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Ent Base May Be Made Permanent Installation Soon

Designation Will Follow Purchase Of Property by Local Chamber

By CHARLES CARTER

Ent Air Base may be designated a permanent military establishment in less than two weeks, informed sources told The Free Press Thursday. The designation reportedly follows acquisition by the Chamber of Commerce of the last private property inside the air base boundaries. The land will be turned over to the Air Force.

The price paid was said to be nearly $90,000.

Open speculation in Colorado Springs during recent months has indicated the three block area was all that held up an Air Force decision to make the base permanent.

Ceremonies for turning the land over to the Air Force are expected to be arranged, and a high official may announce the new permanent status of Ent at that time.

The city also is involved in the move, since streets and alleys in the tract must be vacated first by City Council action.

City Manager John Biery said council will consider vacating its share of the property at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The required second reading of such a vacation ordinance would come up July 13, but the transfer may be made before that time.

City assurance that the second reading would go through was expected to be sufficient to allow scheduling of the ceremonies ahead of time.

The designation of Ent as a permanent Air Force base would make it the second military establishment committed to stay here.

The Air Force Academy was the first to be announced as being located here permanently.

Though Camp Carson theoretically could be disbanded unless it is officially designated as a "fort," high officials in Washington have long insisted there is little likelihood Carson ever would be shut down.

Ent has been in existence in various capacities for all but about a one year period since it was established in World War II.

Headquarters of the Second Air Force was quartered at the base during the war, in space provided when the Bethel hospital property was acquired.

Flying operations were carried on from Peterson Field.

After the war, the base was used by the Fifth Air Force, though Peterson Field was deactivated, and most of its buildings removed.

The Fifth Air Force moved to California late in 1949, and Ent was not used again until early in 1951.

Ent was reactivated after the Air Force chose the site as a new home of its Air Defense Command, which formerly had been housed at Mitchell Field, Long Island.

As ADC headquarters, Ent was commanded by Lt. Gen. Ennis Whitehead. In July 1951, General Benjamin W. Chidlaw took over command of the ADC, a post he still holds.

New Plan Proposed By French

PARIS, July 1 (UP)—French foes of the long-delayed European Army (EDC) today proposed a substitute Thursday by which would reduce the six-nation organization from an embryo "United States of Europe" to little more than a military alliance.

Members of the small (dissident Gaullist) parliamentary group handed the 30-page alternate plan to Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who is himself no great friend of the EDC idea.

Observers predicted that any attempt now to scrap the progress that has been made toward the European army and start over from scratch with a new scheme would arouse strong resentment in the United States and Britain, who already are beginning to talk about independent rearmament of West Germany.

Nevertheless, Mendes-France is expected to present the plan on to government leaders who are trying to tailor the existing EDC treaty to suit France's National Assembly.

The statement ignored recent warnings from West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, Belgian Foreign Minister Paul H. Spaak and U. [illegible] British leaders that [illegible] rapidly running out.

The dissident Gaullist group has only 33 votes in the 627-member national assembly, but its plan includes ideas advanced by the Socialists, various independents and such top military leaders as Marshal Alphonse Juin in an evident bid for outside support.

Phone Service Threatened By Strikers

WASHINGTON, July 1 (UP)—Some 16,000 CIO communication workers across the country went on strike against the Western Electric Co. Thursday in a walkout that threatened to disrupt telephone service.

The union, whose members install central office telephone equipment, set up its first picket lines at seven Texas exchanges. Telephone operators left their jobs as the picket lines were established at Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Mexia, Mineral Wells, Abilene and Lubbock.

Supervisory workers immediately took over the boards to maintain service—a practice that is expected to be followed elsewhere. Thus, at least partial service would be maintained. Exchanges with dial systems also would be able to continue operating although there probably would be some effect on long distance service.

Most exchange workers belong to the CWA.

Union officials refused to say when or whether picketing would begin because they wished to hold it as an "element of surprise" in strike strategy. But one spokesman said pickets would start marching "soon" if no word is heard from the company.

Curiosity Saves Despondent Widow

NEW YORK, July 1 (UP)—A despondent widow sat on a fifth floor hotel window ledge in mid-Manhattan for more than an hour Thursday night threatening to jump while 5,000 persons watched her in the glare of police floodlights.

She finally was saved because the telephone in her apartment was ringing and she couldn't stand not knowing who was on the other end of the line. When she re-entered her apartment through the window the police grabbed her.

The Life You Save

At 6:13 [illegible] tonight, give or take a few seconds, there'll be a screech of brakes, a sickening impact, [illegible] shrieks, then silence.

Death will have come to one John Q. Motorist. And/or his wife and children.

