

Report Shows Military Efforts Ham-Strung By Failures In Supply

WASHINGTON (UPI)—In 1961, the aircraft carrier Forrestal had to put to sea without essential parts for the fire fighting equipment and main engines. At the same time, as many as a third of the M48 tanks at Fort Bragg, N.C., were out of operation. These situations were disclosed in a major report by the General Accounting Office Wednesday. It said the combat preparedness of U.S. military units has been "seriously affected" by inability to obtain replacement parts and other supplies, even though the material was readily available. The GAO, Congress' watchdog on federal spending, said the failure of Army, Navy and Marine units to get needed items significantly contributed to—or was directly responsible for—much high priority combat equipment being unserviceable. The deficiencies seriously curtailed troop training at home and overseas, it said, and resulted in warships operating without essential materials that would be needed in an emergency.

Bloodmobile Visits Basin On Tuesday

Residents of Malin, Merrill and Tulelake open their community activities for 1963 by organized donor recruitment programs for the annual visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Merrill on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Merrill Recreation Hall. Donor hours are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a quota for the day's visit of 200 persons. The Lions Club is spearheading the donor drive in Merrill, with Rev. Lloyd Henderson as chairman. On his committee are Alonzo Hodges, Lawson Kandra, Dick Perdue, Bob Petrik and Claire Duncan. Prosperity Chapter No. 169 of the Eastern Star heads up the effort in Malin, where Mrs. Helen

Ottoman serves as worthy man. Mrs. Helen Derry and Mrs. Frances Kalina are acting as co-chairmen for Malin. In Tulelake and Newell, Bill Ganger is acting as chairman. The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Tulelake are dueling for donors, with the club producing the most donors at the Merrill Recreation Hall winning a free lunch from the losing club. Bob Purvis is Kiwanis chairman and Ganger heads up the Rotary side. PTAs of Tulelake and Newell are also assisting the community recruitment, with Mrs. Shirley Greenbank in charge of Newell recruitment and Mrs. Betty Meskhe phoning to remind donors on behalf of the Tulelake PTA.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, the bloodmobile moves to Kingsley Field, La. Tom Hanlin has distributed 230 pledge cards among base personnel, and anticipates a busy five hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kingsley Field Service Club. Lieutenant Hanlin emphasizes that civilian donors from all areas are welcome to come to the military blood drawing. Appointments may be made by donors by contacting the community chairman in Malin, Merrill and Tulelake, and at the Red Cross office, TU 4-4125 for donations at Kingsley Field.

Traffic Up In Klamath

The number of vehicles counted at four of five traffic check points on state highways in Klamath County during November showed an increase over traffic during the same month of the previous year, according to a report from the Oregon State Highway Department.

Of the four check points showing increases, Beatty registered the greatest gain with 15.1 per cent, followed by Chemult, 10.4; Midland, 8.5; and Merrill, 5.4. The only decrease was noted in the vicinity of Fort Klamath which was down 17.1 per cent.

The maximum traffic recorded in a 24-hour period during the month occurred Sunday, Nov. 25, when 3,034 vehicles were counted on Highway 97 near Chemult. The next highest figure was noted at Midland where 2,787 vehicles passed the same day on the same highway.

The increase in traffic on state highways in Klamath County was representative of a general hike in traffic throughout the rest of the state, the department's monthly report indicated.

Bural highway traffic increased 8.4 per cent for the month while urban traffic was up 2.8 per cent, compared to November of 1961. Favorable weather conditions this past month, which had no snow periods comparable to those in the latter part of the same month for the previous year, influenced the increase, the report stated.

Man Caught In Market

City police arrested Robert Leon Chocknot, 19, who gave his address as the Early Hotel, on charges of burglary after Chocknot broke into Ralph's Curio Shop, 1029 Main Street, and the Unique Market, 129 South Ninth Street, about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Police received a call from someone who lives next to the Unique Market complaining that there were some noises coming from inside the store. When police arrived at the scene they found a large hole kicked through the glass door. When they entered the building they heard bottles rattling as Chocknot apparently was finding a place to hide.

The patrolmen found him hiding in a storeroom in the establishment.

About the same time the city police received a call from Ralph Sanchez, owner of the curio shop. He said he just arrived from a trip out of town and found a large hole in the shop window and the establishment apparently burglarized. He said that a picture and purse were missing.

Patrolmen found the picture and purse in the Unique Market with Chocknot. The youth admitted breaking into both premises.

Chocknot apparently took some small change and cigarettes from the cash register drawer. Chocknot was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital for treatment of cuts on his hand.

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Southern Oregon Adds Three To Traffic Toll

Three persons in Klamath and Jackson counties were among 29 people killed in traffic accidents throughout the state during November, a report from the Oregon State Highway Department has shown.

The three victims were killed in different accidents which occurred at night, with one of the fatalities occurring in Klamath and the other two in Jackson.

