

Rearmament Picture Bright

One of the most heartening things to those who know the progress made by the U.S. military services is the rapid growth of power in the Air Force, Army and Navy.

Recent testimony before the Armed Services committees of the Senate and House proves the rearmament program this country embarked upon at the outbreak of the Korean War has now changed that situation.

They are also pleased with the progress this country is making in the field of secret and ultra-modern weapons.

the air is almost overwhelming. Instead, there is a confidence that the United States Air Force is now capable of fending any opposite force of its kind in the world.

Whether this is too optimistic or not we cannot judge, but it is true that several members of the committees affected believe that the United States has now passed the hump in the rearmament program.

This balancing of the military power scales enhances peace prospects greatly, and may explain the slightly softened Communist attitude of the past nine months.

Auto Business Bright

The announcement recently by General Motors that it would spend a billion dollars, or more, on plant expansion came at a good time and cheered up many people in the country at large.

The GM announcement is naturally a major news item in steel industry circles for that industry sells about fifteen per cent of its output to the automobile industry.

There is also encouraging news from Henry Ford II, who said he expected to buy large quantities of steel in the near future and no doubt his decision will have an important effect in the steel industry.

It has been pointed out many times recently that business prospects, over the long run, are not bad. The future should be regarded with optimism.

evidence that heavy defense spending will continue for a number of years and there are several other bullish factors entering into the picture.

The population of the United States continues to increase at a surprising pace, over 1,500,000 people a year!

As in 1948-49, there is a strong chance that cautious and anxious business men, hesitant about buying goods, will cause an abnormal and artificial recession, or aggravate it, with their timid policies.

This year might not be another 1963 but it should be a pretty good year for most people and most businesses, and 1955 might well mark the beginning of a new upturn.

Latest on Hydrogen Weapons

Despite the advent of television, pocket books, drive-in theaters and other modern forms of entertainment, circulation of newspapers continues to increase.

Not only did the nation's newspapers increase their circulation but they also increased their advertising volume last year.

There are those who believe new news and entertainment mediums, such as television, prove beneficial to other media, such as newspapers.

And news, as long as it is not identical copy, never loses its interest. Those who hear

a bulletin over the radio are eager to read more about the "story" in the newspaper. Likewise, if they get a news item over television, they become eager to get the full story from the newspaper.

So the different news media do not necessarily compete. They complement one another to a large degree.

The possibilities of advertising are almost limitless. There seems to be little reason for newspapers to worry about competition from television, or any other medium.

Newspaper Circulation Rises

The latest report of the Atomic Energy Commission, plus the usual leaks which have occurred in the last 18 months, piece together a rough picture of the progress this country has been making in the field of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

This sort of picture should be a guarded secret, perhaps, but all of the information forming the picture has appeared in print, and therefore it is well known to potential enemies.

It seems that the test H-bomb was exploded in late 1952, as everyone began to suspect in 1953.

There seems to be general agreement that this country is now producing H-bombs of a far more powerful variety than that tested in 1952.

President Eisenhower himself revealed last year that the U.S. atomic stockpile was increasing in size "daily."

The tremendous destructive power of this arsenal of bombs has been stressed many times, but perhaps the most impressive point to be made in this connection was made by the AEC in this sentence recently:

"Today the United States stockpile of atomic weapons, which, of course, increases daily, exceeds by many times the explosive equivalent of the total of all bombs and all shells that came from every plane and every gun in every theater of war through all the years of World War II."

That should be something for the Russians to think about, especially when they are pondering new aggressive plans where United States interests are involved.



THE SQUIRREL CAGE

BY REID BUNDY

Happiness is like a potato salad, according to a clipping sent me from the Sacramento Bee.

Did you know it was going to rain yesterday? I did. I sent my raincoat into the cleaners to be cleaned and water-proofed and I don't get it back until Tuesday.

Lincoln Day speeches by the politicians reminded a friend of ours to mention the new motto he noticed recently while visiting a couple of government offices in the course of his business.

Like many, I feel that it would be unwise to annex at this time, but the offer of your city councilmen was made in good faith, and we are pleased with it.

The "Palos Verdes News" was off the track—way off—and many of us in Rolling Hills take this, the first opportunity, to make an apology for foolhardy thinking on the part of others.

