



EXCEEDING SPEED OF SOUND, new delta-wing Convair F-102A successfully undergoes test flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Cal. Interceptor is designed to fly day or night. (International)

New Superweapons Will Enable US To Carry Fight To Aggressor

Heidelberg, Germany — (U.P.)—New atomic superweapons will enable the U.S. Army to "carry the fight to the Russian," and "make any aggressor think twice before attacking," it European commander in chief said today.

Gen. William M. Hoge, commander of 250,000 American troops guarding the Iron curtain frontier in Europe, said the new 280-millimeter "Atomic cannon," the "Honest John" rocket and other Sunday punch weapons now in the hands of his forces would make Europe defensible further eastward than earlier thought possible.

In an exclusive United Press interview at U. S. Army headquarters for Europe, Hoge added that the addition of 12 West German divisions under the Paris arms treaties would put the free nations in a much better position to defend Europe east of the Rhine.

Soviets Have Men
Hoge warned, however, that the Soviet bloc with its estimated 225 front line divisions still has the preponderance of force and the advantage of initiative.

"We will never be the aggressors," the grey haired four star general said. "The enemy, therefore would always have the jump on us and we must assume he would make penetration at the

outset. But the possession of the weapons is a tremendous psychological boost.

"For the first time now our people are taking a forward look instead of merely thinking in terms of withdrawal. We can carry the fight to the enemy and anyone contemplating aggression would have to think

Man Presents Free Movies for Children

Canton, O. — (U.P.)—Finley L. Dietz put on free outdoor movies here during the past summer for children.

Dietz put a theater-size screen up on the side of a garage at his construction company and rented films from downtown distributors for \$15 a night or \$30 a week. He put up wooden benches and opened his yard to all the kids who wanted to come in.

The contractor opened the season shortly after school let out, and neighbors helped put on a party for the 500 youngsters who came the first night.

"I think bringing movies to the children here helped to keep them off the streets," Dietz said. "Once or twice neighbors complained about the noise to the police, but the police felt I am doing a community service and cooperated with me."

twice before attacking."

Hoge, a slow speaking native of Boonville, Mo., retires from the Army at the end of the month. The general, now 61, will be succeeded by Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, now 7th Army commander.

Veteran Fighter
He commanded assault engineers who captured Omaha beachhead in Normandy on June 6, 1944, and headed an armored combat team that seized intact the vital Remagen bridge over the Rhine river the following March. He also commanded the U.S. Ninth Corps in Korea.

New "muscle" added to the six divisions under Hoge's command now include five battalions of 280 millimeter cannon which can fire atomic or ordinary shells a distance of 20 miles and the newly arrived "Honest John" free-flight rocket.

Hoge said there was "every reason" to believe the Soviets also are experimenting along the same super-weapon lines as the United States.

"We have every reason to believe they have such weapons and we have reports that they are developing them along the same lines," he said.

Hoge would not go into detail on this or on any line east of the Rhine river which the West might now be in a position to defend.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Charlie Hamman, director of area research for Stanford Research Institute, tells the Oregon Guild of Building Craftsmen at a meeting in Portland that the Pacific Northwest is the land of the future.

Its population now, he said, is about 5,000,000.

By 1975, it will be nearly 8,000,000.

HE TOLD his hearers that undeveloped resources make it inevitable that the Pacific Northwest area will increase in population.

He added: "This trend will be stepped up by the gradually warming climate in the Northwest. This land up here will be the land of the future AS TEMPERATURES GET HIGHER AND THE RAINFALL DECREASES."

THAT brings up an interesting theory that is coming to be accepted by weather scientists. The theory is that the tropics are moving slowly northward.

It is supported by evidence that the seas are rising as the polar ice cap melts, that birds and animals hitherto confined to the more southerly latitudes are moving northward. Opposums, for example, are being encountered as far north as upper Michigan.

This change has been going on GRADUALLY for a couple of centuries or more, but is now progressing at an ACCELERATED pace. Each year, according to the now widely held theory, this northward movement of warmer and drier weather proceeds farther than it formerly proceeded in a couple of decades.

