Airplane Goal Said Lagging Behind Time Russia Could Strike

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Washington — (U.P.) — Defense budget testimony showed that the administration goal for reaching peak air strength is 18 months beyond the time when military men believe Russia will be strong enough to launch an atomic attack.

The gap would be stretched to three years of House cuts stand in the defense budget, according to Air Secretary Thomas K. Finletter's statement to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

Secret Partially Told

In seeking restoration of House-voted cuts, the joint chiefs of staff and Pentagon civilian leaders have partially revealed the secret calculations on which they decided a 143-wing Air Force was needed by mid-1954.

President Truman, before submitting the military budget to Congress, "stretched out" the aircraft program, and the goal for reaching 143-wing strength was pushed back to the end of 1955 or early 1956. Military men disagreed with the move but were silent until the House voted further postponement.

Possible Timetable Given

Then it began to come out piece-meal that military intelligence indicated mid-1954 as the time when Russia will be capable of unleashing a strong atomic offensive. It was accepted in deliberations by the joint chiefs that the time could be earlier or later, but from available data mid-1954 seemed the most likely period for the Soviets to attain a big enough A-bomb stockpile to risk an attack. To counter such an attack, the joint chiefs concluded 143 wings, ranging in size from 30 to 75 plans plus certain spares, would constitute a minimum U. S. Air Force.

Most Dangerous Period

"Russia's growing atomic capability," Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs told the Senate group, indicated "the general period of 1954 to be the most dangerous for the security of the United States."

In a follow-up, Munitions Board Chairman John D. Small spoke of the "very perilous period of time" and Finletter said the "national security is in danger" because of both Budget Bureau and House cuts.

New Trailer Scales Donated to 4-H'ers

A new set of trailer scales, donated for use by all Jackson county 4-H clubs by the Grange Co-op supply, was put in use yesterday, according to R. H. Cate, Jr., county 4-H agent.

The scales will be used to weigh steers, pigs and lambs which are fed for 4-H market classes. They were built especially for the club by the Oregon Technical institute at Klamath Falls and "feature many new devices which will be found desireable by members and leaders using the scales," Cate added.

The director of OTI has requested that the scales be exhibited at the Pacific International Livestock exposition "because of their workmanship," the agent explained.

The scales formerly used had been in use for 13 years, Cate said. The new scales were used Tuesday by the Gold Hill and Sams Valley clubs.

Post Office Carrier Examination Slated

An examination to fill a vacancy as substitute clerk-carrier at the Medford post office, at $1.61½ per hour, was announced today by the federal civil service commission. Applicants must reside within the delivery area of the post office.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Harry S. Walker at the Medford post office.

Coit Memorial Tower, on top of Telegraph Hill in San Francisco, is 210 feet high.

YMCA Again Planning Tots' Swimming Classes

Summer swimming lessons for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 8 will be held by the YMCA again this year, it was announced today.

Last summer, the "Y" taught more than 145 youngsters to swim.

Classes will begin Monday, June 9, and one class will meet Mondays and Wednesday from 9 to 9:45 a. m.; the other will meet Tuesdays and Thursday at the same hours.

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Bicycle Safety Parade Scheduled June 7th

The annual Medford bicycle safety parade, under the sponsorship of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, The Mail Tribune and Montgomery Ward and company, will be held Saturday, June 7, beginning at 1 p. m., it was announced today.

The parade, designed to promote safer bicycle riding, has the approval of the Medford Safety council and the Medford police department.

A bicycle will be awarded as first prize for the best and most originally decorated bicycle in the parade, according to Joe Matiere, manager of Wards. Other merchandise prizes will also be awarded, and will be displayed in Ward's window.

There is no registration fee, and a list of safety rules and contest rules will be given participants at the time of registration. The parade is open to any bicycle rider, and they may register at the sporting goods department of the store.

Vermont's first state public hanging occurred in Burlington on Nov. 11, 1808. The victim was a smuggler, Cyrus Dean.

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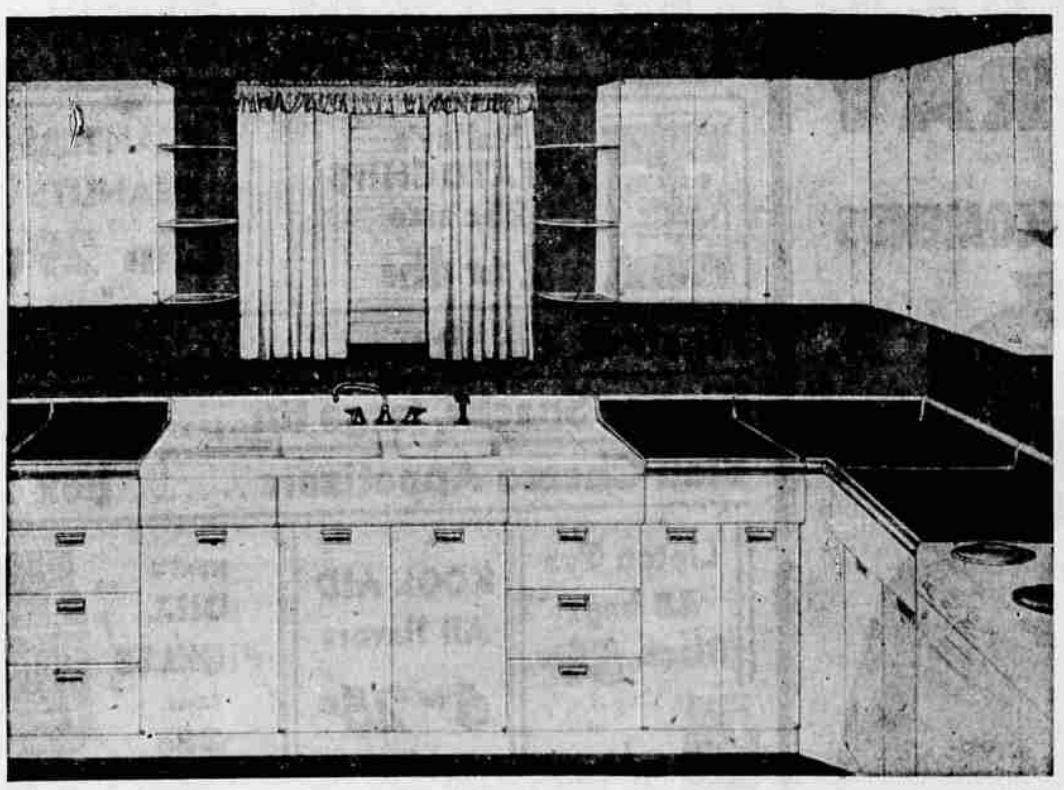

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