

Military Secrets Revealed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Somebody's security slip was showing today with publication of recent testimony about United States military secrets by army officials before a congressional committee.

Military secrets which popped into the open included information about:

● A new weapons-carrying vehicle nicknamed "The Thing" but carrying the official designation "ontos," to be used variously, including as a mount for a new "very high-powered" recoilless rifle and for a quadruple .50-calibre anti-aircraft weapon against low-flying planes.

● A plan to provide "much longer range" for the 280-millimetre cannon, which now has a 20-mile accurate range and fires either atomic or conventional shells, and a new shell, slightly smaller than the calibre of this giant cannon, expected to extend its range "by about 50 per cent."

● "Extra light tanks," two of which are under test, of a type expected eventually to replace the 28-ton Walker bulldog tank.

● A lightweight radar for battlefield use, apparently to help detect enemy attempts at infiltration of the front line, a technique much used by the Communists in the Korean war.

● A long-range radar IFF (identification, friend or foe), which could mean the identification of aircraft long before they are within range of anti-aircraft guns or guided missiles.

● A folding, portable bridge, to be carried on top of a tank as a shelter for the crew while being put in place under enemy fire.

● A steam outboard motor for small boats, to be used for quiet crossing of rivers when the noise of gasoline outboard motors would warn the enemy.

Army officials expressed amazement and appeared appalled when copies of the 1,667-page printed testimony released by the appropriations sub-committee of the House of Representatives reached the Pentagon defence headquarters.

Among the new weapons still stamped secret by the Pentagon.

Mercy Plane Flies Polio Victim Home

VICTORIA — An American youngster stricken with polio went home Wednesday—all the way to Texas—in a mercy flight carried out by the U.S. air transport service.

Taken from Victoria to San Antonio in an air transport plane sent up from California were Lance Cheney, 20 months old, and his father, Lieut. Frank Cheney.

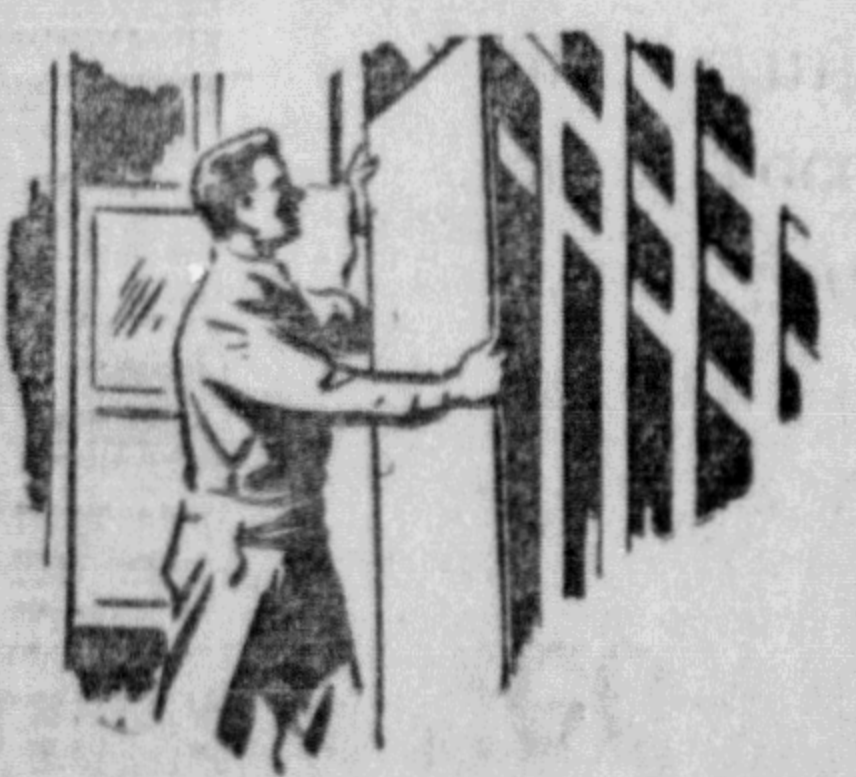
There was no need to worry about medical care during the long trip. The plane carried two medical officers and two flight nurses.

Lieut. Cheney is stationed at a U.S. Air Force base in Texas.

The youngster was stricken June 11 while visiting here with his mother. He was taken to hospital and when his condition became more serious his father flew here. Later he asked for a flight to take the child home to Texas.

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Once Gay City of Budapest Suppressed Under Red Rule

By RICHARD O'REGAN

BUDAPEST (AP)—Hungary, five years after a coup d'etat brought communism to power, is a flower among Russia's dreary East European satellites, but a flower imprisoned and wilting.

Its jailers are 25,000 rarely-seen Russian troops and the all-powerful Hungarian Communist leaders who are driven in curtained black sedans.

Prisoners are more than 90 per cent of 9,000,000 Hungarians who appear to have just enough to eat.

Budapest, once queen city of Eastern Europe, today is almost as shabby and depressing as the cities of post-war Germany. Gone are the smart Paris-style salons, the sidewalk cafes of the Danube embankment and the Magyar women who gave Budapest more beauty than any city in Europe.

Suppressed, too, are Budapest's traditional gaiety, its care-free love of life.

In their place, the Communists have shuttered thousands of shops, ripped off the names of their owners and replaced them with state stores whose poor quality goods are out of reach for virtually every one but the new upper and middle classes of communism.

Hotels are deserted except for visiting Communist dignitaries. Over the entire new society, Hungarian communism has imposed the grim conformity of Bolshevik dress.

To American correspondents visiting Budapest from Vienna itself the over-crowded capital of a poor land, the Hungarian capital is depressing. But it is said to be a dreamland compared with Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest and Sofia.

It has the atmosphere of war. Truckloads of soldiers, singing in the Russian style, roar through the streets at night. Brown uniforms of the military branch of

the secret police mingle with blue-clad civil police.

There is hurried construction of buildings meant to house the instruments of Communist power, but cracked streets and sidewalks remain unrepaired and unswept.

Of new developments, outstanding are the two-block square complex of the Hungarian defence ministry and the nine-storey dazzlingly white headquarters of the state police.

Albania Gives Peasants 'Break'

LONDON (AP)—Another Soviet satellite announced concessions to its population today. Albania's government, via radio Tirana, said the peasants no longer have to hand part of their harvest to the state.

The broadcast said the Red regime hopes thus to build up "a patriotic working peasantry." Albanian refugee sources in the west long have reported widespread unrest in the little Adriatic country.

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The trend has speeded steady growth of a system of hostels offering inexpensive beds and meals.

Since the first hostel appeared in 1929, they have sprung up throughout the United Kingdom within easy travelling distance of each other. The Youth Hostels Association, whose name belies the diversity of individual membership ages, now has more than 420 hostels and a membership exceeding 245,000.

Three-fifths of the association members are under 21 and another fifth are under 30. The remainder run from five to 80. Diversity in the type of traveller is even wider, ranging from holidaying students and professors to typists, laborers and other elements.

Hostel amenities are rough and ready, but adequate.

For from six to seven shillings, hikers, bicyclists or canoeists get a bed for the night, two solid, plain meals and a packed lunch. Prices are cheaper for younger persons.

No one is allowed entrance before 5 p.m. Lights go out at 10:30 p.m., residents must clean, dust and cook and smoking isn't allowed in the sleeping quarters.

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