

CAMP WHITE ACREAGE CUT

1,300 Acres, Down From 2,200, Called For by Army's Plan

Building Construction Said Not Decreased

The Army said today that Camp White, which is scheduled for reactivation, will cover about 1,300 acres instead of 2,200 acres, as planned earlier. The reactivation plan calls for the expenditure of about \$5 million, an Army spokesman told the United Press in Washington.

Rumors that there have also been cutbacks in construction planned at the reactivated Army training site north of Medford were denied by the Army spokesman, who revealed that the only changes in plans were for the 1,300 acre site rather than the larger one.

Resurveys by the Army Engineers showed that the smaller area would be enough, the spokesman said. He did not disclose the cost of repurchasing the land involved.

Contract Date Undecided
The Army announcement added that the date for the awarding of the first contracts has not been decided.

Camp White, a World War II training site for two Army divisions, was declared surplus in 1946. It is one of seven camps to be reconstructed and maintained on a standby basis in event a large Army is needed. Original plans as announced at the time the reactivation was first proposed called for an expenditure of \$11,285,000, which was reduced last year to \$5,144,000.

Portland — (U.P.) — Design of railroad facilities for possible reactivation of Camp White, Ore., is expected to be completed by mid-March, Douglas M. Pelton, in charge of the military construction section, North Pacific Division Army Engineers, reported Tuesday.

Pelton said the Division Engineers had a directive from the chief of engineers to complete the design for railroad facilities but had received no further instructions concerning reactivation of the southern Oregon military installation.

Plan Facilities
The plans now being completed by Division Engineers include rehabilitation of roads, railroads, water, sewer and electrical facilities.

Pelton emphasized that the directive from the Chief of Engineers was solely for a design of plans and included no orders for actual construction.

Army Engineers at Seattle said they understood plans for reactivation of Camp White had been "temporarily deferred." No further information was available at Seattle headquarters, the Engineers said.

Pressure on Russell As South's Candidate

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard B. Russell faced growing pressure Tuesday to make himself available as the South's 1952 presidential candidate.

The Georgia Democrat was keeping mum, however, at least until after a conference Thursday with a delegation representing the Georgia State Democratic executive committee. The committee voted Monday to ask Russell to be a candidate.

Sen. Walter F. George, D-Ga., declared himself "wholeheartedly in accord" with the committee's action.

Ban on House Broadcasting Brings Storm of Protests

Washington — (U.P.) — Congressmen and housewives joined the broadcasting industry Tuesday in protesting Speaker Sam Rayburn's ban on radio and television coverage of House committee sessions.

Rep. Paul W. Shafer (R., Mich.), called the order "one of the rawest examples of censorship" he'd ever seen.

Housewives Object
As it became apparent that the public will see and hear much less of Congress in action, housewives began objecting to the ban on television sessions of congressional activities, which they regard as welcome breaks from daily dusting and diaper-changing.

There was no indication, however, that Rayburn will back down or that the House itself will modify the Texas Democrat's ruling.

Mine Secret Said Stolen by Russia

Paris — (U.P.) — A senior American naval officer said Tuesday that Russia had "stolen" the secret of an American mine which can float in the sea for days undetected and can not be swept up by an ordinary mine sweeper. The statement was made by an officer accompanying Adm.

Acheson Satisfied With Achievement At NATO Meeting

Lisbon — (U.P.) — U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson leaves for Washington Tuesday, convinced that he got what he wanted from the most important session yet of the North Atlantic treaty council.

But he may have a hard time convincing Congress his paper victories have substance.

Enormous Steps Taken
The council took enormous steps toward translating its plans into action by removing major diplomatic roadblocks to a building of western defenses and approving specific military plans for the first time.

It sanctioned a European army, cleared the way for the end of the German occupation, linked Germany to NATO, adopted a 1952 military program for 50 divisions, 4,000 planes and construction of more than \$460,000,000 worth of airfields and communications networks.

Fulfillment Doubtful
But many delegates and observers here seriously doubt whether these plans will ever be fulfilled.

Too much depends upon unpredictable factors — whether France can steady its wobbly economy, whether the French and German parliaments are really ready to bury the hatchet, and whether Communist pressure in the Far East will wreck western planning in Europe.

Mexican Found Dead At Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls, Ore. — (U.P.) — Miguel Mauricio, itinerant Mexican whose age was not known, was found stabbed to death in a rented downtown cabin here early Tuesday and two Indians were held for investigation.

Those jailed were Lorenzo Weeks, 35, and James Godowa, 35, both of Beatty, Ore. Two Indian women, Lolana Crane, 50, Beatty, and Pearl Ray, who had rented the cabin, were booked as material witnesses. The latter was allowed to remain at liberty to care for a child.

Police found the body of Mauricio, stabbed in the chest, on a mattress in the cabin after Weeks and Godowa had reported a dead man there to the owner of a group of cabins.

Generally Fair Skies Expected in Northwest
By UNITED PRESS

Scattered showers fell over the Pacific Northwest Tuesday but the weather man forecast generally fair skies Wednesday.

Temperatures above 50 degrees were predicted for regions west of the Cascades Wednesday with highs up to 45 east of the mountains.

The Oregon highway department reported chains were not needed on any of Oregon's routes.

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PONY EXPRESS—They have to dodge a different kind of Redskin but Pfc. Edward J. Chandler astride Francis, an Army mule, do the same chore as the riders of the plains in the early days of the west. Come shell or high snowdrift Chandler and Francis get the mail through to U.S. troops at the front in Korea.

