

32nd Fighters Go Up at Dutch Command

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SOESTERBERG AIR FORCE
BASE, The Netherlands (UPI)—
A piercing warning alarm shat-
tered the evening calm. Two men
who could be mistaken for outer
space visitors rush to their jet
fighters. Minutes later only an
eerie vapor trail is visible as
the jets streak toward a possible
rendezvous with death.

Although this is just another
test, pilots of the U. S. Air
Force's 32nd fighter-interceptor
squadron attached to this Dutch
air base are deadly earnest.
They never know when a mis-
sion might be for real.

The 32nd has the distinction
of being the only American
squadron commanded by an-
other NATO country. It sends
its fighters up on command
from the Dutch base operations
center.

"This is unique in NATO,"
said Col. F. E. Broers of the
Royal Netherlands Air Force,
who commands the Soesterberg
base.

Col. Gelvin S. Nicely, com-
manding officer of the 32nd
squadron, said nowhere in
NATO is the spirit of partner-
ship better demonstrated than
at this air base.

Dutch Considerate

The pilots themselves enjoy
one aspect of operating under
the Dutch more than they did
back home. "In the states,"
said one, "they think nothing of
sending you up at four in the
morning. But here, the Dutch
hardly ever send us out on a
practice alert at that ungodly
hour."

Night alerts are kept to a
prescribed minimum because of
the noise problem. There are

many Dutch villages in close
proximity to the air base.
Alerts are, however, a daily
"must" in the 32nd. Two pilots,
wearing flight gear, are on duty
24 hours a day and never stray
more than 100 yards from two
perfectly-tuned Convair F102-A
Delta Dagger jet fighters.

The pilots' helmets lie on the
side of the open cockpits and
the cockpit hoods are always
raised. A diesel generator
stands between the two aircraft,
ready to warm up electronic
systems inside both jet-fighters.
Five Minutes

Even at night, the time that
elapses between the first alarm

and the time when pilots report
they are flying at 15,000 feet is
never more than five minutes.
Often it is less, and three min-
utes the daytime is about aver-
aging the daytime is about aver-
aging.

No pilot lives more than a
half-hour's travel from "Nieuw
Amsterdam," as the American
enclave on this sprawling Dutch
air base is called.

A piercing blast announces
an alert. If it is a steady sound,
only one fighter has to "scram-
ble." But if the alarm warbles,
both planes must go up.

The pilots, lounging in com-
fortable chairs, or sleeping in

side their flight uniforms, race
into the air-conditioned alert
hangar and rush up the ladders
into their cockpits.

Warning lights glow to report
that vital systems are ready.
The canopies close after the
pilot shows his crew chief the
safety pin taken from his ejection
mechanism. Only then does
the crew chief pull away the
chocks from the landing gear.
Toward Iron Curtain

The big doors of the hangar,
moving on counterweights, slide
open and the pilots "give her

the gun." In the air, they will
receive the coded operational
data vital to their defensive mis-
sion. They will be on their way
by then because their runway
leads due east—in the direction
of the iron curtain.

"Only if there is a cross wind
of 35 knots or more do we use
another runway," one pilot said.

Capt. William Foster, from
Milk Creek, Calif., and Lt.
Bruce Mosier of (P. D. 5, Box
224) Erie, Pa., said they re-
garded every alert as the real
thing until told otherwise while

streaking towards their oper-
ating area.

Foster is a West Point gradu-
ate, while Mosier was in the
Air Force academy class of
1960.

Even after 22 hours on alert
duty, the pilots must still be
at the peak of efficiency.

"When the claxon wakes us
up we just run to the planes
and jump in," Foster said. "We
get out of the hangar and up in
the air while concentrating on
the mission. The mechanics of
flying are second-nature to us.

The Dutch here also have an
alert facility."

About his command, Col.
Broers said:

"Our pilots sit in a shed. Our
country just cannot spend the
sort of money it takes to build
such an alert facility as the
32nd have. But in spite of that,
the pilots get along fine, and
that goes for their social life
as well as for the time they
spend aloft flying in combined
formations."

The American enclave at this
air base lies close to the center

of Holland, in one corner of
Soesterberg. It is the home-
away-from-home for 750 U. S. Air
Force men and 1,100 dependents
who live nearby in the towns
of Den Dolder, Zeist, Soest and
Amersfoort. All of the Ameri-
cans interviewed enjoy being sta-
tioned in Holland.

