

Shoes, Spaghetti Pose Harmony Problems for European Defense

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ROQUEMOURT, France, (NEA)—Building an international army, as the planners of the European defense force are doing here at Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters, is a job that requires tact.

There will be men from France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, the U. S., Great Britain, Canada, Norway and Denmark. In the European army, what language will be spoken? What food will be eaten? What uniform will be worn? How long will the men serve? How much will they be paid?

Taking up the problems one by one, here's the way the EDP architects now feel about them. It has already been decided that English, French and German will be the three key languages used in the field. During recent maneuvers in Germany, that arrangement was used satisfactorily. There were a few minor technical hitches but virtually no serious confusion.

That men of 10 different nationalities can understand each other and work in harmony has been proved at Eisenhower's headquarters here. Of a staff numbering around 250 officers, less than half are Americans. The feeling is that the same harmony can exist on a larger scale in a 3,000,000-man combat force.

Food is another problem. Although the combat units will be confined to men of one nationality, the service units—signal men, engineers, medical personnel and the like—will be mixed. Hence food will have to be standardized. Exactly how the menu will be

controlled, so that Belgians don't get spaghetti and Frenchmen don't get hamburgers, hasn't been worked out yet. The authorities hope to come up with a common gastronomic denominator.

UNIFORM

The uniform of the EDP will probably come about by an evolutionary process. No one uniform is being planned. For one thing, certain nationalities have decided preferences in some articles of clothing. A German in uncomfortable without boots, but others prefer low shoes and would be miserable in boots.

Nevertheless, some uniform uniformity is already happening. As clothing supplies in France, for example, are running short, leaders have ordered American uniforms. The Eisenhower combat jacket is particularly appealing. Nowadays, only his insignia differentiates the French poilu from the American soldier.

Battle uniforms may therefore soon become standard in the co-operating nations. But there will probably be no attempt made to create one dress uniform for the EDP, because these are part of the individual nation's military traditions.

Length of service should be the same in each country, the planners feel, to eliminate gripes and grumblings about favoritism. Just how long such service will be is still speculative, but the feeling here is that it will have to be lengthened in most countries.

The pay rate is a ticklish subject. Any attempt to work out an average would be tough on the American boys, who make far

more than any other nation's soldiers. But if it is left up to the individual participants, there are liable to be envious glances cast at the American's latter pay envelopes.

PRACTICAL

Nevertheless, the latter course seems to be the only practical solution. Military budgets vary drastically from nation to nation, and it would be a hardship on some to dictate salary terms. For the present, pay scales will be left to the various nations.

One thing that definitely will be standardized is arms. If each national combat unit used different weapons, errors in ammunition supply could easily be tragic.

A unified arsenal would cut down on such mistakes, and also make the problems of supply and parts much simpler.

All these problems, plus others which beset any military force, are being worked on. There is a feeling of optimism, however, a feeling that the problems will be licked and quickly.

MILK SALES COST

PORTLAND, Ore. (NEA)—The Oregon State college report that it costs 2.02 cents to retail a quart of milk in a Portland store missed the state milk marketing administration's figure by .02. Thomas L. Ohlsen, administrator, said the Portland retail store price had been set on the assumption that two cents a quart was a store's cost of handling. The OSC cost survey report confirmed that to be just about right on the average.



ROBERT SHAW has his choral group and symphony orchestra will open the 1951-52 Community concert series Friday night at the Pelican theater. Doors will be open to community concert holders at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m.

Chute Fouls, Jumper Dies

PORT STOCKTON, Tex. (NEA)—Ray Baumgardner, 50, was killed yesterday when his parachute caught in the propeller of his disabled plane as he attempted to jump.

The pioneer west Texas pilot was best known as a hunter of eagles and coyotes from an airplane. He hunted the animals under contract in all parts of west Texas.

The accident occurred near Gibbs field here. Baumgardner was flying his 1931-model pusher type plane.

U.S. Experts Examine Russ-Built War Tools

DAYTON, O. (NEA)—The Air Force is peeking over Russia's shoulder in a laboratory.

The laboratory is the U. S. air force technical intelligence center at nearby Wright-Patterson air force base. What goes on there is so secret even workers themselves can't get in the restricted area without special code numbers on their passes.

An electric "code verifier" flashes like a metal detector in a prison when each of the workers check in or out. Armed guards will stop you, if you walk 10 feet inside the area without an escort.

A carefully screened, select group of officers and civilians works at the center. Engineers, photo interpreters, metallurgists, scientists and specially trained evaluation experts of all kinds are putting the enemy under microscope 24 hours a day, studying North Korean Communist equipment as well as Russian equipment.

What these technicians do, the technique they employ and how much they learn is a secret locked behind the laboratory fences. But, their prime job is to get every bit of technical information about the enemy, evaluate it and make the information available to our fliers in combat.