—(U.S. Army Photo)

Real Need Felt for Book on Eisenhower's Political Opinions

New York — "There was a real need, I felt, for a book that would assemble, for the record, the political opinions of Gen. Eisenhower," Kevin McCann, president of Defiance College, said this week. "So I rolled up my sleeves and pitched in."

McCann's articles, entitled "Eisenhower's Political Creed," will start Thursday, February 28, in The Mail Tribune.

Written for the most part in the general's own words, "Eisenhower's Political Creed" was culled from private conversations and personal correspondence, together with occasional public statements made by Gen. Eisenhower since the close of World War II.

Author Equipped for Job
As chief civilian assistant to the general in Washington, at Columbia University and at SHAPE headquarters in Paris, McCann was specially equipped for the job of collecting the off-the-record, and for-the-record, statements of Gen. Eisenhower's "political creed."

Mr. McCann first met the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commander in 1945, shortly after Gen. Eisenhower returned from Europe as Army chief of staff. From Washington, he followed the general to New York when Eisenhower was named president of Columbia University, and again went with him to Paris upon the establishment of SHAPE headquarters.

McCann left Paris in August, 1951, to become president of Defiance College, in Ohio, but still keeps in close touch with the general through personal visits and correspondence.

National Guards in Korea Object to 'Cry-Baby' Title

With U. S. 40th Division, Korea — (U.P.) — Soldiers of the 40th California National Guard division complained angrily Tuesday that they were becoming known as a "cry-baby division" because their mothers and wives were protesting their assignment to Korea.

Mad As Hornets
"If those damn women would keep their mouths shut, everything would be all right," M-Sgt. Marcus Sinkins of Redlands, Calif., said.

Sgt. Willard E. Clark, San Bernardino, Calif., an infantry squad leader, added, "we're mad as hornets. I wrote home and every man in the squad wrote home, and we told 'em so."

However, many of the men agreed it was "our understanding" that the 40th division would not be sent overseas when it was called into federal service.

Sgt. Edward Payne, 19, San Bernardino, said he got his parents' consent to join the guard at 17 only because he had been led to believe the unit would not be sent outside the U.S.

Sgt. Carroll E. Stone, 19, also of San Bernardino, said he worked on a national guard recruiting team and "they told me to tell them that they probably wouldn't be sent outside the states and that if they joined they'd avoid the draft. Most of the men had that understanding."

But mostly, the men did not question or dispute the legality of the Korean assignment. Guardsmen from the Los Angeles area said they took it for granted that, if necessary, the division would be sent overseas.

Members of the 224th Infantry regiment wrote a letter of protest to the San Bernardino Sun-Telegram saying they viewed their relatives' campaign "with regret and distaste." The soldiers called it "emotional, unpatriotic, futile and unwise."

Red Cross Asks Aid For Burned-Out Family

The Red Cross today appealed for assistance for the family of Herman C. Hammer, whose home at 123 Elk street was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. All the possessions of the family, which includes Hammer's wife and two children, were destroyed.

They are now living at 184 Elk street, in a house furnished temporarily rent-free by a neighbor, but they need furniture, bedding, a crib and blankets, clothes chests, utensils and other items which were lost in the fire. Hammer, a logger, has been unemployed all winter. He was employed by Gulf Red Cedar company last fall.

Gifts of the needed items may be taken directly to him, or arrangements to have them picked up may be made by a call to the Red Cross office, telephone 2-4405.

Building Dedication Set by Army Tomorrow

A new transient welfare building, operated by the Salvation Army, will be dedicated Wednesday, February 27, at 2 p.m., it was announced today by Capt. Thomas Mack, Medford corps officer. The dedication service for the building, which is located on Biddle road near Highway 99, will be conducted by Maj. Harry L. Larsen, Salvation Army divisional commander.

Engineering Study Of New Basin Plan OK'd by Secretary

Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman has given his approval to an engineering study and report on the "Substitute Plan" for extensive irrigation and power development in the Rogue River basin.

At the same time, he has reemphasized his opposition to the original "Plan A," but given approval for long-range studies of the basin's needs.

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, told The Mail Tribune by telephone Monday afternoon that he had been informed from Washington, D. C., that letters from Chapman are en route which would:

New Basin Project Includes 3 Basic Construction Plans

The "amended" or "substitute" plan for the immediate development of irrigation and power facilities in the Rogue basin, which received the green light from Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman this week, includes three basic projects. Their cost has been estimated at more than \$10½ million.

As outlined in the original resolution adopted by the Rogue River Valley Irrigation association, these are as follows:

Three Phases
1. A 55,000 acre-foot reservoir at Howard prairie, with a tunnel and canal from Howard prairie to the present Emigrant dam; a 10,000 kilowatt power plant; the enlargement of Emigrant reservoir from a capacity of 8,000 to 46,000 acre-feet to provide supplemental water to all of the irrigation districts in the Bear creek drainage, plus such new lands under the present irrigation districts for which water might be made available. (Cost estimated in February, 1951, at \$5,370,400.)

2. A 25,000 kilowatt stream-flow power dam at Cascade gorge, revenues from which, together with income from water users, to be used to provide funds for the impounding of water of the tributaries of the Illinois river for the purpose of irrigating some 17,000 acres of new lands in the Illinois valley, plus supplemental water for 5,000 acres already under partial irrigation. (Cost estimated in February, 1951, at \$5,130,000.)

3. Rehabilitation of the main water supply canals of the existing irrigation districts in order to conserve water now available, and to reduce the present operation and maintenance costs paid by water users.

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Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a few scattered showers. Expect low tonight 35, high tomorrow 52.
Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning 37