



'I'M SORRY, BOSS'—Rex, a 13-month-old Great Dane, seems to be apologizing to his owner, Harvey Hodge (left), Denver, Colo., oil man, and municipal Judge George M. McNamara. The judge fined Hodge \$25 after hearing testimony that Rex nipped a newsboy twice and also ran through a neighbor's seedling beds.

Alaska Territory Ready For Quick Defense Buildup

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AP Military Affairs Write.
Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska — Alaska, which might be the first to feel a Russian attack against the United States, now seems ready for a quick buildup of fighting men and warplanes to parry such an attack.
Lieut. Gen. William E. Kepner, chief of the combined ground, sea and air Alaska Command, told reporters Thursday he believes this key bastion point for northwest defenses of the nation is in a far

better condition of readiness than at anytime since the end of the war.
Even an initial look by visiting newsmen at bases they flew over en route here appeared to confirm this.
Here at this busy headquarters and big airfield, in things which may not be discussed in detail an air of alertness for attack at any moment is apparent.
Not at any installation in the continental United States is preparedness so evident. There is no huge force of either ground or air troops based permanently in Alaska. Nor is it either intended or desired that there should be.
It was indicated some time ago in Washington the plan was to make Alaska thoroughly ready to receive such forces almost instantly, but for reasons of strategy and economy to keep them based in continental United States except

for rotational training or maneuvers here.
That physical preparations for such a program are now virtually complete is apparent in new troop housing, hangars, repair and service facilities and huge airfields for handling the biggest bombers and the fastest jet fighters.
To get troops here in a hurry, it is obvious the military depends on a rapid airlift by a fleet of multi-engine planes, and additional movement of men and supplies over the Alcan Highway and by sea transport from West Coast ports.

Alaska is the only place in the world where the military of the Soviet Union and the United States can look across their backyard fence at each other. Only 60 miles of the Bering Strait separate the mainlands.
In fact, a brochure of the Alaskan Command points out "the smallest distance separating North America from Asia occurs between Little and Big Diomedes Islands: On Little Diomedes a picture of Abraham Lincoln adorns the school house, while on Big Diomedes, three miles away, the schoolhouse contains a portrait of Karl Marx. The Reds and Americans are such close neighbors they can hear what each other is doing."
Persons on American-owned St. Lawrence Island, which is close to the water boundary and to the southeast corner of the Siberian Peninsula, report they hear sounds of explosions.
Kepner did not offer any explanation for the explosions. Nor did he appear to attach any grave significance to them. They could be bombing practice, gunfire training

what the Russians have ready or prepared for an air invasion as the case do. But he grants them the assumption they are as well prepared for an air invasion as the United States is in its airborne program.

State Fire Loss Decrease

SALEM, 19 — While forest fire weather in Oregon this year has been almost the worst in history, the damage caused by fires on state and private lands was only a fraction of that caused in 1951.
State Forester George Spaur, asserting "we were just plain lucky," said only 17,166 acres of forest lands were burned this year, compared with 125,666 acres last year. There were 1,015 fires this year, compared with 954 last year.
Of the 1952 total, 598 were man-caused, compared with 850 last year. Lightning started 417 fires this year, compared with 104 last year.

Pravda Says Dulles Cannibal

MOSCOW, 19 — Pravda today called the U.S. Republican party's foreign affairs expert, John Foster Dulles a "cannibal," "a trader in death" and "an atomite."
The leading Soviet paper ranted against Dulles because of a statement he reportedly made to the St. Louis Post Dispatch in which he said that if he had a choice, he would rather die under an atom bomb than as a result of incendiary bomb action.

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Children's Psychiatric Clinic To Be Held In Klamath Falls

A child psychiatric clinic, to be offered here three times yearly, is to make its first appearance Dec. 5, at Roosevelt School.
The mental health clinic is jointly sponsored by the University of Oregon Medical School and the State Board of Health. On each of the three annual visits here, two psychiatrists will examine and outline treatment for a maximum of 16 children through the age of 15.
The Klamath Inter-Agency Council, cooperating with the state units in activation of the clinic here, sponsored a luncheon meeting at the Winema Hotel yesterday for interested persons. Verna Stocks, clinic coordinator from Portland, outlined the clinic operation to a surprisingly large audience.
A three-member committee is to decide on the 16 children to be examined in the Dec. 5 clinic. The committee members are Dr. Seth Kerron, county health officer; Mrs. Karl Urquhart, county welfare officer, and Forest Holly, Fremont School instructor.
Persons wishing to have youngsters put through the clinic should discuss the matter with one of the three committee members as soon as possible.

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