

Tiny Island 'Top Secret' In Defense

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — A tiny island in a cluster around Attu at the tip of the Aleutian chain shelters an integral part of the air defense of the North American continent.

The island is Shemya. It houses giant Air Force radars and other technical equipment that military authorities regard as "top secret." It is one of the closest U.S. military installations on American soil to Russia.

Shemya is more than 1,300 miles from the nearest U.S. Air Force installation in the Alaskan Air Command at King Salmon. And it was from King Salmon that U.S. fighter planes streaked into the sky when a Russian plane flew over Alaska territory on March 15. Another Russian plane the same day flew over waters regarded "out of bounds" for Soviet planes.

Both Russian planes may have been scouting Shemya.

Air Force Silent
The Air Force says very little about Shemya. Officials of the Alaskan command at Elmendorf Air Force Base are touchy on the subject. Queries are greeted coldly.

There is little on the island other than the Air Force station, highly secret equipment, Air Force and Army personnel, and a dog or two. There are no women.

Part of Shemya's value to the military is in its level topography. There isn't a hill higher than 500 feet above sea level. Because of the relatively level terrain the island is called a stationary flat-top. Planes can get on and off in a variety of foul weather without running the risk of smashing into unseen mountains.

Build Airbase
During World War Two, Army Engineers covered the landscape with buildings and roads for a modern airbase operation. Over 1,000 structures went up, linked by a road net 80 miles long. The island is about 4½ miles square.

Army Engineers came back in 1957 and in the following year work was feverish. Steel and concrete was used to fashion a dock braced against the enraged Bering Sea when it is whipped into frenzied whitecaps by 150-mile-an-hour gales.

Two heavily reinforced radars the size of outdoor movie screens were erected in podiums of concrete. Because of the winds, the roots of the antennas were twice the bulk of the superstructures.

Pride Set For Wife

LUANDA, Angola (UPI) — Chastity counts for more than experience when natives in the interior of this big Portuguese southwest African territory go wife-hunting.

A pair of suitors 250 miles inland from this capital town gave UPI a rundown on prices in the marriage market.

They said that fathers of a pretty virgin between 16 and 18 years old were asking about 7,000 escudos (\$250).

On the other hand, a woman who already had been living with a man might go as cheaply as 1,000 escudos (\$35).

Between these prices, they said, costs varied in accordance with age, beauty and the strength of a woman's right arm, a vital asset for tilling the soil.

Wife-pricing prevails in the tribal areas of the interior, where polygamy is still the rule and has defied all efforts of missionaries and authorities to end it. Polygamy is not practiced in and around cities.

But in the bush the number of wives a man has is his status symbol. A rich man might, perhaps, have three or four women living with him. Usually one will be his favored companion. The others play a supporting role.

Inevitably there is competition for likely wives, and the father of a few daughters is a man of influence.

Lightning Kills 5,012 Cattle

CHICAGO (UPI)—In 1962, lightning or lightning-set fires killed 5,012 cattle, 193 horses, 888 sheep and goats, 4,004 hogs and 50,860 fowl. The dollar loss amounted to \$1,817,220, says the Lightning Protection Institute.



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Married Woman Taboo For High School Boy

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I am a high school junior who undertook a part-time job which will enable me to save money for college.

A certain married woman who works in the shipping department where I load trucks has been very nice to me. I think she would like to be a lot nicer and this is my problem.

She is supposed to be through work at 6 p.m. but she always hangs around to have a cup of coffee with me. Her husband works the night shift and she says she doesn't have anything to do at home.

Yesterday she told me I ought to part my hair in the middle and then she took her comb out of her purse and started combing. She got so close to me she steamed up my glasses. I like her, Ann, but I don't want to get mixed up with a married woman. She has pulled with the boss and I can't take a chance on hurting her feelings. Please tell me what to do—NO JOKE.

Dear No Jokey: Tell that shipping room Cleopatra you think she is charming but married women are strictly out of bounds. Then part your hair on the side, Buster.

Dear Ann Landers: I am furious with the mother of those eight children who wrote she "could scream" when she sees someone on the porch with a box of hand-me-down clothes.

The woman may speak for herself, but she certainly does not speak for me. I have seven children. My husband has a good job, as hers does. We are not wealthy either—just comfortable. Our friends and relatives have been bringing us hand-me-downs ever since the children were babies. It's been a great help.

I've never considered hand-me-downs an expression of pity. They are gifts of good will from people who like and respect us. The children's attitudes are extremely healthy. They have never been too proud to wear second-hand clothes. They actually argue about who is going to get what.

So, please, Ann Landers, make it plain that some of us love to see those boxes. Humility is not an altogether extinct virtue. —GRATEFUL

Dear Grateful: You made it plain and I thank you.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a touchy problem which revolves around a headstrong boss and

his irritating habit of humming cigarettes. Mr. H. is under doctor's orders. He is not supposed to smoke—so he doesn't buy any. His son works in the office and has asked me to let him know at once if I see his father smoking.

If Mr. H. spots a pack of cigarettes on my desk he takes one. When I am away from my desk he goes into the top drawer and helps himself. Whenever he sees me smoking he asks for a cigarette. Yesterday when he asked that the doctor said he should not smoke. He told me to mind my own business—that I was paid to work and not to lecture him about his health.

He hums from eight to 10 cigarettes from me every day and I am sick of it. Please don't tell me to stop smoking. I enjoy it. What I need is a solution to the problem.—UP IN SMOKE

Dear Up: The first thing in the morning, hand over your pack of cigarettes to the boss' son. When you want a cigarette ask him for one.

The boss will see no cigarettes on your desk, nor will he find any cigarettes in your desk drawer. When he sees you smoking and asks for a cigarette refer him to his son. When you leave for the day take your cigarettes with you.

Jars Should Be Checked

EVANSTON, Ill. (UPI) — Mothers can protect their babies from the danger of contaminated food by checking for signs that baby jars have been opened—before buying.

"Experience shows that some people, unaware of, or indifferent to, the dangers of bacterial contamination, open jars of baby food in the store, sometimes taste the contents, and return them to the shelves," reports the American Academy of Pediatrics' committee on nutrition.

Two types of safety features on screw caps will reveal whether the jar has been opened or has lost its vacuum.

A flexible button in the center of the cap should be depressed, as if it had been sucked in by the vacuum in the jar. If the vacuum is lost, the button pops up and can be pressed up and down with the finger.

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President De Gaulle Keeps Frenchmen Guessing Furiously Over Successor

PARIS (UPI) — President Charles de Gaulle has Frenchmen guessing furiously about his successor.

But he has done nothing to answer the questions his fellow-countrymen are asking.

—Will De Gaulle run for a second term?

—If he doesn't, whom will he endorse?

De Gaulle touched off presidential speculation by tossing the

problem of his successor into his speeches during his meet-the-people tour of southwestern France.

Almost casually, he reminded his audiences that he would not be around forever. He made it clear he hopes his successor will be a man pledged to carry on the work of his "strongman" Fifth Republic.

But De Gaulle never drops casual remarks without significance. When he started the national guessing game, he did so quite deliberately.

One theory put forward by the French press was that he plans to quit ahead of time and to en-

sure that a loyal Gaullist is installed as president while he is still around to advise from behind the scenes.

A more likely theory seems to be that De Gaulle simply is launching a long-term campaign to convince the nation's voters that his successor should be the man with his endorsement rather than a

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