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400 Guardsmen Off for Delaware

About 400 officers and men of the 118th AAA and 416th AAA-AW groups of the Pennsylvania National Guard left the 32d st. and Lancaster ave. armory yesterday morning for Fort Miles, Del., where for two weeks they will engage in what may be pre-war maneuvers. They are anti-aircraft artillery units.

Col. Arthur D. Bertoletti, of 354 Windemere ave., Drexel Hill, commands the 118th, and Maj. John J. DiFenno, of 104 Wayne ave., Springfield, Delaware county, heads the 416th. AW is the abbreviation for automatic weapons.

ALL FROM PHILA. DISTRICT

Headquarters Batteries A, B, C and D were included in the departing group. Battery D is from Sellersville and the others from the immediate Philadelphia area.

Capt. A. Sherman Mehl, of Morris and Harrison rds., Bryn Mawr, is adjutant of the 118th.

At Fort Miles, which is near Lewes, the men will fire their 40 millimeter guns, .50 caliber machineguns and do additional basic training. They traveled to Fort Miles in 60 military vehicles.

ALERTED FOR ACTIVE DUTY

The 707th and 709th AAA Gun Battalion, originally part of the 118th, have been alerted for active duty and were dropped out of the camp program. The 707th is commanded by Lt. Col. Francis Fulton, Jr., of 2029 Old Welsh rd., Willow Grove, and the 709th by Lt. Col. Lyndon A. Long, of 36 Clearfield rd., North Hills.

Salvation Army workers fed the men coffee and doughnuts prior to their departure. The units will return to Philadelphia Aug. 20.

U. S. Offers Oil Lease

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Interior Department offered today to lease 180 acres of oil land in the Semitropic field 30 miles northeast of Bakersfield, Calif. Bids will be received until Sept. 6.

Are We Prepared? Frenzy to Demobilize Sapped U. S. Strength

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at full strength when Korea exploded. Its nine other divisions (Russia has 175 divisions) were undermanned and under-equipped. Half of the Navy—most of its fighting strength—was laid up in mothballs, needing from three to 18 months to be made ready for combat. Its tactical air force, though good in quality, was under-sized in number.

THESE were the bare bones of what five years ago was the powerful military establishment of this country. These were the fighting forces to which Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson referred when he reassured the country with this statement: "I want Joe Stalin to know that if he starts something at 4 o'clock in the morning, the fighting power and strength of the United States will be on the job at 5 o'clock in the morning. That couldn't have happened at Pearl Harbor."

The commitment of this country to clean up the Korean situation has been explicitly stated. Mobilization toward that end is under way.

But the threat of the full-scale Third World War remains. Secretary Johnson has explained the strategy for coping with this threatened larger war: The United States will have to take an initial pause because the aggressor enemy will choose the time for the attack; then the atomic bomb will be hurled back at the enemy with crippling effect, and finally, after an arduous build-up over a period of time, the Nation's military forces will mount the offensive for the bayonet kill.

Here is the team that the United States had to put in the field against Russia or her satellites when the round one bell was rung in Korea.

AIR

FOUR groups of B-36, six-engine heavy bombers, the world's largest, and the only American plane able to fly nonstop from bases in this country to targets in Russia and return without mid-air refueling. The exact number of planes in these four operational groups is a deeply classified secret. But normally a bomber group consists of 36 planes. A number of the B-36s are being modified and therefore are out of service. Among the modifications is the installation of a jet "pod" to give the bomber an extra combat throttle when needed in a pinch.

Eleven groups of medium bombers (400 to 500 planes) which could carry atom bombs to Russian targets from advanced bases. If accompanied by aerial tankers, they might be refueled for the round trip from this country. These planes are B-29s and B-50s, and six jet B-47s. They do not include about 1200 B-29s in mothballs.

One group of B-45 light, four-jet bombers.

Five strategic, long-range reconnaissance and weather plane groups. These include B-29s, B-50s and B-36s.

One tactical reconnaissance group. A tactical force of about 20 groups comprising night fighters. These are mainly jet F-80s, F-84s, F-86s and F-94s. They include 17 groups of day fighters, three all-weather.

The National Guard's supplemental tactical force of three B-26 light bombardment groups and 24 fighter groups (about 1800 planes). These are F-51s, F-47s and some jets.

Twenty-five Air Force reserve wings—20 of them troop carrier wings (343 T-11s, 136 T-7s, 288 C-46s, 37 C-47s); five light bombardment (80 B-26s).

Six Air Force groups of transport planes (including C-54s, C-97s, C-119s, C-125).

SEA

IN SERVICE, 243 combat vessels; in mothballs, 483. Some of the mothballed ships are beginning to deteriorate.

In the active fleet, 74 submarines, about 24 of them equipped with snorkels. Less than half of the snorkel-equipped subs are completely modernized with high-capacity batteries and streamlining. Ninety-two more submarines in mothballs.

One battleship, the Missouri, in commission; 14 in mothballs, and the incomplete Kentucky.

Three 45,000-ton Midway-class carriers in operation (all we have). Five Essex-class carriers in service; 17 in mothballs. Three more are being modernized. Four smaller-type CVE carriers in commission, five in mothballs. Five CVE "jeep" carriers, 62 in mothballs.

In active service, 139 destroyers; in mothballs, 204.

Nine heavy cruisers in commission, 16 in mothballs.

Three light cruisers in commission, 32 in reserve.

Two battle cruisers in reserve, one more incomplete.

One task fleet command ship (Northampton) incomplete.

One anti-aircraft cruiser active, eight in reserve (San Diego class).