For a Preview of Mass Mayhem and Murder
For a Design for Living While Driving
See a Special Free Press Editorial Presentation

On Page Four Today

ARCHITECT VIEWS SITE—Famed Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, with a peak of the front range north of Colorado Springs in the background, points with his cane during a stop on a tour of the United States Air Academy site. He is flanked by Ernest J. Kump (left) of Denver and Chester B. Horn (right), Colorado Springs attorney. Wright is a member of a group of architects who call themselves Kittyhawk Associates which is bidding for the job of designing the $126 million Academy. The area shown here is south of the Cathedral Rocks on the Cathedral Rock Ranch west of Husted.—Free Press photo by Ed Welter.

A Challenge

Frank Lloyd Wright Looks Over Site for Air Academy

By HAROLD WYNNE

Eighty-five-year-old Frank Lloyd Wrgiht, the architect, scrutinized the site of the United States Air Academy in an on-the-spot visit late Thursday afternoon, termed it "wonderful" and made it clear that he considers the site a challenge to "express America" by designing the new school's buildings.

He heads a group of eight architects which have banded together as Kittyhawk Associates to bid for the job of designing the Air Academy.

As he stepped from an automobile which brought him from Denver to Husted north of Colorado Springs Thursday, Architect Wright scanned the skyline to the west and said:

"Charlie Lindbergh picked a wonderful site."

He and his party were met by a group of Colorado Springs businessmen and newsmen, who accompanied him on a brief tour of the Cathedral Rock Ranch area.

Wright stressed that he believes "it is time" that America realize that it has "something to export besides dollars" and that it has a modern concept of architecture which has come into its own.

"The architecture of the new academy must represent the best America can produce," he said.

He said that the one weakness of America is that "it isn't enough America."

"We've forgotton what we are, where we are and who we are," said he, adding that he thought it was time America stopped "huddling" and be itself.

He said that modern architecture had its origin in America, which "has a culture of its own."

As for the 15,100-acre site for the new academy, Wright said that every location "demands its own solution" in architecture and that there are no buildings in America today suitable for the academy.

When Wright was met at Husted, according to plan, he was asked how extensive he wanted to make his tour through the site.

"I'm not one of these guys," the gray-haired dean of architects replied as he glanced across the highway in the direction of the site, "who has to drink a tub of dye to tell what color it is."

He wore a long, black coat which flapped like a flag in the breeze, and used a cane as a "pointer" throughout the trip.

Wright suggested that America do as the Romans once did, in abandoning Greek architecture for true Roman, arch construction. He said perhaps some "vulgar Roman" stood up once in Rome and defended arches as useful and beautiful and truly Roman, and that perhaps that man "was my counterpart."

"Hell, let's be ourselves," he urged.

During his trip, Wright said that he planned as soon as he returned to Denver to send "Charley" (Lindbergh) a wire, saying, "Dear Charley, Your eye for a site is as good as your eye for a flight."

Lindbergh, who early in his flying career often flew over the area north of Colorado Springs from the local airport, was one of five men on the Air Force's site selection board which considered more than 500 proposed sites and narrowed the field down to three, the Springs, Alton, Ill., and Lake Geneva, Wis. Though the majority of the board voted in favor of Colorado Springs, the decision was not unanimous, so the top three sites were recommended to Harold Talbott, air secretary, who made the final selection.

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Architect Issues Statement On Design for New Academy

Following is Architect Frank Lloyd Wright's formal statement on the potential design of the United States Air Academy buildings:

"The Academy must express America. The buildings and broad sweeps of rolling acres must be made one with the modern concept that the Air Force represents.

"It is well begun this appropriate site has been chosen for the new academy. The setting is splendid, its background some of the most beautiful peaks in the Rockies. The site is ideal to inspire an Air Force officer training school which will always have organic progress as its aim. So the academy itself must be more than a group of buildings in which Air Force officers will be educated and trained. It should symbolize the ever-expanding future of America to which the Air Force and our American people are therein and thereby dedicated.

"The buildings must be completely organic in the best modern sense but at the same time both buildings and site must, when they are completed, present a characteristic beauty of which the whole nation may be justly proud. The architecture of the new academy must represent the best America can produce."

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Springs Proposed As U. S. Capital By Harry Truman

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, here Thursday to inspect the site for the Air Academy, told of a conversation he had about five years ago with President Harry Truman about the possibility of making Colorado Springs the capital of the United States.

In the half-hour conversation, the two agreed that the capital should be in the middle west and Truman, he said, asked, "Why not Colorado Springs?"

Wright said the idea would be to keep Washington, D. C., as a sentimental and historical monument but to move the capital to the "natural center" of the nation, Colorado Springs."

"Nothing ever came of the idea," Wright said.

Strike Hurts Wood Prices

A continuing lumber mill workers strike on the West Coast has caused a short supply of fir dimension lumber, and threatens to push up prices locally.

