-mile an hour, four-engine types like the stratojet, stratojet, stratojet, DC-6 and Constellation. The airlines have 231 of these. It is doubtful that more than 150 are on order.

Nearly 700 of the planes listed are twin-engine DC-3's, called C-47's by the military, which were new 15 years ago. They never are included in studies of future wartime military transport capabilities.

The army today is putting major emphasis on training for airborne operations. Two of its 10 divisions comprise paratroopers and materiel to be carried by air. Army officers talk of moving entire corps, even field armies, by air. But in the 48-group air force there are only six troop carrier groups. Two are in Europe, one in the far east air force and three in this country.

Two, one in Germany and one in the U.S., have C-82 packets and the improved version known as the C-119, both designed for that type of work. The other two have wartime C-54's, not ideally suited for troop carriers. Soon one of the C-54 outfits will be getting giant C-124's which can carry 25 tons.

Services Drained

In the recent Exercise Swarm, it was necessary to drain almost 100 C-54's from MATS global services to supplement troop carrier units. In a five-day period, the MATS planes and a similar number of packets and marine commandos ferried 14,329 tons including 17,117 men over simulated distances of 125 and 200 miles. For comparison, an airborne division on a war footing might weigh 15,000 tons.

As a result of the exercise, some high air force officers are talking of tightening the relationship between MATS and the troop carrier groups. MATS now flies 70,000 miles of routes linking U.S. supply depots with installations all over the world where American forces are stationed.

MATS has one DC-6 (President Truman's Independence), 10 constellations, 10 stratojets, 10 C-74 globemasters, 240 C-54's, 245 C-47's and 25 C-82's. It also has six squadrons of B-29's converted for weather reconnaissance. Most of its planes are therefore obsolescent.

Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, MATS commander, says that while no increase in numbers of planes is planned, each replacement triples the capacity of that unit because of the greater size and speed of modern planes. Thus in about five years MATS

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Our Harry's Point Four (described as a "plan to benefit backward areas of the world with American technological aid") gets past both houses of congress with an initial authorization of \$5 million dollars. The state department will have the say as to the spending of the dough and Washington dispatches say the boys in the striped pants aim to start spending the money quick.

The officials of the state department say the first Point Four project should be under way by the end of the summer. Included among the early projects probably will be AN ATTACK ON A MALARIA-INFESTED AREA IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR SOUTHEAST ASIA through a big-scale DDT-spraying campaign.

THAT will be truly nice, and we all hope the natives in the areas to be sprayed with DDT will be so grateful that in the future they will thumb their noses at the nasty communists and thereafter honey up to good old Uncle Sam.

I rather expect they will—AT LEAST AS LONG AS THE OLD BOY'S CASH HOLDS OUT.

SPEAKING OF foreigners—The vigilant teletype informs us that "dark-eyed Egyptian Princess Fathia" and her Egyptian commoner bridegroom (name of Riad Ghali) are honeymooning in the south of France.

BUT, the teletype clicks on: "THE FURY OF EGYPT'S KING FAROUK HUNG DARKLY OVER THEM LIKE A DESERT SANDSTORM."

WHY should Fathia and her Riad be ruffled by the fury of King Farouk in far-away Cairo? Why don't they just thumb their noses at him and laugh merrily?

Well, it isn't quite so simple as that. Farouk holds the family purse strings and if he STAYS MAD Fathia and Riad will have to go to work.

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INCOME
Premiums received \$ 58,652,087.80
Total interest, dividends and other income 3,378,197.08
Income from other sources 304,154.66
Total income \$ 62,334,439.54

EXPENSES
Net amount paid for losses and claims \$ 22,344,534.29
Loss adjustment expenses 2,015,914.74
Dividends paid to policyholders (Cash \$2,200,000.00; stock \$2,200,000.00) 2,200,000.00
All other expenses (including 17.5% of premium expenses \$823,077.88) 1,700,437.61
Total disbursements \$ 28,260,986.72

