

EDITORIALS

LOSING AIR RACE WITH U.S.S.R.

Alarming news has been gathered by U. S. intelligence experts concerning the growth of air power in Russia. This news, if accurate, indicates the United States does not hold much of a margin in the race for an all-jet heavy bomber, that the Russians are probably producing more powerful jet engines for their heavy bombers than we are, and that the Russians have a new rocket engine superior to anything the United States now possesses.

It is reported that production of these super-bombers, which are capable of bombing the United States and returning to Russian bases, is now underway. Production of the first U. S. all-jet heavy bomber is just getting underway also. If the Russians are using jet engines which develop considerably more power than those being used by U. S. aircraft, then the Russians have actually gained the lead in the race for heavy bombers. If true, this is certainly a sour note coming after all the talk of U. S. heavy bomber superiority in recent years.

For some time the Russians have been known to outnumber us in fighter aircraft, and the MIG-15 proved to be an efficient, high performance fighter in Korea. The Russians are thought to have an improved version of this model.

The disquieting news about Soviet air advances may force President Eisenhower and those charged with the responsibility of planning the U. S. defense, to increase the defense budget. Whether this increase will come this year we do not know, but it seems obvious that if the United States is not to fall too far behind in the air power race, a stepped-up effort may be necessary.

It is easy to understand the failure of mankind to agree upon the fundamental truth when one reads the accounts of a controversial meeting by differing writers, with different political allegiances.

NEW WHEAT PRODUCTION CUTBACK

The Eisenhower Administration has called for another drastic cutback in wheat production, which will probably trim plant acreage to 55,000,000 acres. In addition, the Department of Agriculture has announced that farmers will be compelled to abide by production restrictions.

The Government, in effect, attempting to check the heavy flow of wheat into Government storehouses and get the Department of Agriculture out of the wheat-buying business to such a large degree.

The new cutback in wheat production is expected to reduce the wheat crop by some 7,000,000 acres. It is estimated that 62,000,000 acres were planted to wheat this year. Two years ago the acreage was 78,000,000.

The latest Department of Agriculture estimates predict that this year's wheat output will be about 1,000,000,000 bushels. The present surplus is approximately 875,000,000 bushels, and it is estimated that at least 100,000,000 bushels of this year's crop will be added to the surplus, thus making the surplus almost as large as the year's crop.

The effect of the new policies on the wheat farmer is likely to be noticeable, in many cases, since an acreage reduction will have a direct effect, and because of the uncertainty of price supports under the prospective flexible price support system. If both these factors work against the wheat farmer, the effect of these policies will become a hot political issue in 1956.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The knowledge of man is as the waters, some descending from above; and some spring from beneath. —Bacon

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

It always seems to take a pair of squeaky shoes the longest to get anywhere.

Getting back to our desk here reminds us that there are plenty of people ready to cuss the editor, but few ready to volunteer to do his work for a couple of weeks.

It would be fine if they could find some way to cross a dust-bowl with a flooded valley.

Saw a sign down in Tennessee along the highway reading: "If You Gotta Go—Go in Class—Stop at Jim's Service Station."

There are few women who do not tell their husbands about the bigger ones who got away.

A local woman says she never realized the value of her husband until she lost him—he wasn't insured.

A pretty girl can usually get what she wants.

Intelligent advertising will bring results, and the best advertising is intelligent newspaper advertising.

