

Russia Constructs Rocket Launching Fields Near Alaska

By LEON DENNEN
NEW YORK (N.E.A.)—Launching fields for trans-ocean rockets capable of crippling the defense of Alaska and paralyzing U.S. communications with Japan recently have been completed by the Soviet MVD on the Kamchatka Peninsula and the adjacent territory of Kolyma, according to reliable information.

Couple Rewed By Short Wave Radio!

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Oct. 14 (AP)—With an array of short-wave radio equipment serving as an altar, Mrs. Dorothy Bowden, 27, said "I do" yesterday in a marriage ceremony with her former husband, Staff Sgt. John Bowden Jr., 27, in Tokyo, 6000 miles away.

From a loudspeaker came an emphatic "I do" from Bowden when Chaplain T. V. Sigler of Camp Carson asked: "Do you, John, take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife?" Mrs. Bowden's voice was tear-choked as she repeated her vow.

Short Wave Smoothever
The Bowdens were divorced last April, and arranged to be remarried during a short wave conversation last week after Bowden was released from a hospital at Honshu, Japan, where he was ill from meningitis. They were married the first time November 12, 1943.

Officiating in Japan was Army Chaplain Maurice R. Holt, Spokane, Wash.

Chaplain Sigler's "I now pronounce you man and wife" came at 6:30 a.m.

Following the ceremony, the reunited couple talked to each other. "Hello, honey," said Bowden. "I don't know what to do or what to say. I love you very much. I love you as deeply as the day we met."

Weeping, Mrs. Bowden said: "Johnny, I'm so happy."

"There have been so many miracles happen to me I wouldn't be surprised now if you sprouted wings and flew home."

Bonnie, the couple's 3-year-old daughter, had words too for her daddy: "Daddy, I love you, and I'm going to have ice cream afterward."

macht at the Penemunde armaments center. This plant, which was taken over by Soviet experts, has been reassembled on a gigantic scale in Siberia.

Bogomolov, according to my informant, who is still in the employ of the satellite country, added with a smile:

"In case of need, we could subject both Alaska and the Canadian Pacific coast to mass bombardment."

Meanwhile feverish construction on Kamchatka continues unabated. In addition to the construction of rocket launching fields, more than a million prisoners are being employed by the MVD secret police to build a vast system of highways which begin at the port city of Magadan and will eventually reach the Bering Straits.

All of Kamchatka is also dotted with air fields and repair plants. The population of the area is being constantly increased. Women prisoners of the northeastern harbor camps who give hints to children are forced to remain on the peninsula even upon the completion of their prison term. They are the new Soviet colonists of Kamchatka.

(These projects could explain the sensitivity to visiting American aircraft which has caused Russian fighter planes to "buzz" or escort American air liners traveling between Japan and Alaska. A Northwest Airlines plane is the latest to report such an incident as it flew over a large air base somewhere in the Kamchatka area.)

The same is true of the adjacent Kolyma, where thousands of prisoners of the MVD, disguised as gold prospectors, work on military installations.

The abundance of fish in the Kamchatka and Kolyma lakes make it possible for the MVD to feed the prisoners locally without drawing upon the remote central depots from which the regions are cut off six months in the year.

OSC Homecoming Interest High
OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Homecoming, with its popular noon barbecue, after-game coffee and doughnut jamboree, a freshman queen and court, colorful house signs, and of course the football game with Washington State college, is all set for Saturday, October 29.

Bob Dunn, Corvallis, is general chairman this year, and has a large committee working to prepare a welcome for all Oregon State grads.

The popular beef barbecue that provides a place to eat and chat in the shelter of the armory, will again be in charge of A. L. Oliver, barbecue specialist in his spare time from animal husbandry teaching.

The Corvallis 30-Strater club will again be host for coffee and doughnuts in the armory after the game.



RED ROCKETS GLARE—Only about 1400 airline miles separate the U. S. base at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, from Russia's Kamchatka peninsula in Siberia. There, and a little farther away in Kolyma, it is reported the Soviets have built launching fields for trans-ocean rockets that could reach not only across the Bering sea to Alaska, but strike into the Canadian Pacific coast as well. Map shows approximate areas in which these Russian military projects are located with relation to Alaska.

Hope and Doubt

Is It Tommy? Has Couple Found Long Lost Youngster?

