

United States Armed Forces Across Threshold Into Guided Missile Era

Record Amount Being Spent To Beat Russia Out

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Washington—(U.P.)—The U. S. armed forces are well across the threshold into the guided missile era. They are spending record sums this year in an effort to pull ahead of Russia in the grim race to perfect these "ultimate weapons."

Under development are almost human missiles not yet publicized but far more fantastic than the six types of robot weapons already in the hands of U. S. combat units.

The deadly "birds," as military men call them, are likely to revolutionize warfare in the 1960's. The big question is whether Russia will have them first.

Missile Work Expanded
Concern about Soviet progress was reflected in Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson's order last month for a "substantial expansion" of Army, Navy and Air Force work in missiles, both for the 5,000-mile "intercontinental" range and the 1,500-mile "intermediate range."

The same concern could be read between the lines of President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress, which disclosed that the armed forces will spend an "unprecedented" sum of \$1,300,000,000 on missiles during the year beginning July 1. That is an increase of nearly 40 per cent over the current year.

And the figure represents only actual purchases of missiles—not the additional hundreds of millions spent on research.

Congress is ready to vote all the armed forces need for these "push button" weapons. Both the Senate and House Armed Services committees already have ordered investigations of the missile program, with a view toward finding out if this country is lagging behind Russia, as some lawmakers have charged.

No Foot Dragging
Probably no one in this country can say with certainty how far Russia has gone in the missile field. But top military officials deny emphatically that there has been any foot-dragging in the U. S. effort.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army chief of staff, said on Jan. 10 that the Army is putting "everything we've got" into missiles work.

Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, chief of Naval operations, says "the long dry spell in missile development is over." The new missiles will "stagger the imagination," says Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Army research chief. The missile era is "very much at hand," Assistant Air Force Secretary Trevor Gardner has said.

Atomic Warheads
If war came today, automatic weapons would be used in a variety of air defense and bombardment missions. But they would chiefly supplement aircraft and artillery. Neither missiles nor trained "missileers" are plentiful enough yet to be a major force in their own right.

That day will come when there is an inter-continental ballistic missile that can span the Atlantic, say in half an hour and drop an atomic or hydrogen warhead on a target area no more than 10 miles in radius. The development task is forbidding, involving tremendous problems of power plants, materials that will not evaporate when streaking through the atmosphere toward their target, automatic celestial navigation systems, and correct mapping of target areas. But there is no longer any question that such a weapon is coming.

But even if Russia started war today, guided missiles would strike out at her bombers over North America. They would bombard her troops moving into Western Europe. They would reach some of her air bases.

Six Missile Types
There are six kinds of missiles now in the hands of deployed combat units. They are:

Army Nike: Anti-aircraft rocket guarding 13 major cities and four air bases in the United States. Range is about 25 miles and it can reach planes at 50,000 feet. It can be "commanded" from the ground.

Army Corporal: Bombardment weapon for battlefield use. Can strike targets to 50 to 100 miles distant. A jam-proof rocket, super-sonic like the Nike, can not be stopped once it is launched. Assigned to troops in Europe. Can take atomic warhead.

Air Force Matador: A 600 to 700-mile-an-hour pilotless tactical atomic bomber with jet engine that flies about 600 miles. Units in Europe.

Launched in Paris
Navy Regulus: A submarine carried cousin of the Matador. Two missile subs, Barbero and Tunny, are operational. A third is building.

Navy Terrier: Anti-aircraft missile launched in pairs from the newly-commissioned cruis-

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March of Dimes Coming Events

Events scheduled during the next few days to raise funds for the March of Dimes include the following:

Jan. 31—Mother's March, scheduled in all county towns between 7 and 8 p.m. Bucket of Bucks dances, Jacksonville Community hall, music by Phil Anderson's band; Jackson hotel Pioneer Room, music by Belle Van Dyke's orchestra; Rogue Valley ballroom, music by Melody Wranglers, Junior Chamber of Commerce; to award a steer at the dances.

Feb. 4—Lion's auxiliary dinner at Live Oak Grange hall, Rogue River. Dancing and entertainment in conjunction. Starts at 5 p.m. Dange, Shady Cove VFW hall. Food sale, Shady Cove cleaners, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Portland Burglary Squad Quizzes 1000

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland's "thug-busting" squad was credited today with questioning about 1000 persons and making five arrests a night since the squad was formed Jan. 17.

Police Chief Jim Purcell said there were three arrests and an assault the day before the squad was formed. Since then, four minor holdups have been reported. Two of them were solved quickly with the arrest of four men.

Purcell said the squad, which consists of 100 men in marked and unmarked cars, is designed to prevent holdups.

