



**"THE CHIEFS" SAY GOODBYE**—In Washington, retiring chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Omar Bradley, left, and retiring Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins, center, salute the colors at parade in honor of their retirement. At right is Army Secy. Stevens.

## Radford Takes Duties Of Joint Chiefs Head At Simple Ceremonies

Washington — (U.P.) — A new team of generals and admirals, headed by Adm. Arthur W. Radford, took over the military high command Saturday with the assignment of taking a "new look" at the nation's entire defense setup.

Only simple ceremonies at the Pentagon marked the changeover in the membership of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But from the change may come decisions revamping national defense policies followed for the past several years.

### Radford New Chairman

New chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the first Navy man to hold the top military post, is the 58-year-old Radford who succeeds Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's turn to take the oath came an hour later. The former supreme Allied commander in Europe succeeds Gen. J. Lawton Collins as Army chief of staff.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining has already taken over as Air Force chief of staff, replacing Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg who retired June 30. Adm. Robert B. Carney, the fourth member of the new military team, will be sworn in Monday, succeeding Adm. William M. Fechteler as chief of naval operations.

**Must Study Planning**  
Upon the new Joint Chiefs falls the immediate task of re-evaluating, and perhaps revis-

## Nitze Sees Need For More Defenses

Washington — (U.P.) — A former top State Department planner said Friday night it would be "tragic indeed" if Russia's claim to the H-bomb does not spur America to build up its air defenses.

Paul H. Nitze, former chief of the department's policy planning staff, urged a boost of up to \$3,000,000,000 in air defense spending "over a period of years."

The essential element in an overall military program for the United States, he said, is "an integrated and effective defense against the possibility of overwhelming atomic attack."

Nitze outlined his proposals at the concluding session of a five-day seminar on "Soviet Imperialism." The conference was sponsored by the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University.

### Denver Man Named Benson Assistant

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson announced Saturday the appointment of Lorenzo N. Hoopes of Denver as his executive assistant.

Hoopes has been connected with agricultural marketing organizations for the last 20 years. He succeeds Daken K. Broadhead, San Marino, Calif., who resigned.

Hoopes, formerly of Twin Falls, Ida., and Maywood, Calif., is a native of Brigham City, Utah.

### LOW BIDDER

Portland — (U.P.) — Western Engineering Consultants, Eugene, was low of six bidders Friday for furnishing two five-man survey parties for work in the Amazon Creek area in Eugene. The Eugene firm's offer was for \$3,022, the Corps of Army Engineers said.

John W. Bliff, often called "King of the Cattleman" gained attention in 1870 by shipping dressed beef to Chicago in iced cars.

## U. S. Flyers Land In Russian Zone; Held by Commies

Heidelberg, Germany — (U.P.) — Two U. S. Army captains, engaged in field maneuvers near the Iron Curtain frontier, mistakenly landed their light plane in the Soviet Zone of Germany and were reported Saturday as "missing and presumed held by the Russians."

The two officers brought their L-19 liaison plane down on a super highway about six miles northwest of the border town of Hof and a few hundred yards inside the Soviet Zone Friday morning, an Army announcement said.

They have not returned and the Army said it can be presumed they are being held by the Russians.

An Army spokesman said he "assumed" the Russians already have been asked for information and requested to arrange their release.

Both men were assigned to the U. S. First Division. They were participating in First Division field maneuvers at the time.

The names of the two men were not disclosed, pending notification to their families.

## Communists List Exaggerated Claims Of U. N. Casualties

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Communist propagandists Saturday claimed the North Koreans and Chinese "volunteers" killed, wounded or captured 1,093,839 United Nations troops, including 397,543 Americans.

Quoting an announcement from "supreme headquarters" of the Communists in Korea, Radio Peiping and Radio Pyongyang also said Red pilots and anti-aircraft crews had downed 5,729 Allied planes.

### Ridiculous Boasts

Observers here considered the Communist boasts ridiculous.

The Communist count of 397,543 Americans killed, wounded and captured was more than twice the figure given by the Pentagon. Red claims on material also were considered grossly exaggerated.