GROUND

TEN regular Army divisions—First Infantry, First Cavalry, 7th Infantry, 24th Infantry, 25th Infantry, 2d Infantry, 2d Armored, 3d Infantry, 11th Airborne, 82d Airborne.

Twenty-five organized reserve divisions.

Twenty-seven National Guard di-

visions. Organized reserve divisions are at about one-quarter strength, consisting mostly of officers and enlisted cadres. National Guard divisions are between 40 and 50 percent of full strength.

Two Marine divisions each at one-third or brigade strength.

United States Constabulary (at about divisional strength) on duty in occupied Germany.

Miscellaneous and supplemental troops—anti-aircraft, engineering battalions, assorted regimental and battalion combat teams.

About 6000 first-line tanks, some in mothballs. These include the M-24 "General Chaffee" light tank, 2½ tons, 75 mm. gun, powered by 2 V-8 Cadillac water-cooled engines; M-43 "General Sherman" medium, 35½ tons, 75 mm. gun; M-46 "General Patton", 48 tons, 90 mm. gun (this is the modified M-26 "General Pershing").

One new tank starting production—the T-41 light-gun tank, under 25 tons, 75 mm. gun.

A medium-type tank prototype has been decided upon, and several heavy prototypes are under development.

AGAINST this United States military strength, Russia and her satellites have to oppose it, according to varying estimates:

One hundred and 75 first-line divisions—Western USSR, 56; occupied Europe, 43; Southern USSR, 24; Soviet occupied Far East, 30; interior USSR, 22. In two years Russia could mobilize 500 divisions of her own. Her division strength varies between 8000 and 10,000 men.

Under arms, 4,050,000 men—2,500,000 ground forces, 450,000 air forces, 600,000 navy personnel, 400,000 MVD.

Soviet satellites in Europe, 100 divisions; under arms, 1,121,600 men. These divisions are not all front-line troops and their loyalty to Russia may in some cases be questionable.

Communist China, about 334 divisions.

Soviet air force, 19,000 planes. Of these, 9000 are postwar fighters, over half of which are jets. The remaining 10,000 are bombers, transports and wartime fighters. Six hundred of their bombers are B-29 type TB-4s.

Satellite air forces, 3000 planes, 42,000 air force personnel.

Fifty thousand Russian tanks, two-thirds of them T-34 medium, 33-ton, 85 mm. gun; about one-third, Josef Stalin III, 55 tons, 122 mm. gun, five-inch frontal armor, liquid cooled engine.

A limited number of T-44 medium tanks, carrying 85 mm. guns, have been developed since the last war as an improved version of the T-34.

Two hundred and eighty submarines, less than 10 with snorkels. Three battleships. Three baby aircraft carriers. Fourteen cruisers. One hundred and ten destroyers. The warships include some vessels taken over from the Italian fleet.

Rocket and guided missile cruisers and additional aircraft carriers may be under construction. Many motor torpedo boats and submarine chasers.

THE brief summary given here of United States military strength needs some explanation. The B-36 is still subject to controversy at staff level among the services, but there seems to be agreement at the top. The main argument is whether or not it can be shot down by any known anti-aircraft weapon or fighter plane today. This depends on its operational altitude and its speed at that altitude. These are closely kept secrets.

The Navy's mothball fleet is highly vulnerable to attack because the warships are tied stern to stern in close concentrations in 17 harbors around all coasts. This is especially true of the submarines, where 44 are berthed beside each other at New London, Conn., and 58 at Mare Island, near Vallejo, Calif. In some harbors there are not enough towing vessels to disperse them swiftly even after warning of an attack. Some Navy experts warn these concentrations should be at least partly dispersed now.

Not enough of the active destroyer crews are trained for effective anti-submarine warfare, and less than one-third of the destroyers are equipped with the latest sonar devices for tracking down submarines.

The Navy has no carriers of late design that embody all the hard-earned lessons on fire and damage control learned in the Second World War.

In the Army build-up the National Guard divisions will require a minimum of six to eight months to be made ready for combat. The organized reserve will need a year and new draft divisions, 18 months.

Tank production is hampered by two considerations—a reluctance to build large numbers of heavy tanks until military leaders are certain that light and medium tanks will not do the main job, and a fear that new development of anti-tank weapons may make the heavy tank obsolete.

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5 Agencies Ask Bank Loan Curb

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP).—Five supervisory agencies joined today in an appeal to banks and other lending institutions to avoid making loans that would add to inflationary pressures.

The agencies supervise lending by banks and building and loan associations. They suggested a voluntary "defense loan policy" to help keep down prices and conserve materials for defense purposes.

The Federal Reserve Board, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Home Loan Bank Board, the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks signed the statement.

"An abnormally high civilian demand for goods along with an increased need for military materials is creating a strong upward pressure on prices," they said.

"A continuation of the rapid growth of credit resulting from consumer demand for houses and other goods and speculative accumulation of inventories by business would add to inflationary pressures and seriously handicap the necessary expansion of military production.

"Lenders should carefully analyze all loan applications and avoid making loans which would have these adverse effects."

A like appeal for voluntary avoidance of inflation-creating loans already had been made by the American Bankers Association, among other groups.

Draft Delinquents Warned by FBI

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP).—The Federal Bureau of Investigation tonight warned draft delinquents to comply with the Selective Service Act or face possible prison terms.

The warning came as draft figures showed that about 24 percent of the draftees called up in the New York City area failed to appear for physical examinations.

Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the FBI New York office, said willful violators may be subjected to five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.



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