

### Camp Cooke Base May Be Missile Launching Center

Los Angeles — Camp Cooke Air Force Base may become a future launching site for the U. S. satellite project and a firing range for intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The Air Force has announced the camp would be used eventually as an advanced training base for missile crews. However, it was emphasized no firings were scheduled in the immediate future from the base, located 168 miles north-northwest of here.

The announcements came from Gen. Thomas S. Power, commander-in-chief of the Strategic Air Command, and Maj. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, head of ballistic missile development for the Air Force.

Camp Cooke will be headquarters for the Air Force's first missile division, headed by Maj. Gen. David Wade who assumed command Friday.

It was believed the Atlas ICBM, manufactured by Convair, Astronautics at San Diego, Calif., might be among the missiles fired from the base. Air Force spokesmen declined to say when firings would start over the 5,000 mile range extending out into the Pacific ocean. The 100 million dollar base is not yet completed.

It was stressed there would be no danger in the firing to coastal residents. Spokesmen said firings would be infrequent and only dummy warheads used in the training of the missilemen.

Air Force officials pointed out the site will not be turned into a research and development range such as at Cape Canaveral, Fla., but will be primarily for training purposes. They said crews will be trained to handle the Thor IRBM missile but no firings will be made at Cooke since the Thor and the Jupiter are slated for firings in England within a year.

It was noted unofficially the site might be used as a launching site for the satellite project now planned by the Air Force.

Glen Ridge, N. J. — Charles O. Heydt, 81, Montclair, N. J., an adviser and intimate of the Rockefeller family, died Friday at a hospital here after a short illness. Heydt, who began his career with the Rockefellers as stenographer to John D. Rockefeller Sr., in 1897, conducted the negotiations for the building of Rockefeller Center.



**DIVA WALKOUT IRES ROME** — Fiery soprano Maria Meneghini-Callas walks past an unidentified cast member as she returns to her dressing room at the Rome Opera where she refused to go on for the second act of Bellini's "Norma." Her sitdown strike caused a near riot and police were called to restore order. Miss Callas said her walkout was due to "hoarseness," while others attributed it to temperamental and boos from the low-priced top-gallery seats.

### Finland Continues To Keep Neutrality In Troubled Europe

Helsinki — Whatever the merits or drawbacks of the Soviet plan for troop withdrawals of East and West from Central Europe, the fact remains that a military neutralized area already exists in Europe. It is Finland.

Finland does not belong to NATO. She turned down an invitation to join the Warsaw Pact. There are no foreign troops on Finnish soil. And Finland has managed to retain friendship with East and West through an uneasy postwar period.

Soviet diplomats have privately admitted that they would have had more friends if they had treated Central Europe as they treated Finland.

**Peace Price Heavy** — The price for peace with Russia in 1944 was a heavy one — a reparations bill equal to a full year's Finnish government budget, loss of 10 per cent of her territory, almost half a million persons to resettle, drastic cuts in armed strength, and the uncertainty of what lay ahead.

The Leningrad military district continues to send amateur spies across the border, and the Finns just as regular-

ly arrest them and apply one or two-year jail terms.

Finland is shunned by Iron Curtain refugees who know Finnish authorities would have to send them back if picked up.

Finnish-Soviet trade is regulated by five-year pacts.

Finland's armed forces total less than 42,000 — with no tanks, bombers, guided missiles, submarines or large naval craft.

**Postwar Policy Pattern** — All these are the pattern of postwar Finnish — Soviet policy. But there are other aspects, too.

Finland kept her independent republican form of government.

There are no occupation forces.

Britain is still Finland's biggest trading partner, although the Russians run a close second.

Finland is a member of the United Nations and also a member of the Nordic Council, which links five northern European states.

Despite the irritations, Soviet policy toward Finland appears to be one of genuine desire to make friends. There is no indication that

### Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show Trips on Own Heels

By WILLIAM EWALD United Press Correspondent New York — The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz special one-hour show Sunday tripped on its own heels.

It presented five characters — Lucy, Desi, the Mertzes (William Frawley and Vivian Vance) and Fred MacMurray — set them off on a hunt for uranium, then let them think they had struck it.

But the trouble with the principal characters is that they were all unprincipled.

There was nothing about them or their plight capable of evoking viewer sympathy. All five were dishonest. All five were motivated by greed, and friendship was forgotten in the quest to lay claim to the supposed strike.