The chief fault of the party system is that we never manage to get all of the thieves on the same side.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Announcement is made of the marriage on June 14 of Gretchen Steger to Dewey Musser of Rising City. . . William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home here, has been re-elected to the executive committee of the United States Masonic Home Executives Association. . . Ford, BREX and Eagles are leading the ten team softball league with 4-1 records. . . Leases have been obtained and a number of test oil wells are to be made in Cass county. . . Miss Maxine Canterbury and Donald Rainey were married at Omaha June 24. Both are residents of Plattsmouth. . . Miss Lucille Hertz and Manuel Boetel were married June 24 at a ceremony at Omaha. . . Mrs. Edna D. Shannon has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Cass county registrar of deeds. . . Miss Emma Eppings of Murdock and John Buck of Murdock were married at Lincoln on June 21.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Garnet Miller of Omaha and Lt. Bernard N. Morris were married on June 20 at Omaha. . . Rev. E. J. Moritz has been installed as the new pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church at Plattsmouth. . . Mary Evers is the new honored queen of Jobs Daughters. Other officers are Delores Ruse, princess; Mary Rishel, junior princess; Mildred Kozacek, guide; Aileen Aylor, marshal; Beverly Brubacher, chaplain; and Annis Lee White, recorder. . . Miss Phyllis Carrie Stander and Merceus L. Schulz were married on June 25. . . Leone M. Morehead has been sworn into the WAC division of the Army and will take basic training at Ft. Des Moines. . . Paving in Oakmont alley has been authorized by the Plattsmouth city council. . . Mrs. Iva Rogers of Weeping Water and Joseph F. Baker also of Weeping Water were married June 19 at Plattsmouth.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TRUMAN'S LOYALTY TO FRIENDS CONTRIBUTED TO CURRENT ILLNESS; IGNORED DOCTOR'S ADVICE TO CURTAIL ACTIVITIES BY KEEPING DATE WITH PETRILLO; KANSAS CITY SENTIMENT REFORMER PRESIDENT HAS IMPROVED.

KANSAS CITY — It was Harry Truman's determination never to let down a friend, that contributed in part to his illness.

His doctors didn't advertise it, but for some time the ex-President has been somewhat under the weather. To them his sudden seizure in the wings of the "Call Me Madam" performance was not entirely a surprise. They had tried to get him to curtail his activities, and strongly advised that he cancel a date he had made with his old friend, James Petrillo, head of the musicians union, to attend the Musician's Annual convention in Milwaukee.

Months ago Petrillo had invited Truman to be the union's guest of honor and to play a little piano-trumpet duet together. It was an event calculated to make musical headlines, and both Truman and the head of the musician's union were looking forward to it.

However, when Truman's doctors told him he would have to curtail his activities until cooler weather, he reluctantly sent Petrillo his regrets. The show, he said, was off.

But a few days later, Truman overruled

No Surplus Problem



his doctors and sent a telegram to Petrillo that he would be on deck. The show, he said, "must go on."

Asked for explanation, Harry Truman had a simple answer: "As long as I live I will never forget what Jimmy Petrillo and his men did for me in the 1948 election. He was one of those who did not let me down. And I can't let a good friend like him down now."

K. C.'s Most-Loved Man

Sentiment has changed a lot around Kansas City regarding Harry Truman. There was a time, about two years ago, when the late K. C. haberdasher who became president of the United States was criticized and scoffed at up and down the streets of the city that sent him to Washington. . . but not today. Today, he is the most-loved man in Kansas City. . . Some people thought he could never settle down in the old home town after the glamor of Washington, after a private yacht on the Potomac, a retinue of servants and bodyguards. But he has settled down as comfortably as in an old shoe. . . Some of Truman's friends raised a little money to hire a bodyguard for his days as ex-president, but Harry hasn't needed him, doesn't want him. . . And if anyone around Kansas City ever thought of touching a hair of Harry Truman's head, no police could ever protect him. . . HST once confided to Garrett Smalley of the Kansas City News Press the reason why he didn't have air cooling in the White House. "I don't mind air cooling," he said, "but if I had it in here people would stay too long." . . It was Mrs. Truman who overruled her husband's old-fashioned views on air cooling the other day and

insisted that the hospital move him from Kansas City's 100-degree heat in an ordinary room, into an air-cooled room.

Loyalty Caused Troubles

"When I was in Kansas City last January, interviewing the former president for television he told me something that illustrates his ideas about gratitude and friends. Perhaps also it shows some comparisons with the McCarthy committee.

It's not exactly a secret that for a long time President Truman had no great regard for me, but it was not known how far he sometimes carried that "lack of affection." Once, however, he almost turned thumbs down on Clayton Fritchey for a position on the White House staff because Fritchey knew me. I had known Fritchey first when he was on the Cleveland Press, later as editor of the New Orleans Item, later as public relations adviser to the secretary of defense. But when Fritchey came up for appointment as a White House secretary, Howard McGrath, then attorney general, warned the president that Fritchey and I were friends. (McGrath's justice department had been tapping my phone.)

