

1954 Said Critical Year For Possible Red War Plans

Those in charge of high level planning consider 1954 the critical year when Russia can sustain big scale, long range warfare.

This view was voiced by Col. Charles Stafford, head of the civil defense program in this area, in a luncheon address Tuesday before the Medford Rotary club.

Col. Stafford, speaking at the Hotel Jackson, reminded Rotarians that surprise is an important factor in modern warfare; that there was little advance evidence that the Japanese were planning to attack Pearl Harbor.

There are indications that Russia is in a position to attack, if they do at all, before the theoretical ready date of 1954. Unidentified aircraft have been observed over U.S. defense areas. Soviet fishing fleets have ranged into strategic waters, indications point to activity on the part of Russian submarines, and USSR merchant marine is concentrating in home ports.

The importance of being alert and prepared in view of these conditions was stressed by the civil defense director. Jackson county has today 11 of 16 planned ground observation posts in operation, but those on a 12-hour basis. These posts report direct to the Portland filter center the sight of only four engine aircraft. Two-way radio will eventually supplant telephone communications to assure service in event of bombing or sabotage of telephone lines.

Demonstrates Methods
Col. Stafford, with the aid of four simulated "observers" demonstrated the method used in charting the course of aircraft at the filter station. Ground observation posts are spaced on the basis of 10 square mile areas for efficient charting.

Public cooperation in reporting objects in the skies, so-called flying saucers, is sought by civilian defense officials in the hope of solving the current saucer mystery. Col. Stafford was introduced by Robert Duff, Rotary program chairman.

Talent, Costumes Still Needed for Footlighter Play

A sample of the talent to be used in the Footlighter's Summer show, "Only an Orphan Girl" was presented in the program of the organization meeting held at the Fairground Theater last night. Miss Ruth Kilbourn, newly elected president of the group presided.

Nostalgic songs by The Three Notes and Dad, rustic pantomime dancing by Danny and Geneva Neill and a flirtatious reading by Noreen Kelly, who plays the siren in the forthcoming melodrama, formed the sample program.

Dancer Needed
That a good soft shoe dance number is still needed for the olio acts to be used in connection with the show was announced by Miss Kilbourn, who said the show is "still wide open" as far as special numbers are concerned.

Miss Kilbourn also stressed a need for quantities of costumes of the 1890 period. A particular necessity is a bona fide frock coat for the villain, Gibson Girl blouses, skirts, bustles, a man's mackinaw and numerous other costume pieces will be much appreciated. Anyone wishing to loan or contribute costumes for the production may bring them to the Footlighter Theater at the fairgrounds or call Mrs. Earl Knight, Phone 2-2932.

Only an Orphan Girl is scheduled for presentation at the Jackson school the evenings of August 20, 21 and 22.

Young Demos Slate Special Meeting

Democratic County Chairman Guy Corliss has called a special meeting of Jackson County Young Democrats to be held at the Edward C. Kelly home, 908 West Fourth street, Friday, August 8, beginning at 8 p.m. With the younger wing of the party tagged to play a vital role in the coming presidential campaign, Chairman Corliss declares that reorganization for the purposes of campaign tactics is necessary.

The group will be addressed by Dr. Arthur Kreisman of Ashland on the subject of "Party Responsibility." Nominations for club office will be made and the Young Democrat's plans for the forthcoming All - Democratic picnic in honor of Judge Frank L. TouVelle will be discussed.



WOUNDED ON "OLD BALDY"—With the assistance of a Korean aide, wounded GI of the 2nd Division writhes in pain as he is helped down the muddy slopes of "Old Baldy" in Korea, after UN forces recaptured the strategic hill from stubborn Chinese Communist forces.

Pan American Stewardess Holds Mark for Air Travel

New York—(U.P.)—Ellen Murdoch, a dark-haired beauty of 27, flies through the air with the greatest of ease. She has logged the incredible total of 2,080,000 miles of air travel in seven years.

That's more miles than it takes to go around the world nine times, and Miss Murdoch's employer, Pan American World Airways, says she's flown farther than any other woman in the world.

Miss Murdoch calls hers a dream job. As an airline stewardess she commutes among the capitals of the world as easily as a New Yorker hops from borough to borough. She knows London, Barcelona, Rome, Brussels, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Johannesburg and Delhi as well as you know your home town.

Her frocks and hats bear Paris labels. She wears shoes made in

All younger party members below the age of 40 are invited to attend the meeting.

New Caboose Makes Life More Liveable

Toledo, O. — (U.P.) — America's freight trains are wagging a new tail these days.

Workmen in the Ironville shops here have turned out a

cuckoo clock from Germany, drapes woven in Arabia, and fine brassware from India.

Plenty of Leisure
"I have all this and leisure too," Miss Murdoch said during a brief stopover in New York City. She works an average of one day out of three.

Her trip is the New York to Johannesburg run. It begins at the New York airfield, two hours before takeoff time. A few hours later there's a short stop at Gander, Newfoundland, then the flight across the Atlantic either to Santa Maria in the Azores or Lisbon. She loves Lisbon.

Lisbon means brunch in bed, sightseeing tours and shopping, a late dinner at the hotel or some native restaurant and dancing at one of a number of fine clubs.

At Johannesburg, it's glamorous living again. Brunch in bed, a visit to the American consul's home for lunch, a drive to the gold mines, or a safari through a wild life sanctuary.

Meets Celebrities
With variation dictated by locale, that's more or less the life of an airline stewardess as Miss Murdoch knows it.

There's a celebrity aboard on nearly every flight. She's heard Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt explain the workings of the United Nations assembly as she sipped a cup of tea high in the sky. She knows the plot of Ray Milland's next picture; he told it to her himself.

Miss Murdoch never has encountered anything more alarming than an electrical storm in her thousands of hours in the air, but she says she always has to be prepared for the unexpected.

Movie stars sometimes misplace false eyelashes, and diplomats have been known to lose suspender buttons.

new caboose for the Nickel Plate Road that will make life at the end of a clattering freight more liveable for the brakemen. It's no Pullman but it sports features of comfort and safety that would have startled Casey Jones' contemporaries.

For instance, it has its own generator and electric light system. No more dangling lanterns. It has a brake light that turns on automatically and can be seen five miles. It has comfortable beds and screened windows.

One thing it doesn't have. The cupola, that little lighthouse affair on top of the car has vanished. Instead, it has sprouted bay windows on either side so the brakeman can look out and see hot boxes, derailments or what not.

Mining Engineer Seeks Titanium in This Area
A mining engineer from Maryland was in the Medford vicinity

Monday looking for titanium, a mineral used in the manufacturing of the titanic diamond, paints, dyes, and other items.

He was H. A. Neustaedter, who was here representing the St. Louis Smelting and Refining division of the National Lead company, Fredericktown, Md. Neustaedter and his wife visited Santo's Agate shop to obtain information on this mineral and then left to travel in southern Oregon in search of titanium.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

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