Wholesale costs to regional dealers has gone up about 28 per cent, according to K. E. Brosh, general manager of the Crissey-Fowler Lumber Co. here. Dealers' retail prices are up about eight per cent.

Brosh added the strike seems to be spreading to the pine areas, although prices of this wood have not been affected yet.

In addition, a substantial amount of the fir plywood mills have been hit by the strike, but retail prices here remain the same, Brosh said.

The unions reportedly are asking for a 12.5 cent hourly wage increase with fringe benefits including a third week of paid vacation and a hospitalization program.

Brosh said mill operators who control most of the industry seem determined to make a stand on the issue.

Drouth Loss in State Soars Into Millions

Estimate Does Not Include Damage to Livestock Men

DENVER, July 1 (UP) — Crop losses caused by drouth during the first six months of 1954 already amount to $200,000,000, according to State Agriculture Commissioner Paul W. Swisher. Swisher said this huge loss represents only crops blasted from the ground by high winds in the southeastern "dust bowl" and those seared by heat or parched for lack of moisture.

He said this loss does not include those now threatening the Colorado livestock industry.

Swisher repeated his warning that stockmen may be forced to ship their animals to out-of-state pastures or dump them on the market.

Swisher's estimate, which Laurence Phelps, U. S. Agriculture Department administrative chief, called "conservative," came in the wake of Gov. Dan Thornton's allocation of $30,000 from his own emergency fund to set up a state aid program.

The money from the governor's fund will go toward setting up a procurement service within the Colorado Agriculture Department.

This new service, set up Thursday, will seek out-of-state forage or quantities of life-giving hay that can be shipped to Colorado stockmen.

However, the committee also drafted recommendations that the U. S. Department of Agriculture continue making surplus feed available at cut rates to livestock men in the drouth areas.

Senator Butler Is Dead

Stroke Proves Fatal to Solon

WASHINGTON, July 1 (UP)—Sen. Hugh Butler, 76-year-old Nebraska Republican, died Thursday at Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital after suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

Butler suffered the stroke at his home late last night and never regained consciousness.

A spokesman said the veteran Senator died at 11:30 p. m., EDT.

The Senate, meeting in late session on President Eisenhower's tax bill, adjourned when it learned of the Senator's passing.

Butler was chairman of the important Senate Interior Committee and dean of the Nebraska Congressional delegation. He was counted an influential member of the Senate farm bloc. He was an ardent booster of federal reclamation projects, particularly from his home state.

Butler's death was the third in the Senate this year. It left the lineup 47 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one independent.

Presumably Nebraska's GOP governor, Robert B. Crosby, will appoint a Republican to replace him.

Butler will be buried in Omaha, Neb. Funeral plans have not yet been announced.

At his bedside when he died were his administrative assistant, Lynn Mote; Al McArthur, a member of his Senate office staff, and Lloyd Smith, a close personal friend and an official of the Burlington and Great Northern Railroad.

Butler was found unconscious at his home here this mosning. Lloyd W. Smith, a railroad man with whom the Senator lived, discovered Butler on the floor when he entered his room shortly after 8 a. m., EDT, Thursday.

A Naval Hospital ambulance whisked the stricken Senator to the Naval Medical Center at 8:40 a. m. His physicians gave him little chance to survive.

Highlights in Sunday's Family Weekly Magazine

THERE'S A VACATION TO FIT YOUR BUDGET—How to have a wonderful vacation this summer—no matter where you want to go or what you want to spend.

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MOUNT RUSHMORE: SHRINE OF DEMOCRACY—Some interesting facts about the great stone faces of the Mount Rushmore Memorial.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SWIM IN A WEEK—Even if you're not a swimmer yourself, these easy lessons will help you teach your youngster to handle himself in the water.

PLAY PANTS IN THREE DIMENSIONS—New lengths and designs make play-pants a must for the smart woman's summer wear.

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Water Order Breach Leads To $25 Fine

A. H. Schnackenberg, 3710 West High, received a $25 fine after Robert E. Schaper, referee, found him guilty of a water violation at a hearing Thursday afternoon.

Schnackenberg was fined when Seth E. Linthicum, Water Department patrolman, testified that Schnackenberg, who lives in district four, was watering his lawn Tuesday at 7:05 p. m. Watering is restricted in that area are to Tuesdays and Fridays. (Even numbered houses 6 a. m. to 7 a. m. Odd numbered houses 6:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.)

With a plea of not guilty, Schnackenberg said that he misread the regulation to read p. m. instead of a. m. It was pointed out during the hearing that regardless of this error it was a violation and the fine would have to be assessed.

This was the first water violator to appear and receive a fine since the water restrictions were put into effect.

