

Watchdogs Guarding American Air Force Defense Installations

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Air Force installations, which are the heart of American defense against the H-bomb, are being guarded by the most ancient device in the world—watchdogs.

There are human guards, too, of course. But air policemen guarding bases of the Strategic Air Command are patrolling their watches with trained German Shepherds at their heels.

The dogs can sniff out a stranger in the dark more than

200 yards away.

The security-conscious SAC is the only command in the armed forces using dogs strictly for sentry duty. A program is under way to supply airmen sentries at SAC bases the world over with canine assistants.

Extra Precaution

Lt. William E. Mason, sentry dog project officer for SAC, said the dogs are a form of extra insurance that saboteurs will not sneak into SAC bases to delay America's counterpunch in case of atomic attack. Bombers from SAC bases would carry A-bombs or H-bombs to enemy targets in "instant retaliation" if there is war.

SAC's watchdogs have their senses trained to razor-edge acuteness. One dog can "secure" and area of 30,000 square feet. Most air policemen who have worked with the dogs believe they are as valuable or more valuable than a weapon.

Dogs selected by the Air Force are not necessarily pedigreed, but they must meet standards of the American Kennel Club and pass physical exams and intelligence and "friendliness" tests.

The dogs are given an eight-week basic training course at Camp Carson, Colo., and from there are sent to various SAC bases for advanced training.

Words and Gestures

Handlers use both words and gestures to give commands. If silence is needed a dog gets an order through a tug on the leash or a motion of the sentry's hands.

While a 200-pound German Shepherd is nothing to trifle with, the dogs are not trained as killers. They are taught to throw their quarry to the ground and stand guard over him until a sentry arrives.

Trainers have found that the dogs are not disturbed by the roar of jet engines, by gunfire or any of the other strange sights and sounds of an air base.

The dogs are "spelled" periodically like their human handlers but have been kept on duty up to 12 straight hours with a "high degree of effectiveness," Mason said.

So far the dogs have been put in service at SAC bases in the United States. But soon, like other soldiers, they will be subject to transfer overseas.

ILWU Children Get Prepaid Dental Care

Portland — (U.P.) — Children of longshoremen up to 15 years of age will get prepaid dental care in Oregon starting Feb. 1 under a pilot plan of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific Maritime Association.

Starting March 1, the program will be effective in Astoria, Bandon, Coos Bay, Newport, North Bend, Rainier, Reedsport and St. Helens.

Roland Smith, area director of the ILWU, said about 1800 Oregon children are eligible. The program will be financed from the joint welfare fund of ILWU and PMA.



AND THERE YOU ARE — Pleased as punch with their sculpturing are Sharon Reid, 3, (left) and Karen Delk, 3. They are putting finishing touches on snowman they built in the wake snow storm that touched Memphis as it streaked across the South.

American Forces Aid Rescue Of Flood Victims in France

Paris — (U.P.) — Flood waters of the Seine and Marne rivers have cut half the major roads into Paris, drove thousands of persons from their homes and rose toward their highest crest in 45 years.

The two rivers already have hit their highest flood crests in 31 years and with more heavy rain forecast by the weather bureau officials said the rivers would be higher today than at any time since 1910.

Maurice Cardinal Feltin, Archbishop of Paris, called on all Catholics to pray at mass today for relief from the floods.

Experts said there was hope that the floods would not reach the 1910 crest when much of central Paris was under water because the level of the Grand Morin, which caused the other rivers to jump their banks 45 years ago, Saturday, was dropping.

American forces rushed to the rescue of the thousands hit by the flood in the Seine and Marne river valleys.

The U. S. Air Force flew 300 life rafts and enough food to feed 5,000 persons for two days from its big Chateauroux base in central France to the Paris area.

About 150 volunteers from the U. S. Air Force base at Orly field joined Frenchmen in battling dikes and paddling through flooded streets to rescue isolated families.