M. Sgt. Frank Crocker of (59
Wardour st.) Howland, Maine,
moved here just two months
ago for a three-year tour of
duty as "top-kick" of the 32nd.

"The climate here is about
what it is in Maine and 1 like

it," Crocker said. "We get along
well with the Dutch, most of
whom can converse with us. The
kids have already started to
pick up the language here."

The same holds true for most
of the American youngsters liv-
ing near the base. The youngest
go to a Dutch kindergarten, and
there is a school building in-
side the base where grades 1
through 3 are taught by Ameri-
can teachers. Grades 4 through
12 are taught in an English-
language school in the Hague,
about 60 miles away.

The Medical Roundup

by

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(Register and Tribune Syndicate,
1963)

Some Problems of Jaundice

In the past few years, we
have had in America quite an
epidemic of the mild infectious
hepatitis (dis-
ease of the liver. Also we
have had an epidemic of the
very serious serum hepatitis
(which can come after a
transfusion of blood); also,
much cirrhosis of the liver (de-
struction of much of the liver).

With all this, jaundice has be-
come a fairly common symp-
tom. When it appears, it is
very important that a correct
diagnosis of the cause be made.
The diagnosis tends to vary
with the age of the person.

For instance: between the
ages of 5 and 20 years, the in-
fectious hepatitis, which is due
to a virus, will account for nine
out of 10 cases. This type of dis-
ease remains an important
cause of jaundice even in the
ages between 20 and 35 years.
In older patients, and particu-
larly in the cases of stout wome-
n, a yellowish skin can be due
to a gallstone which is obstruct-
ing the common duct (which
carries the bile from the liver
down into the bowel).

In the later years of life—
after 50 or 60—a severe jaun-
dice, which never lets up for a
day, can be due to a cancer of
the pancreas, which obstructs
the outlet of the common bile
duct where it joins the bowel.
Another distressing type of
jaundice is due to cancer of the
liver. Usually this cancer has
spread from some place—per-
haps in the bowel—and has de-
stroyed most of the liver cells.
Rarely the cancer started in the
liver. Yet another cause of
jaundice can be a severe cirrho-
sis due to hepatitis or too
much drinking of alcohol. Fi-
nally, in recent years, some
jaundices are due to an unfor-
tunate side or unwanted reac-
tion to one of the many new
synthetic drugs.

Tests Helpful
Often the diagnosis can be
made with accuracy by an ex-
pert in a large clinic, just by
looking at the patient and asking
a few questions. Helpful evi-
dence can be obtained from laboratory
tests, and largely by watching to
see if the degree of jaundice
varies from week to week. As I
said above, if the yellow color
stays for weeks without chang-
ing in its intensity, it is very
likely to be due to cancer. Also
significant is the fact that with
cancer the patient's skin color
may be more greenish than yel-
low; also the poor person will
probably itch terribly all over.

In some cases, the diagnosis
is made by what is called a bio-
psy of the liver. A big hollow
needle is pushed into the liver,
and in this way some of the
tissue is gotten out for section-

ing and staining, and study
under the microscope. If x-ray
studies show that the patient
has gallstones; or if, a while
before, he had a gallbladder full
of stones removed, and if he has
attacks of pain on the right side
over his gallbladder, there is
a good chance that he has some
stones left in his common duct,
where they are obstructing the
flow of bile from his liver into
his bowel.

If x-ray studies show a nor-
mally functioning gallbladder,
and no sign of gallstones or
cancer, and especially if the
person has been a heavy drinker
for years, or has had a bad at-
tack of hepatitis, he may well
have a cirrhosis of his liver.
Certain laboratory tests can
greatly help the physician in
making the different diagnosis.

One of the curious unsolved
questions in medicine is why a
person who is perfectly healthy
and happy for months or years,
can be carrying in his blood the
very dangerous virus of serum
hepatitis. If, while in this state,
he gives some blood as a trans-
fusion to help another person,
within two or three months that
person may come down with a
severe form of inflammation of
his liver. A very serious prob-
lem today, and one that is as
yet unsolved, is how to detect
these carriers of the serum
hepatitis virus, so that they will
never be accepted as donors for
transfusions; also how to de-
stroy the virus of hepatitis
when it gets into a blood bank.