The Communists' final summary of three years of warfare broke down the casualty list as follows: 397,543 Americans, 667,293 South Koreans, and 29,003 Britons, Turks and French.

### Claim Planes Downed

They said planes shot down or damaged included 12,213 fighters, bombers, reconnaissance planes, transports, artillery spotters, propaganda planes and helicopters.

The U. S. Air Force and attached United Nations units reported losing 999 planes during the war, only one fifth the Red figure.

## Liquor for Indians Measure Approved

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower Saturday signed into law a bill to let reservation Indians buy "firewater."

The measure wipes out a 19th century law which prohibited the sale of intoxicants to redmen in "Indian Country," a term that once meant large segments of the West but now includes reservations only.

While he was about it, the President ended another long-standing discrimination against Indians by signing a bill to allow them to contract for loans on cattle they own.

Still another measure which would let Indians buy firearms is awaiting Mr. Eisenhower's signature.

Another Indian bill signed by the President puts reservation Indians in five states, California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, and Wisconsin, under the same criminal and civil laws which govern other persons.

**ELECTION RECOMMENDED**  
Portland — (U.P.) — A special city council advisory committee has recommended a special election be held on an \$8,000,000 bond issue to finance a new sports and recreation center in Portland.

Vermont's first state house "was literally whittled out of use" historians say the holes made by jack-knives were "too big for putty and paint, too ugly to be agreeable."

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**RESERVISTS AT CAMP**—Members of the 382nd Quartermaster Battalion, local reserve unit commanded by Maj. Jack M. Hartley, recently participated in the annual field training program at Fort Lewis, Wash. The unit's mission is to supply the entire 304th Logistical Command while at camp. Pictured from left to right preparing administrative reports are Sgt. 1-C Paul Kurovsky, Capt. Jack Wood, WO (Jg.) Thomas Ness, Sgt. 1-C Herbert Robbins and Cpl. Herbert Wing, all of Medford.

## Lightning Storms Cause Small Fires In Oregon, California; None Said Serious

By UNITED PRESS

Widely scattered electrical storms late Friday caused a rash of small forest fires in Oregon. None of them was believed serious, however.

Ten lightning-set fires were reported in the Medford area and three around Klamath Falls. In Clackamas county, west of Cherryville, two fires were reported, one of them covering six to eight acres. Largest fire reported was an aftermath of the storms was one burning over 20 acres in Lane county, 20 miles west of Eugene.

### Federal Forest Fires

Federal forests had their share of trouble with 15 small lightning fires in the Umpqua national forest, 11 in the Rogue River forest and four in Fremont.

Guy Johnson, dispatcher for the regional forest office in Portland, said there was also considerable lightning activity in the Willamette National Forest.

Two fire-fighting crews reached the scene of a blaze in Hood River National Forest near Preacher peak. It was reported burning fiercely Friday afternoon and covered about an acre. Smoke jumpers from the forestry department station at Cave Junction dropped onto a fire on the upper South Umpqua river and one at Rocky Ridge. Supplies were being parachuted to other ground crews on still another fire on the South Umpqua.

Humidities below the 30 per cent danger point brought several automatic logging closures in the Willamette valley when readings of about 25 per cent were reported.

Sacramento — (U.P.) — Some 250 of 300 lightning-caused forest fires on federal lands in California were under control Saturday while 1,500 fire fighters battled 50 others still out of control.

One, a 400-acre timber fire, was raging east of Klamath, Calif., while 600 men sought to bring it under control. One hundred Camp Beale soldiers and 100 convicts from San Quentin, besides state and federal fire fighters, were fighting the blaze in Six Rivers National Forest, the Humboldt county sheriff's office said.

Meanwhile, state dispatchers said the fire situation appeared better Saturday, according to weather conditions. They said the lightning was caused by cold fronts from the north meeting warm air over California. They said the clash didn't materialize today.

Some 100 fires in the northern part of the state in state responsibility areas were out Saturday, they said.



**APPOINTMENT** of Republican Robert W. Upton, 68, Concord attorney, as successor to late Senator Charles W. Tobey is announced by Gov. Hugh Gregg, of New Hampshire. (International)

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