

Top Defense Officials State US Arms Superior to Russian

Washington — (U.P.) — Top defense officials have assured Congress that all U. S. Army weapons, from sidearms and rifles to giant tanks and howitzers, are "superior" to Russia's.

They also reported "important progress" in the Army's work on tactical atomic weapons for use against massed enemy troops, and on anti-aircraft rockets and guided missiles.

Testimony Published
This was disclosed Saturday with publication of heavily-censored testimony by Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff. Appearing before a House appropriations subcommittee recently, they sought approval of the Army's \$14,200,000,000 spending budget for fiscal 1953, starting July 1.

Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.) noted that Congress has been getting a "black picture" about the superiority of Russian-built aircraft flown by the Communists in Korea, and asked if the same held true for Russia's tanks, guns and other weapons now in production.

Weapons Superior
"I will say for the record," Collins replied, "... that according to the best advice, what we are building in practically every field that we know anything about represents superior weapons to those of the Soviets."

Pace broke in to say that "our experiences in Korea has borne that out in every instance." The rest of their discussion was deleted from the record.

Russia Has More Planes
In other testimony just released by the appropriations committee, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, warned that Russia has "several thousand" more planes than the United States and has developed atomic weapons which are "the

most ominous threat this country has ever known."

By 1955, Vandenberg said, the Russian air force will be almost entirely jet-propelled and "will begin to approach ours" in number of atomic bombers.

Vandenberg said Russia has 20,000 combat planes, not counting "several thousand" in reserve and in its European and Asiatic satellites.

He called Communist China "a major air power" which has more air bases than are planned for the world-wide U. S. Air Force. Red air power in the Far East, he said, tops America's, even though the United States has about a third of its combat-ready planes in that theater.

Two Canada Tugs Aground in Storm
Victoria, B. C. — (U.P.) — Two British Columbia tugboats were still grounded Saturday on the mainland coast near Prince Rupert in a vicious Pacific snow-storm.

The two tugs, La Mars and Laverne, owned by Vancouver, B. C., Tug and Barge Co., were grounded in the storm late Friday near Kemano, site of the huge Aluminum Co. of Canada power project.

A tugboat was standing by waiting for the storm to abate before going to the rescue, officials said here.

Radio contact with the north coast indicated both tugs were towing barges laden with heavy and expensive machinery for the aluminum project near Kitimat and Kemano.

'Copter Service Planned for LA
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A helicopter passenger service will be inaugurated here late this year or early in 1953, C. M. Belinn, president of Los Angeles Airways, announced Saturday.

Belinn said his company Friday accepted delivery in Bridgeport, Conn., of a CAA-certified Sikorsky model S-55 10-passenger craft which will cruise at 88 mph and has a top speed of 110 mph.

He estimated it would cost \$3.42 per person for hops between Pasadena and Los Angeles international airport, \$6 for a Riverside-San Bernardino to Los Angeles run and \$3.98 from Santa Ana to Los Angeles. All the distances are less than 100 miles.

Fluoride Drugs Seized by State
Seattle — (U.P.) — The Washington State Pharmacy Board this month seized several drug products containing fluorides because of state labeling law violations, Board Chairman C. B. Halvorsen said Friday.

Some of the products were tablets to be taken like medicine, while others were intended to be mixed with drinking water. Halvorsen said. All were supposed to reduce tooth decay, he added.

He said the products were seized because of vague labels or incomplete directions for use. A proposal to fluoridate all Seattle's water supply was turned down by voters in the recent municipal elections.



HEARS GOOD NEWS — Kim Hunter receives telephone congratulations in her New York apartment after news of her Oscar award as best supporting actress of 1951. She won the movieland honor for her performance in the movie "Streetcar Named Desire."

Didn't They Drop The Kitchen Sink?

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Peking radio after consulting its encyclopedia, accused the United States Saturday of dropping germ-laden: Spiders, centipedes, flies, mosquitoes, fleas, small black insects, mites, bugs, lice, locusts, small grey mice, earthworms, balls of cotton wool, oak and pear tree leaves, sorghum leaves and chicken feathers.

