

# New Air Force Academy To Start Next Week at Lowry Air Base

Denver — (U.P.)—The U.S. Air Force Academy goes into business next week with a first year class of 301 cadets who will study and live for the next couple of years at the Lowry Air Force Base here. The permanent site for the academy, a 17,000-acre tract of rolling ranchland at the foot of the Rockies just north of Colorado Springs, should be completed in 1957. The official opening ceremony Monday will mark eight years of intensive planning, research and organization and the culmination of the dreams of military airmen going back to the early 1920s.

Main speakers will be Secretary of Air Harold Talbot, Lt. Gen. Nathan Twining, U.S. Air Force chief of staff.

There also will be brethren from West Point and Annapolis, founded respectively in 1802 and 1845. A corps of 50 cadets from the military academy and 35 midshipmen will march for the newly sworn air cadets.

**Began in Earnest**  
The drive for an academy of the air to turn out top flight military aviation men of the future began in earnest in 1947 when the Air Force won its "independence" from the Army.

First studies were by a committee headed by Dr. Robert Stearns, Colorado University president, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then head of Columbia University.

Their report ultimately led to a congressional authorization of \$128,000,000 to establish the academy. President Eisenhower signed the law on April 1, 1954, and brought out of retirement one of his classmates at West Point, 66-year-old Gen. Harmon, to take over as first superintendent.

In the meantime, plans had gone ahead steadily to work out a curriculum. It was devised over a period of five years by faculty head Brig. Gen. Don Zimmerman. The courses were chosen and reviewed by professors from Columbia and Stanford Universities and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Gen. Zimmerman said the cadets will spend most of their time in "the areas of social humanities and scientific studies." There will be more emphasis on English courses than at West Point or Annapolis. The students will spend the regular four years, spread over eight 17-week semesters and 2799 hours of classes. They will receive bachelor of science degrees.

**Aerial Training**  
In addition they will master a course in airmanship which will lead to a rating of aerial navigator.

But they will receive only 25 hours of light plane pilot training. The skills of flying today's supersonic jets is something they will learn after graduation from the academy.

That was one of the disputes when arguments were hot and heavy over the permanent site of the academy. Critics of Colorado Springs, nestled right against the towering mountains, said it was no place to teach flying. It took some time to get over the point they would not be flying there.

There were also arguments

that water supplies were not adequate and that Colorado Springs was too cold and the air too thin for the cadets.

The Chamber of Commerce had scarcely refuted these objections when criticisms began of the architectural designs for the buildings unveiled in scale models by the firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Talbot and other Air Force officials approved them in general.

**Factory for Birdmen**  
But one critic said the academy would look like a "mammoth drugstore on stilts." Frank Lloyd Wright, who lost out on the bidding, said it looked to him like a "factory for birdmen." The accordion shaped chapel drew blasts from clergymen and Colorado Gov. Edwin C. Johnson termed it "an insult to religion."

Talbot wearily replied that there would be charges and modifications before construction began.

The new superintendent has been flying since 1917 and saw aerial service in both wars. He also has a long record as an instructor. Now Gen. Harmon undertakes the tremendous task of getting a third military academy on a par with Annapolis and West Point.

As at the other academies, congressmen will nominate candidates. For the first six years the Air Force is okaying 10 nominations instead of the usual two. That will produce more than 5000 applications each year from which a class of somewhat more than 300 per year will be chosen.

The academy already has plans for a big athletic program including 15 separate sports. The football team, necessarily a freshman one this year, has former San Francisco Forty Niner Coach Lawrence "Buck" Shaw and an eight-game schedule for this fall.

## Copper Producer Strike Declared Not Red Inspired

Denver — (U.P.)—The strike of 30,000 members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union against copper, lead and zinc producers in Western states is not the work of Communists, a mine-mill spokesman said last night.

Bernard Stern, research director for the embattled union, and mine-mill public relations director Rod Holmgren spoke on a program broadcast by Denver radio station KIMN and carried by 10 other Colorado stations.

**Union Expelled**  
Six years ago the CIO expelled the mine-mill union, charging that it was infiltrated by Communists. Since then one mine-mill official has been convicted of falsely swearing to the National Labor Relations board that he was not a Red, a former official is awaiting trial on a similar charge, and several mine-mill officials have been summoned before a Denver grand jury for questioning about a secret matter.

Holmgren said last night that he could not determine whether there were still Communists in the mine-mill membership of 60,000 plus in this country. But he denied that the union was Communist-dominated.

**Members Not Questioned**  
The independent union, which has been fighting raids by CIO unions in Western states recently does not question its members "on matters of race, religion or politics, and therefore does not attempt to decide the political affiliation or theories of its members," Holmgren said.

Negotiations between the mine and mill union and Kennecott Copper, American Smelting and Refining and Phelps-Dodge, three of the "big four" copper producers, were broken off Tuesday. A strike against their plants have been in progress since last Friday, idling about half the mine-mill membership.

