

Russian Army Said Equipped With Deadly New Weapons Family

Washington — (U.P.) — U. S. Army sources have disclosed that Russia has equipped its huge army with a "deadly new family of weapons" in a vast modernization program for atomic age warfare.

Some military authorities believe that the new Russia emphasis on mobility and increased firepower may explain the Soviets' professed willingness to cut down the numbers of men in its standing forces.

"The Soviet re-equipment program is an accomplished fact," Army sources said. "These weapons are now at the disposal of Red army units, not on the drawing boards or in the initial stages of production."

The new Soviet army, it was said, is organized not for defensive but for offensive tactics on atomic battlefields.

The new weapons include two "devastating atomic artillery pieces," according to data in Pentagon files. One is a 203 millimeter gun which has a range of about 16 miles. It can hurl an atomic shell almost as far as the much bigger and heavier American 280 millimeter atomic cannon. The other is a 240 heavy mortar, the largest caliber weapon of its type in the world.

Along with new trucks, a giant helicopter and new lightly armored amphibious vehicles, the new weapons make the Russian army a highly mobile force which is a far cry from the horse and cart Russian army of World War II, the U. S. Army sources said.

Dr. McAulay Plans Australia Trip

Ashland — Southern Oregon college's director of teacher education, Dr. John D. McAulay, will sail from San Francisco August 3 for Canberra, Australia, to participate in the International Exchange program of the federal government under a Fullbright grant.

Before leaving for Australia, Dr. McAulay will teach a six week's summer course in school curriculum, social studies, and methods at the University of Tennessee.

Enroute to Australia, Dr. McAulay and family will visit Hawaii, Tahiti, Samoa, and Pago Pago. Upon arrival he will be stationed at the University of Melbourne through December, the University of Tasmania until March, and will finish out his teaching stint at the University of South Wales.

Dr. McAulay will serve as consultant, evaluator, and teacher to teacher education institutions in New Zealand beginning in June. His classes will be concerned with the philosophy and psychology of the American public school system with some emphasis on history.

Spring Concert At McLoughlin Junior High Set Friday

The annual spring concert by the music department of McLoughlin Junior High school will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the school.

A total of 300 singers will present a musical program featuring the seventh grade chorus, the eighth and ninth grade girls chorus, and the eighth and ninth mixed chorus. Ray Lewis will direct the choruses and Melody Pierce will be the accompanist.

The 85-piece concert band, under the baton of Al Huntmann, will present five numbers. Included in their program will be a novelty number featuring Loretta Ayres, an eighth grade student, at the piano. Other numbers will include three marches and "Eroica" which is based on the main themes from Beethoven's third symphony.

Cadet Band
Huntmann will also direct the cadet band in its appearance on the program. The group recently received a superior rating at the Southern Oregon College Music contest, and will play three numbers in the spring concert.

John Drysdale will lead the combined Hedrick and McLoughlin orchestra which contains 70 members. They will play three selections, one of which will be "Excerpts from the Sixth Symphony" by Tschai-kowski.

The public is invited to attend.

Applications Being Received for Jobs
The civil service commission has announced that applications are being accepted for agricultural engineering research positions for duty in the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C., and in other areas.

Positions are also open for aeronautical research scientists. Additional information and application forms, including instructions on how to apply, may be obtained from Chester W. Sullivan, at the Medford post office.

New York's New Super Highway Attracts Truckers

Albany, N.Y. — (U.P.) — New York state's new super-highway from Buffalo to Yonkers is attracting more and more truck traffic.

The state Thruway Authority said the "solid operating economy possible on the 427-mile route has been demonstrated factually, and big trucking firms are switching their operations in increasing numbers to the new super-highway from former routes over other highways."

The reason for the switch, the authority said, is that truck operators are realistic businessmen, and they do not make changes unless there is a saving in money and more efficient operations.

A number of large trucking firms have made test runs on the Thruway and have compared the results with tests made on other roads between the same two destinations.

General Electric Co. in Schenectady was one. It ran trucks from Schenectady to Williams-ville, near Buffalo, over regular roads and made comparisons with a delivery over the Thruway between the same two points.

The Thruway saved the truck 38 miles of travel. It saved 14.2 gallons of fuel, 298 gear shifts, 142 brake applications and 69 full stops. Also, on the Thruway the truck averaged better than 10 miles an hour faster, and saved four hours and 29 minutes for the round trip.

Advantages Listed
A similar test was made by Riss & Co., of Kansas City, which claims to be the nation's largest regular route motor carrier. Equal savings in time and money were reported by the firm which hailed the Thruway a "tremendous advance" in transportation.

"New York state pointed the way to better transportation systems along with Pennsylvania and New Jersey," said Robert B. Riss, president of the company. "The examples set by these states should help accelerate similar projects by other forward-looking state administrations throughout the nation."

The Thruway Authority pointed out that the Thruway is exempt from the state's weight-distance tax for all toll mileage travelled on the highway; a charge account system is provided for toll charges which gives trucking firms an accurate billing and provides them with a record of vehicle routes; there is greater safety.

The ride is smoother, has fewer curves and stops, an especially important thing for truckers who have to cart such commodities as eggs, canned goods, bottled goods and similar types of fragile materials.

The Authority said the road also provides a better utilization of manpower by permitting faster trips which are less tiring and makes possible longer runs than on other roads.

There also is an efficient communications system set up on the Thruway, making it possible for trucking firms to keep in contact with home offices.

'Vacation Land' Is Theme of Festival

Phoenix — "Vacation Land" will be the theme for the annual Phoenix Festival parade May 26, according to Warren and David Haggard, parade chairmen.

Residents and organizations are invited to register floats in the parade to compete for a trophy and cash awards. The 32-inch gold trophy was won three times for permanent possession by the Phoenix Garden club but the club decided to keep the trophy in circulation and released it to be awarded again this year.

Participating floats and decorated cars will be judged on beauty, design and execution of theme, originality, and use of decorations and color harmony. Candidates for queen for the Festival are selling tickets.

Prizes will be awarded May 26 during two dances. A modern dance is being held in the community building and a square dance in the grade school gym. Entertainment will be provided during the day on the grounds of the community club.

Three of Four Families Own Television Sets

Washington — (U.P.) — About three of every four American families own television sets, the Census Bureau reports.

The bureau said Tuesday it found in a survey last February that 35 million of the 45 million households in the country had one or more TV sets. Only about five million families had sets when the bureau made its first such check in 1930.

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