The Grange

Live Oak Grange
The March 28 meeting of Live Oak Grange in Rogue River, was preceded by an officers seating drill, and was attended by 100 members and visiting Grangers. Guests included William Howes, State Grange overseer and Master of Gold Hill Grange; Claude Hutton, master Phoenix Grange; Ralph James, master of Sams Valley Grange; Herbert Carlton, Jackson County Pomona Grange master; and Roscoe Roberts, State Grange steward and county deputy.

Data regarding organic and chemical fertilizer was presented by Agriculture Chairman William Krauss. Frank Marshall reported on high prices and scarcity of feed for cattle, and Carl Christensen reported on the poultry situation. Charles Hockersmith, Phoenix Grange, and director of the Grange Co-op, gave the present status of Co-op business.

Mrs. Harry Nelson, H.E.C. chairman, stated the ham dinner was a complete financial success and thanked members for splendid cooperation.

Lecture program put on by Mrs. Boulter, lecturer of Enterprise Grange, included an interesting presentation of the history of Oregon by Mr. Hoover and an oration, "The Cremation of Sam McGee," by Jack Hitson and Dave Blair.

Next visitation meeting will be at Gold Hill Grange, Thursday evening, April 3. Lecture program will be put on by Mrs. Ione Black, lecturer of Live Oak Grange. All members were urged to attend.

Next meeting of Live Oak Grange will be on Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

Seattle — (U.P.) — William M. Holman has been elected as president of the Young Republicans of King county. He succeeds Lewis H. Johnson.

Judge Postpones Sheriff's Trial

Everett, Wash. — (U.P.) — Arraignment of Snohomish County Sheriff Tom Warnock and four members of his staff on charges of permitting two jail trustees to escape has been postponed two weeks by Superior Judge Tom Stiger.

Judge Stiger granted the postponement Friday on request of Will Lanning, Warnock's attorney.

Warnock, Undersheriff Earl Weaver and Deputies Lewis Flanagan, Charles Matlock and Angus McDonald are accused of allowing Donald Lee and Joe Guymelli to escape from a work party at the Evergreen fair grounds last August. Lee and Guymelli were trustees in the Snohomish county jail.

The prisoners are being held in the Skagit county jail as material witnesses in the case.

Israeli Student Will Get Award

Pullman — (U.P.) — Washington State college announced Saturday that a \$5,000 fellowship has been set up to permit an Israeli student to become an irrigation specialist.

Aluminum Company of America will underwrite the student's first year required to get a master's degree in agricultural engineering, and Palestine Endowment Funds, Inc., New York, is matching funds for the second year.

The fellowship specifically earmarks \$500 for vacation travel in western irrigated areas. The sponsors said the fellowship is a step toward aiding Israel to become agriculturally independent.

Meetings Planned On Fish Program

Seattle — (U.P.) — A series of meetings to review progress under the \$3,500,000 Washington State Department of Fisheries salmon rehabilitation program will be held next week in northwest Washington.

Director Robert J. Schoettler and members of his staff were to meet with representatives of the fishing industry, sports and civic groups and local and state government officials.

Meetings will be held in Bellingham, Tuesday; Anacortes, Wednesday; Everett, Thursday; and Kalama April 6. Two meetings already have been held in coastal communities.

CONTRACT AWARDED
Seattle — (U.P.) — The Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging company has been awarded a \$264,610 contract to renovate four Navy LSU's landing ships, utility, the 13th Naval District assistant industrial manager said Saturday.

100,000 Trout Ordered For Grand Coulee Lake
Kettle Falls, Wash. — (U.P.) — The Lions club here says it has ordered 100,000 kamloops trout from a British Columbia hatchery to dump into Lake Roosevelt

behind Grand Coulee dam. Club President A. J. Mikalson said some of the giant trout already are in the biggest man-made lake in the world, "but we want to increase the number with annual plantings."

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