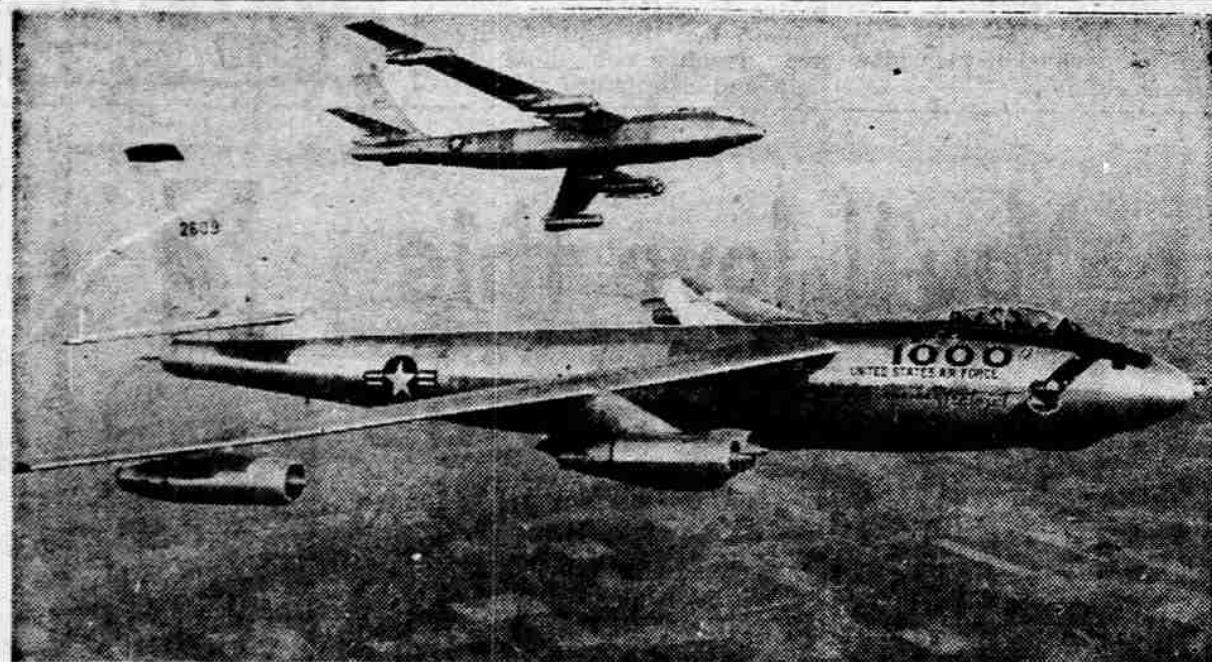


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BIG PAYLOAD—The 1000th Boeing B-47 Stratojet built at Wichita is shown in flight over Kansas before being turned over officially to the U. S. Air Force Dec. 17. Number 1001, an RB-47E reconnaissance Stratojet is in background. When number 1000 emerged from the plant it was decorated with \$12,000 in coins and bills donated by Boeing employees for the March of Dimes.

Cut in Armed Forces, Large Reserve Listed In Manpower Plan

Washington — (U.P.) — The Defense Department today unveiled a new military manpower program designed to hold active armed forces down to a "reasonable" size and build up a private-man reserve force of 3,000,000 men.

The program is designed, the administration feels, to prepare the armed forces for the long pull of the cold war or the sudden onslaught of global atomic war.

Under the program virtually all the nation's physically fit youth could expect to undergo some form of military service— as enlistees, draftees, or specially trained reservists.

The program will be submitted for approval to the next Congress which meets in January. The administration has put a priority tag on it.

The most important, and most controversial point in the program is the proposed establishment of a modified form of universal military training. This would provide that a limited number of youths could volunteer for six months of active training and then be compelled to serve 9½ years in the reserves.

A key feature of the program is to make mandatory the reserve obligation of draftees. Failure of draftees to participate

B-47 Crash Report Said False Alarm

McChord AFB, Wash. — (U.P.) — Officers of the 43rd air rescue squadron said today they consider a report of a B-47 crash in the rugged Blue mountain area some 32 miles west of Baker, Ore., a "false alarm."

Capt. Gene Lynch of the air rescue squadron said his unit sent a plane to search the area yesterday afternoon when first reports of a crash were received here.

The plane was unable to find anything, he said, and checks of all Air Force fields and civilian air fields in the region showed that no plane was missing.

Oregon state police still had received reports of a possible crash near Baker.

The first report was given by Lon Krise, operator of the Freeman power plant, who said he spotted a plunging vapor trail at about 2:20 p.m. yesterday and then a big puff of smoke about three miles from the power plant. Smoke rose for three hours from the spot, he said.

Checking of Voter List Under Way in County

A check on non-voting registered voters in the last election is now underway in the county clerk's office and is expected to be finished in about three months.

