

Air Force Chief Warns Of Russian Jet Power Threat

AMARILLO, Tex. (AP) — Gen. Nathan F. Twining said today the new Russian heavy jet bomber, comparable in size to the huge American B52, was developed for sole purpose of reaching "important targets in the United States."

The Air Force chief of staff said in a speech prepared for an Armed Forces Day ceremony here that the "Reds" medium bombers can reach "any important target in Europe or Asia or the North Africa. They would need the new heavy bomber only to reach important targets in the United States."

Placing heavy emphasis on the recent Russian display of air power over Moscow, he said the Soviet Union now has "thousands more combat planes" than the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines and Army combined.

Twining's estimate seemed in apparent conflict with that made last month by Rep. Schriver (R-Kan), chairman of a House Appropriations subcommittee handling military funds. Schriver said the United States outnumbered Russia by a 3-2 ratio in the air.

However, it was not clear whether Schriver was referring to overall air strength, in all types of planes, or to combat craft. Neither is there any precise definition of a "combat" plane applicable to both nations.

Neither man used figures. There has been official announcement that as of last January the United States Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps had about 33,000 planes of all types, of which one third were jets. Russian strength has been estimated at 20,000 planes in active service, 20,000 in reserve.

Twining said today the Soviet air force "is by far the biggest air force in the world." But he said, "We still have a considerable lead over the Reds in long-range air power as well as in weapons that can be delivered by long-range air power. We can maintain this advantage if we are willing to pay the price in material resources and in the human resource of hard work."

He said that in the annual air parade over Moscow two weeks ago the Russians unveiled "something very new," whereas a year ago they showed only some improved MIG fighters and light jet bombers.

In this year's air parade, he said, the Soviets included nine new medium jet bombers comparable in size and design to our own B47.

"Of course," he said, "we already have hundreds of B47s in our own Air Force, so we are ahead of them at present. But we must face the fact that the Reds have now begun to copy, and perhaps try to improve upon, our medium jet bomber. They did the same thing with our B29 a few years ago and they soon produced hundreds of them."

"Even more significant, however, was the new heavy jet bomber that they displayed for the first time in flight."

"Actually this new heavy jet bomber is comparable in size and appearance to our own B52. We have as yet only a few B52s. The Reds have now proved to the world that they have at least one long-range jet bomber of a similar type."

"It is interesting to note that the new heavy bomber and the medium bombers of the Reds are all equipped with extremely powerful engines embedded in the wings."

The Boeing B52 has a wing span of 185 feet, a length of 153, weighs about 300,000 pounds when fully loaded and fueled. It is powered with eight J57 jet engines, developing about 10,000 pounds of thrust each. Its combat radius, without in-air refueling for which it is equipped, is about 3,000 miles. Its speed is "faster" than the medium B47 which flies well above 600 miles per hour.

Twining's phrasing suggested that the engine in the new Soviet heavy bomber exceed substantially the power of the J57 engine, most powerful in present operational use by the United States Air Force.

Cow Belles Hold Meeting

Twenty new members joined Klamath Cow Belles at the Thursday luncheon at Jen-Ed's.

The group, auxiliary to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, was organized March 30 with Mrs. Dave Campbell as president and Mrs. Henry Gerber as secretary.

Guest speaker was Mrs. James Owens, who organized the Red Bluff Cow Belles. That group has grown from an original 47 members to 111 at the present time. They assist the cattlemen with their annual barbecue and employ various means of promoting the use of beef.

Since this summer in the Wood River Valley, Mrs. Owens expects to attend Klamath meeting as well as those of her own group, when possible.

Other special guests at the meeting included Mrs. Owens' cousin who has been here three weeks from her native Germany.

Mrs. Clarence Dallas came from Lake County, bringing her San Francisco guest, Mrs. Richard Noel who, with her husband, is visiting at the Drews' Valley Ranch with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas.

Mrs. Campbell announced that beef recipes are urgently requested from all members and friends, to be sent in her or to Mrs. Gerber.

Regular memberships are open to all wives, mothers or sisters of members of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. All other interested women may be associate members. Nearly 35 women attended the Thursday meeting, coming from as far as Fort Klamath, Lake County and the southern part of Klamath Basin.

Spring Weather Over Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly normal spring weather, with only a few rainy areas, appeared the outlook for most of the country Friday.

A storm centered off the northern coast of South Carolina early Friday caused light rain from central Georgia and extreme northern Alabama northward to the Ohio Valley and southern Virginia.

Skies were generally clear from New England westward across the Great Lakes region into the upper Mississippi Valley and southward over the middle Mississippi Valley and western Gulf region.

It was cloudy along the central and southern coasts of California and there was considerable cloudiness in the great basin. Skies were clear in other sections of the West.

Temperatures were around normal levels in most areas. Readings were near 10 Thursday in the desert Southwest region.

