



A MAINTENANCE BUILDING at Henley School was destroyed by fire Friday. Above, members of the County Fire Department douse the still burning timbers.

Vandenberg Quits Joint Chiefs Of Staff Today; First To Go

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP) — The change of the military high command begins today with retirement of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force and senior member of the joint chiefs of staff. A farewell salute from jet warplanes and marching men of the force Vandenberg has commanded for five years was arranged at Bolling Air Force Base here.

White House said last night the Chief Executive had made no plan to attend. Secretary of Defense Wilson and Deputy Secretary Roger M. Kyes will also be absent. Wilson left Washington Friday for a 10-day vacation in Northern Michigan and Kyes will remain at the Pentagon. Although only 54, Vandenberg has completed 30 years of service as an air officer. He served a full four year term as air chief in April, 1952, but former President Truman re-appointed him to a short term so he could round out his 30 year military service and become eligible for retirement.

Vandenberg battled before congressional committees against the plan of the administration and Secretary Wilson to clip five billion dollars off appropriations in the next fiscal year and cut the 1955 goal to 120 wings. The general contended that the danger of delay was great, that Soviet air strength and atomic capability is growing swiftly. But the battle was going against him as he left command. A House committee not only sustained Wilson's proposal, but cut the figure even more. Vandenberg, his friends say, retires without rancor at the turn of events—but without any intention of giving up the effort to build up Air Force striking power faster than he believes can be done under the Wilson planning.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army Monday awarded the Medal of Honor to a medical aid man who slew two Red soldiers with his bare hands, killed a third with his trench knife and smashed together the heads of two others. He is Sgt. David B. Bleak, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bleak of Shelby, Idaho.

Bleak did all this and more to save American wounded last June when he volunteered to accompany a patrol into Korean no-man's-land. An eyewitness account of Bleak's heroism was given the Army by PFC Willie G. Gay, Emporia, Va.

The patrol left the U. S. lines in darkness, crossed into Communist territory and promptly drew intense enemy fire. An enemy hand grenade glanced off the helmet of one of the Americans. Bleak

Only 91 Gripes In Four Years

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's fair employment practices law is four years old, and the State Bureau of Labor has had a total of 91 complaints. It has closed 80 of these after investigation, finding discrimination in 46 of them. The law forbids employers, labor unions and employment agencies from discriminating against any person because of his race or religion. In the four years, there have been 60 complaints against private employers, with 25 cases of discrimination found. Eight labor unions have been accused in 10 complaints, and discrimination was found in 15 of these cases. These mostly involved refusal to admit Negroes to membership. There were 11 complaints against state and local governments, with six cases of discrimination proved. All but five of the complaints came from the Portland area.

Regional Camp Fire Girls Head Picked

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — National Camp Fire Girls headquarters reported Monday the appointment of Miss Eileen Plumb of Missoula, Mont., as regional field adviser for Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. She will work out of the Spokane office.

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