The materials of comedy are, of course, frequently based on the less attractive traits of human beings—pride, sloth, avarice — but there should be a base of softness to offset the flaws. I guess the key word is lovability or at least, likeability — a quality found even in such brittle portraits as Jackie Gleason's Ralph Kramden, Phil Silver's Sgt. Bilko or Groucho Marx' TV personality.

The main body of the Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz film was hung on a chase scene and the efforts of each of the participants to muscle each other into nowhere. The mechanics of the chase were at times, funny, but I found myself not caring who won because I didn't care for any of the characters. And in the final analysis, of course, that means that I didn't care for the show.

### Mothers On Way To Visit Sons

Hong Kong — Three American mothers will stop over here today on their way behind the iron curtain to visit their sons in Communist Chinese prisons.

The three women, and an American attorney seeking testimony for a sedition trial in the United States, were the first Americans granted valid passports for travel to Red China.

They were scheduled to arrive here at 7:30 a.m. (7:30 p.m. EST, Sunday), and leave for neighboring China on Tuesday or Wednesday under the auspices of the China Travel Service.

The mothers are Mrs. Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., Mrs. Philip Fecteau of Lynn, Mass., and Mrs. Ruth Redmond of New York.

The attorney is A. L. Wirin, who is defending John and Sylvia Powell. The U. S. has accused them of publishing in their Shanghai magazine claims that the American forces in Korea resorted to germ warfare — an old Communist charge which the U. S. has denied.

The three women will travel to Canton by train and then continue north.

**STOMACH BANK** — Sedgfield, England — Doctors at Sedgfield General hospital reported today a monied patient, admitted after he complained of "feeling queer," was doing nicely. Examination disclosed that the man, whose name was withheld, had 424 coins worth 37 shillings (a little over \$5) in his stomach.

**EXPENSIVE DIRT** — Indianapolis, Ind. — Dominick Turchi, 74, told police a passerby asked him to stop so he could "brush that speck of dirt off your coat." After the man left, Turchi discovered \$200 was missing from his wallet.

The Russians would like to make Finland a satellite — even if the opportunity presented itself.

### New Jet Fighter To Be In Action

Dallas, Tex. — Marine Corps pilots will soon be flying the Navy's fastest jet fighter, the F8U-1 Crusader, the Chance Vought Aircraft company announced Saturday.

First Marine unit to fly the Crusader will be Marine Fighter Squadron 122 of Beaufort, S.C., which has already received the first of five planes to be delivered from the Dallas plant.

Delivery of the "world's fastest Navy fighter" marks the first step toward jet conversion of Marine air striking power to fighters capable of above 1,000 miles-an-hour speeds, officials said.

The first class of six Marine pilots will begin training Monday at Moffett Field, Calif., it was reported.

Although VMF-122 will be the first Marine unit to receive the Crusader, one Marine already has made aviation history with the airplane. Chance Vought officials said. Major John H. Glenn Jr. set the first supersonic transcontinental record in a Crusader last July.

### Oregon Delegation Cordial at Reunion Meeting in Capital

By A. ROBERT SMITH Mail Tribune Correspondent Washington — Oregon's Democratic members of Congress, who were suffering some strained relations when they left here last August, met this morning in an atmosphere of cordiality.

"Nobody was angry at anyone," observed one of the 20 or so persons who attended the 90 minute breakfast reunion.

It was attended by Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger, who were somewhat disenchanted with one another at the close of the last session, and Reps. Charles O. Porter, Edith Green, All Ullman and top staff members from each member's office.

**First Regular Pow-Wow** — The meeting was the first of the regular breakfast pow-wows held by the five Democrats during congressional sessions. The meetings are closed to the press and

usually devoted to legislative and political discussions.

Each of the five members gave a resume of his impressions of conditions in Oregon, based on the recent months most of them have spent in Oregon. One observer at the meeting said they boiled down to this:

1. Economic conditions in Oregon are bad and not seeming to get much better.  
2. Things look good for the Democrats in the upcoming fall election.  
The group plans to meet again Jan. 20 on legislative matters.

**POTIONS SECONDED**

Seoul, Korea — A Korean distillery boasted today in an advertisement for "refined Korean chung joo (rice wine)" that it is the only Korean alcoholic beverage given special recognition by the vice president, speaker of the National Assembly and five ministers.

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