

United States Builds Powerful Streamlined War Unit in Europe

Heidelberg, Germany — The United States has virtually completed building its new army in Europe, streamlined and highly mobile for modern atomic warfare, Gen. Henry L. Hodes disclosed today.

A headquarters spokesman said the atomic age army will have a "killing power potential almost beyond calculation."

Drastic Revamping

Since last June, quietly and without fanfare, Hodes has carried out the most drastic revamping ever undergone by the 200,000-man U.S. force that guards the Iron Curtain border in Europe. Its combat spearhead is the 165,000-man U.S. 7th Army.

The job consisted of the reorganization of five "conventional" divisions into so-called "pentomic" divisions—flexible, highly mobile units capable of operating independently on vast, fluid atomic battlefields.

Hodes, commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe, told the United Press in an exclusive interview at his headquarters here that conversion of the 11th Airborne, the 8th and 10th Infantry and the 2nd Armored divisions already is completed. The 3rd Armored division will be converted in the near future.

Lost No Capabilities

"The result," Hodes said, "is a new army, a different army. It has lost none of its combat capabilities... the infantry divisions have been pared from 17,000 to 13,700 and the airborne division from 17,000 to 11,400.

"But there has been no appreciable cut in 7th Army's overall strength, because most of the troops pulled out... are moved into supporting units to handle the new atomic weapons we now have."

Hodes said the army packs an atomic punch "that defies description."



FORGET ANYTHING? — Happy Beverly West, 14, surrounds herself with her luggage as she sails aboard the SS President Cleveland from San Francisco. She won a contest sponsored by the Propeller Club of America with her story about the U. S. Merchant Marine. Her prize was a luxury trip aboard the giant liner.

Marines Go Ashore In Simulation of Atomic Bombing

Thracian Peninsula, Western Turkey — Seven thousand U.S. Marines swarmed ashore by assault craft and helicopter today behind a simulated atomic bombing so "clean" the troops were on the beach 30 minutes after the explosion.

The landing dramatized how far the U.S. had progressed in developing atomic weapons with minimum fallout for tactical situations.

The assault exercise, which did not involve live atomic fire power, was supported by a 96-ship U.S. naval task force, the mightiest seen in the Eastern Mediterranean since World War II.

Three Task Groups

It took place over a 300-square-mile section of beach on Saros Bay, just seven miles from the ill-fated British landing at Gallipoli ordered by Winston Churchill in World War I. The British suffered a crushing defeat but the operation fattered modern amphibious landings.

More than 4,000 Marines split into three battalion task groups and supported by 3,000 more Marines started their assault shortly after dawn, one battalion attacking in 40 helicopters.

Marine and U.S. 6th Fleet guns and planes softened up the beach in advance of today's landing with simulated atomic artillery and bombs.

Beachhead Secured

Just 30 minutes after the end of the pounding, the first Marine battalion stormed ashore in landing craft to secure the beachhead.

Shortly afterward, like a flock of giant crows rising from a meadow, the helicopters soared from ship decks in the Aegean Sea. They hopped over the beachhead lines and dropped another Marine battalion 18 miles inland to cut enemy communications.

Then a third battalion, bringing vehicles and heavier artillery, landed on the beachhead. It drove inland to hook up with the airborne troops.

CAN END HERE

Iowa City, Iowa — Cemetery caretaker C. F. Parrott complained about a different kind of spirits that are weighing his spirits down. Parrott said the Oakland Cemetery has become the final resting place of beer cans and whiskey bottles discarded after revelries by University of Iowa students and local businessmen.

Meat Inspection Under Way in State

Salem — Full-time meat inspection is under way this week in 10 plants in the Linn-Benton area and the Northwest coastal district, the State Agriculture Department said today.

Compulsory inspection will take place in seven slaughterhouses and processing plants in Linn county and one each in Benton, Lincoln and Tillamook counties.

The new meat inspection program already has been set up in southern Oregon and in Lane and Douglas counties.

Department officials anticipate that the Salem area will be the next to be inspected.

FDR PORTRAIT GIVEN

Moscow — Alexander Gerasimov, once Josef Stalin's favorite artist, Tuesday, presented Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt with a portrait he painted of her late husband during the Teheran conference in 1943. Mrs. Roosevelt said she would exhibit the picture at the Roosevelt Museum at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Little Rock, Ark. — Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, commander of federal troops sent by President Eisenhower, on how he plans to insure integration of Central High school: "I have ordered the troops... to take all steps necessary to enforce compliance with this court order."

United Nations, N.Y. — British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd, on Soviet arms for Syria: "I hope the Soviet Union will... perceive the dangers in their policies of increasing tension and that some idea of what is really happening will percolate through to the Syrian people."

New York — AFL-CIO President George Meany, on whether he's made up his mind whether his old enemy Jimmy Hoffa would make an acceptable Teamsters Union president: "You bet your life I have!"

