



SKIMMING ON SURFACE — Allyn B. Hazard handles airplane-like controls of the hydrofoil boat, a motorboat that skales along Long Beach, Cal., water on three metal struts.

Munitions Chief Says U.S. Jets Far Behind

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON, (AP) — John D. Small, chairman of the Munitions Board, told Congress Monday "we are still far behind" Russia in current warplane production, particularly of jet aircraft.

He said that even so planned deliveries in 1953 and early 1954 will have to be cut back if Congress sticks to a House-approved ceiling of a 46 billion dollars on armed forces spending in the fiscal year starting next July 1.

And those years, Small added, appear to be "a very perilous period as we look ahead."

Small testified before the Senate Preparedness Committee.

TWIN PROBES

It was one of two Senate groups which were inquiring simultaneously into the air power situation. A Senate Appropriations subcommittee had Secretary of the Air Force Finletter before it behind closed doors.

The preparedness committee's hearing also was closed to the public but Small sent newsmen a copy of a prepared statement he read to the group.

In his statement, Small said U.S. warplane production is about three times what it was when the Korean war began.

He quoted Lt. Gen. O. P. Weyland, commanding the U. S. Air Force in the Far East, as reporting the United Nations have superiority of aircraft numbers in Korea despite the greater Soviet production.

Small defended the administration's orders for a "stretchout" of the program of building U. S. aerial might, and said it has been widely misunderstood.

The "stretchout" order calls for reaching peak strength in mid-1955 instead of the earlier goal of a peak by middle-1954.

"This does not mean a cut-back" in current production, Small emphasized.

He said the program under the "stretchout" is "pretty well off the ground now", two months after it was started, with production about five per cent below schedule.

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The change is to be effective June 1.

Hopson started his telephone career with Western Electric in 1927 and joined Pacific at Portland in 1939. He has been wire chief at Albany since 1947.

The Hopsons — they have a 12-year-old daughter — are to move to Klamath Falls as soon as arrangements can be made.

Howell has been in telephone work since 1918 and has been in Klamath Falls since 1941.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Twelve B-29 Superfortress crewmen escaped without a scratch in a dramatic crash landing at Tinker Air Force Base Monday.

The plane had circled the field all afternoon preparing for the landing after Maj. F. W. Haines of San Francisco, its pilot, discovered his right landing gear was locked shortly after he took off from Forbes Air Force Base, Okla., at 1 p. m.

The crew voted to ride the plane down and refused to bail out.

At 7 p. m., while fire trucks and a large crash crew stood by, Haines flopped slowly to the runway headed for the landing. His left front wheels touched the ground and the craft sped down the runway for about 500 yards.

Then the right landing gear, which was locked half-way out

backed and the wing dragged on the runway, turning the plane in a circle to the right on some grass.

Sparks and flames appeared momentarily for the friction and Air Force personnel watching the landing held their breath. The main hatch opened and the crewmen made a quick dash outside.

leaving the fire crews to spray the smoking engines with foam, a frothy substance which covers the flames and smothers them by cutting off oxygen.

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