ENTERTAINERS HONORED

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The comedy team of George Burns and Gracie Allen were honored last night at the Fairs Club's first "Mr. and Mrs." all-charities testimonial dinner. The \$100 a plate dinner was attended by 1000 persons, most of them prominent entertainers.

He pointed out that Nike anti-aircraft defense have been set up for other West Coast areas, and stressed the industrial importance of the Portland area.

"While I appreciate the fact that Portland does not have the industrial capacity of such cities as Detroit or Pittsburgh," he wrote, "yet those industries in the area are of major importance."

It is a center for production of aluminum, he said, and Bonneville dam is a "key installation" in power production for the entire Northwest including the Seattle Aircraft industry.

"It would appear only logical that this area should be placed high on your priority list for the next Nike installation and I would appreciate your consideration of this matter," he concluded.

4-H Club News

Fern Valley Club

Fern Valley 4-H Club met January 12 at the home of Lester and Leona Schleigh. Leona Schleigh led in the flag salute and Ronald Dougherty read the minutes. Refreshments were served and games were played.

Gene Holt Reporter

Antelope Club

Antelope 4-H Club met January 20 at the Antelope school house for the regular monthly business session. The Beef club conducted the meeting with President Tessie Ragsdale presiding and David Woolfolk acting secretary. Roll call was answered by each member telling what projects they are taking, also weight of their steers and how much feed they are feeding.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Antelope school house with Mrs. Coffman and Mrs. Edith Bohner serving. Bill Bigham handed out record books and 4-H calendars, which are given out by Flurer's Bakery. Tessie Ragsdale and Judy Bradshaw lead in relay games and then Mrs. Wallace Ragsdale, Leonard Bradshaw and Bob Fisher served refreshments.

Bob Hayes Reporter

Sew and Sew

The Sew and Sew 4-H club met at the home of Susan Gifford Jan. 15. The lesson was on making scarfs. Mrs. Van Dyck and Mrs. Zelma Kenner, the new assistant leader, gave the lesson. Refreshments were served by Susan.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Eileen Ballance Feb. 5. The next lesson will be making stuffed animals. Miss Brooks will visit at this meeting.

Judith Van Gordon, Reporter.

Grange

Eagle Point Grange

Eagle Point Grange H.E.C. will meet at the home of Cara Bitterling on Jan. 28, at 1:30 p.m. Carol Clymer, the new chairman, will be in charge of the meeting, and as many members as possible are urged to attend.

Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange will meet January 25 at 8 p. m. A basketball game is planned for lecture hour.

Some important news, and a report that is vital to the community will be given. Everyone is urged to come to the meeting.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSEY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Robert Mitchum, current unemployed actor, was gallantly defended today by two of his beautiful co-stars. The ladies think he's a "perfect gentleman."

Mitchum is jobless through circumstances nobody can agree upon.

His employers, producers John Wayne and Bob Fellows, say he left the picture by mutual agreement. Mitchum says he quit over differences of opinion. His co-workers say he was fired because he pushed a workman into 20 feet of cold water on the movie location of "Blood Alley" near Sausalito, Calif.

But Shelley Winters and Ann Blyth have risen to his defense. "I guess he just picked the wrong time to kid around," decided Shelley, who acted with the sleepy-eyed actor in "Night of The Hunter" last fall.

For Underdog

"I was told he was sticking up for the crew because this man had not been nice to them. Mitchum is a great one for the underdog. He's always befriending people who've been pushed around."

"On our picture he was always on time, never late. He kidded around, yes, but never before serious scenes. He never held up production. He worked late many times and helped me with my scenes that were supposed to take place at an Evangelist meeting. I didn't know anything about those things, so he told me."

"He had tremendous respect for the director, Charles Laugh-

ton. Mitchum really is a serious person.

"I think he'll get an Academy Award for that picture," she added. "He's so good as the villain, I get scared just watching the rushes."