Detroit — George Romney, president of American Motors Co., on his own plan to cut the cost of new automobiles: "My suggestion starts with a reduction in present labor costs."

Chicago — Adlai E. Stevenson, on President Eisenhower's calling of federal troops to restore order in Little Rock, Ark.: "... The President had no choice. We have suffered a national disaster and I hope the President will now mobilize the nation's conscience as he has mobilized its arms."

Arizona Declares Asian Flu Epidemic; California Hard Hit

By UNITED PRESS

Arizona has become the second state hit by a flu epidemic, and mounting numbers of flu cases were reported today in all sections of the nation.

Arizona Health Commissioner C. G. Salisbury said late Tuesday that the flu rate in the state has "reached epidemic proportions."

Elementary and high schools at Clifton, Ariz., were ordered closed due to the outbreak, and at Flagstaff, school absenteeism reached about 15 per cent.

The Arizona cases, like those in most other parts of the nation, have not definitely been identified as Asian flu. Tests are underway to determine the flu strain responsible for the outbreak.

Utah Attendance Skids

Earlier this week, Acting Director Joseph P. Kesler of the

Utah State Health department reported a flu epidemic in his state. School attendance had dropped as much as 50 per cent in parts of Utah.

The U.S. Public Health service in Washington urged manufacturers of Asian flu vaccine to distribute their supplies under priority recommendations from state and local officials.

The first major flu outbreak was reported in the populous Chicago area with about 1,000 suburban Oak Park-River Forest high school students and 480 students at Proviso High school were stricken with the ailment.

At Norman, Okla., Coach Bud Wilkinson and two of his University of Oklahoma football players were stricken. Wilkinson was treated at home and the players were admitted to the university infirmary.

An outbreak of colds and influenza—presumably the Asian variety — kept thousands of school children at home in California.

State health authorities declined to call the outbreak an epidemic. They said that most cases have been mild.

Ventura Hard Hit

One of the worst outbreaks was in Ventura county, where 1,600 school children in Santa Paula and Ventura were absent because of the flu.

The disease struck 134 of 140 students at Santa Paula elementary school, as well as Principal Clarence Needom.

In Contra Costa county, east of San Francisco, 720 of the 1,522 students at Pleasant Hill High school were absent. At Mt. Diablo High, 877 of 2,500 students were out, while at Pacifica High, 180 of 600 students were at home.

Santa Catalina, an exclusive girls' school in Monterey, closed when 60 of its 142 students were stricken. The flu also struck at high schools in the area, causing a 10 per cent absentee rate.

Absenteeism in Santa Clara county schools reached 23 per cent from colds and influenza-type ailments.

Other outbreaks of flu and respiratory illnesses were reported in San Bernardino, San Diego and Kings county.

First Dakota Bighorn Lamb Sighted in Herd

Grassy Butte, N. D. — The first bighorn lamb to be born in North Dakota in half a century has been sighted in a herd of the big game animals roaming on a 200-acre tract near here.

The bighorn sheep, numbering 18 head, were imported from British Columbia last fall and turned loose in the North Dakota Badlands near the site where the last bighorn was killed after rangers at the Theodore

Officials of the North Dakota Game and Fish commission spotted the lamb this spring shortly after rangers at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park to the south buffalo herd released in the park last year.

Rangers believe two buffalo calves have been added to the herd of 29 buffalo. The terrain in which the buffalo has been wintering is so rough, however, the park officials cannot get close enough to the herd to make an accurate count.

Antibiotic Sprays May Aid Leaf Spot Control

Geneva, N. Y. — Antibiotic sprays may prove to be an important advance in leaf spot control on cherries in view of experimental evidence obtained here at Cornell University's New York State Experiment Station.

Information about the new spray materials and the effectiveness of other fungicides currently used by cherry growers was reported by Dr. Michael Szkolnik, plant disease specialist at the station.

Dr. Szkolnik pointed out that probably the outstanding advance in research on cherry leaf spot control "is the discovery... that certain derivatives of actidione, an antibiotic, can control leaf spot systematically."

"This means," he said, "that when some of these materials are sprayed on cherry trees, they are absorbed by the leaves and carried forward to new growth which they protect against leaf spot infection from within."

Dr. Szkolnik said perfection of these materials may result in necessity for only half the five or six sprays performed in current spray programs.

The plant disease specialist revealed that cherry leaf spot, when allowed to recur year after year, reduces productivity of trees because premature leaf-dropping stemming from the disease prevents the trees from producing the food reserves needed for tree growth and fruit production.

Disrespect for Law Starts With Parking

Chicago — Disrespect for law enforcement often begins with abuse of the parking privilege, according to Leslie J. Sorenson, a city traffic engineer.

"Violation of parking regulations is taken more lightly by the public than any other law violation on the books," Sorenson told a convention of parking meter distributors.

"The breakdown of enforcement which begins with such minor offenses as parking too often leads to more serious traffic violations which in turn cause fatal mishaps on streets and highways."

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