

Defense Bottlenecks Ease But Much Left To Do In Catching Up To Schedule

Mrs. Cornett To Attend SF Meeting

Mrs. Olive Cornett, National Republican Committeewoman from Oregon will leave Saturday for San Francisco where she will attend the kick-off session for the 1952 Republican campaign, a meeting of the Republican National Committee, convening Jan. 17-18-19.

The names of outstanding leaders in Republican affairs pack the agenda. Every breakfast, luncheon and dinner will present a national figure as a speaker. Colorful entertainment is being planned by the San Francisco committee.

Republican leaders of 11 Western States including chairmen, vice-chairmen, representatives of the Young Republican Organization and the Federation of Women's Republican Clubs, the latter created by the National Committee will attend the sessions.

At least two candidates for the Republican nomination for President will address the meeting.

Invitations to attend were extended by committee chairman Guy George Gabrielson, to the announced candidates — Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio; Governor Earl Warren, California and Harold E. Stassen, Pennsylvania or designated representatives. Acceptances have been received from Governor Warren and Harold Stassen and one dinner meeting has been reserved for Senator Taft.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Mass., will speak in behalf of the Eisenhower - for - President movement. Senator William F. Knowland, California will also address a luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Cornett, member of the sub-committee on housing for the convention will attend sessions of committees on call and arrangements, meeting for the first time in San Francisco to plan for the national convention.

Mrs. Cornett will also attend a sub-committee on contests for the 1952 Republican convention in Chicago, July 7 and Ralph H. Calkins, Portland, National Republican Committeeman from Oregon and member of the sub-committee on housing for the convention will attend sessions of committees on call and arrangements, meeting for the first time in San Francisco to plan for the national convention.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is breaking bottlenecks in jet fighter and tank production but estimates it will take a long time to catch up on the schedules set for big scale deliveries.

The defense chief expressed this view in testifying before the Senate closed door session Thursday.

Lovett's statement taken together with unofficial estimates of American and Russian production, pointed up President Truman's report to Congress on Wednesday that the Soviet Union "is still producing more war planes than the free nations."

The most recent unofficial estimate here is that Russia is producing about 15,000 planes a year. Of these about 12,000 are first line combat aircraft with about 70 per cent of them jet fighters.

Against this is the recent estimate of Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, (ret), President of Aircraft Industries Association, that total production of American planes of all types may reach about 1,500 per month by late 1952. That would be at the rate of 18,000 a year and some industry men believe this figure may be a little too high.

The industry blames the lag in plane production first on what it says is the attempt to impose a multi-billion dollar armament program on a booming civilian economy.

Industry leaders say the primary reason for lagging production has been a shortage of engines and component parts traced to scarcities of machine tools and alloy metals needed in jet engine manufacture.

The Army is producing an undisclosed number of light, medium and heavy tanks.

Driver Fined After Wreck

One of two drivers involved in a two-car crash on U.S. 97 near the Chilquin junction yesterday morning was fined \$30 in District Court here for passing with insufficient clearance.

Samuel W. Jamzen, Spokane, Wash., paid the fine.

He was operator of a car going south on the highway that sideswiped another vehicle driven north by Ira F. Orem 1836 Kane. Jamzen told State Police he was attempting to pass a truck and trailer rig that was throwing up snow and crashed into Orem's car. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

Orem suffered a severe lower lip laceration.

Five Iron Curtains Guard the Soviet Union

By SIGRID ARNE
Washington—There are five Iron Curtains—not just one—surrounding the whole Soviet Union.

They run along the tremendous Soviet border, from Norway on the Northwest, around the South coast of Afghanistan and India, and up the Pacific coast all the way to the Bering Straits.

News about the five curtains has slipped out of the Soviet Union piece-meal ever since the Russians moved tens of thousands of Poles out of Eastern Poland early in World War II.

Information comes from refugees from the satellite nations in Europe from Russians who have escaped and turned against their government, from secret papers found during World War II, and from published Russian law.

