

# Air Force Developing Atomic Force Designed To Prevent, Win Small Wars

## Importance of GOC in National Defense Stressed at Meeting

The importance of the Ground Observer corps in the nation's defense system was stressed here last night by Lt. Col. Albert B. Sporer, USAF, at a meeting in observance of the first anniversary of the Medford GOC post.

Lt. Colonel Sporer, wing commander at McChord Air Force base, Wash., declared that "one call from a civilian plane spotter could sound the alarm that would give our interceptor pilots in Continental Air Defense command more time to challenge the invaders in the sky before they reached their targets. One call could alert the Army anti-aircraft batteries in time to swing into action."

### Could Save Bombers

He pointed out that "One call might save our long-range bombers from possible destruction on the ground—give them a chance to strike back at the enemy in his own territory. One call could give local civil-defense organizations more time to sound the air raid warning."

Lt. Colonel Sporer noted that "Every minute between initial detection and the time it takes the fighter to reach the proper altitude, means that the bomber is that much closer to his target." He added that "The further out we have detection, the more readily an area can be defended."

A feature of the anniversary meeting, held at the Medford VFW hall, 42 North Front st., was presentation of an American flag to the GOC by the Medford VFW post. The presentation was made by Cecil Bell, VFW commander, and was accepted by Earl A. Sterigere, of the GOC.

Mayor Earl Miller welcomed the guests and spoke briefly on the meaning of Civil Defense. He congratulated those who were interested enough in their country's welfare to stand GOC watches, especially those who watch at night.

County Judge Rodney Keating, local commander of the Naval Reserve was also present. He has just returned from two weeks of active duty.

County Commissioner Shy Northland introduced Colonel Charles E. Stafford, director of Civil Defense for Jackson county, and he in turn introduced the various people working under him.

Those working in Civil Defense with Col. Stafford include Assistant County Director B. L. Nutting; education and information, Elliot Becken; communications, Jack Creager; transport, J. H. Fritze; security, Howard Gault; health, Dr. E. A. Morkel; engineering, Paul Rynning; fire marshal, Lewis L. Simpson; aid and welfare, Blanche D. Lyman; administration, W. B. Tucker; control center chief (ra-

dio), Dwight Albright. Plans were made for the formation of a Red Cross first aid class for GOC observers. LeRoy Williams and Barry Bingham spoke on the importance of knowing first aid. It was stated that last year 19 instructors gave

## Dodele Guilty Of Manslaughter; Leniency Urged

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — Jerry Dodele, 17-year-old Timber youth, was convicted last night of manslaughter for the Nov. 11 shooting of Peter Ribbers.

In an unprecedented move the entire jury of nine women and three men asked Judge Arlie C. Walker for leniency. "Our hearts go with the boy," Mrs. Dorothy Chapman, jury foreman, said. "And we hope you give him leniency."

Judge Walker set sentencing for the early part of next week. The boy could get up to 15 years imprisonment and a fine of \$5000.

**No Emotion Shown**  
Jerry showed no emotion when the verdict was brought in, but his 42-year-old mother, Virginia Dodele, sobbed in her wheelchair. She recently suffered a broken leg.

Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman said the boy intended to enter the armed services if acquitted. He maintained throughout the trial that young Dodele had been plied with beer the afternoon before Ribbers was shot.

District Attorney James K. Gardner argued that the evidence all pointed to Jerry as the person who entered Ribbers' home with a borrowed gun and shot him when the 64-year-old man came home.

## Export Program Figures Prepared

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department is prepared to defend its export programs with figures showing that the world has reverted to peacetime buying habits.

Hearings open tomorrow before the Senate agriculture subcommittee on the department's policies covering cotton exports. Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.) said he hopes the committee can learn why all farm exports have dropped off while industrial exports are up.

Department sources said today officials will point out that world agriculture has recovered from the setback it suffered after the Korean war and that the need for American products has been gradually diminishing.

44 series of lessons. It takes 18 hours of instruction to receive a first aid certificate and 45 hours of instruction to become an instructor.