Diabetes Insipidus
As many people know, there is
a disease called diabetes insi-
pidus, in which the person
keeps constantly drinking enor-
mous quantities of water, and
keeps passing enormous quan-
tities of urine, which has no sug-
ar in it. Some of these persons
get much help from a snuff
made from dried and powdered
pituitary glands; but a few are
no better for taking it.
Recently, Dr. Anna R. Spie-
gelman of New York City re-
ported that a substance called
8-lysine vasopressin, in the
form of a nasal spray, worked
well. In some cases, amopy-
rine can help the patient, but
its use must be watched closely
because it can injure the
white cells in the blood. Some
drugs of the chlorothiazide
group can help for a while.

There are several types of
goiter about which the person
who suspects thyroid trouble
should know. Dr. Alvarez tells
about them in his booklet on the
subject. You may get a copy of
it by simply sending 25 cents
and a self-addressed, stamped
envelope with your request for it
to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept.
MMT, Box 957, Des Moines,
Iowa, 50304.

Bids Called for Keno Road Work

PORTLAND — Invitation for
bids for surfacing of a segment
of the Keno rd. are now being
accepted by the bureau of public
roads, 302 Mohawk building,
23 SW Morrison st., Portland,
according to the U.S. depart-
ment of the interior.

The bids will be received un-
til 2 p.m. Sept. 30. The project
is located in the south admini-
strative area of the Medford dis-
trict, approximately six miles
west of Keno.

Plans and specifications may
be examined by prospective bid-
ders at the Medford district of-
fice, bureau of land manage-
ment, 1133 South Riverside ave.,
Medford, or by contacting bu-
reau of public roads representa-
tive, D. D. Lein, Keno.
A field review of the project
started today and will continue
tomorrow. Individuals planning
to make this field trip are asked
to be at the beginning of the
project on Highway 66 at 9 a.m.
Thursday.

Marijuana Seized, 10 Held in Seattle

SEATTLE (UPI)—Police raid-
ed a University District room-
ing house Tuesday night, ar-
rested 10 persons and seized
marijuana and pep pills in the
climax to a week of intensive
investigation.

Nine of the persons arrested
were minors and the other was
a 28-year-old woman.

A member of the police de-
partment's special patrol squad,
Joe Cordas, acting as an under-
cover agent, said he made sev-
eral purchases at the house dur-
ing the past week.

His last purchase, amounting
to \$30, came Tuesday night just
before police raided the house.

Police said a large amount
of marijuana was seized.

Three women, 18, 19, and 20,
and seven young men were ar-
rested. The young men included
four who were 18 years old, two
19, and one 20.

Bids Are Called for Tree, Shrub Planting

Bids for a roadside improve-
ment project over a distance of
9.58 miles between Medford and
Ashland on the 12th street-
North Ashland Interchange Sec-
tion of Interstate 5 will be re-
ceived by the state highway
commission Oct. 8.

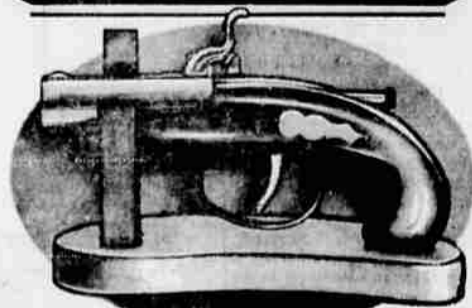
The bids will be received in
Salem. The plans call for plant-
ing trees, shrubs, and vines on
the roadside and slopes and in-
stallation of an irrigation sys-
tem at the south end of the
Barnett road interchange. Com-
pletion of the project is sched-
uled for the fall of 1964.

Multnomah Stadium Put Up For Sale

PORTLAND (UPI)—Multno-
mah Stadium has been turned
over to a local realtor for
lease or sale for \$2.1 million.

Franklin Drake, Multnomah
Athletic Club president, said it
was still the hope of the club
that a local civic or governmen-
tal body could continue a civic
stadium facility here. But, he
said, the club needed the money
from the sale or lease for its
new building program.

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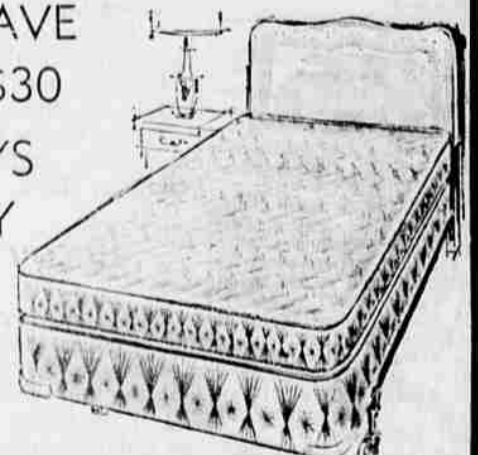
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