HASTINGS, Mich., Oct. 14 (AP)—Torn between hope and doubt, an Ohio couple looked for evidence today whether they had found their baby son kidnapped five years ago.

Blond, blue-eyed William "Tommy" O'Neill, 6, a ward of the state of Michigan, was the lad in question.

Perplexed state police were aiding Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson of Dayton, Ohio, in the couple's efforts to determine if "Tommy" is their son.

Abducted in '44
The Thompsons came to Michigan after receiving a report that Tommy might be their own Ronald who was abducted from their home October 7, 1944.

At the time the Thompson's newly engaged nursemaid, a red-haired woman who gave the name of Alice White, also disappeared. Despite a

national search neither was ever seen again.

A recent newspaper account of the case brought a report to Arthur Thompson and his wife, Anna, that Tommy might be their boy.

There are physical similarities, including webbed toes on both feet and a pinched right ear in addition to the blue eyes and blond hair.

Not Sure
However, the Michigan children's institute was not sure about it. Tommy was made a ward of the

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Meat Prices Spotty, Poultry Up, Fruits, Vegetables Cheaper

By The Associated Press
Retail meat prices turned irregular this week after declining fairly generally since late last month.

Poultry edged upward two to six cents a pound in many places as shipments from producers fell off following recent price declines. Eggs were unchanged to three cents a dozen cheaper.

And nearly all fruits and vegetables were lower as unseasonably warm weather persisted in large areas. Notable exceptions were choice catalogues and honeydew melons, and grapefruit.

Pork About-Face
Biggest price disparity was in pork, where the declines of the past two weeks were arrested in some marketing regions and even reversed in a few. Loin chops, for example, were as much as 10 cents a pound cheaper this week in a few places, unchanged in many others, up six cents a pound in still others.

The irregularity was attributed to the trade to the weather and other local market factors, including a tendency by some sellers to readjust prices in the belief that recent sharp competitive trimming had been somewhat premature. Because of the huge spring pig crop now coming to market in increasing volume, however, further price cutting in coming weeks was considered inevitable.

Beef Uncertain
Beef prices also were spotty, reflecting somewhat higher wholesale quotations for the limited supply of choice feed-lot cattle and steady to easier prices for lower grades. Retail lamb was mostly a little lower, veal about unchanged.

Produce men said continuing warm weather had pushed cauliflower, spinach, escarole and broccoli prices down to their season's low in many areas, particularly in the east. Tomatoes, ripening too fast, were said to be selling at a loss in some sections. Heavy shipments of lettuce from California, Idaho and Oregon were cheaper. Apples were cheap and plentiful. Artichoke shipments from California were picking up volume.

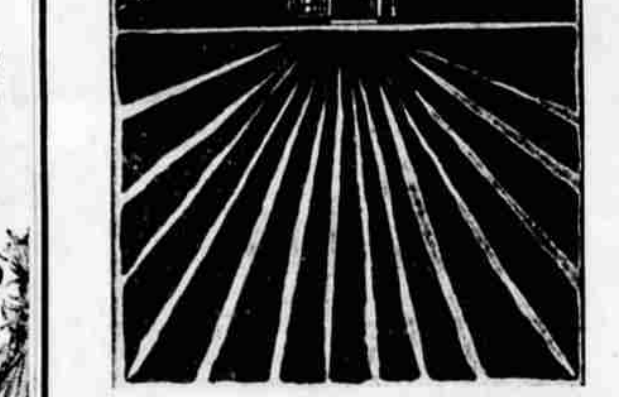
The Atlantic seaboard was still receiving corn on the cob from Washington state and peaches from Colorado—both crops just about at the end of their season.

WEYERHAEUSER PROJECT
TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 14 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company has started work on a half-mile bulkhead in Coos Bay for its long-planned Southern Oregon coast mill operation.

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Fishing equipment is but one of thousands of articles subject to federal excise tax, the revenues from which are now deposited in the general funds of the United States and available for General Governmental purposes, the president said in a message to the house.

"If the revenue from the sale of fishing equipment is to be diverted to the particular benefit of those who have paid the tax, similar demands can be made on behalf of other industries and activities affected by the tax. The government's need for unrestricted funds does not permit such diversion of tax revenues."

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