Medford Police Chief Charles Champlain was thanked for his department's aid and cooperation in checking the post at night and in providing transportation for observer in emergencies.

**GOC Wings Presented**  
Major Robert E. Stafford, detachment commander of the Air Filter center, Portland presented GOC wings to J. D. Conner, W. J. Cline, Elaine Christiansen, Paul C. Chinn, Joe Greeny, Dorothy Griffith, Lewis Kula, Harry Long, Beverly Morris, Lavonne Mercer, Alice McKnight, Isabel Ross, Lillian Sterigere, John Summerfield, Larry Tolle, Julia White, Anah Mae Templeton and Lois Hart.

Also introduced were Harley Harper, Major General Joseph Hicks (USAF-ret) Major George W. Manuser, squadron commander of GOC at McChord Field; Captain Walter Andes, USAF and civil defense liaison officer, Salem; Capt. Heminway, Reserve Training Center, Medford; Oren Chastain, police chief of Central Point; Leo Webster, governor of Loyal Order of Moose, and Mrs. Claire Eldridge, senior regent of the Women of the Moose; and Lt. Lew Ayers, and Sgt. Bernard Moore, Air Force men who work with the GOC in Medford.

Members of the GOC posts at Rogue River, TouVelle Park and Grants Pass were also present.

**Entertainment**  
Entertainment was furnished by Colleen Hope's Dance studio with numbers presented by Gail DeRusche, Marlene Davis, Glen and Debbie Rader, Patty Hilton, Linda Durkee, Walter Knight, Linda Gray, Gene Kimbrail, Prentice's Accordion Band played several selections before the meeting opened.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Ray A. Daniels and her committee composed of Mrs. Ferol Staine, Mrs. John Dickson, and Mrs. E. C. Coffman. Refreshments were donated by Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose, Seventh Day Adventists Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Flowers, Mrs. Bruce Merrifield, Mrs. Stanley Parish, Mrs. Robert B. Morris and Kay Sutton. The Groceria donated a large, decorated birthday cake.

Officers of the local post are Earl Sterigere, post supervisor; Mrs. Lucille Brock, chief observer; Mrs. Pearl Orr, secretary and public relations; Mrs. Eric de Place, publicity.

Before the GOC meeting a dinner was held in the Medford hotel for the Air Force people and was attended by the city and county officials.

## Fighters, Smaller Bombers Can Stop Local Aggressors

Washington—(U.P.)—The U.S. Air Force is fast developing a new type of atomic striking force designed to prevent or win "small" wars in much the way its big bombers are geared to deter or win global wars.

Strategists who believe the Strategic Air Command has deterred an all-out Russian attack now argue that the fighters and smaller bombers of the Tactical Air Command similarly can stop of destroy local aggressors. Tactical planes now carry nuclear weapons with the destructive power of thousands of World War II bombers.

Broadly speaking, the mission of the strategic aircraft is to wreck destruction deep in the heart of the enemy homeland; tactical aircraft operate closer to the front.

**An Outline of Tactics**  
Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, is said to have given congressional committees recently a broad outline of the new concept of use of tactical airpower.

When the day comes that Russian strategic air power can act as a sort of counter-deterrent to America's, it is argued the Communists are likely to turn to increasingly bolder aggressions on a local scale. Fear of mutual destruction might prevent either side from direct attack on the other's homeland.

In those circumstances, tactical air forces with both nuclear and conventional weapons can be quickly brought to use against military targets anywhere in the world that aggression is started.

Gen. O. P. Weyland, U.S. tactical air commander who commanded the Far East air forces during the Korean war, now is tailoring air striking units to fit the new concept.

**Anywhere — In 24 Hours**  
It is so designed that tactical air strategists envision air task forces based in the United States which could put their weapons on enemy targets anywhere on the fringe of the Communist world 24 hours after receiving orders.

A typical force might comprise 25 aircraft of varied types including jet fighters, jet light bombers, tanker planes to refuel the combat ships in flight, cargo planes to move supplies forward, reconnaissance planes.