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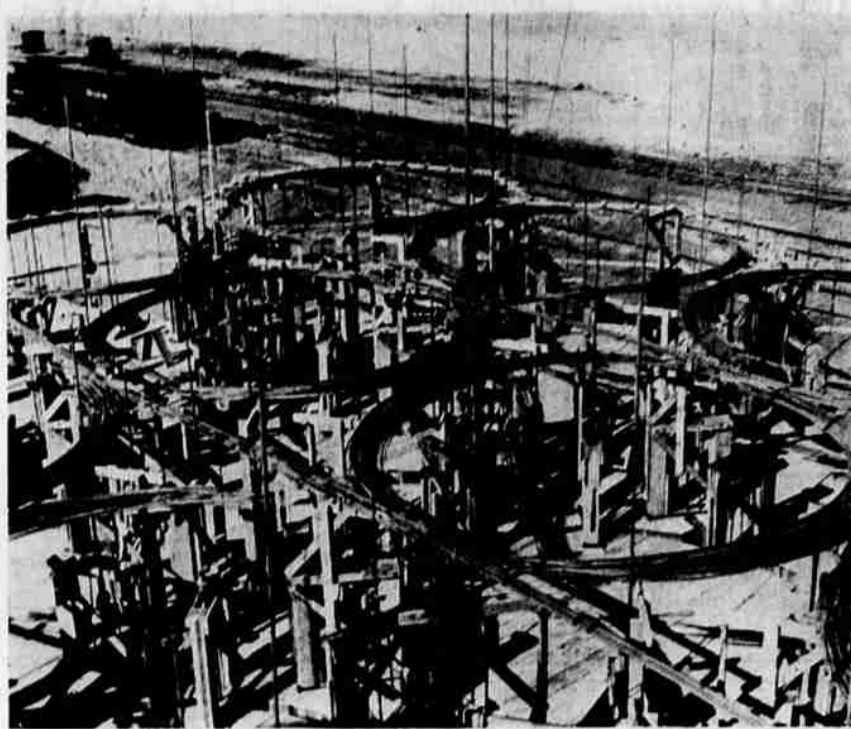
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SACRED HEART NOTEBOOK

By BEATRICE WALSH

By defeating Chilcoquin 6 to 0 Tuesday, Sacred Heart won the Klamath County championship. Trojans compete with Talent tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Medford fairgrounds for the district title.

Results of the elections held yesterday morning were announced at the student body assembly yesterday afternoon. Dino Reginato will succeed Louis Brown as president of the student body and Julio Sari is treasurer. A runoff election for the offices of vice president and secretary was necessary this morning. Cheerleaders will be Dolores Gerwald, Darlene Brophy and Sharon Mallow.

Election of Peep Club members will be today. Present Peep Clubs were on a picnic to Collier Park.

Cecile Vandenberg has been selected as 1954 May queen. Barbara Mauch, Kathleen Crier, Joan Brady, Cecilia Kamm, Catherine Kamm and Mary Kay Eaton are the members of her court. The annual Living Rosary will be presented Tuesday evening in the Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Drowns After Mishap

SALEM (AP) — A boat capsized in a college outing at Hampton Lake, three miles south of Independence, Thursday, and Paul Marcy Oppenlander, 18, West Linn, drowned.

Oppenlander helped a co-ed to reach the overturned, but still floating, boat. Two other students also clung to the boat, awaiting rescue. Then Oppenlander struck out for an oar, floating nearby. He went under before reaching it. Attempts to recover the body failed Thursday night.

The others, who were rescued, were Kara Newell, 18, Forest Grove; Charlotte Passolt, 18, Sprague River, Ore.; and John Adams, 20, Klamath, Idaho.

They were among 30 students from George Fox College at Newberg.

Oppenlander was the son of Mrs. Lila Oppenlander, West Linn.

Charlotte Passolt, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Passolt Jr., formerly of Sprague River and now of 250 South Rogers Street, called her mother before 9 a.m. today to say that she was safe.

The girl is a freshman at George Fox College, where all members of the group were enrolled.

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French Premier Wins Small Margin In Confidence Vote

PARIS (AP)—Premier Joseph Laniel and his top military advisers faced up to major questions on Indochina policy today, supported only by a two-vote majority in the National Assembly which indicated prompt ousting of the government as soon as the Geneva conference ends.

The 289-287 margin by which Laniel won an Assembly vote of confidence last night showed clearly the deputies would have booted the Cabinet out had they not feared a government crisis would suspend the Geneva talks with the Communists on Indochina and Korea.

It appeared that only a major victory over the Communist-led Vietminh rebels—at the conference table in Switzerland or on the battlefield in Indochina—could save Laniel once the Geneva talks were over. Neither victory was expected.

The major item on the government's schedule today was a meeting of the Committee on National Defense, made up of top military and civilian officials. Laniel warned the Assembly the committee would have to consider the making of important decisions.

Laniel gave the Assembly no hint of the nature of these, but informed sources said later they involved proposals to send draftees to Indochina and possibly to extend the 18-month conscription period for certain categories.

Up to now, no conscripts have been sent to Indochina in the seven-year war against the Communist-led rebels. Any decision to send them there would certainly raise a howl throughout war-weary France.

In theory the government has the right to send conscripts to any noncombat area—to Saigon, for example, but not to Hanoi. Draftees sent to noncombat zones could free professional troops for the fighting fronts.

But in reality no government could risk such a move without consulting Parliament, where many deputies are more interested in peace than in continuation of the unpopular Indochina war.

Laniel told the Assembly that more troops, paratroopers, bombers and tanks were being sent to Indochina and that two cruisers

was due almost entirely to the fall in the interim of Dien Bien Phu.

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