

# Nation's Military Forces Directed From Secret Pentagon 'War Room'

Editor's note - Halfway around the world the Communists overrun a Vietnamese command post. In Cuba, Castro shakes his fist at Guantanamo. Red reinforcements appear in East Berlin. U. S. military commanders in Washington must know about such incidents instantly and be able to flash appropriate orders to U. S. forces in the area. The following dispatch describes an elaborate series of "war rooms" set up for the task.

When they scooped up blinking telephones expecting to receive messages from distant command posts. It seems that President Kennedy, in his dashes around the country, has been checking the "hot lines" which keep the far-flung armed forces in instant communication with Washington. And in doing so he has stirred curiosity about the secret-most areas of the Pen-

tagon from which the high command directs the nation's military forces. Fool-proof command and control from Washington, particularly of the nuclear forces, has been a top priority concern to Kennedy. He had a chance to see how some of the system works during two recent high-speed visits to military installations.

**Gold Phone Rings**  
Picture, for example, Lt. Col. Fred R. Peck Jr. when he picked up the flashing phone in the Pentagon's National Military Command Center on Dec. 7 and heard Kennedy's voice coming through the gold telephone in the underground Strategic Air Command control center at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb.

**Ties Together**  
All these services "War Rooms" are tied into the National Military Command Center, largest, most elaborate and most secret layout in the Pentagon. This is where the Joint Chiefs of Staff would assemble to direct global operations in an emergency. If the emergency turned into nuclear war, the high command would move to duplicate underground facilities outside the capital area.

The military command center is a cluster of four large rooms deep in the Pentagon area occupied by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and their inter-service staff. Special credentials are required to enter the area. An additional pass is necessary to get through the center's massive oak doors which are manned by armed guards and equipped with television scanners so that those inside can see who is entering. The doors have combination locks.

**Room Sound Proof**  
The center's main chamber is a sound-proof conference room with a large brown, oval table around which red leather chairs are placed for the joint chiefs and their principal deputies. At each chair is communications equipment with which chiefs can get into touch immediately with elements of the armed forces anywhere in the world.

The chiefs can have for the asking a complete, detailed picture of the immediate scene in West Berlin, data from the far northern ballistic missile early warning system, and the earth satellite tracking net, the disposition of Soviet

equipment in Cuba, or any other military information they want. They can confer, individually or in any combination, with global commanders from Viet Nam to the Iron Curtain.

By CHARLES W. CORDRY  
Washington - (UPI) - "This is the President. Whom am I talking to?"

## Eisenhower Heads Freedoms Group

Valley Forge, Pa. - (UPI) - Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower became chairman of the board of Freedoms Foundation Thursday at a meeting at the organization's national headquarters.

Eisenhower said the foundation "is one of the noblest efforts to which any American can dedicate himself and I deem it an honor and a privilege to join the members of the foundation in furthering this work and in enlisting increasing numbers of citizens so to dedicate themselves."

The meeting was held at the foundation's new headquarters building here. The Freedoms Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization which annually honors individuals, schools and organizations for outstanding work in behalf of freedom and the American way of life.

## SET NUCLEAR BLAST

Washington - (UPI) - The Soviet Union set off another nuclear device Thursday in the atmosphere at its Arctic test site. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission said the blast was lowyield, the equivalent of less than 20,000 tons of TNT.

## Editorial Attacks Meredith's Arrest

Kosciusko, Miss. - (UPI) - A front page editorial in the Kosciusko Chronicle Thursday charged that the traffic violation arrest of Negro James Meredith was "unjust and unfair."

"It is our firm belief that had it been any person other than James Meredith, he would not have been picked up," editor Billy McMillan said in the weekly newspaper. Meredith was fined \$10 for failing to yield the right-of-way last week end while he was visiting his parents here.

Most white persons and many Negroes disagree with "what he (Meredith) did to create the Ole Miss tragedy," the editorial said. "But this is not the point here. The point is that Kosciusko must not be pushed into this useless and tragic violence that has surrounded other aspects of the Meredith case."

## 'Kissing' Mistletoe of Christmas Time Is Only One of Several Kinds of Plant

By DONALD P. GRAHAM  
U.S. Forest Service

This is the season for putting up boughs, holly, and maybe just a sprig of mistletoe for that romantic touch. Mistletoe has been a plant credited with mystic powers since the Middle Ages and has found its way into religious rites, mythology, healing arts, and superstitions throughout the world. Reasons for the legends, symbolism, and magic that have surrounded it are difficult to explain.

The "kissing" mistletoe or Christmas Leaky Mistletoe is only one of several forms of this parasitic plant. It does little damage to trees, but another form, the dwarfmistletoe, attack western conifers including species popular as Christmas trees.

## School District Approves Spanking

Woodside, Calif. - (UPI) - Trustees of the Portola Valley School District have approved spanking with a "light broad paddle" as a disciplinary measure for some students.

However, the decision, scheduled for ratification at the school board's next regular meeting, set forth certain limitations to the means and extent of corporal punishment.

