

Defense Spending To Increase; Manpower To Be Less Next Year

Washington — (U.P.) — Defense spending will rise but the number of men in uniform will drop next year as a result of further U.S. emphasis on air-atomic power to prevent war.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson laid down this military blueprint at a news conference Tuesday in discussing the outlook for the fiscal 1958 defense budget which goes to Congress in January.

Although the nation will continue its shift to air-atomic strategy, the United Press learned that the Pentagon is preparing

to reduce the planned overall size of the U.S. Air Force.

Both defense and Air Force officials are convinced that cuts in manpower and numbers of air

combat units will be possible because of the incredible power and variety of atomic weapons and guided missiles.

The view of these officials is this: U.S. air power now is so gigantic that it could "kill" Russia, probably four times over. The power of weapons and quality of planes and missiles will increase.

Regardless of the size of Russia's air forces, the Soviets know it would be suicide to start a war. Consequently, there is a point beyond which the United States need not go in the size of its air forces either to deter war or to destroy an enemy who starts one, large or small.

Next Summer
The present prospect, author-

ities said, is that the Air Force will reach its 137-wing goal next June 30 and later gradually fall back to a smaller number as the newer weapons become avail-

able. The Air Force now has 916,000 men, 59,000 under its authorized ceiling.

Wilson told his news conference that cuts are coming, starting in the year beginning next July 1, in the 2,815,000-man U.S. military organization. The secretary said that there is an upward trend in military spending without "any doubt" and that the Pentagon will ask Congress for more than the \$36,000,000,000 it expects to spend this fiscal year.

"The trend is also to emphasize new weapons and air power and save manpower," he said. "There is some trend downward in men in service."

EDITOR DIES
Toledo, Ohio — (U.P.) — Funeral services will be held here Friday for Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo Blade for the past 30 years. The 74-year-old editor died in a hospital here Tuesday of a heart ailment.

Stassen Agrees Ike Made Position Clear

New York — (U.P.) — Harold E. Stassen said today he agreed with Mr. Eisenhower that the President has made his position perfectly clear on Stassen's "dump Nixon" campaign.

"It's perfectly clear that President Eisenhower is waiting for San Francisco and wants an open convention in regard to the vice presidency," Stassen commented when told of Mr. Eisenhower's response to a morning press con-

ference in Washington. Stassen said he was "very encouraged" by "mounting response" to his campaign to obtain the GOP vice presidential nomination for Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts. Stassen is on leave as the White House disarmament representative while waging his campaign against Vice President Richard M. Nixon's candidacy for reelection.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force has named 11 bases where Strategic Air Command bomber units will be stationed under a new dispersal plan.

The plan, announced Tuesday, is designed to reduce the command's vulnerability to attack by correcting the present "overcrowded" base situation.

The Air Force did not say how many bombers would be placed on each base, but it said personnel strength would range from 1,500 to 2,000 for each unit. The moves will take place from late 1957 through 1959.

Sites Selected for SAC Bomber Units

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force has named 11 bases where Strategic Air Command bomber units will be stationed under a new dispersal plan.

The plan, announced Tuesday, is designed to reduce the command's vulnerability to attack by correcting the present "overcrowded" base situation.

The Air Force did not say how many bombers would be placed on each base, but it said personnel strength would range from 1,500 to 2,000 for each unit. The moves will take place from late 1957 through 1959.

Oregon Road Deaths 216 in Seven Months

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's 1956 traffic death toll has passed the 200 mark.

The state traffic safety division said today that street and highway accidents claimed at least 31 lives in July to boost the seven-month toll to 216.

Safety officials said the July toll was 15 below the toll for July last year.

On the strength of the July reduction noted so far, however, the state's toll for the first time this year stands below that of last year at the same time when 220 deaths had been recorded.

Flying Boxcar Crash in Florida Takes Five Lives

Boca Raton, Fla. — (U.P.) — A C82 Flying Boxcar, used in a spraying program for the last two months, crashed and burned near the airport here today, killing all five persons aboard.

The plane apparently was trying to land with one of its two engines in flames.

