

Boeing Top Defense Contractor; Shows Growing Military Emphasis

Washington — (U.P.) — Boeing Airplane Co., maker of the B-52 hydrogen bomber, was the top defense contractor in 1955, reflecting the administration's growing military emphasis on air-atomic power.

The Defense Department, in a rundown of the top 100 defense contractors in 1955, announced that Boeing contracts for 1955 totalled \$792,000,000.

The huge General Motors Corp., a top defense producer in the past, ranked 14th on the 1955 listing. But General Motors continued as the overall number one defense contractor in the period following the outbreak of the Korean war in July, 1950, with \$6,821,100,000 in defense contracts in the 5½ year span.

Ford Places Seventh

In 1955 General Motors was outranked by its chief competitor, Ford Motor Co., which, with large contracts for jet engines, placed seventh with \$472,000,000.

Publication of the list showed how the administration's "new look" military strategy has established aviation and missile firms as top peacetime defense producers.

Of the top 10 producers seven were aircraft companies. The other three were major producers of aircraft parts, missiles and electronic equipment.

North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles, manufacturer of supersonic fighters and guided missiles, was a close second to Boeing on the list with contracts totalling \$790,900,000.

With the air-atomic strategy in the ascendancy, aircraft and missile firms accounted for 34.9 per cent of \$13,286,600,000 in military contracts placed with all firms in 1955. That compared with 27.1 per cent during the three-year Korean war period. Boeing and North American alone took 10.4 per cent last year.

While companies with aircraft and missiles as their primary interest received more than a third of last year's contracts the list contained very few firms that do not have an interest in some phase of aviation—such as engines, oil and jet fuel, electronics, instruments.

Besides indicating the increasing concentration on air-atomic

EXIT PANTS MONEY

Middletown, O. — (U.P.) — Earl Margerum tried on a new pair of trousers in a men's clothing store and left his old ones in a booth while he pondered the purchase. He pondered too long. A pickpocket removed the wallet from the trousers in the booth and took the money Margerum was going to use to pay for the new pants.

TRY, TRY AGAIN

Detroit, Mich. — (U.P.) — "My safe just ain't safe," bar owner Ernest Smith complained to police after burglars had rifled his safe for the second time in two weeks. The first burglary netted \$995 and the second \$1,000. Immediately after reporting the latest burglary to police, Smith ordered a new safe.

New Insecticides Kill Fish and Wildlife

Harlingen, Tex. — (U.P.) — New insecticides being used effectively to kill boll weevils are even more deadly to fish and wildlife. Rio Grande sportsmen have been warned.

William H. Brown, assistant chief aquatic biologist for the Texas Game and Fish Department said spraying of crops in the lower Rio Grande Valley has taken a heavy toll of fish.

"One of the new insecticides is so deadly that one ounce in 75,000 gallons of water will kill every fish," Brown told the Valley Sportsmen's Club board of directors.

He said efforts were being made to prevent further such mishaps. He said most farmers were cooperative when informed of the danger and cited the case of one grower who ordered his aerial duster to cut off the insecticide 40 rows from banks of lakes and canals.

Minimum Standards For Auto Seat Belts

Olympic, Wash. — (U.P.) — The State Commission on Equipment has fixed minimum standards for motor vehicle seat belts and served notice that dealers who sell non-regulation belts can be charged with a misdemeanor.

Belts must be at least 1½ inches in width and have a tensile strength per occupant of 1,500 pounds.

The design of the buckle must incorporate a quick-opening mechanism and the belt must be installed rigidly enough to withstand a sudden thrust.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Editor's Note: Aline Mosby is on vacation. Today's guest columnist, Maureen O'Sullivan, reveals how she can work as an actress and bring up seven children, too.

By MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN

Written for the United Press

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The question I am asked most frequently is how I am able to successfully combine my married life— which includes bringing up seven youngsters — with a continuing career as an actress.