So Harry Truman asked Fritchey how well he knew me. "Of course Pearson is a friend of mine," Clayton replied. "But that isn't going to interfere with my work. You have your friends too, some of whom I may not approve of, but I'm not going to ask you to give up your friends."

Truman's loyalty to friends of course was what caused him more trouble than anything else in the White House. Clayton got the job.

Notable Memory

Last January, about three years later, I was in Harry Truman's office in Kansas City. It is lined with books, chiefly history books. He had been reading the works of previous presidents, even as he did while in the White House, and was dictating his own memoirs. Every day, he said, he dictated a chapter or so of his book, then had a staff of research men, who had been looking over his records, pull it to pieces, check it backward and forward, to make sure every detail jibed.

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MURRAY

Mrs. Dede Hiatt Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kugler and Kip of Creston, Neb., spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brubacher.

Mac Hottzhauser of Portland, Oregon, is spending the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spangler.

Misses Donna Rae and Sharon Lee Crosby of Greenfield, Mo., spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dede Hiatt and family.

Mrs. Joe Baker, Sonny and Linda, of Omaha, spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackern.

Becki, Steve and Richard Tilson attended the birthday party of Lola Green on Saturday afternoon at her home in Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burke and Allyn Kaye of Elyria, Ohio, spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Finney.

Murray

Ted Emmeret Is Feted on Birthday

A surprise birthday party was held on Friday evening at the home of Ted Emmeret in honor of his birthday. The guest of honor received many nice gifts. Mrs. Emmeret served the guests ice cream, jello, cake, nuts, mints and coffee. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vest and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tilson, Steve, Becki and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Printz of Alvo, Ronnie Ballenger of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ballers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Emmeret, and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Adkins, all of Plattsmouth.

Murray

Mrs. Keith Crosby, Mrs. J. R. Lechler, Nona Dee, Billy, Larry and Miss Donna, and Sharon Crosby were Thursday afternoon callers at the Dede Hiatt home. Dorothy Piper of Plattsmouth spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Todd.

Rev. Roy P. Morris left on Monday to attend a United Presbyterian church meeting at Tarkio, Missouri. He will return on Friday.

Murray

Ohioans Guests At Barbecue Here

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burke and Allyn Kaye of Elyria, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Finney and Timmy of Manly, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Finney, Tye and Tod of Plattsmouth enjoyed a backyard barbecue supper on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Finney.

Murray

Bennie Rae Sprick spent the week end as a guest of Miss Phyllis Reike.

W. L. Seybolt was a Sunday evening caller at the Dede Hiatt home.

Saturday evening guests of the Bob Tilson family were Mr. and Mrs. Dede Hiatt, Irene and Keith, Miss Donna Crosby and Miss Sharon Crosby of Green-



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, July 1 — The latest expert report on Russian weapons technology indicates the Reds are gaining on the United States in this field. This was the opinion voiced by a top Pentagon official at a meeting of over one hundred military and civilian officials charged with the responsibility of national security recently.

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson voiced a different opinion, at the same meeting, in Quantico, Virginia, but the weight of reports seems to indicate surprising Russian progress not anticipated by U. S. experts only a year ago.

The Russian thermonuclear explosion last August stunned many U. S. defense experts, and the appearance of all-jet medium and heavy bombers in Moscow's May Day review eight weeks ago was another eyebrow-raising event in top U. S. defense circles.

The disturbing part of the picture is that the Russians are already ahead of the United States in quantity and they need only quality parity to give them a tremendous weapons advantage. The recent signs of significant Russian progress tend to lead some observers to the same conclusion reached shortly after the beginning of World War II. That was that U. S. industry, in boasting of the great job it was doing (and bidding for government business at the same time) tended to overestimate its achievements and underestimate those of the enemy.

In other words, American industry has been guilty in the past of being too self-satisfied in the weapons technology field, and the recent signs of significant Russian progress tend to lead some observers to the same conclusion reached shortly after the beginning of World War II. That was that U. S. industry, in boasting of the great job it was doing (and bidding for government business at the same time) tended to overestimate its achievements and underestimate those of the enemy.