Persons who have failed to vote in the last two years will be notified by the clerk's office and given 90 days in which to reply before their names are stricken from the poll books.



USAF General's Statement Draws Fire From Russia

London — (U.P.) — Russia today registered a formal protest with Britain against statements by U. S. Brig. Gen. John D. Stevenson that his British-based Thunderstreak fighter-bombers are in the reserves after release from active duty would mean loss of veteran's benefits and a discharge other than honorable.

The broadscale "reserve plan" is called the "national reserve plan." It is the product of more than a year of study within the administration. It was unveiled at a Pentagon news conference by Wilson and Carter L. Burgess, assistant secretary of defense for manpower.

No Major Damage Listed in Bay Area As New Quake Hits

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A jarring earthquake rocked the San Francisco Bay area last night with an up and down motion that rattled dishes and wakened thousands from sleep.

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W. C. Marion, assistant seismologist at the University of California, said it was probably centered on the old Hayward fault near San Lorenzo. He said it was probably not connected with the quake that shook Nevada, California and three other Western states early yesterday.

Marion estimated the quake had a force of 3.8 on the Richter scale of 10. Yesterday's earlier quake measured between 6.75 and 7.

Don Sperry, who works in the 114-foot-tall control tower at Oakland Airport, said the tower "seemed to bounce up and down" in last night's tremor.

The most serious damage in yesterday's quake apparently occurred more than 200 miles from the center in Sacramento, Calif. The shock caused an estimated \$20,000 damage to a 9,500-gallon underground water tank at the city's filtration plant when supporting columns snapped and the roof settled to the water surface.

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Vatican City — (U.P.) — An abnormally fast pulse imposed new strain on ailing Pope Pius XII today. His doctors openly expressed concern because he has been weakening steadily for the past few days.

Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the papal physician, said the pulse rate of the Pope jumped to 104 beats a minute this morning. A rate of about 72 is considered normal.

Get-Em-Yourself Christmas Trees May Be Cut on BLM, National Forest Lands

Many Rogue valley residents have a family "tradition" of going out each year to cut their own Christmas trees. With prices of commercially sold trees ranging up to \$1 per foot this year, many others feel there's added reason to do so.

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growing stands of potentially valuable timber.

The forest service reports that the fastest and easiest way for families to find a tree of their own is to go to one of the five ranger stations in the Rogue River National forest, located in Ashland, Butte Falls, Union Creek, Applegate and in Klamath county. Rangers will give advice to those seeking trees as to the best places to look, and will issue permits for individual tree cutting without charge.

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Mr. Pickell was born in Kansas and entered the real estate business at The Dalles. He later was in the same business nine years at Weiser, Ida. The agency here is at 40 South Bartlett st. He was a member of First Christian church.

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Apportionment of cities' shares of gasoline and liquor tax revenues are made on a per capita basis, and Central Point stands to gain additional state revenues through the increase.

Estimated cost of the census, to be paid by the city, is \$645.

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Salem — (U.P.) — The court of Oregon accidents and injuries throughout S-D day Wednesday proved impressively the effectiveness of Oregon's recently installed teletype system, Assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy said today.

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Chou sent two cables to Hammarskjold in which he bitterly attacked the United Nations for condemning the imprisonment and giving Hammarskjold a mandate to seek an audience in Peiping. But he extended the secretary general a cordial welcome to visit Peiping.

The wording of Chou's inflammatory cable indicated he would say "no" to Hammarskjold's efforts to win freedom for the airmen.

At the same time, Chou apparently left the door open for discussions of four other U. S. airmen and several hundred U. N. personnel still held as war prisoners who were not tried by Red courts.

A Red Chinese "peoples court" convicted the 11 Americans on spy charges after the prosecutors claimed they were shot down in China and not in North Korea as the United States charged.

In asking Chou for the meeting in a cable dispatched to Peiping last Friday, Hammarskjold suggested a date soon after Dec. 26.

Propaganda Victory

Hammarskjold was expected to set the time and make other arrangements while in Stockholm. He has an appointment there with Communist Chinese envoy Keng Pao.

The first reaction in Asia was that Chou had scored a propaganda victory by agreeing to receive on his own terms the head of a world organization that has refused membership to Red China.

Nevertheless, Chou's invitation to Hammarskjold was expected to be received in the United States as good news.

Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, said "We hope this will mean progress in getting our men home."

Red China Condemned

"We wish Mr. Hammarskjold success in his mission," Lodge said.

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Group Supports New Constitution

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DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 394.94 up 1.80; 20 railroads 142.47 up 2.28; 15 utilities 61.62 off 0.03; 65 stocks 146.96 up 1.03. Sales today were about 3,730,000 shares compared with 3,390,000 shares traded yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Saturday. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 50.
Highest Yesterday 46
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