Prior to Jan. 17, the chief said, 25 businesses had been held up and robbed since Nov. 1.

Rogue River Flood Control Meet Delayed

A meeting of the Rogue River Flood Control and Water Resources association with fishing and hunting interests, tentatively scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday at Rogue River has been postponed, Faye I. Bristol, association chairman, has announced.

The meeting, which was intended to allow various interests to air their opinions of a flood control dam on the Rogue River, was postponed because of the inability of state and federal fish and game officials to attend at that time, Bristol said.

er Boston. A supersonic radar beam rider, accurate to about 20 miles. A second Terrier-carrying cruiser, the Canberra, will be put in service next year. Destroyer Gyatt is being converted for Terriers.

Navy Sparrow: Carried by aircraft. Deadly at five-mile range, reaching speed close to 2000 mph.

Successors to all these missiles and a flock of new types are coming along fast. Some will see service in the coming year.

Quotes From the News

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Washington—Prime Minister Anthony Eden, who absent-mindedly forgot to raise his glass for a traditional toast to the President, on President Eisenhower:
"Your chief is very much on the ball. As long as we stand together there ain't too much to worry about."

Washington—British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd on the Eisenhower-Eden talks:
"If we stand together, there is almost anything we can do together. If we fall apart or if we are driven apart, then there is no danger which may not befall the free world."

Washington—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson in a eulogy to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the 74th anniversary of his birth:
"It is apparent to every American that Franklin D. Roosevelt was one of the giants of all time... a leader of courage and conviction."

Washington—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack on the anniversary of the late President Roosevelt's birth:
"He epitomized the hopes of the average persons."

Washington—Rep. Thomas A. Jenkins (R-O) on the difficulty of keeping a check on the refund gasoline claims of farmers:
"If a farmer is dishonest and wants to cheat, he can do so. But it won't pay. There's not enough involved... farmers should not abuse it, and I don't think they will."

Sewickley, Pa.—Mrs. Hulda Vos, 39, mother of 11 other children and grandmother of three, on giving birth to triplets:
"Now I want to get a bigger house and then get all my children back together again."

New York—Quiet Manager Walt Alston of the Brooklyn Dodgers, on his sudden new-found popularity since the Dodgers won the World Series:
"I didn't know until this winter that there was so much difference between the minor leagues and the majors and between finishing second and finishing first."

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Tony Curtis, the poor Bronx tough boy turned movie star, is back from Europe with a load of culture and the discovery that it's cheap for tourists after all.

Most returning travelers grouse about how Europeans make a fast buck from naive Americans. But Tony and spouse Janet Leigh, formerly young marrieds from a world bound by Ciro's and fan magazines, lived for five exciting months abroad. They not only acquired culture, but got it inexpensively.

"You can eat anywhere very cheaply," insisted fast-talking Tony as he stretched on the couch of his living room.

"Wonderful little restaurants. Little hotels. Why do people complain they get cheated? On the boat I went down to third class to talk to a young New York attorney and his wife who were going over on less than \$1,000 for the entire trip. Most anybody who saves can go to Europe these days."

Bought Paintings
Tony and Janet's acquisitions: "We bought a bunch of paintings. Well, actually lithographs. By Picasso, Matisse, Braque, very cheaply," the kid from the Bronx said.

"Janet also brought drums and sculptures from Africa. And we took 3,500 photographs."

His biggest bargain, he thinks, were two German cars. One is a tiny three-wheeled bug he picked up for \$650 as a surprise for Janet when she arrived in Paris, after finishing a movie in Africa. The other is a plushy \$8,600 model—at least \$2,000 cheaper than I'd pay for the car in this country."

"When we drive the three-wheeler in Beverly Hills cars pull over to the side to ask us what it is," he laughed.

Used Wrong Greeting
The curly-haired actor even picked up a smattering of French. He can rattle off the French words for "laundry," "raccoon" and "brassiere" but the use of this vocabulary mystifies me. The word for "brassiere" he thought meant "good morning" and he used it as a greeting for weeks in Paris until he was wised up.

On this culture trip Tony worked in Hecht-Lancaster's "Trapeze," filmed in Paris with possibly the best role of his career. The bobby-soxers will be delighted to hear Tony wears tight tights and floats through the air on a trapeze.

Besides thinking Paris living is cheap, Tony has another unusual observation. It's popular to deplore Italian film stars. But Tony says of his co-star, Gina Lollobrigida, "She's wonderful. An earthy, good actress. I had the wildest time with that woman. I liked her."

Portland—(U.P.)—West Coast Telephone Company has applied to the public utilities commissions of Oregon and Washington for authority to sell \$5,000,000 in securities to finance an \$8,000,000 construction program for 1956.

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