Shelley insisted she didn't see any of the Mitchum shenanigans reported by other set workers, such as his reportedly opening a door by pulling it off the hinges, and also booting Shelley in the behind. Instead she spoke of the day he brought his children to watch "Night of The Hunter."

Devoted Father

"He's cruel to the children in the picture so he explained to his kids 'Daddy really isn't like that,'" said Shelly. "He's a devoted father."

Another Mitchum fan is gentle Ann Blyth, who co-starred with the colorful actor in "One Minute to Zero."

"I feel sorry for him," she said.

"I can't imagine what this is about. I'm sure whatever he did he was sincere and believed he was right. I don't know the circumstances."

"But when I worked with him he was a perfect gentleman. He always knew his lines. He has the nicest manners and always was considerate of me."

"Every time he sees me he always comes right over and asks about my new baby, Timmy," she beamed. "I think he's wonderful."

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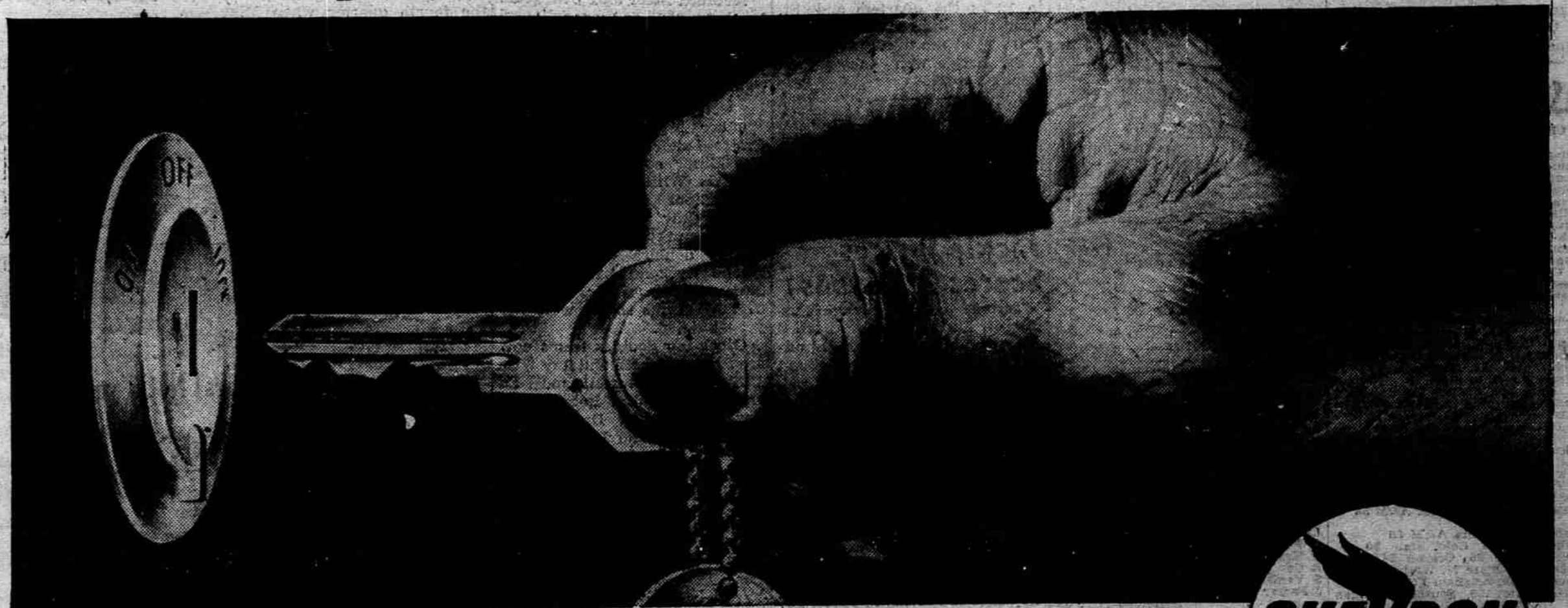
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