HERE is a MOST interesting facet of the theory:

As the warmer and drier weather moves northward, the dry belt to the south of it will GET DRIER STILL.

People will follow the water northward.

QUESTION is in order here. Just what is the Pacific Northwest?

PRACTICALLY speaking, the Pacific Northwest is the

watershed of the Columbia river. That may not be a precise geographical fact, but it is an economic fact.

That brings into the picture our own mythical State of Jefferson. This mythical State of Jefferson includes the watersheds of the Umpqua, the Rogue and the Klamath rivers.

These watersheds constitute an economic unit.

THAT prompts a thought.

As weather scientists contend—

Warmer and drier weather is moving northward—at a pace that in the past has been slow but is now much faster—it will reach us first. As the already dry areas to the south of us get drier still THERE WILL BE INCREASING COMPETITION FOR OUR WATER.

In the future, water will be MOVED from areas that are not using their water to the fullest possible extent to areas that want it and WILL use it to the fullest possible extent.

THIS thought in conclusion: We of the mythical State of Jefferson, which includes the watersheds of the Umpqua, the Rogue and the Klamath, better begin NOW to put our water to COMPLETE use. Complete use of water includes agriculture (irrigation), industry, power and recreation.

We have great resources—land, water, mineral, FIBER, unsurpassed recreational areas. Water will be needed for the development of ALL of them. Without water, our other resources will be valueless.

IT'S HIGH time NOW to begin to protect our water.

The way to protect our water is to put it to COMPLETE use.

TICKET SEEKERS

St. Louis — (U.P.)—Police in suburban Kirkwood were dumbfounded when three persons within 10 minutes reported their own cars parked in no-parking zones and asked for traffic tickets. Later, officers learned a scavenger-hunt was in progress. One of the required items was a parking ticket.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Back Stairs: Cafe View of Ike's House

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press White House Writer Washington — (U.P.) — Back-stair at the White House:

It was bound to happen sooner or later.

A woman and her small son were motoring through Gettysburg the other day and stopped at a roadside inn for lunch. It was a pleasant inn, with a broad picture window overlooking the famous battlefield and the rolling Pennsylvania countryside.

The waitress took their order and the manager came to their table.

"Down there is the President's house," he said. "Take a look."

Apparently, part of the establishment's regular service.

This will be more of a problem when the Eisenhower family moves into their farmhouse this spring.

Just imagine, trying to have a picnic in the backyard, knowing that out on the highway in a number of taverns contented tourists are following every hot dog through telescopes.

The President probably will have to plant a new row of trees around his house, not as a wind-break but as a tourist blind.

Former President Truman once tried to have a family picnic in the small backyard of his home at Independence, Mo. About the time Mrs. Truman was passing the potato salad, the Secret Service discovered a man in a tree across the street, watching intently through field glasses.

The man came down under the persuasion of the agents.

When Mr. Eisenhower delivered his State of the Union message last Thursday before a joint session of Congress, his speaking lectern did not seem to be as high as usual.

On television, he seemed to be looking down more than he normally does when reading a speech, and the angle gave his glasses an unusually thick look on TV screens.

Robert Montgomery, the White House adviser on television, usually elevates the reading stand to a point where the President, when he is working

from a prepared text, seems to be speaking more directly into the cameras than he was last week.

Mr. Eisenhower took 57 minutes to deliver his message. The White House had established originally that it would run only 45 minutes.

The third man, and usually unidentified, in most White House swearing-in ceremonies is Frank Sanderson, the administrative officer of the White House whose duties include administering oaths.

Sanderson is a tall, graying, and most dignified fellow. But he apparently knows an economic-in-government trend when

he sees one.

The White House recently has been redecorating a big conference room, the former cabinet room. Sanderson was observed the other day, down on his dignified hands and knees, ripping out carpet tacks with a screw driver.

HOME-MADE

Wichita, Kan. — (U.P.)—The peach cobbler Mrs. Ruth Sullivan baked on her 90th birthday was her production from start to finish. She had planted peach pits years ago, tended the growing tree, picked the fruit, canned it and then used a jar of the peaches for the birthday baking project.

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