This does not take a super-human effort or an exceptional personality. It takes just a great deal of good common sense and an adult viewpoint shared by both husband and wife.

Understanding

It first is necessary to have a husband who does not consider it a blow to his pride that his wife has interests aside from her home life. Second, it is important that the career of the wife does not overshadow her husband's career. When this happens, watch out, the marital walls can tumble down very easily.

I most certainly do not recommend a career for a woman who has very small children. I

abandoned my career for some years until I was certain my youngsters had matured enough.

Movie and TV work takes you away from your home for days at a time. For instance, I'm now working on location at Lone Pine, Calif., in a picture for Columbia Studio, "The Captives." I would have turned down the part a few years ago. The children were much too young.

Proper Balance

I frankly admit that a career woman who spends eight hours a day away from home throughout the year has many more difficulties in keeping a proper balance. In my case, comparatively little time is taken from my role as Mrs. John Farrow. An occasional TV show or a movie role during a year is sufficient for me. I was an actress before I married and work before the cameras will always have a fascination for me. Fortunately, my husband understands this as he is a director and works with actors.

Last, but not least, it's essential that the actual business of running a home is not impaired when I leave for a film or TV role. I worked out a well-organized system which is put into high gear when I go off to the

sound stages. This takes a great deal of effort. The butcher, the baker and the host of other people I deal with in order to run a well-organized home are dealt with well in advance. I keep my accounts in order. Thus my household does not suffer.

A woman who runs a household badly because of a career may pay a big price for her ambitions.

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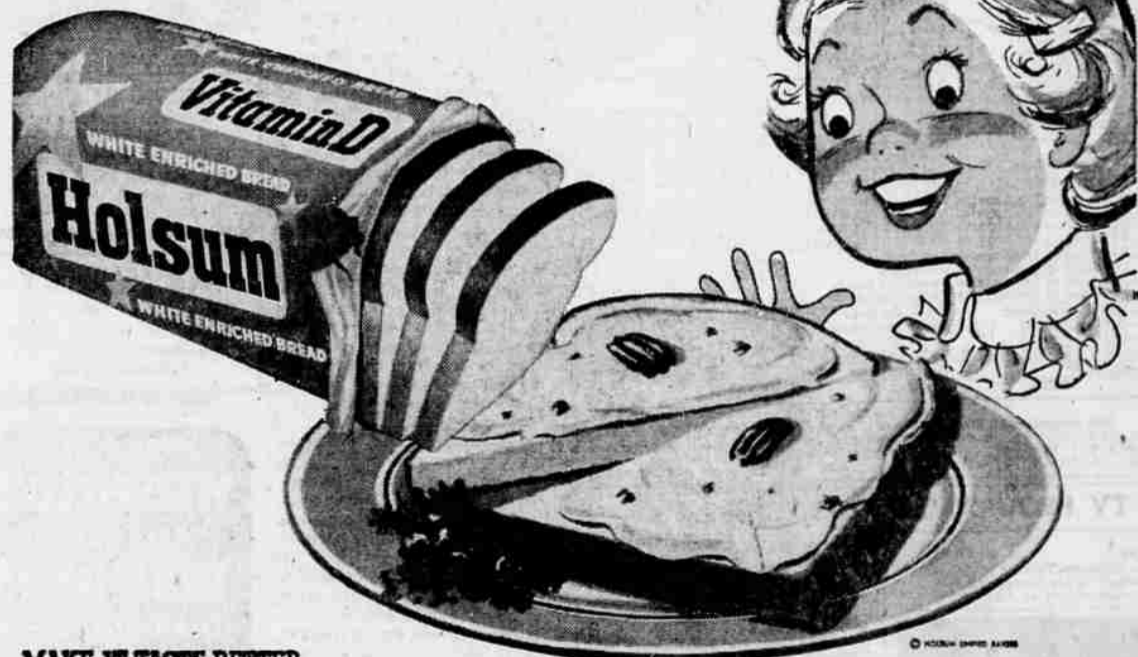
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