This force, as has been demonstrated by jet fighters, could span either ocean in less than a day, refueling in flight. Fresh crews, transported to the scene in jet transports, could take over the combat planes and go into action immediately on arrival. Cargo planes could carry supplies to keep the outfit in operation for 30 days.

**Can Retain Power**  
By such means, air strategists believe, the United States and its allies can retain the balance of military power even though an atomic deadlock deters either side from using super weapons on the other's cities and industries.

This concept thus holds out the possibility that if there must be war they can be "controlled wars."

The new air strategy appears to fit with other military ideas now developing. The Navy plans small task forces of about a dozen ships built around super air-

## Florist Firm Sold By Clyde Leonards

Sale of Leonard's Flowers, 235 North Bartlett st., to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Thomas, Medford, was announced today by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Leonard. The Leonard's opened the shop there five years ago and have operated it since.

Thomas stated this morning that the shop would be managed by Mrs. Stanley Shafer, Medford, who has had considerable experience in floral work.

The Leonard's stated that they have no plans for the present.

## Union Oil Announces Two New Gasolines; To Go On Sale Friday

Union Oil company will offer two new brands of gasoline, both with increased octane rating, starting Friday, it was announced here last night at the firm's annual sales meeting for distributors in this area.

The new brands will be known as Royal 76, the premium brand, and 76000 Regular, the house, or regular brand.

Royal 76000 replaces the former 7600 as Union's premium gasoline, and 7600 Standard replaces Union 76, which has been the firm's standard gasoline for many years.

**Plan Price Boost**  
The gasoline will go on sale in this area starting Friday. The price for each brand will be one cent a gallon higher than the present prices for 7600 and Union 76.

Royal 76, the new premium brand which will be purple in color, an innovation introduced recently by Union in its Royal Triton motor oil, has been jumped to within reaching distance of 100 octane. Octane rating of the new 76 Regular has been increased by five numbers over that of Union 76.

It was pointed out at last night's meeting, held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, that the increase in octane rating for the standard brand will move it up to near a premium grade in octane number.

**Planned Four Years**  
The change over to the new brands has been in the planning stage for four years, and they were developed at a cost of more than \$70,000,000, according to company officials present at last night's meeting.

**GRANGE**  
Griffin Creek Grange will meet Thursday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. Members who have surplus vegetables, etc., on hand are asked to bring them to the meeting, with price on, to sell for a new altar cloth. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Mero will serve refreshments.

H. E. C. met last week with Hannah Slyter with a good attendance. Mrs. Ralph Dillon was co-hostess. Next H. E. C. meeting will be at the Rupert Maddox home on Sterling road with Mrs. Clyde Sturgill assisting her.

## State Leaders Make It Clear Taxes Probably Going Higher

Portland — (U.P.) — Three of Oregon's top leaders made it clear that taxes probably are going up when they spoke at a Chamber of Commerce forum here yesterday.

Gov. Paul Patterson, Senate President Elmo Smith and House Speaker Edward Geary all stressed a single theme: That if the people continue to demand more governmental service, they

must dig down in their pockets to pay the bill.

They outlined Oregon's financial crisis with its looming budget deficit of between \$50,000,000 and \$65,000,000 and said that taxes would have to be raised to meet it. But none of them would say what kind of new taxes would be adopted.

House Speaker Geary said he favored adoption of a bill now before the Legislature which would permit an emergency clause on tax bills, thus preventing application of the referendum to them.

Senate President Elmo Smith said the reason for Oregon's present financial difficulty was that the huge cash surplus built during the war years has run out and now "the day of reckoning is at hand."

**Foundation Said Firm**  
Gov. Patterson, speaking last, said the financial foundation of the state "is a firm one." He contended that people "should be willing to pay a few more dollars to live in this state."

The Governor expressed confidence that whatever tax program is adopted by the Legislature "will be sound and the

best that could be devised under the circumstances."

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