The story has been pieced together in Washington by Russian experts both in and out of the government.

Experts say that Moscow has set up these curtains for two reasons: to keep unwanted foreigners out of the country, and to prevent Russian citizens from escaping into the free world.

They point out that under Communist beliefs the world is really at war, a war for men's minds; that the Russians are up against a more serious problem than keeping out troops and tanks. They must also try to keep out Western ideas.

Here are descriptions of the five curtains:

Drop Seen For NW Carloadings

SPOKANE (AP) — The Pacific Northwest Advisory Board Thursday predicted a slight drop in Pacific Northwest carloadings during the first quarter of 1952.

The board said the decrease is expected despite anticipated increases in grain, coal and coke shipments.

Carloadings in January, February and March will total 219,601, the board said, compared with 220,162 for the same period a year ago.

1. At the actual border there is a strip of plowed ground 15 feet wide. This is to catch the footprints of anyone who may have escaped during the night.

2. Next there is a border about 1,600 feet wide that is threaded with barbed wire fence. There is reason to believe that this whole network is electrified so that if the fence is cut at night an electric signal flashes at the nearest patrol station. This, at least, has been reported for specific spots.

3. Next is a strip about four miles wide, which is just a No-Man's land. It contains barricades and field mines. Former residents have been deported. Border guards patrol the area with dogs, and aided by spotlights.

4. The next strip is about 14 miles wide. Here families live till the ground, and work—but only if they have a special permit from the ministry of state security—the super-secret MGB. The famous MVD, the ministry of interior, used to run this strip. But Washington experts have learned that the much more secret MGB has taken it over. This is the zone from which huge deportations have taken place—from the Karelian isthmus and the Baltics through the Balkans, and the Caucasus, and around to the Pacific. Washington political experts say the deportations prove how uncertain the Communists are about the loyalty of Soviet citizens.

5. The fifth Iron Curtain is really big. It consists of the areas into which NO foreigner may enter. It was described in notes from the Soviet government to all foreign embassies in Moscow on Sept. 30, 1948.

This zone extends from the border hundreds of miles toward the interior. It includes large sections in the very center of the Soviet Union. It includes one area, Kazakhstan, which lies north of Iraq, Afghanistan and India that is half the size of the United States. Western experts think this zone hides new Russian industrial areas new military establishments, and further, areas in which there have been sporadic revolts by the people against the Communist regime.

Even Russian citizens may not travel in the first four zones—except the small number who are permitted to live in the fourth zone. Russians, however, can seek to travel in the area forbidden to foreigners, but is difficult to arrange.

There is a sardonic note in these iron curtains. For all Moscow's talk about the brotherhood of the "People's Democracies" the Russians have carefully set up the five iron curtains between the Soviet Union proper and their satellite nations in Middle Europe — Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria.

Even so the satellites have their own ring of iron curtains on their outer European borders. There is now evidence coming in that the Russians are running their barriers down the middle of Germany and Austria—even while they talk of peace treaties for the two nations.

Russian experts in Washington are appalled by the extreme waste-

Top Military Men Study 'New Korea'

By C. YATES McDANIEL
WASHINGTON (AP) — Military chiefs of the major Pacific powers began talks here Friday on what can be done in event an assault from Red China is launched against French Indochina. Such a "new Korea" would threaten all of Southeast Asia.

The staff chiefs of Britain, France and the United States, with observers from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, open their top secret conference under a dark shadow cast by reports that the great leader of the fight against Communism in Southern Asia lies dying in a Paris clinic.

Urgency was given to the high strategy session by warnings from French Gen. De Lattre de Tassigny before he was stricken in Indochina and flown home for treatment.

He expressed fears, backed up by facts and sobering evaluations, that Red China was preparing a major intervention in the Communist inspired and led rebellion in Indochina.

Diplomatic officials in London said Britain, France and the U.S. are considering plans to set up a unified military command in Southeast Asia. This would enable a pooling of available air, land and sea forces. The command would be tied in indirectly with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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