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How Many Peacetime Planes?

Since the end of the war American aircraft manufacturers, and presumably military authorities as well, have been awaiting a rift in the cloud of secrecy which surrounded the peacetime plane production plans of our major allies, Britain and Russia. The U. S. S. R. is still to be heard from, but a ray of light has finally come through from England in the form of a news release of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

The information it contains is not particularly cheering, in view of our own present schedule of plane production. But it may prod Congress to some further serious thoughts on our future in the air.

The news release reveals that the British aircraft industry is now employing 900,000 persons, and that the government has 10,000 military planes on order. This is in contrast to a force of 146,000 workers in the American aviation industry, and a military construction program which calls for only 5,000 aircraft, for both Army and Navy, through June of 1948.

It is not made clear when the British order for 10,000 planes is to be filled. But it might be assumed that with 900,000 workers turning them out, they could be finished in less than two and a half years, even though the current orders for 200 civil-type aircraft should be substantially increased.

Even if this British 10,000-plane order should not be completed until June, 1948, we should still behold the curious spectacle of Britain, which turned out only about one-third as many planes as we did during the war, producing in peacetime twice as many military aircraft as the United States.

Our present combined Army and Navy schedules call for production of 2200 aircraft in 1946. This is less than 3 per cent of our wartime production peak of 96,000 planes in 1944. And in the light of the British program, two conclusions are obvious. Either the British have vastly overestimated their peacetime air power requirements, or we have as vastly underestimated ours.

A report by the Air Co-ordinating Committee, headed by the assistant secretaries for air in the War, Navy and Commerce Departments and the chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, would indicate that the latter might be true. The committee, after detailed study, has recommended top-level annual military plane requirements at 5780, and a lower level of 3000.

Committee members conceive the lower level as a "minimum which could be reached only after maintenance of world peace is well assured and a substantial degree of disarmament has taken place," and also as "the absolute minimum . . . from which it would be possible to plan for mobilization in a future emergency."

As for the present schedule of 2200 planes, they state that "this reduced level of procurement is eroding the base for any future expansion to a point from which it will be impossible to achieve the required volume of production."

Perhaps Congress should re-examine this schedule and ask itself again whether it is really based on the air power needs for our future defense, or merely on the recommendation of an economy-minded Bureau of the Budget.

Another Of Those Mysterious Oriental Dishes



Flying Service By Charter Planes Is Inaugurated

West Texas Flying Service has inaugurated a business at Midland.

Located at Midland Municipal Airport the service already is in operation featuring chartered plane trips.

Pickups and landings will be made at West Texas cities in the area and long trips can be chartered at any time, night or day, and to anywhere.

The service offers safe and fast transportation, says Wallace Anderson, manager and co-owner with John Lyle. Chief pilot is W. Dave Kellogg, now an Army Air Forces captain.

The service uses twin-engine charter ships.

Manager Anderson is a civilian flier and has been since 1929.

Lyle is a licensed civilian instructor and pilot and mechanic since 1929. He was connected with civilian pilot training at many West Texas locations. He has been at Big Spring, Eastland, Ranger, Hobbs, N. M., and Pecos. At Big Spring he was connected with Art Winhouse. Also he was a Pacific Air School instructor.

The chief pilot, Kellogg has 5,000 flying hours experience. He is a AAF combat veteran and flew with the 20th Air Force in the Pacific. He was a civilian pilot before entering service. He flew a B-29 for the Army and won the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

SWISS RESPIRE

GENEVA—(AP)—The Swiss Red Cross has brought a total of 75,000 war-suffering foreign children into Switzerland, for extended vacations, since November, 1940.

No. 8 For Manville



(NEA Telephoto.) Georgina Campbell, 27, beautiful British born columnist, who announced in Los Angeles that she would become the eighth wife of Tommy Manville, heir to an asbestos fortune. She is enroute to New York where she will meet Manville Thursday. It will be her first marriage.

Hutson, Hein, Baugh In Exclusive Class

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Don Hutson, Mel Hein, Sammy Baugh and Sid Luckman should be left out of 1945 all-star pro football consideration, a member of the Washington Redskins board of strategy thinks—because they are in a class by themselves.

Requesting that his name not be used for obvious reasons, he commented when asked about candidates for the all-National League team.

There's no longer is any use putting those four oldtime greats on such a team. Everybody knows they are automatically all-time all-stars.

Hutson, Hein, Luckman and Baugh all have had another fine season.

In France the 1945 wheat crop was hit by the drought, and the potato crop by an early frost.

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Anticipating just such a condition, we have been buying heavily in all markets during the summer months and now have one of the most complete stocks of precious metal jewelry in West Texas.
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Georgia Accepts Bid To Play In Oil Bowl
HOUSTON—(AP)—The University of Georgia has accepted an invitation to play in the Oil Bowl game at Rice Stadium January 1. Holly Brock, president of the local bowl organization, announced Wednesday.
Georgia's opponent hasn't been definitely selected but the strong Tulsa Hurricanes, losers only to Oklahoma A. and M. and Indiana, Big Ten champion, is thought to have the inside track.

