

Air Force Academy Beginning To Take Shape on Colorado Prairie

Washington—America's \$125-million Air Force Academy, matching West Point and Annapolis, is growing majestically atop a mile-and-a-half high mesa in the shadow of Colorado's Pikes Peak.

Structural steelwork for buildings where the nation's future air leaders will be housed and trained rises six stories above the sage and buffalo grass. Giant earth-moving machinery, sometimes working around the clock, is pushing and forming the resistant Colorado earth into shapes suitable for landing fields, parade grounds, and all the amenities and facilities necessary to a great university of the air.

Favored By Pioneers

Thus the dream of such pioneer airmen as the late Billy Mitchell and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, General of the Air Force, becomes reality.

It was the dream, too, of the late Secretary of Defense James Forrestal who took the first step toward creation of the Air Force Academy in 1949, when he appointed a Service Academy Board to plan such an institution.

The Board, whose members included Charles A. Lindbergh, inspected 400 proposed sites in every section of the country. The location ten miles north of Colorado Springs—where high prairies meet the Rockies—finally was chosen because of the vast

acreage available, community facilities near the site, topography, climate, water supply, and transportation.

The Academy, when completed, will be an added attraction to one of the most picturesque areas in the United States. Colorado Springs, with an area population of more than 100,000, already is host to 1,500,000 vacationists each year. It is the usual point of departure for the climb to the summit of 14,110-foot Pikes Peak.

Near by are such other interesting places as the Cave of the Winds, Cheyenne Mountain with the Broadmoor Zoo 6,800 feet up its side, Cripple Creek and its historic gold camp; the startling rock formations in the Garden of the Gods, now a park owned and maintained by Colorado Springs; and the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River. Cadets of the Air Force Academy will not lack for unusual places to go and see.

School Accessible

The area is served by a net-

work of fine highways and by air, rail and bus lines connecting with Denver and the major centers of population.

The Academy's bus service, inaugurated in May by Continental Trailways, is unique. Two articulated, German-built buses 60 feet long will make several trips a day, linking Colorado Springs and the Academy with Denver and Pueblo. The buses have everything to make a cadet and his friends happy—glass tops for the view, hostesses, snack bars, and seats that not only recline but also adjust sideways to accommodate any hip width.

Lowry Air Force Base in Denver is serving as the Academy's temporary home while construction proceeds at Colorado Springs. But by the summer of 1958, if all goes well, the glass, marble and stainless steel of the new Air Academy buildings will be in place, and some 1,200 of the nation's ablest young men will take up residence in an aeronautical training center without peer.

Jamaica Jumps As 'Satchmo' Plays

Kingston, Jamaica—Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong and his jazz trumpet had the island of Jamaica "jumping" today. Armstrong and his band are appearing at the Carib Theater and playing to packed houses.

But he drew his biggest audience, more than 100,000, at a public performance at George VI Memorial Park Tuesday night. The crush was so great 18 persons suffered broken arms, legs and other injuries and required hospital treatment.

"It was the biggest congregation of cats I've hit the horn for except down in Ghana," Armstrong said.

Armstrong and his band played in Ghana, when the former British colony of the Gold Coast gained its independence last March. They were one of the biggest hits of the freedom celebrations.

The Tuesday night show was sponsored by the Jamaican government for persons unable to pay the price for tickets to the Carib.

Minnesota has 508 tree farms with a total of 1,073,313 acres.

Russian Men Should Never Wear Pajamas At Dinner Table in Presence of Guests

Moscow—One of the hardest things to lay hands on in Moscow today is a little book with the misleading title, "For Hearty Living" issued by the "Society for Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge."

Had it been published in the United States it would have been called "Good Manners" or "Etiquette." It is hard to get because it is so popular.

It is the closest the Russians have come to Emily Post and they preface it with a note that while bourgeois manners are only a shrewd coverup for a "man's true face," the manners of the Soviet man "reveal his great culture."

Eat Heartily

On eating: "Some think that a guest should eat as little as possible. Nothing could be more contrary to good manners. When visiting, just as at home, satisfy your appetite."

On dress: "Men may wear pajamas about the house, but only with a shirt underneath. Pajamas are never to be worn at the table when guests are

present."

One of the curious things about this country is that Russian men use their pajamas for almost anything but sleeping. They serve as lounging clothes on long train trips and as that "little something thrown on" to go to the corner store for the morning newspaper.

On drinking: "Women should not drink vodka, cognac or other strong spirits. There ought to be red wine on the table for them."

This may fall on deaf ears. Ever since the war, the girls have been a pretty fair match at comradely toasts with their male companions.

"Drinking at the table is not compulsory. If you don't want to drink a lot and many toasts are proposed, sip just a little from your glass."

All well and good, but what

Although its rugged mountains have given New Hampshire the nickname "Granite State," it is sometimes called the "Mother of Rivers," because four important New England rivers start here—the Connecticut, Androscoggin, Saco and Merrimack.

about the hearty practice in the Soviet Union of bottoms up. To decline a toast is to insult one's friends.

Nudges Not Needed

On manners in public: "While talking with someone, there is no need to nudge his arm, slap him on the shoulders or touch the buttons of his jacket."

On dancing: "Refrain from gesturing with your free hand and assuming affected poses. Such affectations immediately betray a man's ill taste."

On relations with ladies: "Men must never make the acquaintance of a woman without her permission."

"When walking with a lady friend, don't leave her alone while you chat with a passing acquaintance. Otherwise she may abandon you."

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Graham Pleased With Crusade

New York — Evangelist Billy Graham said Thursday night his ambitious New York Crusade so far has "given me a feeling down deep, a glorious sensing in my soul that it will be a great success."

He said in an interview with the United Press following his ninth sermon in Madison Square Garden that "this conviction, and how it progresses or regresses, will be the deciding factor as to whether we end the crusade June 30, as scheduled, or run it through the summer."

Graham said that another great factor was "the number of decisions for Christ that come out of our meetings here." He said that so far the 5,830 "decisions" made by New Yorkers in the first nine days of the crusade has made him feel "better than I have in my life."

Thursday night, an estimated 765 persons came forward to make decisions for Christ following Graham's sermon on "The Spiritual Disease of The Heart."

New Hampshire sportsmen have really taken to archery. Some 20 tournaments were scheduled by local clubs in 1957 and the state also provides special seasons for hunting deer with bows and arrows.

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