Stern admitted that the union's demand for 26 cents an hour in pay increases and other benefits was more than the CIO had obtained in recent automobile and steel industry settlements. But he said the union had "amassed figures to definitely show that the copper industry could easily afford" the 20-cent hourly boost.

## President Nominates Two for Promotions

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower has nominated Maj. Gen. George W. Read Jr., to the rank of lieutenant general while serving in his new post as commanding general of Allied land forces in Southeast Europe. Read was named to succeed Lt. Gen. Paul W. Kendall who is retiring.

Mr. Eisenhower also nominated Rear Adm. Maurice E. Curtis for promotion to vice admiral while serving as deputy commander-in-chief and chief of staff of the Pacific Fleet. He replaces Rear Adm. Herbert G. Hopwood who is being reassigned.

## World War I Vet Finally Gets Medals

Portland — (U.P.)—A World War One veteran who was told in 1923 he had been awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for combat action, finally

received his medals yesterday. Frank Lechneider, 72, said the medals arrived by air mail from Washington, D.C. "I guess they sent them by air to make up for lost time," he said. Lechneider said he wrote every 10 years or so "because he didn't want to appear impatient."



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Interest Earned	2,864,497.87
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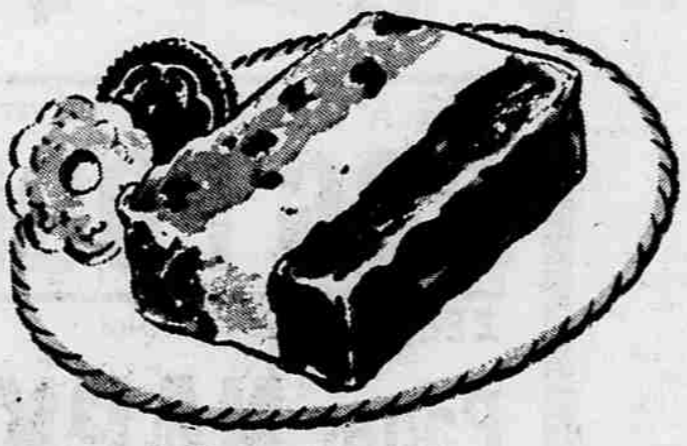
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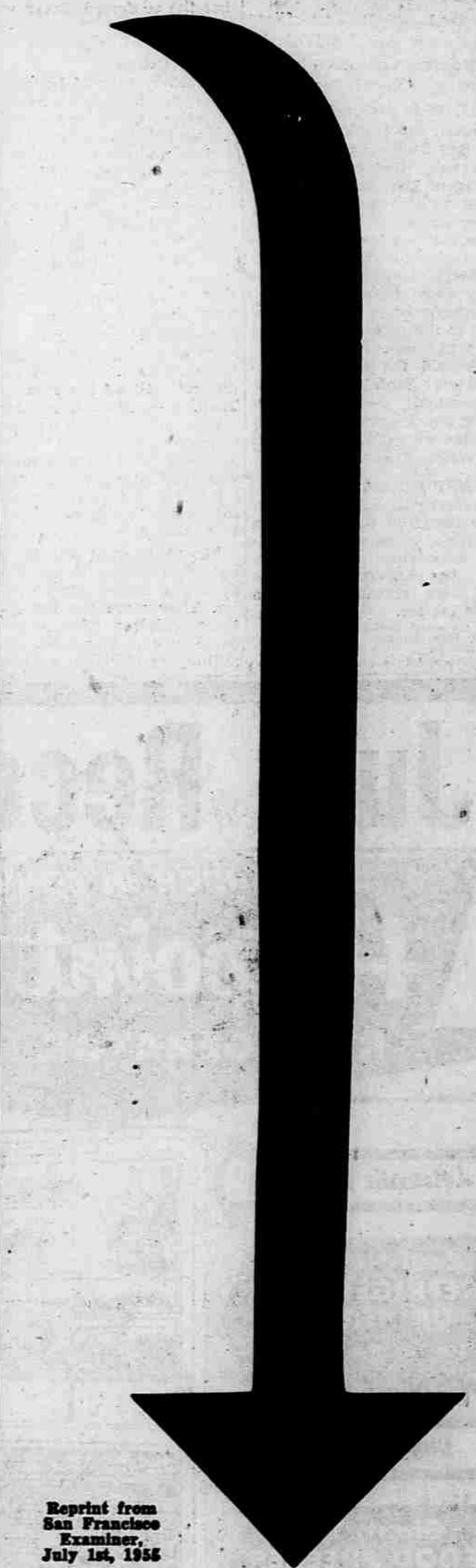


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## Cigaret Ads To Papers

LOS ANGELES, June 30. — (AP)—Cigarette Manufacturer O. Parker McComas, president of Philip Morris, Inc., says his company is shifting much of its advertising from radio and television to newspapers this year and next. He told newsmen yesterday that his firm believes more people read newspapers than listen to radio or watch TV. "Consequently, this year we will more than double our newspaper advertising and I feel certain the results will show our thinking was correct," he said.

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