The victims were pilot Charles William Day, Oakland, Calif., co-pilot Ray Forrest Howrie, Haywood, Calif., and John Tichner, Warren and Al Johnson, all of Miami.

The plane left the Marine Air base near Miami at dawn for the 35-mile hop to Boca Raton, where spraying operations were to be conducted today. Tichner, Rogers and Johnson were en route to work in the spray mixing operations at the Boca Raton airport and were aboard only for the short hop.

The plane, owned by the United Heckathorn Co. of California, normally carries a crew of two during the spray operations. It was one of three planes brought here from California under contract to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to help eradicate the Mediterranean fruit fly.

The firm Tuesday began the sixth round of spraying some 200,000 acres of fly-infected areas.

The firm said spray operations were halted today but probably would be resumed Thursday.

Before this accident, the planes had flown for two months at low altitudes over southeast Florida without mishap.

Chicago Polio Soars Past 600

Chicago — (U.P.) — Health authorities redoubled their efforts today and urged the inoculation of city firemen as Chicago's record polio outbreak climbed past the 600 mark.

Dr. Herman Bundesen, president of the Board of Health, recommended the immediate vaccination of firemen with Salk polio vaccine. His recommendation was specifically aimed at those firemen manning fire ambulances and members of rescue squads.

Twenty-seven new polio cases and three deaths were reported Tuesday, raising the total for this year to 609 persons stricken with the disease and 16 deaths. This compared with 170 cases and 11 deaths for the corresponding period in 1952, the city's worst previous polio year.

Bundenen also announced that 355 of this year's cases have been paralytic. He said, however, that only 59 of the victims suffering paralysis from the disease received Salk vaccine. Of these 59, Bundesen said, none received the full series of three shots, 12 had two shots and 46 received one shot.

d'Ewart Appointed Agricultural Aide

Washington — (U.P.) — Wesley A. d'Ewart, former Montana congressman the Senate failed to confirm as an assistant secretary of the interior, today was appointed special representative of the secretary of agriculture on drought matters.

The appointment was announced by Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse.

d'Ewart quit the Interior Department last week after Congress adjourned without acting on his appointment by President Eisenhower to be an assistant secretary to that agency. d'Ewart gave up his seat in the House in 1954 to run for the Senate against Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.). Murray defeated him in what was described as a bitter campaign. Murray opposed his nomination as assistant secretary.

d'Ewart had been a special assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson before he was nominated to the interior post.

His new post does not require Senate confirmation. He will receive \$12,500 a year as against \$15,000 in the interior post.

During fiscal 1955, 36,523 men successfully completed the fourth elementary grade in the U.S. Army.

TOP TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE



WHY SETTLE FOR 2nd BEST WHEN GENERAL ELECTRIC COSTS NO MORE?

Open Tonight Until 9 p.m.

Sale! General Electric Washers and Dryers



GENERAL ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC LAUNDRY
WITH FILTER-FLO WASHING SYSTEM THAT CLEANS AND REGLEANS THE WATER

Automatic Filter-Flo WASHER	AUTOMATIC CLOTHES DRYER
279⁹⁵	229⁹⁵
BIG CAPACITY FOR FAMILY SIZED WASHES	NEEDS NO SPECIAL WIRING OPERATES ON 115 VOLTS

GE FILTER-FLO WASHER

The most talked about Washing Improvement in Years... The exclusive G-E "Filter-Flo" washes clothes cleaner, faster and easier! Wash water is circulated and filtered automatically five times... Eliminates soap scum, lint, sand particles. Big capacity, too. Completely flexible controls allow you to skip, extend or repeat any cycle. Buy now and save.

GE AUTOMATIC CLOTHES DRYER

Plugs in like a toaster. Operates on either 115 volts or 230. Takes the guess work out of drying. You just set the dial and the correct temperature and heat selection is done for you automatically! Dries, fluffs, and sprinkles your clothes while you relax or do other things.

"YOU'LL ALWAYS BE GLAD YOU BOUGHT A G-E FROM HOME APPLIANCE"