Tax Cut Plan Again Beaten

WASHINGTON, July 1 (UP)—The Senate Thursday night decisively defeated a new last-minute attempt to cut personal income taxes after voting to kill the heart of President Eisenhower's plan to grant special tax relief to stockholders.

The double-barreled action came as the Senate pushed toward final passage of the administration's $1,000,000,000 bill to revise and reform the federal tax structure. The bill must go to a Senate-House conference after final Senate action.

The Senate defeated 50 to 33 an amendment by Sen. Russell B. Long (D., La.) which would have given a tax cut of $20 to individuals and a $40 reduction to married couples filing a joint return. It was the third tax cut proposal rejected by the Senate in two days.

The Long plan was offered by the Senate Republican leadership Wednesday and defeated primarily by Democrats who wanted to push through their own more liberal proposal. But Republicans refused to accept the Democratic plan and both lost on 49 to 46 votes.

Nine Democrats joined 41 Republicans to defeat the Long amendment. Voting for it were 40 Democrats, Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.) and two Republicans—Sens. William Langer and Milton Young of North Dakota.

Farm Plan Gets Okay From House

WASHINGTON, July 1 (UP)—The House handed President Eisenhower a partial and surprise legislative victory Thursday when it tentatively approved a compromise version of his flexible farm price support program.

By a 179-164 vote, the House approved the administration's compromise plan to support farm prices at 82½ to 90 per cent of parity on five basic crops next year. The action is subject to a roll call vote tomorrow.

The surprise vote came after confident farm bloc congressmen, who had been shooting for a year's extension of the present fixed 90 per cent support program, shouted down the administration's original request for a flexible 75-90 per cent support program.

The compromise, aimed at forestalling a Presidential veto of the "catch-all" farm bill, would permit the agriculture secretary to get supports next year at anywhere from 82½ to 90 per cent of parity on wheat, corn, cotton, rice and peanuts.

The compromise was offered by Rep. R. D. Harrison (R., Neb.) as a substitute for a provision in the "catch-all" farm bill to extend 90 per cent parity supports on the five basic crops for another year. The extension plan was proposed by the House Agriculture Committee.

Threatened Strike In Shipyard Averted

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1 (UP)—A threatened strike of 14,000 Pacific Coast shipyard workers was averted Thursday when operators of 123 shipyards and eight AFL unions in the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council reached contract agreements calling for six-cents-an-hour wage increases.

The wage hikes also were included in contracts with AFL machinists and shipwrights.

The Weather

PEAK AREA FORECAST—Scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers today and Saturday, otherwise fair. High today near 90, low tonight 55 to 60.

(U. S. W. B. Colorado Springs)
Maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation for 24-hour period ending at midnight.

	Jl.	L.	Prc.
Colorado Springs	86	57	
Denver	91	61	
Pueblo	94	58	T
Kansas City	99	73	
Fort Worth	102	78	
Oklahoma City	96	71	
Leadville	72	41	.02
Dallas	103	77	
Nashville	101	69	T
Atlanta	99	73	T
Miami	91	81	
Minneapolis	91	58	T
Omaha	96	71	.26
Detroit	88	66	
Chicago	88	65	
Indianapolis	94	72	
Rapid City	90	54	.04
Seattle	57	49	.67
Cheyenne	83	53	.07
Billings	72	57	
New York	84	69	.07
Washington	94		.23
San Francisco	75	55	
Salt Lake City	83	63	
Los Angeles	73	66	
Albuquerque	93	63	
Phoenix	105	79	

Colorado Springs Readings
Hourly temperatures for Colorado Springs

THURSDAY			
1 a. m.	62	1 p. m.	84
2 a. m.	62	2 p. m.	82
3 a. m.	60	3 p. m.	82
4 a. m.	59	4 p. m.	82
5 a. m.	61	5 p. m.	81
6 a. m.	62	6 p. m.	73
7 a. m.	66	7 p. m.	72
8 a. m.	69	8 p. m.	74
9 a. m.	72	9 p. m.	70
10 a. m.	77	10 p. m.	68
11 a. m.	80	11 p. m.	67
12 noon	83	12 p. m.	63

FRIDAY Sunset 7:28 p. m. SATURDAY Sunrise 4:46 a. m.

WYOMING—Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers east continental divide Friday. Generally fair west of continental divide Friday and over state Friday night and Saturday. Cooler east of state Friday and Friday night. Warmer Saturday. High Friday 65-75 west and north to around 85 southeast.

COLORADO—Mostly fair Friday and Saturday. Few scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms mostly over mountains. A little cooler north Friday and Friday night. Windy east Friday. High Friday 75-85 northwest ranging up to 90-100 southeast.

NEW MEXICO—Generally fair Friday and Saturday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Not much change in temperature. High Friday 85-95, low Friday night six northern mountains, 55-65 elsewhere.