The fatal in Klamath County resulted when a northbound automobile skidded on icy pavement and struck an improperly parked car, forcing it into the path of a northbound truck and trailer, near Scott Creek, milepost 228, on Highway 97, the report stated.

The two fatal accidents in Jackson County occurred less than one mile from each other on Highway 99, near Talent. In one of the accidents, a pedestrian wearing dark clothing was killed when he was struck by a southbound automobile while crossing the highway at the intersection.

In the other incident, the fatality resulted when the driver of a southbound car disregarded a flagman and struck a truck and trailer stalled across the highway. Elsewhere in the state, 26 people were killed in vehicle accidents while three others died of injuries resulting from traffic accidents. In addition, 43 people were

Tape Tells Death Plot

SAN DIEGO (UPI)—A tape recording was played in Superior Court Wednesday in which a woman discussed electrocuting her husband with a rigged electric toothbrush.

The prosecution is expected to conclude its case today in the trial of Mrs. Doris Saunders, 28, accused of trying to lure a man to kill her husband, Larry Saunders, 42, a salesman.

The hired "killer" was a police undercover agent. In four tape recordings of conversations played Wednesday the woman told the killer "You just goof that up and we'll be facing the gas chamber. So do it clean."

A codefendant, Lonnie Atkinson, 23, also is charged with the crime in the trial being heard without jury by Judge William Mahedy.

One of the tapes allegedly revealed Mrs. Saunders' offer of \$25,000 to the agent out of insurance money and a suggestion that Saunders be killed by electrocution. Saunders appeared in court with his wife and has hired an attorney for her defense.

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OSU Professor Wins Award

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He will be presented the award at the association's 48th annual meeting in New York City next month.

Tristan Island Refugees Reject Civilization

By TOM A. CULLEN
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LONDON—Sickened by modern civilization, 270 refugees are returning home to Tristan da Cunha, the lonely island in the South Atlantic which they were forced to flee when a volcano erupted in October, 1961.

They are turning their backs on the warm homes which the British government has provided for them for the uncertainties of life on an island where the molten lava has barely cooled.

The Tristans, as they are called, have been housed on a disused Royal Air Force base at Calshot, near Southampton. Although an advance party of 50 islanders will leave in February for Tristan, the bulk of the refugees will not be returned home until the end of next year. The government is paying their passage.

The Tristans are rejecting the supermarkets' abundance for a diet of potatoes, fish and bird eggs gathered from neighboring islands. It will be a long time before their volcano-wrecked home can be made to yield a more abundant living.

They will also be putting behind them the wonders of electricity and television in exchange for kerosene lamps and nothing but the sounds of the sea.

But, quite frankly, the Tristans cannot shed the benefits of civilization quickly enough. They are grateful for all the British have done for them, but they have been miserable ever since their arrival here a year ago.

It has nothing to do with their vulnerability to disease, although this has been a nightmare. Living in a healthy environment, the islanders had built up no resistance to civilization's viruses.

Consequently, three of them died from pneumonia in rapid succession upon their arrival, while the rest were stricken with influenza. There were also cases of infectious jaundice among them.

Nor has their decision anything to do with their difficulty in finding work. Lacking the skills demanded by an industrial society, the Tristans found that only the most menial jobs were open to them. At the present moment 20 of them are out of work, with little prospect of their finding jobs before they leave.

Nor does their choice have anything to do with the noise and confusion they have found here. Painfully, the Tristans have learned how to push their way onto subways, to jump out of the paths of motorcars, to obey the traffic lights. Before the volcano made them homeless only eight of them had ever been outside their island.

No, the islanders' disgust with



BEFORE AND AFTER—These pictures show a strange contrast of opinion. . . . On the left is a Tristan Island family before the volcanic eruption that sent them to Britain, and on the right is a group of refugees in front of Buckingham Palace in London after one year's contact with the "outer world."

the modern way of life comes under the heading of man's inhumanity to man. On the island there was no strongly developed sense of private property, hence no locks on the doors. The inhabitants trusted each other implicitly.

Here they have been taught to watch for dishonesty, to count their change carefully, to suspect the other fellow, to look for the shifty eye.

"Here everything freezes a man's soul," says 60-year-old

Willie Repetto, who is the island's spokesman and chief. "Here everything cuts him off from his fellow men."

On Tristan there was no talk of war. Crime was virtually unknown. Men seldom raised their voices in anger, and even rarer did they raise their fists. The island didn't even boast a jail.

In Britain the Tristans have been shocked by the amount of violence on television. They have been depressed to find bingo parlors and betting shops which bear

the government's seal of approval. "At home we grow our own vegetables, potatoes, cabbages, onions," says Repetto. "There are strawberries and cattle. Cost of living is free. Result? Total Christianity, which is more than Mother Britain can boast."

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