

Main West Coast Defense Center Like War Island

Editor's Note: This is the first of three dispatches by a veteran United Press correspondent who recently visited the Strategic Air Command's security-tight B52 base near Merced, Calif.

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CASTLE AFB, Calif. (UP)—This Strategic Air Command base, where water-winged B52s squat, mean and deadly, on the flight apron, is like an island of war in the middle of California's peaceful San Joaquin Valley.

It has the same intangible aura of urgency, of living with peril, that one felt at Kimpo Airfield in Korea where the Sabers jets went out to meet the Communist MIG 15s, or at Tacloban Airstrip on Leyte where ace Dick Bong and his wingmates rose daily to challenge the Japanese Zeros.

SAC's main West Coast B52 next is a double-duty installation. Here veteran SAC pilots and crews train other veterans in the transition to the monstrous, eight-jet Stratofortresses, while at the same time standing ready to take off at virtually an hour's notice to meet the enemy's first hostile move with massive retaliation.

WARLIKE ATMOSPHERE
The warlike atmosphere strikes the visitor the moment he touches down on Castle's 11,800-foot runway and sees the row upon row of B52s with their shark-fin tails jut-

ting nearly five stories into the air. Some are parked with their massive bomb bay doors hanging agape, ready to receive their load. Others stand with their beaks hidden, ostrich-like, in corrugated steel nose docks.

They are the planes of the 93rd Bombardment Wing, commanded by Brig. Gen. William E. Eubank Jr., 44-year-old native of Welch, W. Va., who fought as an infantryman on Bataan Peninsula and who was later evacuated from Corregidor by submarine as one of the key men needed to rebuild the Air Force in the South Pacific for the long fight back.

General Eubank relaxes in sports clothes and blue suede shoes in his off-duty hours and looks more like a successful young advertising executive than a general officer in the Air Force.

THE WEAPON
When he speaks of the B52 he refers to it as "the weapon" rather than the airplane. It's the SAC terminology that wraps up the whole package—plane, crew and bomb—in one word.

"The B52 is truly the 'long rifle' of our defense force in being today," Eubank said. "Never before in history has so much striking power been concentrated in one weapon. There's no question in my mind but that it is also the greatest weapon for peace today—in that our enemies know we possess the capability to deliver such destruction."

That incongruous feeling of being on an island of war in the midst of peace emanates from the men of SAC themselves. They are professionals—sober and mature men who are a far cry from the hell-raising, harum-scarum kids who flew the Spads of World War I and the Mustangs of World War II.

Typical of these men and their attitude toward their job is Maj. George Cambridge, 35, of Chehalis, Wash., an Air Force career veteran of two wars, who pilots one of Castle's "weapons."

Married and the father of two

children, Cambridge takes a quiet pride in the men with whom he serves.

"These fellows have a purpose, and they live for that purpose," he said. "All of them could make more money on the outside. Call it patriotism if you want to. They are all pros—this isn't an outfit for draftees."

What do the B52 pilots think of their mission? Do they think they are the "expendables" of World War III? Do they think, in their hearts, that they are holding a one-way ticket on their mission to Moscow in the event of war?

"Those are hard questions to answer," Cambridge said.

He paused for several seconds to ponder. "We feel the aircraft and the crews have the capability of delivering the bomb and returning. I guess it's like any other wartime mission. Every man has to feel that his crew will make it. We definitely don't feel we are being sold short, if that's what you mean."

Of course, should this global mission have to be called, a lot of them won't make it. "I guess you might say most of us just close our minds against that," he said.

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Oregon Demos Hold Lead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon Democrats held an official lead of 37,545 over Republicans in voter registrations whose tally was finally completed Tuesday.

Douglas County figures, last to be reported, continued the swing to the Democrats in a swift reversal from Republican.

Not since Civil War days has the registration, in a presidential year, favored the Democrats.

The total registration is an all-time high at 878,146. Democrats have 451,287, Republicans 413,742 and others 13,115.

Four years ago Republicans had a lead of 5,000. This was whittled down to 2,400 two years ago, then for last spring's primary the Democrats moved out in front by 13,000. Registration for next week's election, urged in campaigns by both political parties and by labor's Committee on Political Education (COPE), all but tripled this Democratic edge.

In the First Congressional District where Republican Rep. Walter Norblad is opposed by Democratic Jason Lee, the Republicans lead, 127,870 to 113,032, a margin of 14,838. The other three districts are all Democratic in registration: Second, where Republican Rep. Sam Coon is opposed by Democrat Al Ullman, it's 70,592 to 60,065; Third, where Democratic Rep. Edith Green is opposed by Republican Phil Roth, the Democratic margin is 156,433 to 126,709; and Fourth, which never has had a representative other than Republican Harris Ellsworth, opposed this year by Charles O. Porter, the Democratic lead is 111,230 to 98,298.

Douglas County, the final one reporting, has 17,204 Democrats, 13,903 Republicans and 663 in other parties.

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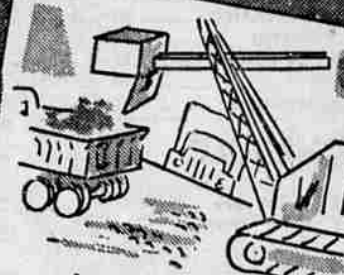
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The wise use and progressive management of our Wildlife Refuges is an important part of our constructive conservation program. Tens of thousands of acres have been added to existing refuges. More tens of thousands have been purchased for new refuges in every section of our Nation; still more thousands of acres have been set aside as reserves for future development. But, knowing that mere land was not enough, the fathered new stringent regulations which give our fish and wildlife the greatest protection in their history.



MORE PLAY AREAS

Under Ike's administration, an \$800,000,000 program is being carried out to modernize and enlarge the facilities of our National Parks. Other new recreational areas and protected wilderness areas throughout the country will help all of us enjoy the increased leisure of these prosperous times.

Out of four big prosperous peaceful years

THE NEW LOOK IN OUR NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

An Eisenhower Success Story

Today millions of Americans are enjoying new homes. Others are planning on remodeling, expanding their present homes—buying bigger, better homes. And, across our Nation, industry is already blueprinting the plants and development we need to make these dreams live . . . to keep employment high . . . to keep pay checks full . . . to guarantee a continuation of the good life we now enjoy.

The prime source of our abundance—now and for our children and theirs—lies in the constructive use and wise development of our vast natural resources. President Eisenhower has long recognized that it is not enough to merely protect these resources—they must be expanded and increased if they are to meet the gigantic needs of our skyrocketing population.

That is why—during the last four years—Ike has taken the leadership in a dynamic program to develop our electric power resources . . . our minerals . . . our fish and wildlife facilities . . . and the national parks and play areas so important for the well being and recreation of all 170,000,000 Americans.

One vital key to Ike's outstanding success in this broad field of conservation has been his "Working Together"

program, under which the Administration has cooperated to the fullest with local people, public and private, throughout our country.

Only this kind of down-to-earth program can successfully accomplish the tremendous task of developing our natural resources for the protection of our prosperity and the adequate defense of our homes and nation. Let's help Ike keep this great program rolling. Remember: A vote for Ike is a vote for the good life we all want for ourselves and generations to come.

"Wise and judicious use of our natural resources is of paramount concern to all Americans. And I should like to make clear that when we are talking conservation we are not talking about locking up and putting resources beyond the possibility of wastage or use. We are talking about the intelligent use of all the resources we have, for the welfare and the benefit of all the American people."

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