Charles E. Wilson, a U. S. industry champion, will be on the spot if the country makes the same mistake in its evaluations. The Defense Secretary seems to think the mistake is not being made. The number of obvious surprising advances in Russia, however, lead some to think we have underestimated Russian weapons technology.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is once again being placed in the position of the reluctant, but needed, man of the hour. It is already no secret that Ike wants to retire after one term in the White House.

And it is already no secret that close associates and Republican officials in all sections are dead set on getting Ike to be the G.O.P. candidate again in 1956.

Many think any other Republican candidate might have a difficult job defeating Adlai Stevenson, or another Democrat.

Look for another draft at the G.O.P. convention in 1956. General Ike has probably been drafted more than any other general in history. But Ike does not always accept a draft. He had the Democratic nomination in the palm of his hand in 1948, and turned it down.

The United States could not officially encourage Guatemalan Rebels in their drive against the pro-Communist government of Guatemala, even though the overthrow of the Red government was ardently desired in Washington.

The U. S., however, was said to be ready to recognize a new government with the least possible delay, and certainly Uncle Sam's representatives south of the border did not discourage the Rebels. One of the disadvantages of a democratic form of government is that this country could not support such an uprising, even though the Russian little difficulty in feeding a revolution would have found out soon so close to home.

Early Spraying Controls Thistles

Bull thistles and most of the thistles found in pastures can be controlled with 2,4-D providing they are sprayed in a fairly early stage of growth.

Agronomists at the University of Nebraska suggest that 2,4-D be applied at the same rate recommended for bindweed control which would be about one pound of 2,4-D per acre. If the material you have on hand is 40 per cent amine salt, it is equivalent to two pints of 2,4-D. If it is 40 to 44 per cent ester type material, it would require an application of two and one-half to three pints of material per acre to obtain one pound of 2,4-D.

LUNG CANCER

The American Cancer Society has reported that deaths from lung cancer, among men between the ages of 5 and 70, who smoke cigarettes, are at least three times as frequent as among non-smokers. The report was based on a study involving the smoking habits of 188,000 men in nine states during the last two and one-half years.

Vic Vet says

SO YOU'RE THINKING OF STARTING A NEW BUSINESS WITH A LOAN? THE FIRST THING YOU MUST DO IS TO FIND A LENDER WHO WILL MAKE THE LOAN, THEN AND ONLY THEN MAY WE GUARANTEE A PART OF IT.



WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Famous Statue

- | HORIZONTAL | VERTICAL |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Depicted famous statue, the — | 1 Sealed glass bulb |
| 2 Belvedere | 2 Hesitated |
| 7 It was found in the ruins of — | 3 Table scrap |
| 8 Atop | 4 Behold! |
| 13 Dark red | 5 Closed curve |
| 14 Fight | 6 Brother of Cain (Bib.) |
| 15 Place | 8 Nostril |
| 16 Different | 9 Trinity term (ab.) |
| 18 Japanese outcast | 10 Follower |
| 19 Pronoun | 11 Last syllable |
| 20 Ruined | 17 Salutation (coll.) |
| 22 Deposition | 12 Base |
| 23 Unspirited | 20 Guards |
| 25 It is now in | 21 Greek coins |



- Here's the Answer
- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 24 Nullify | 44 Paid notice |
| 26 Hydrocarbon | 45 Fresh-water |
| 33 Unprofessional | 46 Fresh-water |
| 34 Ester of oleic acid | 46 And |
| 36 Storehouses | 49 Boy's nickname |
| 37 Most precise | 51 Fruit drink |
| 42 Hebrew measure | 53 Greek letter |
| 43 Bows | 55 Isle of Wight (ab.) |

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| 27 Paradise | 35 French novelist |
| 28 Wing-shaped | 36 To the sheltered side |
| 29 Gutta (ab.) | 39 Opposed |
| 30 Cerium (symbol) | 40 That is (ab.) |
| 31 Measure of area | 41 Musical compositions |
| 32 Half (ab.) | 47 To (prefix) |
| 33 French | 48 Feline |
| 35 Bearing | 50 Pattern |
| 38 To the sheltered side | 52 Made amends |
| 39 Opposed | 54 Whispers |
| 40 That is (ab.) | 56 Arboreal mammals |
| 41 Musical compositions | 57 Deepest |
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