More than 100 tons of captured North Korea, Chinese Red and Russian equipment have been shipped thousands of miles from the fighting zone to the Ohio intelligence center. Some was flown here. More came by ship.

One big item is a MIG-15 jet fighter taken by an air intelligence team shortly after it was shot down in Korea.

"It was fairly intact," an officer said, "but there wasn't enough to warrant reconstructing it and flying the machine." The officer explained, however,

the air force could build an MIG-15 and fly it, if it wanted to. There is another MIG-15 at the base these days. But it's a pile of junk now. A mass of turbine engine cowings, wires, seats, tailpipe from a jet engine, rudder fin and elevators stacked in a storeroom. It was more complete when they got it, but they took it apart and studied it, piece by piece.

Col. Harold E. Watson, pointed to the pile of junk:

"Sure, we learned a lot of things about it. But, we're only telling our own interested agencies. That is what makes our work so tough. It isn't that we're afraid to tell the Russians about the MIG. They know all about it. But they don't know how much we know."

The warehouse looks like a Russian junkpile, with here and there supplies of intact equipment. There are racks of clothing worn by North Korean navy, air and army officers.

There are oxygen masks, gloves, flying jackets, boots, helmets, new engines of a reciprocating type used by Russians in transport planes.

In warehouse cubby-holes, is a partly intact Russian IL-11 two-seater trainer. The wing is in good

condition. The fuselage, however, is partly shot up. **VALUABLE INFO.** Just a junk heap? Yes, but it told U. S. experts many things. For instance, the plane was armed. Allied trainers are not. What kind of things do the experts learn when they peer over the shoulder of the Russian bear?

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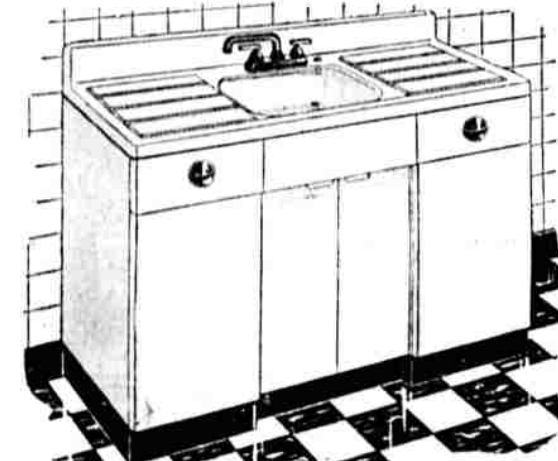
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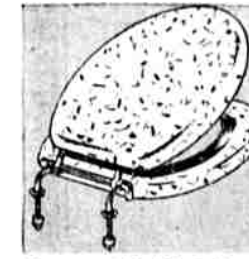
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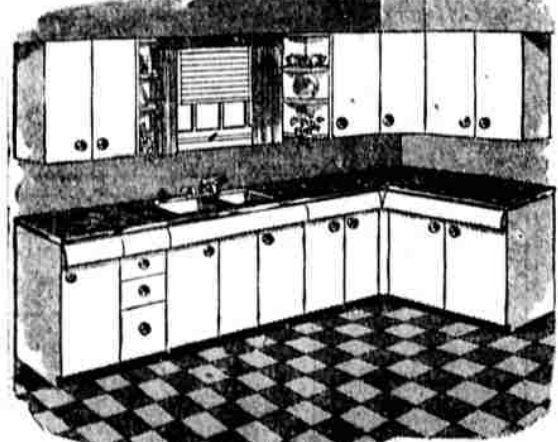
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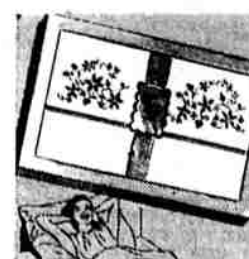
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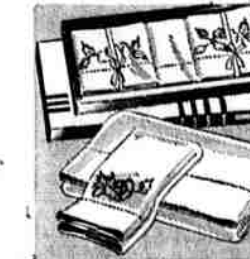
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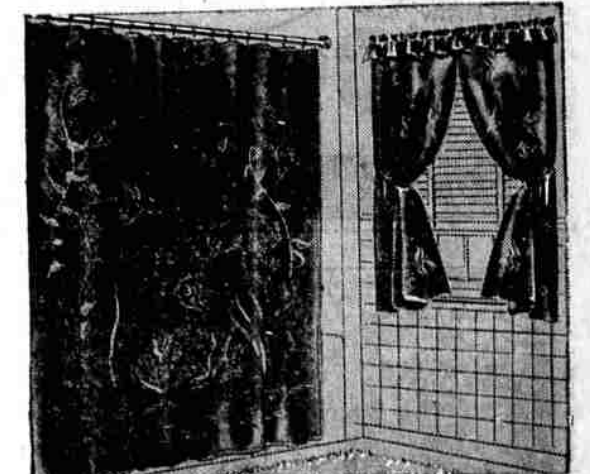
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