ADMITTED ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) 2,100,000.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. None
Value of bonds owned (amortized) 40,241,703.00
Value of stocks owned (market value) 40,804,388.78
Cash in banks and on hand 11,707,762.02
Premiums in course of collection with reinsurers 5,178,352.31
Interest and rents due and accrued 215,489.05
Other assets (cash) 1,405,538.04
Total admitted assets \$ 91,624,757.11

LIABILITIES
Total unpaid claims \$ 12,212,224.41
Estimated loss adjustment expenses for unpaid claims 445,000.00
Total unearned premiums 81,824,757.11
All other liabilities 4,225,000.00
Total liabilities \$ 74,706,981.52

Capital paid up \$10,000,000.00
Surplus funds \$8,000,000.00
Unassigned funds (cash) \$1,983,251.66
Total \$19,983,251.66

Surplus, as required by law \$4,863,251.66
Total \$12,120,000.00
Net premium received \$594,602.18
Dividends paid or realized to policyholders None

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Austrian Newsmen To Study Methods

Washington, May 29—(UPI)—Ten Austrian newsmen will arrive in the United States Wednesday for a four-month study of American news techniques.

The army said today they will spend 10 days visiting New York, Washington, D. C., and Chicago. Then they will go to the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., for a briefing before being assigned to work on selected newspapers.

The project was developed by the United States education division in Austria and the public information division of the United States armed forces in Austria, the army said.

The two agencies said it is vital for Austria to keep its press independent and strong if democratic ideals are to prevail in Austria. Although Austrian newspapers have clung to practices of 25 years ago, they said, public opinion in Austria is molded through its newspaper to a greater extent than in the United States.

The agencies said Austrian newspapers cling "to traditional practices of glorifying politics to the exclusion of treatment of everyday living."

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Jackson County Farm Notes

Compiled by County Office O. S. C. Extension Service

Grass Seen Substitute For Brush on Ranges

Grass may be substituted for brush on the low hill ranges of Jackson county when given favorable conditions was the sentiment expressed by stockmen, range authorities and foresters while viewing a few of the experimental seeding areas last week.

A 12-acre plot on the Foothills creek burn area is now covered with waving orchard grass, alta fescue and tall meadow oat grass. Other low growing grasses such as subterranean clover, lotus, chewing and creeping red fescue blanket the ground surface.

Dale Vincent and John Day, amateur photographers, were able to get a number of "good shots" that will tell the story far better than words.

The high spot of the six places visited on Monday and Tuesday of last week was the Dog Creek seeding, made in the fall of 1948. This seeding was made on federal owned land, following the accidental burn. Grass, to a height of four feet is waving among the black snags of what was previously a brush and timbered area.

Burning of grass and brush is a substitute for mechanical seed bed preparation on land that cannot be worked successfully otherwise. Low hill range that can be cultivated in preparation for fall seeding can be worked now, prior to the production of wild native grass seed.

This working of the top soil retards native grasses, and if seeded to desirable grasses prior to heavy fall rains, usually gives good results. Ten pounds of seed per acre, of one or two

bladed grasses and at least one legume is desirable. One pound per acre of sub-clover in such a mixture usually gives excellent results. October seeding dates have proven most effective to date.

W. B. Tucker, County Extension Agent.

May Will Finish Extension Project Meetings

This month finishes the extension project meetings for 24 organized units. Many of the units are planning a picnic in June—some to install officers and others just for a family get-together.

I would like to extend my thanks to all unit officers, project leaders, committee members and unit members for the work they have done this year. The educational extension program certainly depends on the very fine cooperation of all you members in the units. We could not have such a program if it were not for the fine leadership.

On June 1 and 2 the 18th annual Oregon Home Economics council meeting will be held on the Oregon State college campus. Twenty-eight counties, 150 delegates and 28 extension workers will be present. The Jackson county women attending will be: Mrs. C. C. Hoover, Lone Pine, county chairman; Mrs. Leeland Charley, Brownsboro, county treasurer; Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, Central Point; Mrs. Ben Gardner, Reese Creek; Mrs. Fred Smith, Prospect; and Mrs. John Elson, Oak Grove.

The theme of the council will be "The World at Our Threshold."

D. Eula Wintermote, County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

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