Fisher Returns From Funeral Of Father
A. J. Fisher, of the geological department of Skelly Oil Company, has returned from Garnavillo, Iowa, where he attended the funeral of his father, who died November 30, after an extended illness.

GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS MASONIC MEETING
WACO, TEXAS—(AP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson plans to speak Wednesday night before the Masonic Grand Lodge at the opening of its two-day session.
Tuesday Joe X. Newcomb of San Antonio was installed as grand master of the Texas grand council. He succeeds Jewel P. Lightfoot of Dallas.

One of the world's deepest holes drilled for oil, in Brazoria County, Texas, is still drilling and now is below 16,555 feet.

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barrels of 45 gravity oil, natural. The production came through 239 casing perforations at 8,590-8,650 feet. Located in northeast corner of northwest quarter of section 42, block 13, University survey, this well is about two miles southwest of closest producer from the Devonian on southside of the Fullerton 8,500 field, and it is separated from that area by an 8,777-foot dry hole. It is one and three-quarter miles northwest of Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-P University, another Devonian producer on the south side of the Fullerton district.
O. P. Leonard, of Fort Worth, was slated to shoot a 28-foot zone above 3,600 feet in his No. 2 A. V. Livingston, in the Leonard field, in Southeast Runnels County.
The project drilled to a total depth of 3,720 feet. It tested for about four and one-half barrels of oil per day, natural, from the section above 3,600 feet, while drilling was in progress.
It found no other signs of oil in drilling to total depth, and plugged back to about 3,600 feet. The project is 660 feet out of northwest corner of section 112, W. O. Perry survey.
It is about a quarter of a mile south and west of same operator's No. 1 Thompson, which completed from the Gunsight lime at 2,418 feet, for 556 barrels of 43-gravity oil, Friday.
The original well in the field, Leonard's No. 1 Livingston, is producing from the Palo Pinto lime at 3,015-30 feet, and potential for 41.9 barrels of oil in 10 hours, flowing.
Texas Gulf Producing Company No. 1 Lester, in east corner of section 42, block 35, H&TC survey, and one-half mile south of the Cross-section-Devonian field, in Southeast Crane County, was on total depth of 5,216 feet, in Devonian chert, shutdown for orders.
Top of the Devonian was at 5,184 feet, on an elevation of 2,342 feet. No shows of oil or gas were developed. An electrical survey had been taken.
Globe Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Downs, West Hale County wildcat, in section 5, block JK, TT survey, had progressed under 5,412 feet in lime and was drilling ahead at last report.
Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Williamson, Northwest Ector County exploration, in northeast corner of section 5, block 45, TP survey, T-1-N, was bottomed at 8,474 feet in Devonian and was fishing out junk, preparatory to taking a drillstem test.
Sohio Petroleum Company No. 1 Fayer, Northeast Nolan County prospector, in section 50, block 21, TP survey, was reported to have completed a squeeze job on perforations at 5,672-77 feet, and it was slated to re-perforate and re-test Wednesday. Last test showed some oil and some water, flowing through the perforations.
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Cowden, in section 35, block X, CCS&K&GNG survey, in East Crane County, was making hole below 9,278 feet in lime.
A drillstem test was taken at 9,014-9,260 feet for 58 minutes. Recovery was 358 feet of drilling mud, with no shows of oil or gas.
The Texas Company No. 1-D Fraser, West Ector County wildcat, in section 27, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, was taking a core at 10,266 feet, in lime.

SMU Turns Down Bid To Play In Oil Bowl
DALLAS—(AP)—Southern Methodist University Tuesday declined an invitation to appear in the Oil Bowl football game at Houston Jan. 1 with the statement that it "does not feel it proper to support a game competing with that of the conference's championship team."

Veteran Describes Java Fall To Lions
Ed Patterson, geologist from Odessa and a veteran of Army service in Java, described the fall of that island to Japanese and his quick evacuation, at a meeting of the Midland Lions Club Wednesday in the Scharbauer Hotel.
Patterson got out of Java just before the Japs struck but his escape ship ran a gauntlet of dangerous experiences before it got to Australia, he told the club.
Midland Lions will hold a stag dinner at the Scharbauer Saturday night at 6:45 p. m. The district governor and his cabinet will be present. Lions clubs from over a West Texas district will send representatives.
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Recent ones went to Henry G. Rohmann and Theima Louise Barnett; Dudley W. Haddock and Dorothy White; Robert L. Brock and Marion Brock; Frank Cowden Jr. and Helen Jane Wilkinson.

TRUMAN NOMINATES MINISTER TO HUNGARY
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Wednesday nominated H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld to be minister to Hungary, thus providing the first formal American diplomatic representation in that former enemy country since end of hostilities.
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