Don Basile, racing director of Carrell Speedway, called during the heaviest portion of yesterday's rain to announce that Majordomo J. C. Agajanian was considering holding boat races at the Vermont Ave. oval today.

Clipped: "A diplomat is a man who can make his wife believe she would look fat in a fur coat."

A Torrance businessman has just received a letter from a friend in another part of the state telling the outcome of an accident suit that had been pending since last May.

THE MAIL BOX

Proud Neighbors

As a resident of Rolling Hills for the past 17 years, I bitterly protest the editorial of the "Palos Verdes News" which you printed last week.

Take it from me: the opinion expressed by the News editor is a minority opinion, held only by a few of the "new-ribs" who invade every community and attempt to falsify themselves with a "cultural" front.

We appreciate the fact that Torrance is an industrial area. In fact, many of our own residents are employed by the firms of your city.

We appreciate the fact that Torrance considered annexing the Rolling Hills area following the recent "dust-bowl" battle with the Los Angeles County Supervisors.

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We assume the plug for classified ads was an error.

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"Some way must be found to devise new teaching procedures in which knowledge of good citizenship and action in good citizenship are taught."

Charles L. Bolte, U.S. General, Vice-Chief of Staff of the Army: "Both logic and the lesson of Korea proved that the only way to defeat ground forces is by ground force."

Reporter Thanked

The Women's Auxiliary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital would like to publicly thank Agnes Bolter, a brilliant young member of your newspaper staff.

She managed to be at all kinds of difficult addresses in all kinds of weather, to take good pictures, to write up all the events, and to get all the names right.

Besides all this, she sold more than \$40 worth of tickets herself. We thank Agnes for a super job and we thank the Herald for its wonderful, generous cooperation.

First Citizen

Hats off to the "Outstanding Citizen" committee on their selection of our fine mayor, Mervin M. Schwab, as Torrance's "first citizen."

Mayor Schwab, in his own quiet and humble way, has been a great influence on other members of the City Council and he has been a real credit to our city.

Lona Strucale

You hit the nail on the head—when O' when is the Planning Commission going to wake up?

We've struggled long enough in this big city of ours, with no adequate shopping centers. I'd rip out all my rose bushes and toss in my vacant lot for free if Sears, Roebuck wanted to build next door.

For heaven's sake, let's not chase these big stores to Redondo or Gardena.

Parents Blamed

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It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Amendment Up To People REASON FOR DELAY: The Senate has taken a brief respite from action on the Bricker Amendment, but sometime during the week February 15-20 the die will be cast.

There was a reason for the delay: a poll indicated that comparatively few people even knew there was a Bricker Amendment pending, and only a few of this few knew what it was.

Nevertheless, telegrams and letters from those who were informed were reaching Washington from all over the nation at the rate of about nine to one in favor of the original amendment.

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All other authority is retained by the people, except that which they grant to their respective states.

DANGER EXISTS: As things now stand it is quite possible for this administration or any future administration to override completely, through the medium of foreign treaties, our national and state constitutions and submerge our identity as a sovereign people under a power of world domination.

Let us remember that when Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry insisted upon the first ten amendments to our Constitution (our Bill of Rights) nothing yet had been done to violate the original Constitution; and it was no reflection upon the character, integrity, or intelligence of George Washington, nor any act of his, that caused them to insist upon the enactment of these first ten amendments.

Since then our Constitution has been amended 12 more times, and in not a single instance has any President participated in the amendment proceedings.

WARNING HEEDDED: In advising former President Hoover regarding the proposed Amendment XXII, Elinor Roosevelt cautioned: "The Constitution does not contemplate any relation of the president to its amendment. You can veto any other form of legislative action, but you do not have that power in relation to the constitutional amendments."

More recently, Mr. Truman refrained from taking part in Amendment XXII limiting a President of the United States to two terms.

Silence now by the majority of the people in the matter of the Bricker Amendment could be construed by the senators as opposition, or at least as indifference, to the amendment.

Many of them would then be likely to follow the line of least resistance and comply with Mr. Eisenhower's wishes, hoping to gain his personal support in their own future campaigns.

But no senator is likely to defy the expressed wishes of the majority of his constituents, regardless of Mr. Eisenhower. So, if you want to protect your constitutional freedoms, instruct your senators quickly. Time is running out.

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL

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