## Tito Concludes Visit To Russia

Moscow - (UPI) - Yugoslav President Tito ended his Soviet "vacation" today and headed home, apparently with Premier Nikita Khrushchev's promise of more Soviet aid and political cooperation.

Tito and Khrushchev parted Thursday at the train station in Kiev, where they had gone together Tuesday night after finishing their talks in Moscow.

Tito was expected to leave the Soviet Union and cross into Czechoslovakia some time today on his way to Belgrade. It was not known if Khrushchev would return to Moscow or go to his Black Sea vacation home.

In speeches just before Tito's train left, Khrushchev underscored his determination to go ahead with his tightening of Soviet - Yugoslav ties, despite Communist Chinese opposition.

Appreciable losses occur in stands of hemlock and true firs.

Currently, the best method of control is clearing out the infected trees during harvest operations or stand improvement work. Research to find better methods of control is being done by private firms and by government agencies.

## Dwarfmistletoe Destroys in Slow Way

Dwarfmistletoe destroys in a slow insidious way and seldom attracts popular attention. Young trees, if heavily infected, will often die in a few years as more and more plants are produced to siphon off food and energy. A larger tree will live longer, but will eventually succumb.

The parasite may first weaken and deform the tree so badly that it becomes easy prey for insects and other diseases. Growth rate drops off sharply.

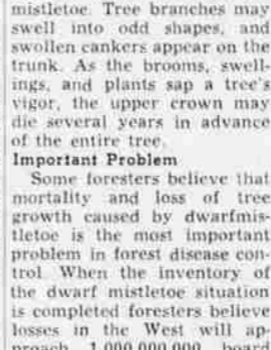
Most obvious way to spot dwarfmistletoe infection is presence of the plants or witches-brooms on the tree. Witches-brooms are clusters of misshapen twigs and distorted branches caused by parasitic action of the dwarfmistletoe. Tree branches may swell into odd shapes, and swollen cankers appear on the trunk. As the brooms, swellings, and plants sap a tree's vigor, the upper crown may die several years in advance of the entire tree.

## Important Problem

Some foresters believe that mortality and loss of tree growth caused by dwarfmistletoe is the most important problem in forest disease control. When the inventory of the dwarf mistletoe situation is completed foresters believe losses in the West will approach 1,000,000,000 board feet of live sawtimber each year. This is about 20 percent of the total timber that was cut from the national forests of Oregon and Washington in 1962.

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## CHEVROLETS

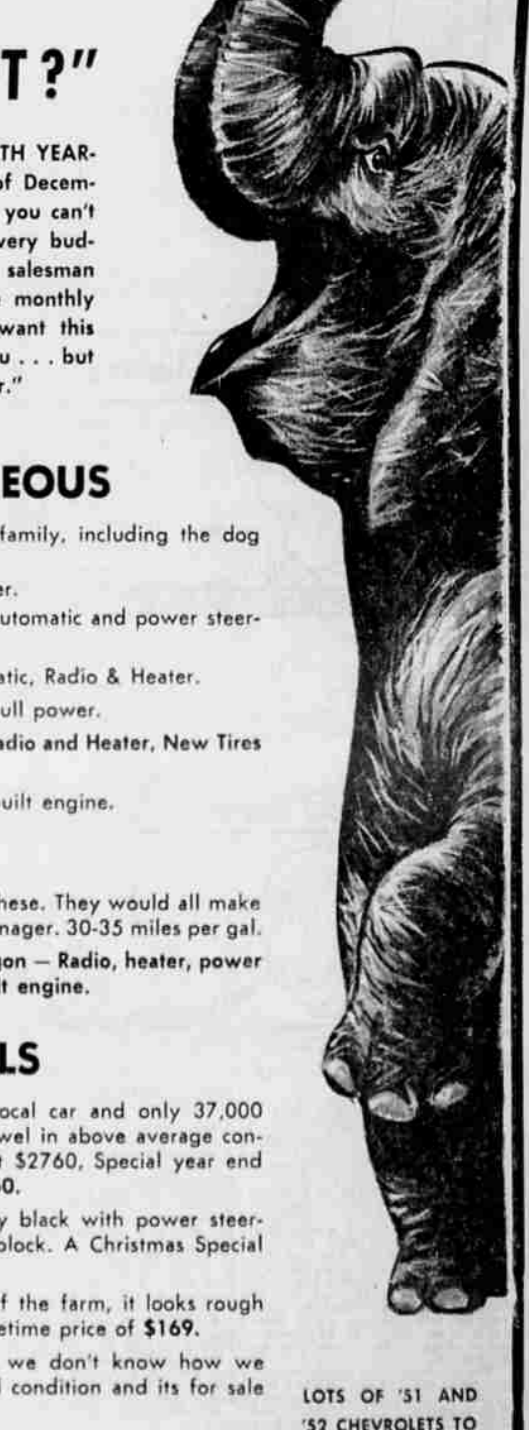
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